

### SPECIAL STATE NEWS SPORTS SECTION

# **MSU v. Indiana**

### **By JOE CENTERS**

State News Sports Writer The MSU football team, hich bounced back into the Big Ten race with its 24-15 win ver Michigan last week, will ost Indiana Saturday in a 1:30 mecoming contest at Spartan

Stadium. Before Spartan coach Darryl Rogers even had a chance to savor his first big win in his three years at MSU, the name Indiana, and the word letdown, popped into his head. And it was Indiana, who kept

the Spartans from a share of the Big Ten title last year. The Hoosiers and Spartans battled to a 13-13 tie in the sixth game of the season, and that tie left MSU one-half game behind co-champions Michigan and Ohio State in the final standings. Rogers said that his team was badly beaten in that game and they were lucky to get out with a tie.

"They tore us every way but loose," Rogers said. "I think it was that game that turned around our season.

After that game, the Spart-ans went on to win their last five games for their third-place Big Ten finish. This year the Hoosiers, like

MSU, are 2-3, 1-1 in the Big Ten. They have one big win so far this season, a 14-7 victory over Washington, last year's Rose Bowl winners. They also got clobbered 69-17 by Nebras-

ka the following week. Indiana has shared its quarterback duties between Scott Arnett and Tim Clifford. Arnett has completed 20 out of 55 passes for 238 yards and one touchdown while Clifford is 15 of 40 for 180 yards and one touchdown

The two work-horses for the Hoosiers are running backs Mike Harkrader, who has gain

ed 283 vards in 71 carries, and Darrick Burnett who has rush ed 79 times for 276 vards.

Indiana kicker David Freud has been perfect in 15 kicks so far this season (12 for 12 on extra points and three for three on field goals).

The Hoosier defense is led by Joe Norman, 6-foot-1, 211-pound linebacker, who has made 74 tackles, more than double the number of stops made by any of his teammates

The Spartans, as usual, will be led by quarterback Eddie Smith and his aerial show. Smith, who completed 20 of 36 passes for 248 yards against Michigan, was named college football's offensive player of the week for his performance by Sports Illustrated. He was also named AP's Big Ten player of

in passing, is likely to throw the ball to anyone. Against Michi-gan, he completed passes to seven different Spartans.

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### **MIKE KLOCKE**

### Finally a title race

Can you imagine if the Nov. 25 clash between Michigan and Ohio State was anti-climatic? Maybe a game for third-place?

Perhaps that's going a little too far. But here we are getting into the thick of the conference schedule, and there's still a Big Ten race. In fact, it isn't even the "Big Two" that are leading the race... Purdue and Wisconsin are on top. Michigan still has to be considered the odds-on

favorite to win the title, especially with the lethargic play of Ohio State this year. But there's going to be a race. And it's not going to be a two-team race. And, hey, that's good for conference football.

You may think it's just a matter of time before Michigan and Ohio State pull away from the pack in this race. But a quick glance at the schedules show that Purdue and MSU have very good chances to either win or share the title. A tie for the title is a very real possibility at this juncture. Purdue is now 2-0 in the conference — upset

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the week.

Smith, who leads the Big Ten



MSU tight end Mark Brammer (91), who leads the Big Ten in moto tight end main brancher (vr.) receiving with 19 catches, struggles for extra yardage against Michigan defender Ren Simpkins in Saturday's MSU win. Right

behind Brammer in the league leaders are Kirk Gibson and Eugene Byrd with 18 receptions each.

### 'Other' teams catching up with the pass



Robert Kozlot Cinto MSU defensive back Tom Graves (10) breaks up a pass in last year's 13-13 tie with Indiana in Bloomington. The tie kept MSU from a share of the Big Ten title. Actually, though, MSU head coach Darryl Rogers felt MSU was "lucky" to get away with a tie, since Indiana gained almost 500 yards and outplayed the Spartans. Still, Rogers was criticized for not going for a two-point conversion when MSU scored with about two minutes left in the

game.

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(continued from page 1) victories over MSU and Ohio State. In the next four weeks, Jim Young's Bollermakers play Illinois, Iowa, Northwestern and Wisconsin. Then comes Michigan and Indiana . . . Purdue will most likely be favored to win all but the Michigan game.

