



Quarterly Programs & Issues Report

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Exposure, The Sci-Files, The Undercurrent and The State are shows that focus on events, issues, and programs that affect the greater Lansing area and Michigan State University. All shows are archived and are available as podcasts on our website, www.impact89fm.org, and popular podcast services such as iTunes and Spotify.

Exposure: Sundays 8:30-9 A.M.

The Sci-Files: Sundays 9:30-10 A.M.

The Undercurrent: Sundays 10:30-11 A.M. (bi-weekly)

The Reporter Roundtable: Sundays 10:30-11 A.M (bi-weekly)

The State: Monday-Friday 9 A.M.

These programs are designed to allow student and community groups a broadcast outlet. WDBM-FM provides the facilities, an engineer and a host.

Topics this quarter included:

October 1st, 2023:

The Undercurrent: On this week's episode of The Undercurrent, host Claire Bacarella talks with three MSU freshmen about their experiences in their first month of college.

Exposure: On this SPOOKY episode of Exposure, Tessa Kresch spoke with August and Zoe from the MSU Paranormal Society in honor of it being the first day of October. The Paranormal Society is a Student Organization filled with ghost hunters who seek to understand all things paranormal.

October 3rd, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the month focusing on campus news, sudden sinkhole occurs on campus, causes and future risks remain unclear. For our second headline focusing on more campus news, MSU instructor on leave after students discover meth lab arrest. For our final headline focusing on city news, a lost space for the outdoor community: Grand River Ave. Moosejaw to close.

October 4th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, MSU's Career Closet: Clothing for young professionals. For our second headline focusing on city news, first-come, first-serve: students line up outside of The Abbot in hopes of signing a lease. For our final headline focusing on student life, students bring back MSU skydiving club to "enjoy the beauty of skydiving."

October 5th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on student life, FAME program supports foster youth alumni at MSU and beyond. For our second headline focusing on campus news, MSU offers an introductory course to indigenous language Kichwa. For our final headline focusing on more campus news, Spartan Family Sensory Room: A place for everyone to enjoy Spartan sports.

October 6th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on national news, a national emergency alert went off Wednesday on phones. Here's what to know. For our second headline focusing on city news, Mayor's Youth Commission to be introduced to East Lansing. For our final headline of the week focusing on community news, Lansing Art Gallery and Education Center: A place to showcase diversity.

October 8th, 2023

Exposure: On this week's episode of Exposure, Tessa Kresch spoke with Mallory, Sami, and Joseph from Michigan State Mock Trial. MSUMT is a public-speaking student organization that works on crafting legal cases, taking on the roles of lawyers and witnesses, and then going head-to-head with other colleges.

The Sci-Files: On the first episode with the new hosts of The Sci-Files, Mari Dowling and Dimitri Joseph interview Megan McGrath. Interacting with the world relies on our ability to take in information and stimuli from our environment and integrate it into a cohesive explanation of what is happening around us. But the world is full of constant, unending stimuli...so how do we know what to pay attention to? If we were consciously aware of everything that was happening in the world, we would never be able to function, so our brains have a built in "gain function", aka the thalamus. This brain structure allows us to fine tune what sensory information actually makes it up to our cortex for conscious processing so that we can get an accurate picture of the world without becoming overwhelmed. But what happens when this goes wrong? And what can that teach us about how to utilize this system to our advantage? That is Megan's main interest in her research. An aspiring anesthesiologist and consciousness researcher, Megan is interested in the networks necessary for arousal and attention and how sensory input is essential to the conscious experience. Her research focuses on the physiologic underpinnings of thalamic disruption and understanding how small differences in these networks lead to large changes in behavior, pushing to the extreme end of disruption; unconsciousness and anesthesia. She hopes that by gaining a more complete picture of thalamic networks and the spectrum of sensory processing disorders, she can begin to develop a more complete picture of consciousness.

