Steams continue to be taken toward the decriminalization of marijuana, but for some students, it's already part of their lifestyle—despite the risk of university probation or criminal prosecution. See pages 6-7.

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Certain crime rates rose in 2013, according to MSU safety report—PAGE 4

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Don’t be so quick to blame students for empty section

Weather, the length of televised games and the exhaustion of being on their feet for hours are valid reasons for students to leave, especially when the student section could be made smaller.

Mark Hollis, you deserve to be embarrassed — even angry — about the MSU football student section, because it became embarrassing toward the end of Saturday’s game. With that being said, I’m tired of the students always getting the beat.

First, the section needs to be smaller. I think most students agree with that. Eliminate the upper deck and spread out the regular fans, because a few empty seats here or there is much better than a block of empty seats, which is the case during most games. Having assigned seating is one possible idea, but a problem would still arise with people leaving early.

Second, the Nebraska game was four hours in length. Not only that, but it was an 8 p.m. start time and didn’t finish until after midnight. If the Spartans didn’t blow a 27-3 lead after the third quarter, this conversation would not be taking place. The way the game was going, 24 points was a blowout. If the game was closer, you can expect there would’ve been more fans staying, but the Spartans were leading by four possessions and it was cold, it was wet and it was tiring. When you’re bearing a team by that kind of score, what’s the point of staying in miserable conditions? It happens in stadiums all around the country.

Junior quarterback Connor Cook even admitted he took his foot off the pedal because he thought the win was in the bag. I don’t know how fans can change the attitude of players if they too have given up on the game. As a student, it is an amazing experience being a part of the student section, but fans in regular seating don’t always understand the energy it takes. Students are on their feet for the better part of three-quarters of a game, and in weather like we faced on Saturday, it can be miserable. Why sit through poor weather when you can sit in the comfort of your own home and have a better view of the action on television?

I get that the students are the heart and soul of Spartan Stadium, but where is the criticism of the regular fans? Yes, by the fourth quarter against the Cornhuskers, most of the 13,000 fans in the student section were gone, but what about the roughly 55,000-plus fans still remaining? Where do they get off criticizing the students? That is still larger than the capacities of more than 60 percent of Division I football stadiums across the U.S. That is larger than Autzen Stadium — home of the Oregon Ducks. That is still plenty of people for a great atmosphere.

I’m not saying to take all the blame off the students, but the noise factor that head coach Mark Dantonio and junior defensive end Shilique Calhoun desired still could have been provided by the other fans in the stadium.

Don’t forget, the students are trying to make the most of their college experience, so you can expect most to enjoy tailgating. That’s an additional couple of hours on their feet. And we’re getting all the blame from fans who sit down the majority of the game? Bringing intense energy for three or more hours is physically and mentally exhausting.

I don’t want to hear about the students from the Bobby Williams and John L. Smith eras labeling themselves as “true fans.” Nearly every MSU game is televised today, adding at least an additional 30 or 40 minutes to the game. And when the game is nationally televised, it’s even longer. You think ABC, ESPN or any other major network cares about the length of the games? Absolutely not. More down time simply means more time for ads. More ads means more money for the networks.

Simply making the student section smaller wouldn’t necessarily be the solution, but if the upper deck is taken away from students then the lower deck will be full longer, because no student wants to sit in the upper deck. When you do, you feel distant from the amazing atmosphere the section provides. These are just a couple of possible solutions, but Hollis and his staff need to find a way to keep fans in the stands. Football isn’t tough enough anymore to keep the students’ attention.

Don’t be so quick to blame students for empty section.
“Every day we are working to improve, and that’s one of our major goals. If we are doing what we need to daily, then it’s going to put us in a position that we’ll find favorable later on.”

Cathy George, Volleyball head coach. Read more on page 11.
Gandhi’s grandson talks of hopes for India

Rajmohan Gandhi visited campus to inform students about Hindu-Muslim tensions in India and open their minds to issues in other regions of the world.