MSU, meanwhile, has beaten Michigan and doesn't play Ohio State. The Spartans have to be considered favorites in the remainders of their games

So what does it all mean? Does this mean there really is more equity in the Big Ten gridiron scene? Most of the coaches predicted more balance before the season began. As usual, most people, myself included, didn't believe them.

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But the fact is - and the records prove it - that teams are catching up to Michigan and Ohio State

And if you look at the teams that are making a run at these perennial powers, there's one common denominator present: the pass. Purdue quarterback Mark Herrmann, MSU quarterback Eddie Smith, Wisconsin quarterback Mike Kalasmiki — they're all drop back passers. And they're all effective at moving their team via the pass

In fact, four teams in the Big Ten threw for over 200 vards in last week's action.

Darryl Rogers startled a lot of people when he first came to MSU. He pledged to throw the ball more, and nobody could remember a Big Ten

team that won the conference by passing - at

least in recent years. And when Woody Hayes goes out and recruits a throwing quarterback you know the trend is changing.

"It's what I've been trying to tell you, they're (other teams) moving up on us," Michigan coach Bo Schembechler said after MSU's stunning 24-15 upset last Saturday. "There's more balance in the conference."

Schembechler went a step further by saying there is more balance all over the country. He said there are only two super powers in college football, Southern California and Oklahoma.

And on Saturday, Oklahoma squeaked by with a 17-16 win over Kansas and Southern Cal was dumped by Arizona State. "Is the balance good or bad," a reporter asked

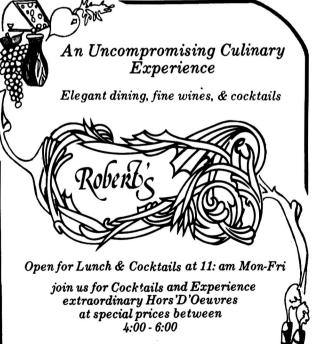
Schembechler.

"Bad, very bad," Schembechler said, with a laugh

I think he said it only half-jokingly.

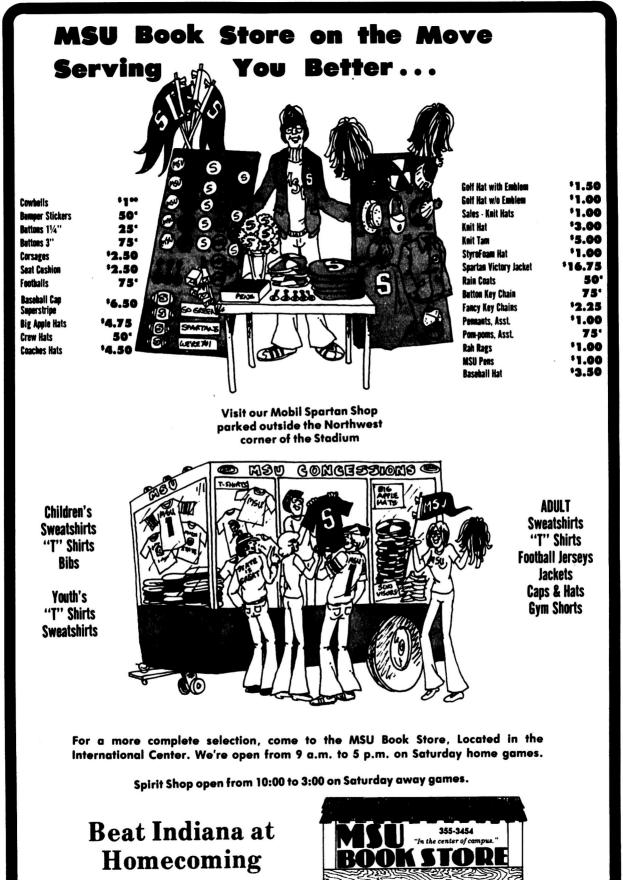
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Wisconsin	2	0	1	4	0	1	
Michigan	1	1	0	4	1	0	
Ohio State	1	1	0	2	2	1	
MSU	1	1	0	2	8	0	
Indiana	1	1	0	2	3	0	
Minnesota	1	1	0	2	3	0	
Iowa	1	1	0	1	4	0	
Illinois	0	1	2	1	3	2	
NWestern	0	8	1	0	5	1	

