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Rich history found in the co-op system

By: Gavin Craig

It would be impressive today if a group of cost-conscious students got together, purchased a house, and set up a system where they each would share responsibility for running, maintaining, and paying for the house.

It would be more than impressive, in fact, it would be incredible. I don't think that many of us could imagine five, twenty, or even thirty students pooling together enough money to purchase a house and pay for school at the same time. No bank would lend them the money, and the city of East Lansing wouldn't let them convert the property to house more than two unrelated people. Yet, this is exactly what happened at least ten times between 1939 and 1970.

Shortly after Hedrick House was formed in 1939, East Lansing's second co-operative house, Elsworth, was born less than a year later during a conversation between three students over a hot plate in a dorm room. (Yes, you read that right, a hot plate in a dorm room.



Not only that, but the room was in Wells Hall, which was a dorm at the time.)

By the end of the school year, those first three, James Lyons, Ralph Newton, and Delmar Ruthig, had found twenty other students (all men) interested in their idea.

The house that became Elsworth was a boarding house on Albert Street whose operators had defaulted on their payments. With the help of George Motts, a professor of agricultural economics at MSU, the students who would become Elsworth

made an arrangement to purchase a land contract from the house's owner, and all furniture in the house from the house's former operators.

Start-up costs, due on July 1, 1940, came to \$1,320, and each of the members agreed to loan \$30 to the house, and to contribute as much as they could from summer jobs.

On June 10, Hedrick loaned Elsworth \$300 to help them get started, and by June 24 Elsworth had come up with \$1,075 from its own members. (A con-

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Meet the crew at Raft Hill

By: Vikram Kamat

The Raft Hill CO-OP is located on 420 Evergreen; it's a brown and white house and is comprised of 12 members.

The house has 10 rooms 8 singles and 2 doubles. The house consists of three lovely ladies (a fourth expected to move in soon): Rahshida, Jen, and Meaghen, and 8 of the nicest guys I've ever met: Osie, Vik, Carlos, Greg, Jeff, Ryan, Drew and Kyle.

The Raft Hill house is a very old house with a finished basement and three floors where the members of the house reside. There are three rooms on the first, four on the second, and three on the third floor.

The ages of the members of the house vary from 19 to 27. The members of Raft

Hill also vary a lot in hobbies and interests.

Meaghen and Jeff are into artsy films and Meg loves her shoes' while Jeff is often tinkering with his gas powered mini racecar.

Ryan, Kyle, and Vik are big time into hockey and they love the Red Wings, Kyle is also one of the biggest Radiohead fans I've ever met.

Carlos is a South American Dave Mathews when he picks up his guitar; the chicks really go crazy. It's quite common to find members of the house enjoying an adult beverage or two or three while Carlos plays tunes we all know the words too.

Rhshida loves her plants and is into art and Jen loves horses. Osie is into being busy and cool at the same time, and Greg is an aspiring

barber and is currently in barber school, free hair cuts for all the guys in the house is pretty nice.

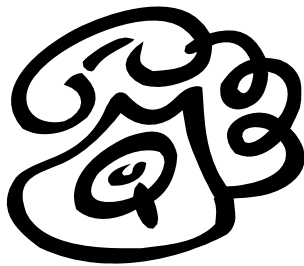
And finally that brings us to Drew. Drew is pretty much down with everything. He's always going with the flow and has something in common with everyone in the house. Drew's favorite band is the Grateful Dead and he has over a hundred Dead CD's.

The people of Raft Hill are great; they are all different in many ways yet each person remains open minded and respects everyone's differences.

If you want to see how a CO-OP works stop by 420 Evergreen and come check out this well-oiled machine.

You can contact Raft Hill at 337-2977. The house was just cleaned, so it's prime time to stop by!

Sometimes you will meet the best people when you least expect. Have fun in life!!



Contacting "that other house"

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Elsworth	711 W. Grand River	337-3236
Ferency	146 Collingwood	332-0846

Hedrick	140 Collingwood	332-0844
Miles	152 Collingwood	337-3990
New Community	425 Ann	351-3820
Orion	501 M.A.C.	332-2517

Phoenix	239 Oakhill	351-3713
Raft Hill	420 Evergreen	337-2977
Shadowood (ΣΠ)	505 M.A.C.	332-3844
Toad Lane	415 Ann	332-3973

Dates to keep in mind for this fall

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Not just for Board Reps! This can be your opportunity to voice your opinions and ideas to the board in a formal manner.

