

Shoes

His favorite shoe store is "Athlete's Warehouse" in Baltimore. He picks up many older brands for about \$29.

"They are classy shoes, shoes you had in like the fourth grade that you wish you would have kept clean," he said.

He also likes to wear what's in style at the moment.

"I'm kind of trendy," he said. "Whatever the trend is, whatever it is going to be, I try to be on it before everyone else gets to it."

To get hard-to-find shoes, Hawkins said you usually have to know someone who knows someone. If that fails, eBay is a good source. He also has ventured to New York, Virginia and Philly to find shoes.

Since he has limited space in his apartment, Hawkins takes about 15 pair of shoes with him whenever he goes back home for the summer. He said his family's garage is filled with nothing but shoes belonging to him and his brother.

With his over-abundance of shoes, Hawkins has gathered a garbage bag with 15 pairs to take to the Salvation Army. He said he doesn't like to give his shoes away very often, but since he just moved, he simply doesn't have the space.

However, when a new pair catches Hawkins' eye he doesn't hesitate to reach for his wallet. If he doesn't readily have the money, he's developed a creative way to discourage others from buying what he wants.

"I take and put one shoe in the wrong box and put a bigger size shoe in its place so they

have to look for the other shoe," Hawkins said. "Then they think, 'this is too much,' and just leave it alone. I got that bad."

Hawkins likes shoes so much they're also his livelihood. He works at "Foot Locker." Since he gets a discount of 40 percent off all items in the store, he finds many purchases hard to resist.

"All the shoes that come into 'Foot Locker' that are in my size, I hide them," he confessed. "I put them in the wrong section."

Over time, Hawkins has splurged on a few pairs. His most expensive buy has been \$300 Bape Stas.

He owns one pair that is bright pink and green with the "Marvel Comics" logo on one shoe and an "Incredible Hulk" face on the other. Hawkins said he has only seen one other person wearing this exact shoe, and that was the recording artist Pharrell.

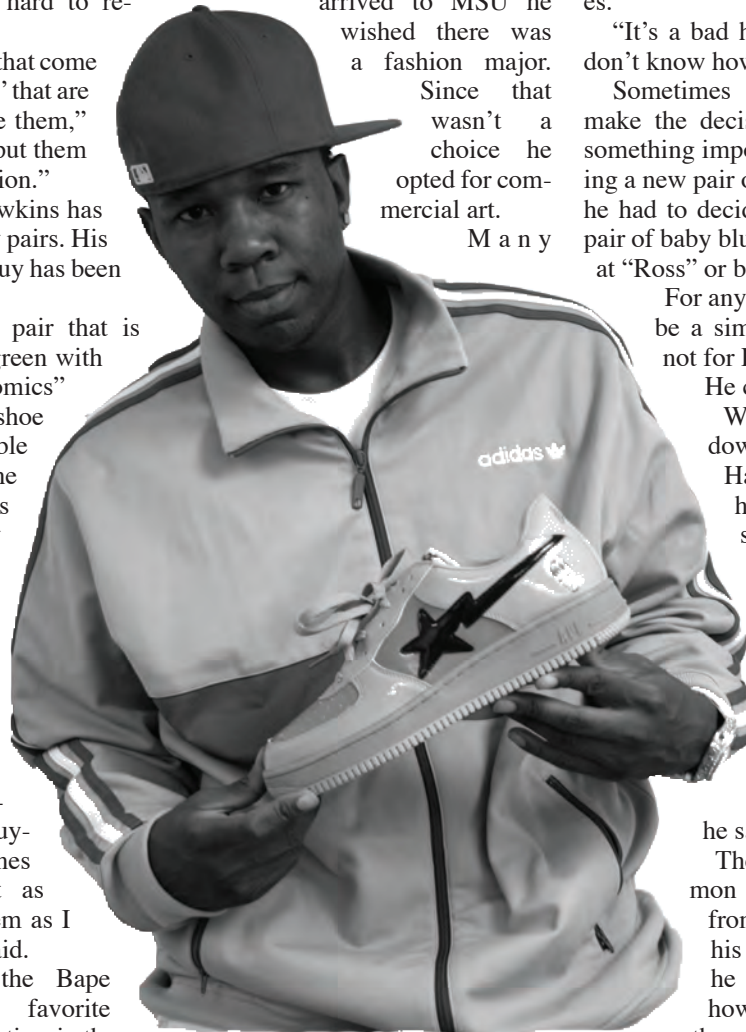
"They're a really expensive shoe, so people have been buying the fake ones online. I'm not as excited about them as I used to be," he said.

Aside from the Bape Stas, Hawkins' favorite shoe in his collection is the original 1986 Kareem Abdul Jabbar Adidas.

