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Dallas Morning News because I am from Dallas," Nixon said. "It is nice to learn what is going on outside of Wichita Falls and see what other people think, and sometimes I use the articles for school projects."

Senior Ashley Godwin reads *The Times Record News* and *USA Today*. *The Dallas Morning News* was also a paper that Godwin read.

"I miss *The Dallas Morning News*," Godwin said. "I am from Dallas and I am usually unable to catch the news on TV, so it was a way for me to catch up."

When asked what he thought

the benefits of the programs were, Lamb said:

"Generally speaking, an increased awareness of current events. In theory, this increased awareness leads to a citizenry that is more apt to engage in civic programs, have awareness of others and self, and become productive citizens."

Lamb said as we move forward, it is essential that we, in higher education, do all we can to facilitate students engaging in active participation in the democracy.

"Active participation implies awareness," he said.

He said newspapers can serve as a vehicle for said awareness.

Students, faculty and staff should contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life with suggestions for the USA Today Readership Program.

The Office of Student Development should be contacted regarding suggestions for the New York Times Readership Program.

For any additional information, contact Keith Lamb, Associate Vice President, Office of Student Affairs, at keith.lamb@mwsu.edu

MSU Student Government Association Student Update

The office of the Student Government Association, at MSU, have been working throughout the fall semester of 2006 to ensure that most of their goals were met for that period. Although it took some time for the new officers Jason York (Vice President) and Binta Thomas (Secretary) to become familiar with their offices, the two, along with second term president, Will Morefield, were able to accomplish a few goals.

These included the newly created student corner at the SGA office, an updated Web site (which includes posted minutes) and most importantly, extension of the library hours.

The officers have also met with representatives of the Wichita Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Student Government Officers believe that students deserve a more efficient and cheaper way to get to and off campus, and even to other places in the vicinity of the university. This is why they are working to get two stop

signs placed on campus, so that the public bus can access the campus.

The officers are currently reviewing projects that were presented on their campaign platform.

This semester, they are hoping to re-introduce the Student Endowment Fund. They are currently in the beginning phases of discussing the possibility of short term student loans, and to continue with the transportation project. They are also looking forward to the upcoming JOLT conference in February 2007.

The officers will be making a presentation based on what they would have learned at a conference they attended in San Diego last October.

The officers must give thanks to Administrative Assistant Tammi Roberts who has been very efficient during the last term.

The office would publicly like to commend the senators for being respectful and patient, and also showing genuine concern for the overall well-being of students at MSU.

Students are asked to visit the office between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, or to simply call at 397-4709 for additional information.



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Undecided freshman Kip Spaude, 19, represents MSU's cycling team.

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in a plethora of activities, the University Programming Board might be just the ticket.

The student-led UPB meets weekly to decide what entertainment to bring to the university, according to UPB Chair Esteban Burgus, a junior economics major.

"I like to think of the UPB as the pulse of the university," he said.

The group meets every Monday at 9:30 p.m. in the Clark Student Center's Shawnee Theatre and is open to any MSU student.

"Right now we're looking forward to Survivor MSU, which was a big success last year," Burgus said excitedly. "We're hoping to get more people involved to help us out."

Survivor MSU is scheduled the week of April 13 to April 20. Applications are due by March 5. Some students may prefer the Greek life.

Stephanie Arroyo, senior business management major, stood at the Alpha Phi Sorority's table with other members, hoping to catch the attention of passing coeds.

"We're very well-rounded and strive for scholarship," said Arroyo, who is also the Alpha Phi president. "We are very active in the community

and we do a little of everything."

The sorority that was known for their annual Teeter Totter-A-Thon is beginning a new tradition this year. Alpha Phi will be hosting a Red Dress Gala to help raise money to benefit Cardiac Care.

"We (Alpha Phi) like the organization fairs because we can talk to random people walking by and tell them what Alpha Phi is all about," Arroyo said.

The men of Kappa Sigma Fraternity were also represented.

"Basically we're an organization about giving to the community and teaching each other the skills for life, all the things you don't learn in the classroom," said Andrew Fischer, senior business marketing management major and Kappa Sigma Fraternity president.

Although the fraternity usually gets half their pledges through campus-sponsored events, it is never certain how many students they will see at the organization fairs.

"Really it's a roll of the dice every year," he said.

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