



# FALLS FRIGHTS



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## Spooky tales in the Falls make for a frightful good time

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The street lights shower down on the sidewalks, just enough illumination to see the tiny

cracks in the cement. Beyond the dimmed glow a crooked walkway leads to a ramshackle building many would not dare enter.

Some say the building groans at night. Others swear that human screams seep through the splintered boards. A few say

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## Crime rate in MSU housing on the rise

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According to the 2005 Clery Crime Statistics, offenses on and around Midwestern State University have dropped significantly over the past year.

Every October, the MSU Police Department releases the Clery Crime Report in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990. The report covers all activity reported to the police department and referred to the housing department dating from the previous October. It covers not only activity on the MSU campus but also surrounding public property and property leased by the university.

The 2005 report shows one incident of forcible sexual offense occurring on campus this year. No sexual offenses occurred in 2004; however, other reports of on-campus incidents such as burglary and arrests for drug and alcohol violations have dropped since 2004.

Activities off-campus appear to have raised in numbers, however

these statistics can be misleading when dealing directly with MSU students. The non-campus statistics cover any property leased by MSU and include the apartment complexes that the university leases to house students. These reports cover any activity at these properties, so it is unclear just by the reports if the incidents actually involve MSU students.

While the number of reported incidents such as burglary and aggravated assault on non-campus property has risen since 2004, the number of arrests due to alcohol and drug violations have dropped.

Although reported incidents have dropped, the number of campus-wide violations that have been handled by the housing department have raised significantly over the last year. In 2004, the number of alcohol violations referred to the housing department was 43. In one year that number has jumped to 63. The number of drug violations has jumped from 16 in 2004 to 35 in 2005.

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## New standards raise university's stature

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FOR THE WICHITAN

MSU should no longer be considered a "fall-back university" but a respected national university, MSU President Jesse Rogers told the student senate Tuesday night.

Rogers, in his state of the university address before the student government body, said new admission standards imposed by MSU this year meant that 300 incoming freshman applicants had to be turned down. Rogers said that raising admission standards served to heighten the image of the university.

Although enrollment is down this fall, the university has the largest sophomore, junior and senior classes in its history, the former chemistry professor said.

"Raising our standards is definitely getting MSU noticed," Rogers said.

This year the university was inducted into COPLAC, the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges. The select public institutions that make up COPLAC are distinguished by a central mission to promote liberal arts education and have separate free-standing identity and accreditation.

He said MSU fit the criteria because of its commitment to provide superior liberal arts and science education to undergraduates, as well as being recognized for cultural and intellectual diversity, qualities integral to the education of all students.

"We provide a private school environment at a public university

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## MSU scares Craven off

Writer/director Wes Craven has cancelled his speech.

Craven was scheduled to appear at the Artist Lecture series on Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m. He cannot attend due to filming in Morocco.

Craven created the famous "Nightmare on Elm Street" series of movies, "Vampire in Brooklyn," "The Hills Have Eyes," "People Under the Stairs," "Music of the Heart" and the "Scream" series. He also has written a novel.

The Artist Lecture Series hopes to reschedule him for the spring semester but no dates have been set.

## New art exhibit sure to please

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Take Me To The River, an art exhibition, shored up within the walls of the Wichita Falls Museum of Art for nearly a month now, bringing together a diversity of cultures through the vision of 19 artists.

"It was the biggest opening ever," said Cohn Drennan, director of the MSU Museum.

Drennan, a true appreciator of art, walked around the showroom, describing the artwork with excitement in his voice as he explained the background that led to this dazzling river exhibition.

The artists included John H. Brown, Jr. (U.S.), David Carlson (U.S.), Y. David Chung (Korea), Richard L. Dana (U.S.), Sherman Fleming (U.S.), Ashraf Fo (Egypt), Abrie Fourie (South Africa), B.C. Gilbert (U.S.), Mansoor H (Pakistan), Suguru Hiriade (Japan), Judy Jashinsky (U.S.), Maggie Michael (U.S.), Randall Packer (U.S.), Ivana Panizzi (Brazil), Josh Ruiz (Peru), Ruza Spak (Germany), Betsy Stewart (U.S.), Andres E. Tremols (U.S.) and Liz Yarosz Ash (U.S.).

Seven of the artists were unable to make the opening reception, but Drennan was surprised and pleased that 12 of the artists did.

Originally, 12 artists brought their artwork together to create the TMTTR exhibit in 2001, he said. They were banding together under one vision. It was a unity between the diversified cultures spanning across the globe. It was a dream that led to a deeper understanding of unity through the diversity of the different cultures.

Mansoor, the brains behind the creation of the TMTTR, chose the river concept because of its positive and life-affirming connotations with all walks of life. The life-giving waters also play a historical role with commerce and exchange between nations. The river bridges the distance between religions, politics and philosophies.

Since the exhibits inception, each area that the TMTTR visits, local artists have been invited to join the project as permanent members.

Liz Yarosz-Ash was one of two MSU professors invited to join the exhibition for the September showing. Her featured piece, a nude fe-

male swimming in the water, was formed by a collage of smaller pictures to create one large picture resembling ripples of water found in a river.

Yarosz-Ash described her artwork as the goddess of love and beauty who discovers the eternal path that leads back to the source of her existence. Venus welcomes the water to wrap her with serenity.

"The artwork that Liz has on display here at this TMTTR exhibition," Drennan said, "was specifically created for this show."

In one of the darker rooms of the museum, Suguru Hiriade, assistant professor of art at MSU, worked on one of two pieces that he has on display.

Pachinko Valley was giving him technical troubles.

The motor on his metal sculpture had mysteriously stopped working. He was going to have to order another motor for the exhibit.

"Good thing that I live close," the native of Japan joked.

He said that his other piece "Serenity," represents the concept be-

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**Museum director Cohn Drennan stands next to 'Serenity' by Suguru Hiriade.**

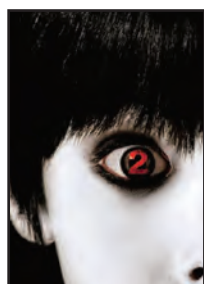
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