Fall session meetings are Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in 328 of Student Services.

October 15, 29 November 12, 26

E-mail Megan Burt (President) with any questions or concerns at burtmega@msu.edu.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Make-up for New Member Orientation is this Friday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m. at Phoenix House, 239 Oakhill. E-mail Amber Bardon with any questions or concerns.

POTLUCK DINNERS AT BOWER

Hungry? Riv's Burger-ama not doing it for you? How about trying a delicious Vegetarian smorgasbord? Bower house holds a potluck every other Thursday, with the next date for October 11th at 8:30 p.m. Bring a dish to contribute, as long as it's vegetarian!

PARTY ON, WAYNE...

Raft Hill is having a gala this Friday. See the article on page 2 for more info on Raft Hill.

FAMPO (Fall All Member Party Orientation) is open to ALL co-op members and their friends. To be at Phoenix House, October 28th, with a Halloween theme!

OFFICER MEETINGS

Education: Tuesday, 10-9, 6pm, Ferency

Membership: 10-9-01, 7pm, Raft Hill

Maintenance: 10-17-01, 8pm, Phoenix

Treasury: 11-01-01, 7pm, Union

NASCO CONFERENCE

Will take place November 2-4 in Ann Arbor. Be sure to sign up with Gavin (355-8313) by October 10 if possible.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Send to pinepress@hotmail.com.



The Gauley River in southern West Virginia is the second best river to white water raft in the United States. Check it out if you can!

American Beauty

By: Jill Burt

I am a server at a family restaurant, and it never ceases to amaze me how many different types of people I meet.

Recently, I was tending to a table when I happened to notice a man with a shirt that said "Firefighter".

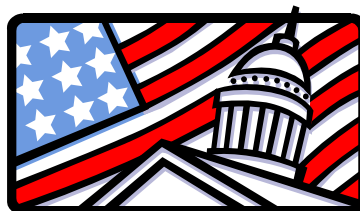
I always try to tell firefighters how much I appreciate what they do, risking their life to save others, so I asked him about his shirt. He had told me that, yes, he was a firefighter, and to be exact, he had just gotten back from spending a week in New York City helping out as a volunteer.

Without saying anything, I gave him a hug. He just looked up at me and said thank-

you. He had an album full of pictures from the wreckage which he allowed me to look through.

The devastation was unbearable and I started to cry. He looked at me and said, "I did the same thing when I saw what you are seeing."

I gave him back his photo album and went on to doing my job. What a wonderful moment to share with a fellow American.



Lizards love crickets, but unfortunately the closest cricket store is in Haslett. The dilemmas...





**Fall Session 2001
Board of Directors
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- Bower**
Kristy Rogers
- Elsworth**
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- Ferency**
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- Hedrick**
Julie King
- Miles**
Scott Hilliard
- New Community**
Jon Muzzall
- Orion**
Traci Kennedy
- Phoenix**
Drew Roach
- Raft Hill**
Jen Cole
- Shadowood**
James DiVita
- Toad Lane**
Kate Need

History (cont.)

siderable sum in 1940, even when split among 23 people!)

In September 1940, Elsworth House opened at 218 Albert Street, with 32 charter members. (The current house, at 711 W. Grand River, was built in 1950, but that's another story.)

One of the biggest factors that allowed a group of students to purchase a house in 1940 was the involvement of the university. Co-op houses in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s operated as a cross between a Registered Student Organization, with its own mission, officers, and advisors, and a mini-dormitory, accountable to MSU, and with implied university supervision and support. (When WWII and the subsequent draft decimated Elsworth's membership during 1943 and 1944, MSU assumed the actual day-to-day operations of the house, and the university nearly required all co-ops to hire housemothers in 1948.)