Biographer and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Rajmohan Gandhi gives a speech Tuesday at the International Center. Gandhi spoke about India’s prime minister and Hindu-Muslim relations. PHOTO: AERIKA WILLIAMS

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Mahatma Gandhi’s grandson is still trying to carry on the legacy of the “Father of India.”

Rajmohan Gandhi came to campus Tuesday to address a standing-room-only crowd at the International Center about his father and the family’s mission to improve relations between Hindus and Muslims citizens within the country of India.

Gandhi, a research professor at the University of Illinois, spoke of his grandfather’s desire to create unity between the two most prevalent religions in India.

Gandhi said he came to campus to make others more aware of the ongoing struggle between Hindus and Muslims in his home country.

“My wish for the students is that they would keep their connection with the outer world,” Gandhi said. “This is an important part of the world. It has a large population.”

The crowd was filled with MSU faculty, students and other visitors as Gandhi gave a history of the centuries of tension between the two groups and how the current relationship is improving, but still needs plenty of work.

Many audience members stayed after his 35-minute speech for a question and answer session.

Political science freshman Katlynn Kretz attended because of Gandhi’s expertise in Middle East relations.

“I’m really interested in Middle Eastern politics, especially in India,” Kretz said. “I thought this was the best opportunity I could get to hear a structured, knowledgeable pretext to the different problems happening in India, especially when it comes to religion.”

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Annual safety report shows increase in some crimes on campus

But university representatives say more reporting of sexual assaults, burglaries and other offenses could indicate progress.

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Forcible sex offenses, illegal weapons possession and burglary are among crimes that were reported more frequently on campus in 2013, according to the recently released Annual Security and Fire Safety Report from MSU. While yearly statistics can vary, Title IX Coordinator Paulette Granberry Russell said the increase in reported sexual assault offenses is part of a trend MSU was hoping for — where victims of sexual assault feel safe reporting assaults on campus.

“It’s consistent with what we were hoping to see,” Granberry Russell said.

According to the report, 27 forcible sex offenses were reported on campus during the 2013 school year, 20 during 2012 and 15 in 2011. As for burglaries, instances jumped from 77 in both 2011 and 2012, to 120 in 2013. In addition, vehicle thefts, including mopeds, went from 9 reported thefts in 2011, 14 in 2012, to 62 in 2013.

The number of vehicles reported stolen on campus in 2013

Of those 62 vehicles stolen, 49 were mopeds. Crimes involving illegal possession of weapons were also at a high this year, going from 12 and 13 in 2011 and 2012, respectively, to 33 in 2013.

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Most other crimes remained static or decreased from previous years’ numbers.

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RISE hosts crochet workshop on a regular basis, fosters community

The MSU Residential Initiative on the Study of Environment has a focus on developing community building skills through hands-on activities. One of its most popular programs is its crochet workshop.

Sometimes the satisfaction of knowing you played a prominent role in the creation of your winter scarf beats buying one from a retail outlet.

Students and faculty of MSU Residential Initiative on the Study of Environment organization gathered outside their offices in Bailey Hall for one of their regular community building workshops.

On Oct. 3, the program was crochet.

Animal science sophomore Leah McTigue attended one of the crochet workshops last year. Although crocheting is a familiar hobby for her, she admits that she simply enjoys hanging out with RISE members. From the crocheting beginners to experts, the students were able to relieve stress while simultaneously channeling their creativity.

"It's not relaxing at first," McTigue said. "But once you get into the rhythm of it, it's mindless. It's great."

The MSU RISE program is a living-learning program that focuses on environmental and sustainability studies. Its main goal is to develop community building skills through hands-on activities.

Hobbies such as knitting, beading and crocheting have been a trend for a few years. Last year, RISE held a crochet workshop and it became very popular. By the middle of the winter, members were already walking around with their handmade scarves. Since then, the crochet workshop has turned into a biweekly or monthly event.

All supplies were provided for the students who attended. Assistant Director Heather Shea Gasser guided students through the fundamentals of crocheting. When she was very young, her grandmother taught her how to crochet. So Shea Gasser paid it forward by doing the same for RISE members.