October 9th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the week focusing on Michigan State Volleyball, Spartan volleyball fans set attendance record as MSU hosts Nebraska. For our second headline focusing on city news, MSU students rally at the Capitol for greater food security on Michigan campuses. For our final headline of the day focusing on student life, MSU Spartan Hackers use technology to innovate life hacks.

October 10th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, MSU trustee, search committee chair concedes to president search criticism. For our second headline focusing on city news, local artists show out their talent at Old Town's "Arts Night Out." For our final headline focusing on health, MSU experts say self-care can help survivors during recovery, healing process.

October 11th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, new MSU program will eliminate tuition costs for eligible students starting next year. For our second headline focusing on environmental news, an in-depth look into the life of a tree on MSU's campus. For our final headline focusing on entertainment, 'To Kill A Mockingbird' Broadway show plays at MSU Wharton Center.

October 12th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, ASMSU ends door-to-door campaigning, discusses university plans and sextortion at meeting. For our second headline focusing on community news, student groups hold vigil to honor Israelis killed this past weekend. For our final headline of the day focusing on MSU clubs, MSU fencing club hosts first open tournament in over a decade, wins three medals.

October 13th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on city news, outages leave parts of Grand River, 1400 BWL customers without power. For our final headline of the week focusing on community news, cleanest room on campus? MSU's 'Moist Towelette Museum.'

October 16th, 2023:

The Undercurrent: On this week's episode of The Undercurrent, you may have seen him in TV shows like NCIS, The Big Bang Theory or Jane the Virgin, but this week he's guest starring on WDBM. Our host Claire Bacarella interviews MSU alum and Hollywood actor Jeff Witzkie.

October 22nd, 2023:

Exposure: On this week's episode of Exposure, Tessa Kresch spoke with 4 members of the MSU Ballroom Dance Team about their experience in this club! The MSU Ballroom Dance Team is a team that welcomes all students and members of the community, creating a culture of successful competitive, and social ballroom dancers.

The Sci-Files: Ben is a graduate student in the Departments of Integrative Biology and Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior at Michigan State University. His research interests include understanding how species adapt to changing environments, especially thermal stress and conservation of coldwater fishes. Ben uses genomic tools to improve our understanding of species conservation by examining adaptive potential and genetic health in wild trout populations.

October 30th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, MSU won't hold spring classes in Berkey Hall rooms impacted by shooting. For our second headline focusing on the MSU Board, MSU board battle escalates at tense meeting. For our final headline of the day focusing on city news, Lansing precinct workers get ready for new early voting procedures.

October 31st, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on community news, university health professionals coordinate care through eating disorder team. For our second headline focusing on campus news, 'Odyssey' play, acting company came to the Wharton Center. For our final headline of the month focusing on more community news, 'Compound Kinetics' performs in Lansing with an intention to inspire change.

November 1st, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the month focusing on campus news, Associated Students of MSU calls on board to release Nassar documents. For our second headline focusing on more campus news, MSU instructor connected to meth lab fired for 'unprofessional behavior.' For our final headline of the day focusing on MSU Football, 'spoiling means you're a scrub, and I ain't a scrub.' Harlon Barnett looking to end losing streak on Senior Day.

November 2nd, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on community news, Sparrow Hospital looks to expand mass casualty protocol following MSU shooting. For our second headline focusing on environmental news, Baker Woodlot inducted into national network of old-growth forests. For our final headline focusing on more community news, '2023 has been difficult': MSU holds winter wear drive for underserved Lansing communities.

November 3rd, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, MSU tenure-stream faculty launch union effort, leaders say 44% already support. For our second headline focusing on MSU Football, senior MSU football lineman gearing up for final go at Spartan Stadium against Nebraska.

November 5th, 2023:

Exposure: On this episode of Exposure, Tessa Kresch speaks with Riley Jeffery, Anna Parcels, Clay Griffin, and Holly Jo Sparks about the Spartan Housing Cooperative, a place where residents come together to create vibrant communities, and where opportunities for personal growth and meaningful connections are emphasized.