While any hint of a "social movement" today tends to invoke thoughts of the political left, George Motts' description of life at Elsworth between 1940 and

1965 paints a very different picture. There were very specific standards for behavior, appearance, and academic performance at Elsworth. Foul language was discouraged, sometimes by fines. Suits and ties were required at Sunday dinners. "Informal" everyday dress was shirt, trousers and shoes. Shorts were allowed during warm weather.

All house members were required to maintain at least a 2.2 grade point average, or their membership was revoked. A house library was maintained, and when Elsworth moved to the new house on Grand River, two people were placed in every room.

All indications from Motts are that Elsworth House was viewed as an opportunity for young men to build character, and to learn, hand-on, the basics of running their own small business.

What does this have to do with us now? Obviously a great deal has changed. SHC has assumed the role that MSU has vacated—a center of financial stability and support to allow student owned housing to continue

to exist—but the question remains whether a motivated group of students today could start their own cooperative house.

It is striking to realize that the answer to the question depends entirely on us. Unquestionably, no group of students could talk any bank into loaning them the money to take on a mortgage by themselves. It would require an organization like SHC to provide the necessary initial support, even if that only meant taking on the loan in our name, and allowing the students to buy back the house over time. (On a larger level, this is exactly what NASCO Properties was formed to do.)

Ultimately, however, the answer is yes, with help, it can be done. Later on, I will describe two other ways that co-operative houses have gotten their start, but, at the moment, I still believe that this method is the best.

The initiative of a group of invested individuals is still the single most necessary component of a successful co-op house, and is the situation closest in spirit to the cooperative ideals.

Toad Lane

By: Ryan P. Shannon

Bitch, gimme my ends
I know you gots 'em,
punkass
I'll pimp-smack you up

Back the hell up off
You sure you wanna step
up?
I will cap your ass

Get over here, bitch
I see you shakin that ass
I'm bout to tap dat

*Any questions or concerns
about this hiaiku should be
sent to Ryan Shannon, at
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China

By: Ping Liu

Hi, I come from the South of China near the Pearl River delta area. It is one of the most exciting places in China not only because of its fast developing economy, but also because of its deep-rooted traditions. These traditions make the southerners unique.

Let me say something about the weather first, as it is where all the traditions stem from. In the winter, the lowest temperature is around 40° Fahrenheit.

So, some of the Southerners never see snow. It is hot most of the year. Summer begins in May and ends in November with temperatures reaching in the upper 90's.

The humidity is very high, usually around 80% and sometimes even higher.

That means that you sweat a lot and it sticks to your skin and clothes and doesn't evaporate! So, people struggle against the wet and heat (that's what we call it) all the time. We think that the best way to beat the heat is to drink soup.

Soup is so important in the life of those living in Southern China that they talk about it even more than they talk about the weather. Preparing soup is quite a task.

First we clean out a mud pot, and then we fill it just over half way with cold water. We boil the water and then put in 1 pound of rib meat or chicken or seafood and then we add some dry herbs. We cook it over a small flame for 2-3 hours.

The secret to our soup is the combination of all the

different herbs. People think that the different combinations help fight against the wet or the heat.

If you ever have the chance to visit a Southerners' kitchen, you will find many drawers containing lots of different herbs. In fact, there are so many that you may think it looks like a medicine store.

And what is the standard of a good housewife? Making a delicious soup of course!

Another tradition in my land is drinking tea. But it is not as simple as just drinking a cup of tea. Drinking tea is about the time that people spend to form business relationships, it's about making friends and about spending leisure hours with loved ones.

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Be sure to utilize your core house representative. They are there to assist you in your ponderings.

Feeling lost? Ask these guys!

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It's not too early to think about doing these jobs yourself next year. Ask the current officers about job descriptions.

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Mutterings of a Co-op President

I'm Megan Burt, President of the Student Housing Corporation. This is my column. Today, I'm going to write about the SHC Board Retreat. At first, it really doesn't seem like all that interesting of a topic, but we had a blast and I'd like to share the experience with y'all.

A group of wide-awake students congregated in front of Student Services at 9 o'clock on a Saturday morning, ready for a weekend of ... actually no one really knew what to expect, not even myself. We climbed in the cars and drove 2 ½ hours to Camp Timbers in West Branch, MI.

We first ate lunch and then the President called for an official nap time (seeing as we all had the mental capabilities of slugs at that point in time).

