

**DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME**  
Don't forget to set your clock  
back an hour 2 a.m. Sunday



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Some Meijer stores  
to offer comped drugs  
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Students rally against  
workers' treatment  
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# CENTRAL MICHIGAN LIFE

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## STABBING UPDATE

# 'Lerma defended himself'

Defendant's attorney going with self-defense approach in case

By **JEN MARCKINI**  
SENIOR REPORTER

Trevor Lerma's defense attorney said Thursday his client's alleged role in the brutal stabbing of two Central Michigan University students was in self-defense.

Defense attorney Dan O'Neil met with Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Roy Kranz on Thursday to discuss the case and reschedule the pre-trial preliminary examination for Lerma's alleged part in the Sept. 24 stabbing of Midland sophomore Nick Parmer and Georgia sophomore Daniel Richardson.

"It will be up to the jury to decide what is considered reasonable self-defense," O'Neil said.

Lerma, 15, of Mount Pleasant, has a preliminary examination currently scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 9 at the Isabella County Courthouse, 300 N. Main St.

Kranz said he doesn't believe Lerma's actions were in self-defense.

"We wouldn't have charged him had we believed that was the case," he said. "If somebody says, 'I'm going to kill you,' and then they come after you and stab you near the heart with a knife, that's a pretty good indicator that they intended to kill you."

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RYAN EVON | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm shakes hands with Mount Pleasant resident Terry Gratkowski on Wednesday morning at Java Run Coffee and Scoops Ice Cream, 1982 E. Remus Road.

# Granholm chastises DeVos Wednesday

Governor speaks to area women to promote gubernatorial race

By **MIKE ELLIS**  
STAFF REPORTER

Democratic incumbent Gov. Jennifer Granholm said Wednesday tying federal minimum wage to inheritance tax was a bad idea.

She also pointed out the idea is supported by her Republican opponent Dick DeVos.

"It's unfair to deny the dishwashers at the Hilton Hotel the ability to have their raise so that Paris Hilton can have her inheritance," Granholm said during a meeting with Isabella County Democratic Women at Java Run Coffee and Scoops Ice Cream, 1982 E. Remus Road.

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## WHERE HAS SCHOOL SPIRIT GONE?



PHOTOS BY MERISSA FERGUSON | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

School spirit isn't always a priority for CMU students; just take a look at the student section in the second half of a football game at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. Many are left wondering, where has all the spirit gone?

# Spirit gone South?

University officials seeing lack of school support over the years

By **DANA DEFEVER** | SENIOR REPORTER

Tony Voisin was pleasantly surprised with what he saw when he dined with his family at Real Food on Campus during Homecoming.

Everything was fine with the food and the way students were eating.

But it was what they were wearing that had the director of Student Life doing double takes.

"I was amazed, not shocked, but surprised," Voisin, said. "CMU stuff was all over."

Voisin, who has been at CMU for 26 years, said he has seen school spirit rise and fall.

Right now, school spirit is at a low, and Voisin

said he thinks there is a long way to go.

University President Michael Rao also addressed the issue Oct. 16 at the Student Government Association's general board meeting.

Rao said he thinks students aren't very school spirited, and he would like them to have more school pride. He also said he doesn't like to see students wearing other schools' colors or memorabilia.

Patrick Hargis, Battle Creek junior and SGA's Tradition and Spirit Committee chairman, agrees with Rao about students' lack of school spirit and pride at CMU.

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You'll never see an empty seat in Michigan's student section in the second half of a tight game at the Big House. Michigan State's 'Izzone' is feared as one of the best student sections in the nation. It doesn't matter that students have to pay to go to the games; IF THEY DON'T LIKE IT, THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHERS WAITING TO TAKE THEIR SPOT.



## CMU PROMISE

# Only 250 students submit appeals

Committee to verify information, pass to Ross for decision

By **BETH KIEDA**  
SENIOR REPORTER

Only half the students who were eligible to file an appeal about the CMU Promise did so by Tuesday's deadline.

Those some 250 students can expect to receive a decision letter by Nov. 14, officials said.

Students were asked to write a personal statement in their appeal, describing why they have not yet graduated and how the CMU Promise was not fulfilled in their situation.



Roscoe

"I was impressed with the amount of time and detail put into the statements," said Dean of Students Bruce Roscoe.

Committee members will review the appeals, come to a consensus and make their recommendations to George Ross, vice president for Finance and Administrative Services.

"The letters will go out under the signature of George Ross," said Rich Morrison, associate vice president of public relations and marketing.

In order to be eligible for an appeal, students must have completed more than 100 credits at the beginning of the fall 2005 semester, enrolled in nine or more credit hours in both the 2005 fall and spring semesters and have paid \$179 per credit hour during the 2005 fall semester.

No official decisions or recommendations can be made, however, until the entire committee is present.

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## The breakdown

- ▶ About 250 appeals submitted from the about 500 eligible students
- ▶ Students will be notified by mail by Nov. 14
- ▶ "The vast majority of students who turned one in will be well-served."

— **Rich Morrison**, associate vice president of public relations and marketing

## WORLD SERIES GAME FOUR: CARDINALS 5 | TIGERS 4



MCT

Detroit's Curt Granderson blocks the ball, but cannot make the catch in the third inning during Game Four of the World Series. St. Louis can clinch the series tonight with a Game Five win.

# CARDS MOVE ALL IN

St. Louis one win from clinching series title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — With some help from a soggy field and a big hit by little David Eckstein, the St. Louis Cardinals took control of the World Series with a wild comeback win.

Eckstein's tiebreaking double glanced off the glove of a diving Craig Monroe in left field in the eighth inning, and the Cardinals capitalized on Detroit's sloppy defense for a 5-4 victory Thursday night.

Detroit Tigers starter Justin Verlander



Redshirt freshman quarterback Dan Lefevour

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