The Sci-Files: Alyssa studies the reproductive biology of African electric fish, called mormyrids, with a focus on their sperm and eggs. These freshwater fishes are found throughout lakes and river throughout the African continent and are used by research laboratories across the globe to study questions in evolution, neuroscience, behavior, and other biological disciplines. Besides their amazing ability to produce electricity, these fishes are also unique in that their sperm cells lack tails. Almost all animal sperm cells have a tail that allows them to swim to eggs to achieve fertilization, but the sperm of these fish do not! This is the only known case of tailless sperm evolving within a vertebrate lineage (it has evolved within 35 other lineages, but all of them are invertebrates). It is unknown what caused mormyrid sperm to lose its tail and how their sperm is still able to travel to and fertilize eggs. Furthermore, the morphology of mormyrid sperm has been known since the 1970s, but very little is known about mormyrid eggs. Alyssa's work aims to understand how mormyrid sperm lost its tail, how their sperm is still able to fertilize eggs, and to characterize the morphology of the previously ignored female gametes.

November 6th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the week focusing on MSU football, MSU football seniors take first conference win of 2023 on Senior Day. For our second headline focusing on campus news, MSU classroom lock policy follows some recommendations, disregards others. For our final headline focusing on city news, MSU club spreads magic throughout Lansing.

November 7th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on city news, pedestrian killed in hit-and-run at intersection of Michigan Avenue and University Drive. For our second headline focusing on campus news, NAACP calls out MSU for complacency, lack of attention to Black student needs. For our final headline focusing on campus business, MSU to lead mid-Michigan in its establishment as a national technology hub.

November 8th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, MSU board silent on proposed Nassar docs special meeting. For our second headline focusing on more campus news, MSU says active violent intruder training no longer mandatory, still being developed. For our final headline focusing on entertainment news, rapper, singer Kurtis Blow coming to Wharton Center for 'The Hip Hop Nutcracker.'

November 9th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, MSU announces external firm to investigate board chair Vassar's actions. For our second headline focusing on business, it's a hit: Willie Nelson's line of cannabis nearly sells out following its debut in Michigan. For our final headline focusing on community news, 'It's on us' week of action events aim to raise sexual violence awareness, support survivors.

November 10th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, MSU College of Education seniors want to make their voices heard in the face of miscommunication. For our second headline focusing on community news, The Allen Farmers Market: A source of year-round local produce. For our final headline of the week focusing on MSU Football, MSU Football looks to ride momentum to avoid another blowout loss to top-ranked opponent.

November 12th, 2023:

Exposure: On this week's episode of Exposure, Tessa Kresch spoke with Bella Pilon, Kiesha Noviss, and Brendan Amin from the Michigan State University Fencing Club. The MSU Fencing Club is a university-recognized athletic club dedicated to learning, teaching, and competing in the sport of fencing

November 13th, 2023:

The Undercurrent: On this week's episode of The Undercurrent, host Claire Bacarella talks with Spartan Marching Band drum major, Lacy Jewell.

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the week focusing on campus news, MSU president search nears end in secrecy, amid tumult. For our second headline focusing on campus events, MSU groups hold food drive for student parents. For our final headline of the day focusing on more events, MSU Broad Art Museum's 'The CORE' holds grand opening.

November 14th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus life, the WILD conference brings a sense of healing to a community. For our second headline focusing on city news, Lansing poll finds higher need for public safety. For our final headline focusing on campus entertainment, MSU Abrams Planetarium screens Pink Floyd show, 'The Dark Side of the Moon.'

November 15th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, Interim President Woodruff addresses concerns that MSU lacks support for marginalized students. For our second headline focusing on campus safety, MSU students say sirens, safety alerts can be triggering following campus shooting. For our final headline focusing on city entertainment, East Lansing Film Festival's opening night features documentaries, shorts ahead of week-long activities.

