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Next COGS Full Council Meeting:  
Wednesday November 9, 2011  
5:30pm—7:30pm  
Radiology Bldg. Auditorium  

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MSU Homecoming Game Graduate Student Tailgate!  
The Council of Graduate Students will be hosting their last 2011 Tailgate this Saturday 10/22/11! Come join your fellow graduate and professional students and cheer for MSU as they take on Wisconsin during MSU’s homecoming celebration! Food is provided and the event is free with no registration required and open to all graduate and professional students! Find us under the big Green and White tent on the front lawn of Chittenden Hall. We will be streaming the game LIVE on a 55” TV! Tailgate begins at 6:00pm. BYOB  

COGS Works to Strengthen Partnerships with Students Outside of East Lansing  
By Rachel Jackson, The State News  
The Council of Graduate Students, or COGS, is working to strengthen its relationship with MSU’s medical campuses across the state by holding events and fundraisers to unite graduate students from all the sites. Students at other campuses pay the same tax to COGS that East Lansing students do and should have the same access to resources, COGS president Stefan Fletcher said. Both the College of Osteopathic Medicine, or COM, and the College of Human Medicine, or CHM, have campuses outside of East Lansing. COM has two campuses at the Detroit Medical Center and the Macomb University Center, and CHM also operates out of the Secchia Center in Grand Rapids. COGS Medical School Liaison Suzy Borkowski said these three campuses are relatively new, and as they have grown, communication has grown more difficult because of the distances between the campuses. “The situation is new for both students and administrators,” she said. Fletcher said the issue has not been discussed much in the past from a student standpoint but should be addressed as soon as possible. “It’s important that students — where applicable and appropriate — have access to COGS as a government organization,” he said. COM Student Government Association President Danielle Harik said student government officials met with students from the different colleges at an orientation in the summer but have not held any other meetings. She said students in Detroit and Grand Rapids have grown content even without communication back to the East Lansing campus. Harik said students in the distant campuses often feel like a family and are somewhat reluctant to work on expanding their communication with the East Lansing campus. No specific plans have been made to begin the rebuilding process, but COGS leadership has attended meetings to discuss it further, Borkowski said. Fletcher said he has visited each of the external campuses to meet with student government leaders and administration to work on rebuilding relationships. He suggested cosponsoring events and fundraisers to encourage frequent communication between the colleges. Harik said a community service event would encourage the different medical colleges to collaborate and communicate more frequently. “The distance makes it hard, but I think it’s important to work together,” she said.
COGS Disciplinary Leadership Award

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COGS Disciplinary Leadership Award applications and nominations.

DUE Nov 11, 2011
Accepting this award may affect any federal loans that you have.

Event Funding Funds Still Available

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COGS Event Funding Application & Guidelines

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The Council of Graduate Students and the Greek Community present:

Safe Halloween 2011

Safe Halloween is Thursday October 27th from 5:30PM - 7:30PM on MAC!

Safe Halloween takes place along M.A.C. Avenue between Burcham and Elizabeth streets in East Lansing. It is an annual event in which fraternity and sorority chapters host a 'street carnival' of Halloween activities for area children to enjoy. The purpose of Safe Halloween is to provide a safe alternative to trick-or-treating for the children of East Lansing’s community.

Children will enjoy trick-or-treating, games and interaction with college students in one of MSU’s predominantly Greek neighborhoods. M.A.C. and surrounding streets are closed off for the event, inviting children to enjoy haunted houses and festive games at each sorority house. In the streets, a DJ serenades the Greek community and trick-or-treaters alike as they can choose to bounce on the moonwalk or carouse the activities sponsored by chapter houses.

With an estimated 200 volunteers from the MSU Greek community and financial sponsorships provided by area businesses and community partners, this free, annual event has become enormously popular in recent years.

Safe Halloween provides a means for chapters to participate together in a non-alcoholic philanthropy project, and to facilitate positive public perceptions of the Greek community.

For more information contact Amanda at (248) 709-0309, Kathleen Loftus (loftusk3@msu.edu) or Patrick Hunt (huntes1@msu.edu)

November Graduate Student Coffee Hour

Tuesday, November 22nd 3:00—5:00pm
Room 110 Student Services
This Month’s Topic: STUMP THE DEAN!
Featuring: Karen Klomparens, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

Wondering how to get funding? How to resolve a conflict with your advisor? Have a concern or opinion you’d like to voice? This is your chance to ask ANY questions you have about graduate school — hence, STUMP THE DEAN!

No Registration Required.
No questions? Still stop by for free refreshments, prizes, and to meet other graduate students!

Sponsored by Graduate Student Life & Wellness

Watch a video from last year’s SAFE Halloween event here: SAFE HALLOWEEN 2010

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