After nap time came the death-defying ropes course, designed to strengthen our group skills. Boy did it ever as we all dangled 30 feet

above the ground with nothing but these odd butt-grabbing harnesses to break our fall.

We would have all made it through but mother nature decided to literally rain on our parade. As we made our way back to the cabins, most of us came to the realization that we didn't have any spare clothes (we all packed well).

After we swapped clothes and got cleaned up, we started basic training. I spent time talking about Board Rep responsibilities and how meetings work and every other Executive Committee member gave presentations on how their committees work and what they do – you know, the important stuff.

Saturday evening was adjourned with everyone going their own ways – some to sleep, some to town, some to lose in Euchre against the amazing Bower COUGARS! Go COUGAR POWER.

Sunday morning saw us all looking a little worse for wear, but not worse in spirits. We had rousing conversation, discussing the future of our corporation. Such things were mentioned as House Identification, Inter-house Relations, Maintenance Concerns, Member Responsibility... I could continue, but your BoD rep has the details.

We had a great lunch and headed out to see three final members brave the high ropes course. Unfortunately for them, they had to put on those janked harness things again. For them, it was worth it though. Not every day to you get to cross a wire cable 30 feet above ground with nothing to hold onto but a string.

But I think we are all better for the experience and definitely ready to work together to see this corporation go places. From the President With Dignitude-
MBurt

Habitat for Humanity goes African

By: Renee Felan

About Habitat: Habitat is a non-governmental, ecumenical Christian housing ministry building simple, decent, affordable homes for people in need in 76 countries around the world.

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with local leadership to help communities address their housing needs for themselves.

Potential homeowners are selected according to need and their ability to pay back their mortgage for which the organization does not make any profit or charge interest. Homeowners and volunteers work under trained supervision to help construct the houses, helping keep costs down.

Homes are sold, not given away, and repayments stay within the local community to help build more houses utilizing the revolving "Fund for Humanity."

About the Jimmy Carter Project: Former Unites States President Jimmy Carter is Habitat for Humanity International's most famous volunteer.

Each year, Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter contribute a week of their time-along with their building skills-to build homes and raise awareness of the critical need for affordable housing.

This event is called the Jimmy Carter Work Project (JCWP) and is held at a different location each year attracting volunteers from around the world.

About Africa: This year's JCWP will take place in Africa and will unite the continent in the largest home-building effort in the history of the 16-year old event.

There will be a total of 1000 homes built in 18 countries, with the final 100 being constructed in a five-

day build at the main JCWP 2002 site in Durban, South Africa.

This one-week build will take place from June 3-7.

How to Get Involved: If you would like to learn more about this exciting and life-changing opportunity, you can attend the meetings of the MSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

When: Next meeting is on Monday October 8th 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Northwestern Room of the Union

Or, you can visit the MSU Habitat web site to sign up to be on an e-mail list:
www.msuhabit.org

Or, you can e-mail habitat@msu.edu and include your name, e-mail address and state that you're interested in the 2002 Jimmy Carter Work Project.



Habitat is a major helping hand in the development of houses for those less fortunate.

Liu's China, cont.

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First, we make the tea in a ceramic kettle and then pour some into everyone's cup. Then we all drink it very slowly as it is very hot. During this time, people chat and enjoy dim sen. Literally, dim sen means small quantities of dessert. But, it can actually be a small quantity of anything. There are many different types of dim sen including

porridge, dumplings, fried rice, noodles, cooked vegetables (we never eat raw vegetable in China), seafood and many others. It takes about 3 to 4 hours for "drinking tea." Fresh hot water is added to the kettle 5 or 6 times and we don't change the tealeaf. There are morning teas that go from 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and evening teas that go from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

I don't know how people find time to sleep! Perhaps the best way to show the importance of tea drinking in China is to tell you a well-known line. It is said that if you don't drink tea, you cannot do business in South China.

There are many other traditions in South China that I would be glad to introduce to you later. Thank you for reading.





There are many books on natural cleaning products.

Who really wants to BUY cleaning products?



Your ears will smile and stick straight out in amazement when you clean your house!