SATURDAY'S GAME: Indiana at MSU, 1:30 p.m., Spartan Stadium Michigan at Wisconsin Ohio State at Iowa Minnesota at Northwestern Purdue at Illinois



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# Hectic Sidelines

Although it looks like chaos, sidelines are quite organized

By JEFF MINAHAN Editor's note: Jeff Minahan, a senior majoring in journalism, is the head student manager for the MSU football team. Being close to the action, he wrote this story from observations during the MSU-Notre Dame game two weeks ago.

What is it like on the sidelines during a football game? This is a question many spectators have probably asked themselves as they sat in the bleachers on Saturday afternoons in Spartan Stadium.

For just a moment. place yourself down there next to head coach Darryl Rogers. The sideline is crowded with a mass of players, coaches, trainers and photographers, all concentrating on the field and what is occurring. It is first and 10 on the 20

It is first and 10 on the 20 yard line for the Spartans. Offensive coordinator Bob Baker looks around and finds Bruce Reeves, one of four halfbacks used to run plays in to the huddle. Grabbing him by the shoulder pad, Baker calmly says. "OK, here we go," and after stopping for a quick moment of careful consideration, he gives Reeves a play.

Before Reeves even reaches the huddle, Rogers is speeding toward Baker asking him what play he called. More often than not, it is the same play that Rogers had in mind. In the next 10 seconds, at least three more people will ask Baker what play was called.

The teams break their huddles. At once, the coaches begin to analyze the enemies' defensive formation. Immediately they know, whether the play which was called has a chance of succeeding, and their reactions reflect this.

Rogers sees an enemy linebacker moving a step farther to the right than normal. He turns to Baker saying, "We're in

trouble, he's coming!" Baker nods in agreement. At the snap of the ball, the

linebacker charges in a blitz and the play is stopped for a loss. The coaches always react

simultaneously in a mixture of anger and frustration, exchanging comments on what went wrong or who missed an assignment, then instantly begin to analyze the situation, planning for the next play. In seconds another halfback is on his way to the huddle with a play, and the cycle repeats itself. Approximately 30 or 40 sec-

onds have passed. This is a glimpse of what goes on "down there" on the sidelines during the MSU football

games, a single play in a game full of this type of action. From the sideline perspective, the game is an unending stream of incredibly intense, quick-paced analysis, thought, decision-making and emotion.

And it is all as exciting as anyone could imagine. The MSU sidelines are split in half, with the offense on one side, and the defense on the other. Similarly, the coaches split up, half on the sidelines and the other half upstairs in the pressbox overlooking the field. The two groups are in constant communication by phones, which they rely on quite a bit. The entire area is very

crowded because the players bunch up as close to the field as they can to get a good view of the game. The referees are continuously warning the players to back up off the white area to make room for coaches and themselves. But seldom are their warnings heeded. The boundary is perpetually jammed.

With all of the noise from the stands, and the shouting going on between coaches, players, and referees, the sideline often seems like a circus of confusion. But, in reality, the whole process is quite systematic, and for the most part, organized.

The coaches, especially those making the calls, are always asking anyone who can hear for the information they must have before they can make any decisions. The down, distance to go for a first down, and location of the ball must be known as quickly as possible.

Normally, after a great deal of questions, comments and suggestions are shouted at him, coach Baker will hesitate nervously, then call a play. If the huddle on the field and begin to make gestures with his hands. Bass will immediately pick up the call and relay it to the huddle. Reading an offensive forma-

Keading an offensive formation is a little more difficult for the defensive coaches. Sometimes, they know what to expect from a certain formation, but they can never be sure. On third downs, Dyer will yell over and over again, "Watch the draw, watch the reverse!!"

The coaches cannot always be right, so they are completely aware of all possibilities and tendencies. Charts are used listing what the enemy ran in

Player's opinions are respected and welcomed by coaches during the game. For example, in a crucial situation the Spartans will call time out and quarterback Eddie Smith will come over to the sidelines for a discussion.