"That's the stuff I like," he said. "I can walk into class and be like, 'nobody in here has these. You can't get these from the mall.'"

Hawkins' ultimate dream would be to work for a company, such as Nike, and be able to design shoes. When he first arrived to MSU he wished there was a fashion major. Since that wasn't a choice he opted for commercial art.

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people may wonder where he gets the money to support such an expensive habit. A lot of his funds come from the entertainment company that Hawkins and his friends started, called First String.

He also said he eats a lot of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

"It's a bad habit," he said. "I don't know how I make it."

Sometimes Hawkins has to make the decision over buying something important versus buying a new pair of shoes. Recently he had to decide between a \$16 pair of baby blue Converse shoes at "Ross" or buying some gas.

For anyone else, this may be a simple decision, but not for Hawkins.

He chose the gas. When things do get down to the wire, Hawkins always has one fallback solution, the McDonald's Dollar Menu.

"I know when push comes to shove, I can always get a dollar burger and I'll be all right," he said.

The two most common questions he gets from people about his shoes are where he gets them and how long has he had them.

"Girls are like, 'why you have so many

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shoes, you shop more than a girl,'" he said with a laugh.

Although many people ask him about his footwear fetish, he wouldn't want them to ask to borrow his shoes.

"That's a no-no. I'd rather let someone drive my car than borrow my shoes," he said. "No borrowing my shoes."

Given the fact that shoes are an important aspect in his life, the first thing Hawkins notices about people is their feet.

"If you look at someone who keeps their shoes very clean and nice, you can tell they care about their appearance," he said.

Hawkins' girlfriend, Lauren Grant, is well aware of his obsession. She describes his collection as a "mini shoe store."

"He doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke, he doesn't do drugs," Grant said. "This is his drug. He has a problem with shopping."

Recently, she said Hawkins took longer than usual to get ready for the movies because he was trying to decide what to wear.

"It's like he is the girl and I'm the guy in the relationship," she said, rolling her eyes at the ceiling.

Hawkins understands her frustration, but remember, he said shoes were "his confidence."

"I can be having a bad day, my face can be broken out, have a bad haircut, everything can be going wrong," he said, "but if I have a fresh pair of nice shoes on then I feel cool. I feel like I'm not going to be that much unnoticed."

Mustang mascot name up in the air

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FOR THE WICHITAN

Several questions come to mind when trying to establish an image and find a personality for our new mascot.

Do you have way too much energy?

Do you have more school spirit than the average student?

Does having hundreds of fans and ton of attention interest you?

Then the office of student activities believes you could be that Mustang mascot they are looking for.

The theme of this year's homecoming "Wild horses can't keep em away," befits the new tradition and spirit of the university that both the administration and the Student Government Association want to be sure is one that students can be a part of.

The SGA was presented last night with a proposal for the naming of the mascot.

Matthew Park, director of student activities and orientation, informed students that our dancing Mustang mascot made his debut at a football game held during Family Day on Sept. 23.

His debut served as a test run in the naming process. A box was posted at Memorial Stadium for students and their family members to drop in names that they felt would best suit our dancing mustang mascot.

Of the most popular names these three Jo Jo, Marty and Studley the Mustang stood out the most.

The plan for moving forward in the naming process includes developing a student committee of five SGA members who will compile all nominations and arbitrate the voting process.

Suggestion boxes will be placed at the Clark Student Center information desk as well as in the office of student activities for all organizations and students who would like to submit names to be voted on.

"I urge student organizations to collectively come up with names and submit them, this way it will push student support, but we will also accept individual nominations," Park said.

Round one of Mustang Mascot tryouts will be held this Saturday Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. in Gym 101 of D.L. Ligon Coliseum. The second tryout will be held the following Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Gymnastics Sportscenter on Seymour highway.

For more information about tryouts and the naming of the Mustang Mascot please contact the office of student activities.

Cost-free activities on campus available to students

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FOR THE WICHITAN

Movies, workout classes, health care, football games and food all sound wonderful but too expensive for the average college student.

What's great though is that all of the aforementioned are free to all MSU students, faculty and staff, and alumni.

For those who enjoy a good classic movie such as Val Lewton's 1942 horror film "Cat People" or Seijun Suzuki's 1963 gangster film "Youth of the Beast" then the Classic Film Series is perfect for you.

The Classic Film Series is held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU, and is presented by a volunteer of the community.

But for all those who would rather enjoy a good foreign film, the Foreign Film Series program shows foreign films on the first Thursday of every month.

Volunteers will be presenting 2004's Academy Award Winner for Best Foreign Language Film "The

Sea Inside," 2001's "Tsotsi" and 2004's "The Motorcycle Diaries" at the Kemp Center for the Arts.