Environmentally Clean and Friendly

By: Valerie Krasny

It's tough being a college student, having no money and all. Follow these steps to good housekeeping, and you will save some dollars as well as save the earth.

Is it possible? Of course! Thanks to Annie Berthold-Bond and my friends at Urban Options, I've learned a couple of cool things you can do to save money on shopping for cleaning products!!!

Who really wants to BUY cleaning products? I'm sure there are five million other things we would all rather have than a bottle of toxic toilet cleaner. Have your house shoppers pick up 3-4 boxes of baking soda, one bottle of distilled vinegar and earth friendly liquid soap from the store, and you could have sparkling clean ovens, windows, bathrooms and countertops!

For clean windows:

Rather than purchasing that unnatural blue liquid try this!

2 cups of water
1/4 cup of distilled vinegar
1/2 teaspoon of liquid eco-friendly soap

Put all of this in a spray bottle and use to clean windows around your house! Try to avoid using paper products to clean windows, instead opt for clean rags that can be washed and used again.

Out of rags? Find that T-shirt that you never wear anymore. Cut it into crazy

shapes and presto! source: <http://www.gristmagazine.com/grist/week/bond092899.stm>

Your oven:

Alright I've lived in 2 different co-ops and I don't remember anyone ever cleaning the oven. I think we used to just let that cheese from the pizza kind of burn off until we were all used to the smoke and smell. No more I tell you! This is the easiest way to clean an oven.

First sprinkle baking soda all over the bottom of your oven. 1/4 inch deep. Use a spray bottle with water to soak the soda until it is damp. Go read. Come back in a few hours and re-spray until damp. Visit with your other co-op members. Come back and re-soak. Even overnight is fine. With a sponge you can scoop out the mess.

It will require a bit of rinsing to get all the baking soda out, but you and your fellow housemates will not be inhaling toxic smells and you can spend your money in other ways! Source: <http://www.gristmagazine.com/grist/week/bond100199.stm>

Declogging your drain:

Before you call Stu, try this first! Pour 1 cup of baking soda or washing soda down the drain, followed by 3 cups of boiling hot water. Let this sit for 2 hours. Still nothing? Pour down 1 cup of vinegar. Doing this after the baking soda treatment will

enable the two materials to bubble and gurgle together! Oh how cute!

If this interaction still does not work, try doing the baking soda one more time overnight. If you are still clogged give Stu a call, he's friendly! Source: www.betterbasics.com

Disinfectants:

It is a hazy area as far as naturals are concerned. The EPA has only registered one type of natural disinfectant called the Power Herbal Disinfectant. (The process for registration is extensive and expensive.)

Rumor has it that there are other alternatives to this though. Both lavender and grapefruit seed extract are known to kill mold and bacteria! Use 20 drops of these pure oils in a spray bottle filled with one cup of water and there you have your not-so-official disinfectant spray. Use for cutting boards, countertops, sinks (especially during the flu season) and any other germ area. Source: <http://www.gristmagazine.com/grist/week/bond093099.stm> and www.betterbasics.com

If these recipes seem too time consuming to make, be creative. Know that baking soda works as an abrasive, and mixed with soap will clean everything! Vinegar is used to break grease and sterilize. Remember it is unhealthy to live in a stank-nasty house.

“Weezer” going to have a good time

By: Crystal Solosky

It all started about a week after I had moved into Ferency. I was hanging out in the common area downstairs with two of my new housemates, Steve Parpart and Steve Thelander. The first Steve said he had tickets to see Weezer on September 22nd. The second Steve asked if he could come, and to make a long story short, we were both in for the concert.

Steve Parpart, or Steve-O as he is affectionately referred to in our house, was thrilled to have fellow Weezer fans in his home. Steve Thelander, or Dibo as he has been dubbed, was thrilled to be going to his first Weezer show. This was the start of something good at Ferency.

So on that pleasant autumn evening we started our pilgrimage to pay homage (and about \$60) to one of our favorite bands. We headed to Cobo Arena with a fourth, Aaron Mosier, in tow at approximately 5pm. We cruised down 96 till we hit Novi and decided it was time for some Wendy's.