Rogers is nearby, he may change the call or make a slight adjustment, but in most cases, the two are in agreement.

Often Rogers will run down the sidelines and shout a play to Baker which he wants called after the play has been sent in. The play will frequently turn out to be the one Rogers wanted.

Down on the defensive side the scene is basically the same. Defensive coordinator

George Dyer, sporting the headphones which keep him in constant contact with coaches Walt Harris and Sherman Lewis upstairs in the press box, makes all calls directly from the sidelines to signal-caller Dan Bass using hand signals.

After a brief moment of listening to opinions from upstairs, Dyer will turn and face previous weeks on certain downs and situations. For example, under a column headed "3rd and short", is listed every play the other team ran on a third down with under four yards to go for a first down.

Both Baker and Dyer will often consult notes written on small cards which they have carefully prepared during the week. These notes contain anything from enemy weaknesses to little reminders.

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Rogers, Baker and coach Ron Chismar will huddle around him and each will begin to make suggestions as to what play should be run.

When this is done, Rogers will ask Smith what he thinks should be run, and Smith will offer his opinion, usually making reference to something he has noticed in the defense or what he thinks: the offense can accomplish at that time. The four will then discuss all of the alternatives and agree on one play.

Reactions on the sidelines are always uniform and strong, especially in these tight situations. On a bad play, the groans and curses can be heard all the way down the sidelines. And when the Spartans score a touchdown or make a big play on defense, everyone dances.

There is also a steady stream of communication between the referees and coaches. And, contrary to popular belief, it is not all protest and complaint. The coaches often consult the referees for important information, or plead with them to watch a player who is holding or something similar.

But the referees do receive their share of verbal abuse. And it comes from almost every mouth on the sidelines at one time or another during the game.

In one instance, during the MSU-Southern California game in Los Angeles, a back judge failed to see two Trojan players in motion at one time before the snap of the ball, and the play resulted in a touchdown for USC.

For five minues, coach Rogers, flanked by coach Chismar and a chorus of 50 or so players unleashed a wave of verbal protest that the referee will not soon forget.

Such incidents are indicative of the high level of tension present on the sidelines throughout the game.

Decisions must be made in a split second, and their consequences are monumental and lasting, putting a lot of pressure on those making them.

This fast pace and intense pressure begin when the first ball is kicked off, and does not end until the final gun sounds. Only then do things slow down and the coaches relax.

This is the sidelines. A continuous mixture of fast-paced thought, planning, decisions, screaming, jumping, and action. It is a fascinating place to be on Saturday afternoons, and is definitely the best seat in the house.



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### Field hockey heads weekend schedule

Sam Kajornsin's field hockey team is in the spotlight this weekend as it hosts the seven team Big Ten championships Friday and Saturday at Old College Field. The hockey team, under Amo Bessone, will open its regular

season with a pair of non-conference games against Ohio State Friday and Saturday, each beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Both of the Spartan cross country teams will be on the road this weekend. Jim Gibbard's men's team will journey to Ypsilanti to take on the Eastern Michigan Hurons in a dual meet today. Eric Zemper's strong women's harriers will be in Madison, Wis., in the Big Ten championships.

### First of six important games

(continued from page 1) His three main receivers, tight end Mark Brammer, flanker Kirk Gibson and split end Eugene Byrd, have catches between them after five games. Brammer leads the Big Ten with 19 catches, while Gibson and Byrd are tied for second with 18 each.

Against Michigan, for the first time this season, Rogers used only two tailbacks for most of the game. Steve Smith, who gained 87 yards in 13 carries, and Leroy McGee, who ran eight times for 53 yards,

will probably see most of the action again this week. On defense, MSU is led by

inside linebacker Dan Bass and tackle Melvin Land. Bass leads the Spartans in tackles with 66 and Land is next with 57.

Cornerback Mike Marshall, who intercepted two of Rick Leach's passes, hurt his back in the game and probably won't play against the Hoosiers. Byrd was also shaken up against the Wolverines and is a question mark for Saturday.

"We think Indiana's win over Northwestern (last) Saturday,

38-10, helped their program," Rogers said. "All I know is they come off the ball and run."

