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 CMA Award winners will be chosen tonight. Faces new and familiar are in the running.

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 Freshmen come up with huge efforts in the last exhibition game of the season over Howard Payne.



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## Picking up the pieces

**Fraternity takes trip to Galveston to help families clean up after Ike**

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 FOR THE WICHITAN

It was a bittersweet homecoming for junior business major Paul Overstreet. He returned to Galveston Friday only to find his town still torn apart two months after Hurricane Ike slammed the Texas coast. From an outsider's point of view the homes did not look heavily damaged. Looks, though, can be deceiving.

The hurricane flooded thousands of homes and left standing water inside for days. Damage totaled \$29 billion. Overstreet and his eight Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity brothers retrieved a list of tools needed for mold removal early Friday morning and did not stop ripping apart houses until sundown. Saturday and Sunday were no different. During the busy weekend Phi Sigma Kappa gutted three different homes, one each day. Chemicals found in saltwater.

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Top: Jace Henry walks through the house wearing a gas mask. Middle: Blake Gonzales sweeps up a home damaged by Hurricane Ike. Bottom: Blake Gonzales, Blake Powell, Art Caudle, Steve Ray, Jace Henry, Matt Faszczuk, Tyler Holman and Paul Overstreet. The homeowner and other volunteers are also pictured.

## KA suspended for three years due to hazing

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MSU's chapter of Kappa Alpha was suspended for three years at a hearing last Wednesday concerning alleged violations of the university code of conduct regarding hazing, alcohol and reckless conduct. The hearing was in response to an Oct. 4 incident at a pledge retreat in Nocona that left two Kappa Alpha pledges hospitalized for alcohol poisoning. One had a potentially lethal blood alcohol level of six times the legal limit. According to Keith Lamb, Vice President for University Advancement and Student Affairs, the chapter will no longer be able to have any organized activities or wear their letters. "For all intents and purposes, Kappa Alpha doesn't exist on campus," Lamb said. The suspension, which was agreed upon by the fraternity's

national office, will last for a minimum of three years, but could be longer. Lamb said students could petition the national office to restart the chapter at MSU, but that the national office of Kappa Alpha would have to approve allowing the fraternity to return to MSU. Dean of Students Dail Neely presided over the hearing and said that the president of the chapter waived the fraternity's right to a hearing by the Student Conduct Committee, which is "the highest level of due process" that exists at the university. Waiving that right meant that Neely presided over the hearing. The decision made last Wednesday was also final; the fraternity cannot appeal it. Neely said that if anyone attempted to restart the chapter, the national office would probably look to see how many of

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**Shaunette Hildabrand, singer for 'Three's A Crowd' jazz trio, performs in Akin Auditorium for the Artist Lecture series.**

## Three's company, too

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dence. She had a voice. As she kicked off the jazz group's first song, it became obvious that the Oklahoma singer had been transformed from a Southwest military brat to a Belgian jazz starlet. The trio's performance, hosted by the MSU Artist Lecture Series, proved that even though Hildabrand has traveled far from her Southern home, she hasn't lost any class on the journey. Since her father was in the military, Hildabrand's family lived in Texas, Florida, Illinois and California before they settled in Enid, Oklahoma, when she was 9 years old. This would set the pace for her travels later in life. An MSU scholarship gave Hildabrand the opportunity to attend college, though Midwestern wasn't the only school that offered to fund her. The jazz She had class. She had confi-

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## Students pay price for Banner system snafu

**RUSS LAWRENZ**  
 FOR THE WICHITAN

More than half of MSU students found themselves victims of a software glitch recently, saying they owe the university anywhere from hundreds to thousands of dollars. More than 3,000 students received such bills. They discovered they were not in the clear as the university had previously told them. The problem lies in the new Banner system that MSU implemented this year. "Our understanding of the system was false. The Banner System was brand new and we just ran into so many glitches," said business office Controller Gail Ferguson. "What we thought would happen simply

didn't. Whatever could go wrong, went wrong." The errors arose from processing of the billing and due dates and miscalculations, she explained. "We had posted the bills prior to the due dates, but the system would not read the data. Then, all of the sudden we have all these bills that should've gone out that did not until the system finally read it," Ferguson said. Used by some 900 institutions worldwide, the Banner system is the most popular registration system among collegiate administrations. Sungard Higher Education is the parent company for the Banner system. "We had two different consulting groups from Sungard come out

to help fix the problem. We should have had them here at registration," Ferguson said. "It was a lack of communication. You assume it will work one way and it goes a total different direction. It was a lack of knowledge of the system and a lack of someone who could give us an answer." For the students involved, however, the discrepancy proved more than a headache. Junior nursing and sociology major Taylor McKinzie received a bill on Oct. 31 saying she had until Nov. 4 to pay \$370. "I felt it was ridiculous that I was getting a bill right before the weekend and expected to pay it that Tuesday," McKinzie said. "I was told that I should've known that I

would owe more than what I did, that I should've been prepared." McKinzie, among others, felt that it was not her fault since her account was clear when the semester started. "They said I would encounter late fees and not be able to register for next semester until it was taken care of," McKinzie said. Many other students were frustrated at having this sprung upon them by the university. "The biggest problem I had was dealing with being told I was going to have to pay late fees and also wondering if I was going to be dropped from my classes," said sophomore mass communications

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## No easy fix for parking conundrum

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Possible solutions to the university parking problem were discussed at a Student Government Association meeting Tuesday, though a quick fix to the issue seems unlikely. MSU is currently obtaining formal bids to re-stripe several campus parking lots, said Associate Vice President of Student

Affairs Keith Lamb. A parking consultant who evaluated university lots in October concluded that they were inefficiently striped. "I may be a little wrong on this, but this will pick up at least 138 more parking spaces, maybe more," Lamb said. The bids to improve parking are out right now, Lamb said. "As soon as the bid is in and we award it, the work will be-

gin," he said. "That's going to be happening in the very near future." The re-striping will open up 10 to 25 percent more spots, Lamb said. Some lots will be painted diagonally to allow more room, though the measure may reduce the size of some spaces. Administrators have discussed paving one of the practice fields to create more parking, an action that may hurt students more than

it helps them. "We have too little free play fields on campus as it is," Lamb said. "If we have a practice field to utilize, I'd rather use that as a free play field and pursue parking in other spots. Our students have too little green space to play on, frankly." Lamb said tearing down buildings and relocating certain departments could also free up

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