"It's less about the actual crocheting and more about getting students together and doing something that's engaging and a way for them to build community," Shea Gasser said.

RISE frequently holds active workshops centered on activities such as cooking or home canning.

All students in Bailey Hall are welcome to attend workshops the program holds.

"It's a time for them to come together in a relaxed format to learn a skill that's relaxing and enjoyable and to kind of turn work off for a little while on a Friday afternoon," RISE Program Director Lori Thorpe said.
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Weed. Pot. Grass. Mary Jane. Marijuana. Whatever word is used to describe it, the presence of the “herb” in daily culture is undeniable, whether it’s plastered across news channels or its distinguishing scent is floating through cracked windows.

It might be the collegiate mentality or it might be the new century, but more students are asking to legalize the use of marijuana.

That is the case of Margaret Shea, a social relations and policy junior, who started smoking marijuana when she was in high school.

“A lot of my friends from high school smoked and I was very curious about it,” Shea said. “I thought I might as well try it once and see what all the fuss is about.”

In East Lansing, the use of marijuana is illegal and individuals caught with it can be charged with a misdemeanor or a harsher punishment.

Shea finds it “astounding” the amount of her peers that have been arrested because of smoking marijuana.

“I have had many of (my) close friends get POMs (possession of marijuana) for as little as half a gram on them,” she said.

PART OF A LIFESTYLE
Dave, a packaging sophomore who chose not to reveal his last name, started smoking marijuana when he was 15 years old.

Dave said he likes the way that marijuana makes him feel.

“Whatever I’m doing would become more enjoyable and pretty much everything, like studying, can be a little more fun,” Dave said.

Dave said that even when it is illegal, people should not criticize marijuana users.

“I think if you support tobacco and alcohol there is no reason not to support (marijuana decriminalization),” Dave said.

Dave usually smokes one gram of marijuana a day and spends around $200 on marijuana every month.

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“I think everyone would say it’s not addictive but I would say it kind of is in a mental sense, because once you get the habit of always smoking and always being high, you will always want to smoke and be high,” Dave said. “If I would want, I could stop and then I would not have any withdrawals, but I want to smoke because I am so used to it.”

Although Dave started smoking recreationally, he now is applying to get a medical marijuana card due to severe allergies he sometimes suffers.

“It’s really painful so that’s why I’m getting it, but I wouldn’t say I necessarily need it for that,” Dave said.

Dave said the process to get the medical marijuana card has been an easy one and he expects to have it in the next few weeks.

As Dave waits for his medical marijuana card, he still can’t help but wish that it was just legal.

“If it was legal, the reputation (attached to marijuana) might just go away,” Dave said.

PUNISHMENTS AND REGULATIONS
Assistant General Counsel at MSU Rob Kent said that because the university is under the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, it is illegal to possess marijuana on campus — even if it is for medicinal reasons.

MSU offers options for incoming students that have a valid medical marijuana card, Kent said. “One of my friends lost his visa from Israel when a cop found one joint in his cig packet when he was harmlessly taking a walk with another friend.”

“Packaging sophomore Dave smokes marijuana out of a bong Friday at his home in East Lansing. Dave smokes about once every hour.”

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In MSU Telecasters, one group values comedy above all else.

Giraffe House is a sketch comedy show on MSU’s Telecasters that has been running twice a week during the school year for five years. It follows four students, or “giraffes,” in their endeavors as they all live in one house together.

While there is no definite plot line to the show, each character has set personality traits which determines their reactions to different ridiculous situations. Right now, the show has three actors and they are in the process of recruiting a fourth.

The show’s unusual name has nothing to do with giraffes, but the original house it was filmed at had a plywood giraffe on the tree, creator Diego Attanasio said in an email.

Media and information senior McKenna Keck and media and information senior Toni Lee Ruggiano have been producing Giraffe House together for two semesters, which has brought them close together as they have revolutionized the show.

MSU Telecasters executive producer and media and information junior Jessica Niskar said the new administration of Giraffe House is a refreshing change. As Toni and McKenna started producing together, they brought their crew back and are making shows the whole crew is proud of, she said.