MSU's season, which looked so bleak only last week, took a U-turn after Saturday's win over Michigan. The game with Indiana will be the first of six important games. A loss any where along the line would all but end any chance the Spartans have of winning the Big Ten

If MSU plays its last six games like it played against Michigan, those chances will never end.



Μ	Offense	Defense		
S U	SE   84   Eugene Byrd, 6-0, 178, Jr.     LT   73   Jim Hinesly, 6-2, 254, Sr.     LG   55   Jody McCulloh, 6-2, 232, Jr.     C   67   Matt Foster, 6-3, 228, Jr.     RG   69   Rod Strata, 6-2, 240, So.     RT   76   Craig Lonce, 6-3, 246, Jr.     TE   7   Mark Brammer, 6-4, 233, Jr.     QB   22   Ed Smith, 6-0, 174, Sr.     TB   44   Leroy McGee, 6-0, 197, Sr.     FB   23   Lonnie Middleton, 6-1, 217, Jr.     WR   8   Kirk Gibson, 6-2, 217, Sr.     PK   53   Morten Andersen, 6-1, 180, Fr.	OLB   57   Larry Savage, 6-3, 213, Jr.     LT   53   Angelo Fields, 6-6, 285, So.     MG   93   Bernard Hay, 6-3, 235, So.     RT   47   Melvin Land, 6-3, 240, Sr.     OLB   40   John McCormick, 6-2, 211, So.     ILB   50   Mike Decker, 6-2, 224, Jr.     ILB   49   Dan Bass, 6-1, 221, Jr.     CB   1   Jerome Stanton, 6-0, 181, Jr.     SS   10   Tom Graves, 6-3, 221, Sr.     WS   16   Mark Anderson, 6-2, 189, Jr.     CB   2   Mike Marshall, 6-3, 190, So.     P   19   Ray Stachowicz, 6-1, 190, So.		
T	Defense	Offense		
I N D	LE 39 Dave Stewart, 5-10, 220, Jr.   I.T 92 Al Leake, 6-3, 228, Jr.   MG 56 Mel Patton, 5-9, 210, Jr.   RT 97 Brent Tisdale, 6-4, 229, So.   RE 94 George Doehla, 6-3, 220, Sr.   LB 35 Joe Norman, 6-1, 220, Sr.   LB 36 Aaron Arbuckle, 6-3, 220, Jr.   CB 8 Tim Wilbur, 6-0, 184, Fr.   CB 45 Nick Barnes, 5-11, 180, Sr.   SS 2 Dave Abrams, 6-1, 185, Sr.   FS 37 Dale Keneipp, 5-9, 162, Sr.   P 6 Larry Lovett, 6-2, 169, Jr.	SE   88   Mike Friede, 6-5, 194, Jr.     LT   73   Gerald Ahting, 6-5, 248, So.     LG   64   Mark Johnson, 6-3, 248, Jr.     C   50   Mark Heidel, 6-0, 230, Sr.     RG   70   James Wallace, 6-2, 225, So.     RT   72   Doug Peacock, 6-4, 255, Sr.     TE   83   Dan Powers, 6-4, 243, Sr.     QB   16   Scott Arnett, 6-3, 202, Sr.     TB   28   Darrick Burnett, 5-11, 184, Sr.     FB   44   Lonnie Johnson, 6-1, 194, So.     WR   80   Mark Fishel, 6-0, 174, Jr.     PK   5   David Freud, 5-6, 152, Sr.		

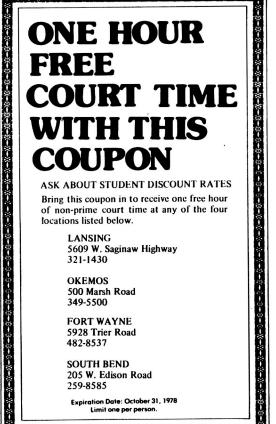


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<b>RESULTS: 2-3</b> at Purdue, 14-21 Syracuse, 49-21 at Southern California, 9-30 Notre Dame, 25-29 at Michigan, 24-15						
TOTAL OFFENSE:	PLAYS	YDS	<b>RUN/PASS</b>	AVO	3.	
MSU	363	1,877	815/1,062	5.2		
FOES	349	1,726	1,140/586	4.9		
RUSHING:	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD		
Steve Smith	42	209	4.9	1		
Leroy McGee	37	148	4.0	1		
Lonnie Middleton	21	127	4.1	1		
PASSING	АТТ	сомр	YDS	TD	INT	
Ed Smith	106	60	698	7	3	
RECEIVING:	PR	YDS	AVG	TD		
Mark Brammer	19	216	11.4	1		
Kirk Gibson	18	293	16.3	3		
Eugene Byrd	18	356	19.8	2		