Apparently we were not the only ones who saw the charm in the Novi Wendy's because that's where we ran into our own president, Megan Burt, with a handful of other New Comm-er's. So several burgers, a bunch of fries and a frosty or two later, we all resumed our journey.

After first driving in circles around the place for about 15 minutes we parked Steve-O's plum Taurus and wandered into the excited crowd that was swarming outside.

I believe there was also a red wings game that night because there were ten tons of people in the red and white jerseys. Never the less, the place was packed. We finally found our way to the right burly security guard who gave us all lovely purple wrist



bands and let us loose on the floor.

Yeah, that's right, the floor. I hear the New Comm-er's were up in the seats. But before we could go in, we had to spend even more of our hard earned cash on the time honored tradition of concert tee shirts. So another \$25+ each and we headed in.

Everyone was camped out at the front by the stage. So we found a spot to sit till The Start (the opening band) came out. A chick led punky sort of group, they came across as something like No Doubt meets Orgy, according to Aaron. They put on a good show, including an excellent cover of Nirvana's Breed.

The second opener, Cold, didn't show. According to Steve-O they were booed off the stage the night before in Chicago. And he should know, he was there. We waited for what seemed like an eternity for the lights to dim again and for Weezer to grace us with their presence.

Then, the lights cut, the crowd surged forward with anticipation and deafening cheers filled the arena. They kicked things off with *Island in the Sun*, which is now one of my favorite songs. The Steve's fought their way to the front while Aaron and I hung out a little further back. My intense fear of being moshed to death was not fulfilled luckily.

The lighting was decent, they had spots that were sort of cloud shaped at one point. They used smoke machines on either side of the stage that went off like volcanoes during hash pipe.

They played beaeueach other and sounded fairly close to their recorded songs. They even tossed in a few new ones from their next album which was a treat.

All in all it was a marvelous experience, in spite of the short set list (only 19 or so songs.) During the final three songs they lowered a giant winged, "W," from above that lit up in time with the music. Very cool.

It was hands down the best concert I have ever been to. The whole place was alive with music and light and sweaty people shoving each other. We caught up with the Steve's after the lights came back up.

Dibo actually made it up to the stage. We hadn't seen him the whole show. His entire outfit was dripping with sweat. He took off his shirt and literally wrung the liquid out of it. So I was gracious enough to lend him an extra shirt I had brought along. He looks good in women's clothing....

We ended our night with Weezer at the National Coney Island at 12 mile and Groesbeck. It was a superb night of house bonding and quality entertainment. I recommend seeing Weezer with your favorite housemates to all of you.

“My intense fear of being moshed to death was not fulfilled luckily.”

www.weezer.com





“Lord Mullet says —
Party like rock stars!”



Party-throwing for fun and people (not profit)

By: John Soltysiak

As the newly-appointed Social Coordinator for New Community, I recently found myself faced with the task of organizing New Comm's first house party for the year.

Now, I've never exactly been the "social butterfly" type, so preparing our house for the onslaught of perhaps hundreds of fun-seeking masses seemed a bit daunting at first. With the help of my excellent housemates, though, I was able to coordinate what some who attended the party called "the greatest Party ever held at Michigan State."

While such praise may have been a bit excessive, there was still little doubt that we had organized a successful Party. So that other co-ops may enjoy even more successful Parties, I present to you...New Comm's Five Tips for a Successful Party:

ATTIRE IS CRITICAL.

Two hours before our party was set to begin, I suddenly became utterly convinced that our party would not be successful unless I was dressed in a pair of camouflage pants. With that, my roommate and I set out to scour Lansing's finest thrift shops in search of said pants.

Sadly, we found none, and I ended up going to our party in shorts. So plan ahead! You don't want to be caught without that perfect garment.

IF YOU CAN'T GET THE CLOTHES, GO FOR THE GLASSWARE

We may not have found a pair of camouflage pants, but

we did find some wonderful glassware which we used at the party. My roommate found a fantastic margarita glass from a casino in Las Vegas. We promptly dubbed it "the Challice," and the beer flowed from it copiously all night. I myself found a marvelous oversized shot glass, which the kind lady at the register gave to me for free. So I should probably insert a plug here for the Volunteers of America thrift store on Cedar, since they're such nice people.