“Giraffe House was put into a difficult situation about a year ago,” said Niskar. “This is the first time ever that Giraffe House has had two producers at once. Giraffe House began as a ‘boys’ club,’ but since McKenna and Toni, more females have been participating and the content is pleasing towards both males and females,” said Niskar over an email.

Last year, the duo tried to change up the direction of the show to more of a comedy troupe instead of having set characters and following a definitive way of filming, which caused the show to lose a lot of their fandom. This year, they have returned with different advertising methods. Last week, members of Giraffe House were spotted around campus carrying around a four-foot giraffe, their mascot Schneebly, sporting a flashy necktie in an effort to promote their season 11 premiere, which was a Brady Bunch spoof.

“Giraffe House” happened in 2013 as well, but members of Giraffe House took Schneebly’s presence much more seriously this year. Schneebly caught the attention of MSU students, as both the producers received multiple screenshots from other cast members from Yik Yak and Twitter captioned, “This giraffe is taking over MSU.”

Ruggiano said that her and Keck’s friendship has strengthened the show, despite its setbacks last year.

“She is one of my best friends and that’s really cool that we get to produce together because I think we work really well together. It’s definitely been beneficial having a best friend as a co-producer,” Ruggiano said.

Keck said that being part of Giraffe House has changed her personal life.

“I loved MSU before (I joined), but I didn’t have a connection to it,” she said. “I just didn’t feel like I belonged here. Then I joined Giraffe House and it made me love this university even more because I finally had a community and a family. Something to strive for and to work hard at.”

Unique one-credit courses at MSU

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Juggling intense lectures and labs throughout college can be demanding. If a student is looking for an interesting way to receive college credit or to just fill out a schedule, check out these innovative one-credit courses from all different departments.

KIN 101U OR KIN101M (SAILING):
Open to all ages, KIN 101U and KIN 101M are classes designed to give each participant a solid foundation for recreational sailing adventures for years to come. Available during the fall, spring and summer semesters, these programs offer a real sailing experience. All classes for KIN 101U are held at the MSU Sailing Center on Lake Lansing and KIN 101M classes are typically held on MSU classes, but students get the opportunity to sail on Lake Michigan.

MSU FALL FILM COLLECTIVE:
Screen junkies with an interest in film can check out the MSU Film Collective, a one-credit independent study where a series of films are presented by faculty and students. It is based around a specific theme, after which there is a brief open discussion among the audience. The theme this semester is “Mavericks and Misfits,” featuring everything from Korean horror films to indie action movies. Open to everyone, these free screenings are held every Thursday at 8 p.m. in B122 Wells Hall.

THR 111L (THEATRE LAB):
This theatre lab gives an opportunity to students who are interested in theatre but may not necessarily have the time to do it. This course gives an intensive experience participating in the technical side of the Department of Theatre. Tasks include assisting at a beginner’s level, which might mean helping with the scenery crew, costume or electrics crew and helping with props and makeup.
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Injuries and an unfulfilling non-conference schedule were early hurdles that limited the Spartans to varying degrees earlier in the season.

“With a lot of season left,” senior libero and co-captain Tori Moster said. “It’s a whole new challenge every single day, every single game. It might be too matter at the end of the season.”

MSU currently sits in ninth place in the conference with a 2-2 record. Purdue paces the Big Ten with an unblemished 4-0 record, which includes a 3-1 win over the Spartans. After the Boilermakers, there are three teams tied with a 3-1 conference record.

Head coach Cathy George knows her team has work to do and is not concerned about the standings at this point.

“Every day we are working to improve and that’s one of our major goals,” George said. “If we are doing what we need to do daily then it’s going to put us in a position that we’ll find favorable later on.”

The Spartans are in the midst of a three-game home stand, which concludes this weekend against No. 7 Nebraska (9-4 overall, 3-1 Big Ten) on Friday night and Iowa (8-7 overall, 0-4 Big Ten) on Saturday night.
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