# Laxers finish practice

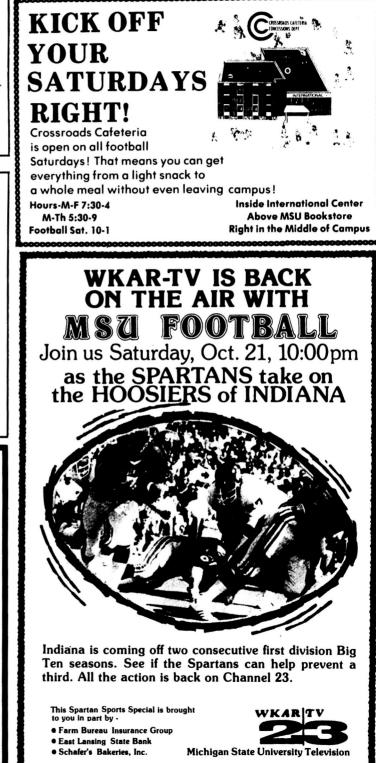
To culminate what coach Nevin Kanner called successful fall practice, MSU's lacrosse team will have its annual green and white game Sunday at 2 p.m. at Old College Game.

Sixty players who practiced with the team this

fall will participate in the game. "There were a lot of determined players

practicing with us," Kanner said. "By having practice in the fall, we can teach our new players the basics of the game, giving them more time to prepare for the season in the spring."

Kanner also found some players from the East that have strong lacrosse backgrounds.



Hoosier stats **RESULTS: 2-3** at LSU, 17-24 Washington, 14-7 Nebraska, 17-69 at Wisconsin, 7-34 Northwestern, 38-10

TOTAL OFFENSE: IND. FOES	RUSH 950 1,225	PASS 475 740	TOTAL 1,325 1,965	YDS	
RUSHING:	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	
Mike Harkrader	71	283	4.0	2	
Darrick Burnett	79	276	3.5	2	
Lonnie Johnson	33	178	5.4	1	
PASSING:	ATT	COMP	TD	YDS	INT
Scott Arnett	55	20	1	238	5
Tim Clifford	40	15	1	180	4
RECEIVING:	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	
Jerry Bowers	8	75	9.4	0	
Mark Fishel	7	74	10.6	1	





"Yeah, well you just wait until basketball season!"

That was the only reply I could give to an unknown Michigan fan who snickered that the Wolve's were going to do their usual 56-0 routine on their "Neighbors to the North" before the game in Ann Arbor Saturday.

And who was I to argue? It was a classic case of Rocky going against the champ, Daniel in the lions den, or, perhaps more accurately, David vs. Goliath.

Even though I was resigned to our fate, I still meekly wore my "Michigan State" sweatshirt to the grudge match, which, not surprisingly, had the crowd buzzing right from the start.

You never saw so much maize-and-blue in your life. Scalpers were selling tickets for outrageous sums and hawkers were pushing everything from apple cider to congres-

### <u>GERRY SKOCZYLAS</u> You just wait 'till this hoop season!

sional candidates.

Unfortunately, I had to sit in the heart of the Michigan student body, while most MSU fans sat behind the Spartan bench or in the far end zone where the State cheerleaders were.

I was sitting with friends from Michigan, who, oddly enough, are also State fans, so we were a small island of comfort in a sea of insanity.

Now, even though I'm a tried-and-true Spartan fan who would root for his team to the bitter, inevitable end, I wasn't about to stand up and sing. 'On the banks of the Red Cedar ...' because no matter how much I'm for MSU, I'm still very fond of my teeth.