INSPIRE YOUR GUESTS

My housemate, Joe, who happens to be a phenomenal artist, posted one of his drawings in the entranceway for all to see. It was of a long-haired, mustachioed man, with the caption: "Lord Mullet says - Party like rock stars!" You see, it's important that your party's guests have a clear purpose in mind when they enter your house. If they have a clear concept of what they are expected to do from the very beginning, you are more likely to have a successful party.

KNOW THY SPECIAL EFFECTS

Little did we know that a fog machine would set off the house-wide fire alarm. While it did help clear out a bit of the mass which was quickly reaching unmanageable size, it was not fun to consult with other intoxicated housemates and try to reach a consensus on whether or not the fire alarm automatically dialed 911.

LOVE THY UPHOLSTERY

The less absorbent surfaces

there are exposed, the better. One of my sharp-witted housemates was astute enough to remove all padding whatsoever from our sofas, leaving only their prison-style wood frames.

This was definitely the best move we could have made in preserving our house. At a house party this summer, we made the mistake of leaving the upholstery on the couches, which left a stinky mess the next day.

Somehow, at house parties, people tend to excrete body odors at ten times the usual rate. On the plus side, the Brody Complex was kind enough to rent us their "Vonschrader Machine," which did a fine job at removing the odors.

This brings me to my second plug of this article: The Vonschrader Machine. It's one fine odor-erasing device! In summary: People smell. Do everything you can to keep them from smelling up your lovely cooperative home.

While this article probably makes no sense whatsoever (hey, it's 1 AM and I was told that education officer needed this article yesterday), I hope that whatever lucidity you can extract from it can help you plan a successful Party for your house.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at The New Community sometime after the 15th of the month, when my criminal trial shall be over.

Be sure to read next month's Pine Press when I present my next installment, "Holding Litigation-Free House Parties." Until then...

Body image re-evaluated...

By: Beth VanderGalien

Did you know that in a major university study, researchers found that 94% of men are unhappy with their muscle tone? Another major study found that 80% of women are dissatisfied with their bodies. Are these surprising numbers to you?

They were to a number of students on campus which prompted them to start a student organization called RUBI- Respecting and Understanding Body Image.

RUBI's mission is to promote positive body image and increase eating disorder awareness at MSU. With so many students trying to tone those tummies and bulk up those biceps,

they never seem to think about what it would be like to just love themselves the way they are. Most people do not accept themselves and work out just for their health- they do it to look as much like a super model as they can. This kind of behavior can become very destructive.

How can you support positive body image and healthy eating? Here are a few ideas on what you can do:

- Do not label food as good or bad. All foods can be included in a healthy diet (yes, even Double Fudge Brownie ice cream) if you eat them in moderation.

- Do not let your weight or shape keep you from activities you enjoy or from wearing clothes that you like.
- Ask yourself, "Is appearance more important than personality?"

If you would like to know more about how you can promote positive body image or are interested in finding more out about RUBI, they have meetings the first Monday of every month in room 247 Olin Health Center. If you have further questions about eating disorders or healthy eating, call 353-0718 to make an appointment with the Michigan State dietitian. It is totally free if you are a

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Our cooperative principles promote quality housing and services. As individuals we are empowered through democratic participation to create a community equally accessible to all. As an organization we are committed to expand the Cooperative movement.

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Current house reservations can be made now through November 2nd.

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1. University Relations has developed a website to serve as Michigan State University's portal for news, events, and other information relating to the attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and other terrorist acts of September 11, 2001. It will also serve as a vehicle to deliver new information of the war on terrorism as it becomes available:
<<http://sept11.msu.edu>>.
2. Tuesday, October 9, 2001; 4:30 p.m.; 339 Case Hall. "SEPTEMBER 11 AND ITS AFTERMATH: Implications for US Foreign Policy and the Middle East" featuring James Madison College Professor Michael Rubner. All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate. Refreshments will be available.

1. Open a new Microsoft Word doc.
2. Type in Q33 NY in capitals (this is the flight number of the first plane to hit the WTC)
3. Highlight it.
4. Change the font size to 72.
5. Change the font to wingdings.
6. You'll be spooked!!!

From an e-mail forward. Try it out to see for yourself...