

Staff Editorial

Time for a change... in pace

The election is finally over, which means one thing.

Okay, besides the fact that it means we have a new leader of our nation. It also means that the constant election talk is finally over.

For about two years now, the presidential race has taken over the media and it was starting to go overboard covering topics as far out as the cost of wardrobes.

Yes, when the talk of what each candidate's stance on health care becomes old news, we move on to the price tag on their suits.

The typical news channels weren't the only ones covering the election constantly, though. Every day, MTV played clips of P. Diddy, Pink and other various celebrities telling us to go out and vote.

Even social networking sites joined the madness by offering virtual campaign pins in support of your candidate of choice.

It's a relief to know that the race is finally over, not only because we finally know who the next president is, but also because we will finally hear some new information for the first time in way too long.



Showing support for Greek organizations

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Anyone who read last week's front page story about the Kappa Alpha's alleged hazing incident probably has a negative perspective on fraternities now.

Stereotyping Greek organizations has been around since Greek organizations themselves. First, let me get something straight – what happened to the Kappa Alpha pledges was wrong. Second, I'm a member of the Greek community myself. Kappa Alpha made a huge mistake and has no choice but to live with its actions.

What's sad is this incident has hurt the Greek community

as a whole. We get stereotyped everyday for being in social organizations. Whether it's paying for our friends, drinking too much or throwing out-of-control parties, we hear it all the time. Now that this latest incident happened we have to prove to everyone why Greeks are special.

All fraternities have specific philanthropies they support and donate money to. Some people forget this. I'm not going to tell you Greeks don't throw parties and do some of the things that end up on TV because that would be a lie. But it's the other things that go unnoticed. Are you awake at eight in the

morning on Saturday to play basketball with Special Olympics? One of MSU's Greek organizations is. Or did you know that the proceeds of those parties you see advertised around school get donated to special causes around town? Greeks also sponsor canned food drives to help families around the holidays. It's these things that slide under the radar and cause people to only see the negative.

I like to think being a part of a fraternity gives me an edge when it comes to getting along in the real world. It's much like running a small business with your closest friends. Problems will occur and we work together

to find a solution. That's how life works, or so I've been told. We deal with all kinds of problems such as: financial, publicity or recruitment. These are the same problems small businesses face.

We will find a solution as a whole to move past this incident and let people know who Greeks truly are.

All fraternities are different from each other, but we are looked at as a whole community. I ask students who are not Greek to look at what we stand for. Kappa Alpha made a mistake and will have to face their actions, but the Greek community will continue to stand strong.

Confessions of a new Twilight obsessee

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FOR THE WICHITAN

I just recently finished the most amazing book in the entire world, "Twilight." It has a little bit of everything: action, adventure, suspense, and of course, romance. Seriously, this book is one of the best tragic love stories that I have ever read.

I am personally in love with Edward Cullen, the main character in the novel, along with about 50,000 other girls, I'm sure. He is a good guy with just the right amount of bad to go with it. His dangerous side is what makes him so attractive and the fact that he is constantly fighting his inner demons to do what he knows is right, which makes him even more attractive.

I was able to finish this 498-page book in about a week and a half because I could not put it down. From the moment you open this book you are hooked! I just kept reading and thinking that there is no way this can

get any better. What else could Stephanie Meyer possibly have left to tell me about Edward? It just kept getting better and better.

I am now fairly convinced that if I move somewhere that stays cold and dark most of the time that there will be an amazingly gorgeous vampire living there, waiting to find me and fall in love with me.

Oh, and apparently I'll know it's my vampire by the amazingly nice, expensive car.

My favorite part of this book would have to be when Bella is all the way across the parking lot and sees Edward for just a minute. When she looks away she almost gets taken out by Tyler's van and Edward is miraculously able to save her. I was literally on the edge of my bed waiting to see what was going to happen after each page.

I also liked all of Edward's brothers and sisters, but I guess I won't understand Rosalie's problem until I move further into the series. Even after it was

clear that Bella was completely in love with Edward and just wanted what was best for all of them, Rosalie still wouldn't let up.

Maybe she has a thing against us "non-immortals" or maybe she is just constantly cranky. Either way it was clear that she was not fond of Bella or her relationship with Edward.

Before I even began reading the book, I witnessed Facebook applications morph into places for people to state whether they were on "Team Edward" or "Team Jacob." I don't know if this division is a development that comes in the next book, but Jacob is third on my list of favorite characters, right after Edward and Bella, duh. Maybe it's the fact that he's obviously in love with Bella (again, if I move I expect an overly-protective friend who is in love with me) but he seems like a genuinely nice guy.

Last, but not least, the villain in this story is excellent. He isn't just some mindless idiot who

only wants to kill people. He is incredibly manipulative and smart, so it keeps the suspense going when you don't know exactly what he has planned next. It brings a sense of reality to the book and keeps you thinking about how it could possibly end.

The movie "Twilight" is coming out Nov. 21 and I can't wait to see it. I have been watching the movie trailers and I am so excited because I think that they are actually going to stick pretty close to the real story line of the book.

There is nothing worse than reading an amazing book and when you go to see the movie it is nothing like what you read.

More exciting, however, is the fact that I have three more of these amazing books to go. Three more chances to sit on the edge of my bed in suspense.

And most importantly, three more chances to read about the amazingly attractive Edward Cullen.

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