There are many people on campus who might enjoy learning while having fun. These people may enjoy the artist lecture series that is sponsored by Student Affairs.

Every month an author, a film director, a radio host or a musician is brought in to discuss what they do and how they do it. The Artist Lecture Series was established in 1964 in order to bring performers and lecturers to the university and community.

This monthly event is free to all MSU students, faculty and staff although tickets are \$75 for civilians and \$65 for senior citizens, active-duty military and MSU alumni.

This semester the campus can be expecting to see Dr. Charles Kimball, Wes Craven, Dr. Jack G. Shaheen, Dr. John T. Spike, Grupo Fantasma, Dr. Roland Fryer, Diane Rehm and the John Jorgenson Quintet. The series is held in Akin Auditorium.

Student Affairs and the Univer-

sity Programming Board also host programs such as the Student Success Series, UPB Movies, Family Day, The Housing Pillar Programs, Homecoming and Final Frenzy activities.

A large part of being a college student is attending the sporting events. Unlike many large campuses such as A&M or UT, these events at MSU are free of charge to students. This includes football, volleyball, soccer and basketball. At most of these sporting events the crowd even has a chance to receive free merchandise such as T-shirts, rattles and little footballs.

The Wellness Center is also available free to all students, faculty and staff. The Wellness Center was built in the summer of 2000 and is 11,000 square feet. There are over 50 pieces of free weights and machines and 13 different pieces of cardiovascular equipment available.

The center is open during the fall and spring semesters from 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and from noon to 10 p.m. on the weekends. All that is needed to get

in is a student ID to prove enrollment. But if a student would like to bring a non-enrolled guest there a small fee of \$2.00.

Along with the Wellness Center, the campus also provides students with a variety of workout classes such as kickboxing that are held at Sikes Lake.

Some other classes that can be taken are core training, circuit training, indoor cycling, pilate's and yoga and muscle works. The class days and times vary from Sunday through Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Not only does MSU provide students with fun activities, movies and lecture series but also there are numerous free hygiene and health services provided.

For instance, there is the Vinson Student Health Center. While there is a small fee included with the tuition, students are not limited to how many visits they have to the center. The center is designed to meet the needs of students with acute illnesses and injuries.

The Dental Hygiene program

provides teeth cleaning for free to students and faculty and staff and to members of the community. The services are provided by the students in the Dental Hygiene program and are overseen by the instructors.

Another freebie is the Psychology Department's Counseling Services.

Any student can schedule an appointment to talk to a counselor. The Counseling Center is staffed by licensed professionals who provide short-term counseling for personal issues, career counseling and testing and educational and academic assistance.

Like all other counseling services this one holds true to the confidentiality requirements and will provide group or individual counseling. Some of the things that the service can help with is stress management, study skills, depression, time management, test anxiety, substance abuse assessment, career and personality testing and a variety of students' other needs.

Facebook and MySpace make opportunities for harmful gossip

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This used to be the domain of locker rooms and bar stools.

The details of private escapades, bragging, lying or just joking about sexual success were generally not for public consumption.

But those who belong to the Internet generation are comfortable saying almost anything online, including things that would make their parents blush. Many young people are perfectly at home with Web

sites like Facebook and MySpace, electronic networks of millions of people who can talk to each other, share photos and gossip, all under a thin cover of web-anonymity.

It's such freedom of information that is now stirring controversies like the one at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

There, sophomore Mike Turk could be booted from school for a Facebook page he created earlier this month that was dedicated to claims about intimate relations with

a woman.

A number of other men added themselves to the list, all claiming affiliations of the intimate sort. And when the woman found out, she went to authorities. The page was taken down permanently.

Now, after a disciplinary hearing Tuesday, Turk faces possible expulsion.

Experts and officials say the incident and others like it around the country represent some of the early skirmishes in an ongoing struggle

involving free speech and privacy rights, the Internet and naive users.

"We are bound to see years of litigation and discussion and attempts at legislation around the use of these things, personal Web sites or social networking sites," said Ed Yohnka, spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union in Chicago. "It's new technology. This will continue to come up again and again."

Predictions like that evoke an incredulous response from Turk. He insists the initial Facebook page

was intended as an inside joke. He claims he thought he and the woman were friends at the time and believed she would understand.

"I never thought something on Facebook would get me into trouble out in the real world. I wouldn't see why it would," Turk said in an interview this week.

The woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said she hadn't spoken to Turk in more than a month and hadn't been involved with him since February. After see-

ing the Facebook page, she said she only thought, "This is my name being slandered and something must be done."

If it was a joke, she never got it.

"I'm not sure students understand the vulnerability they put themselves in by putting such private information in the public arena," said Vicki Rosser, an associate professor and higher education expert at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

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