But then something happened that brought out the "smart-aleck" in me — a very dangerous quality to have in the Michigan end zone while wearing green-and-white. What happened was that a pair of "ultimate" U-M fans sat down in front of us — dressed from head to toe in Michigan paraphernalia topped off by those incredibly tacky maizeand-blue beanies.

One of them looked at our small island of green and white and actually said, "Oh my, we have to sit near THEM this year."

I mumbled something to the effect of "pardon my existence" and turned my attention to the field. A member of the MSU band, who was holding the flag of one of the Big Ten teams, tripped and fell and the whole Michigan student body was in an uproar.

I'm not saying that this group of fans were cruel, but I've seen Nazi rallies with more compassion.

Now, after State missed a field goal, U-M's Rick Leach hit a bomb on their first offensive play and the "M" students went crazy.

crazy. "All right!" screamed one of the two diehards in front of me, "Ricky Leach is gonna give Ed Smith a passing lesson today!!" (Naturally, I never let the yo-yo forget that one).

As the game wore on, the Michigan fans were strangely silent as Eddie Smith's golden arm stole the show. Most "M" fans were content to crush beer cans against their heads a la John Belushi from Animal House — an appropriate name for this part of the crowd.

Either that or they turned against their own team. After Leach's very first interception, they were calling him names that would've embarrassed a longshoreman. Others facetiously cried out, "Leach for Heisman!"

"Give the guy a break," I said in defense, "he's doing a good job of hitting his receivers — so what if they happen to be wearing green-and-white jerseys!" The U-M student body's

The U.M student body's greatest display of class, however, came at halftime when Zeke the Wonderdog made a brief appearance. "Shoot the mutt!" was about the kindest thing they said. (My God, these people are even cruel to animals!)

After halftime, U-M's offense took the ball, drove 70 yards and scored like they owned the place to make it 17-7 and the crowd erupted again.

"Only a matter of time now," sneered one of the diehards in front of me. I was afraid that he was right, too, because it seemed that all of the momentum was now with Michigan and the first half was just a temporary illusion.

That is, until our offense took the field again. I could almost hear Eddie Smith say in the huddle: "OK, boys, air raid time again!" and on the first play he hit Kirk Gibson with a 15yarder and we were off to the races.

A few plays later, Smith (you were beautiful out there Eddie, and we love you for it) hit Mark Brammer for another TD to make it 24-7 and for all intents and purposes the game was over. The only sound louder than MSU fans cheering was Bob Ufer crying.

To me, however, the most beautiful part of the afternoon was not the touchdown passes or the final, glorious seconds ticking off the clock when we had the ball on their ten. It was with about four

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## MSU basketball team already practicing



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MSU forward Earvin "Magic" Johnson, shown here in action last season, has already been picked as a pre-season All American by Playboy and he will lead the Spartans in defense of their Big Ten title.

### Irony of the win

(continued from page 9) minutes to go with the score 24-15 and Michigan had the ball on their own 35.

After stopping an "M" runner on second down, the whole State defense turned and waved jubilantly at the MSU end zone as if to say "Thanks" for the support during the hard times and "let's enjoy this one!"

The MSU end zone responded by going completely bonkers. Then as an encore, big and beautiful Angelo Fields made Leach eat some astroturf on third down and the whole MSU defense mauled him in happiness right in front of Bo and dejected Michigan bench.

Fields, Land, Bass, Anderson, Marshall, and the rest of the often-criticized Spartan defense all jumping up and down like kids in a sandbox. (Probation? What probation?)

Then, as MSU was running out the clock with about a minute to go, the two diehards in front of me got up to leave. I couldn't resist:

"What?" I asked, "Rats deserting the sinking ship?"

"Save it," snapped one of them, his maize-and-blue beanie

Grooping. "Yeah," added the other, "why don't you just go back to your Cow College and study cows or something?" My only reply, of course, was an emphatic "Mooooo!!" My only reply, of course, was an emphatic "Mooooo!!"

My only reply, of course, was an emphatic "Mooocol!" Finally, after the game, a particularly downcast "M" fan noticed my glowing "Michigan State" sweatshirt and my "Take THAT, Mighty Me-e-chigan" smile. "Yeah," he said to me and my friends who were basking in the green-and-white glow of victory, "Phil Hubbard is healthy again this year so YOU just wait till basketball season!" How ironic.

How ironic.

With the football season forging ahead past the midway point Saturday for MSU, Jud Heath-cote's basketball team is already practicing for the upcoming cage season.

The Spartans will have perhaps the most prestigious and hardest schedule ever assembled by an MSU team as they attempt to defend their

Big Ten itile. MSU will open its season with an exhibition rame against the powerful Russian National seam on Nov. 14 at Jenison Fieldhouse.

Four starters return from last year's Mideast Regional runner-up team: forwards Earvin

Magic" Johnson, and Gregory Kelser; center Vincent and guard Terry Donnelly. Jay

Student season tickets were all sold out for the second year in a row, and sellout crowds are virtually assured for every game this year, according to officials in the ticket office.

As usual, MSU will have practices that are open to the public. They are held in the afternoon at Jenison Field House.

Spartan coach Jud Heathcote asks that spectators sit in the balcony around the playing court, so that the players will not become distracted and so that practice is not interupted.



### **'U'** Homecoming activities are set for the weekend

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Tradition has survived at MSU. Homecoming, an activity which has seen years of great popularity, years of declining interest and one year of non-existence in 1975, has once again stirred student participation.

The theme of Homecoming 1978 celebrates the construction of Beaumont Tower and is entitled "A Tower of Strength for 50 years." The tower marks the site of College Hall, the first building in America erected for the teaching of scientific agriculture.

Festivities of this year's Homecoming include contests for the King and Queen and float and banner competitions.

David Bartz, a senior majoring in social science, and Margee Bebrens, a senior in telecommunications, were named Homecoming King and Queen at the annual bonfire held on the intramural field across from Case Hall Thuseden nicht

A residence halls on campus, gathering students in pied-piper fashion to lead them to the bonfire

Several events are scheduled to take place tonight and tomorrow as part of the celebration.

as part of the celebration. • The annual Homecoming Banquet and Dance will be held at Kellogg Center from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. It is sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association. Tickets are \$14 per person. • ASMSU Pop Entertainment will present Daryl Hall and John

Oates in the Auditorium at 8 p.m. tonight. • Saturday's activities will begin with the judging of floats and

- Sourceays activities will begin with the judging of floats and banners from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Only those previously registered with the Homecoming Committee will be eligible. Judging will take place at the locations of the floats and banners.

Judging riteria will consist of relations of the nosts and balances. Judging criteria will consist of relationship to the Homecoming theme, originality, construction and composition design, creativity and over-all effect. The top float will receive a traveling trophy. Alumni bus tours of campus will be given Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. and an Alumni Coffee will be held in the Union from 10:30 a.m.

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 Saturday's pre-game ceremonies will introduce the King and Queen and announce the winners of the banner and float competition.

· Following the game, alumni will meet under their signs in the stadium and a post-game reception will follow in Kellogg Center. Wendell Wescott, MSU carillonneur for 28 years, will present concerts on Beaumont's 47-bell carillon Saturday and Sunday.

concerts on Beaumont's 47-bell carillon Saturday and Sunday. Student enthusiasm in Homecoming has occurred in cycles throughout the years. One of the contests that has undergone many changes is the Homecoming King and Queen competition. In 1967 there were 80 contestants vying for the crown of Homecoming Queen. Eight years later when interest declined and the title had been changed from Queen to Homecoming representative, the lone candidate was a one-year-old Laura Anne Tinning daughter of two MSII slummi

representative, the loss callulate was a the year of a land mine Tinning, daughter of two MSU alumni. Homecoming returned to its earlier style in 1976 when ASMSU set up a yearly Homecoming fund to reactivate student participation. A Homecoming Queen was again selected and a new concept, the naming of a Homecoming King was introduced.

"The enthusiasm of students for Homecoming activities has risen in the last two years," said Colleen Hennessy, homecoming adviser of the Programming Board. "We hope that this is the beginning of a trend





State News/Ira Stricksteir The angry looking Spartan in front of Theta Chi fraternity was the winning float in last years competi-tion. MSU will be playing Indiana durhomecoming ing weekend, October 20-22.