November 16th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, MSU's athletic gender equity problems are worse than they seem, advocates say. For our second headline focusing on MSU safety, MSU updates off-campus aggravated assault reports from 3 to 5. For our final headline focusing on student life, Alpha Phi Alpha hosts annual Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant: Women celebrate night in elegance.

November 17th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on student life, student mental health clubs prioritize culture and community to combat stigma. For our final headline of the week focusing on MSU Football, MSU Football looks to get back in win column on the road as they travel to face Indiana.

November 19th, 2023:

Exposure: On this week's episode of Exposure, Tessa Kresch spoke with members of the a cappella group, State of Fifths. Guests highlighted Karina Stankowski, Mia Simone, and Carter Strong. State of Fifths is an award-winning co-ed a cappella group that was founded in the fall of 2008 at Michigan State University.

The Sci-Files: Period poverty is an important, yet often ignored, public health crisis. The social shame and steep cost of menstrual products often push low-income people to adopt unhygienic practices during menstruation, negatively impacting their health, education, and dignity. Specifically, period poverty significantly impacts young menstruators in universities. The lack of access to menstrual hygiene products forces many students to resort to rags, paper towels, toilet paper, and other substitutes, increasing the risk of several reproductive health issues. According to a study conducted by Days for Girls, about 25% of menstruating students struggle to afford menstrual products. The emotional toll from the deep-rooted stigma surrounding menstruation along with the inaccessibility of menstrual products negatively impacts the self-perception and mental health of students. BMC Women's Health estimated that 68% of college students who experience period poverty also experience moderate to severe depression. Nupur and Harsna worked with the Department of Epidemiology and MSU College of Human Medicine Public Health professors to create and roll-out a survey identifying demographic factors, accessibility factors, and perceptions on menstruation of Michigan State menstruators. Their results confirmed the need and benefit for an increased accessibility to free menstrual products at Michigan State University. Mission Menstruation X MSU successfully communicated these findings to MSU Administration, securing over 200 university-funded free menstrual dispensers across campus in women's and gender-neutral restrooms.

November 27th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the week focusing on Michigan State Football, meet MSU Football's new head coach Jonathan Smith. For our second headline focusing on student life, dining options made available to students staying on campus during Thanksgiving break. For our final headline focusing on environmental news, what do the Beal Gardens do during the winter?

November 29th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, Izzo sees "brighter days" with new president after "embarrassing" MSU board conduct. For our second headline focusing on health, Sparrow supports employee mental health by targeting overall wellness. For our final headline of the day focusing on MSU Football, MSU football starting quarterback Katin Houser enters name into transfer portal.

November 30th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline focusing on community news, Kathy Wilbur, staple of MSU community and state government, dies at 70. For our second headline focusing on city news, Lansing businesses navigate the holiday season after the pandemic. For our final headline of the day focusing on MSU Football, Jonathan Smith introduced as MSU Football head coach at press conference.

December 1st, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the month focusing on campus news, UNC chancellor said he'll only take MSU presidency if board promises not to interfere. For our second headline focusing on more campus news, protests disrupt Buttigieg's speech at annual public service forum, one arrested. For our final headline of the week focusing on more campus news, listening, learning, leading: MSU Extension's collaborative approach to progress.

December 3rd, 2023:

Exposure: On this episode of Exposure, Tessa Kresch speaks with Kesem at MSU, a non-profit organization that provides a week of summer camp and year-round support for children impacted by a parent's cancer. Guests highlighted Nadia Gonzalez, Nichole Parker and Sam Martignon.

December 4th, 2023:

The Undercurrent: On this week's episode of The Undercurrent, host Claire Bacarella talks with two alumni who played the role of Sparty.

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the week focusing on campus news, deadline to request Credit-No Credit extended until Dec. 8. For our second headline focusing on city news, dozens of dollars in donuts will be donated to Lansing nonprofits. For our final headline of the day focusing on more campus news, everything you need to know about fall commencement 2023.

The Reporter Roundtable: As a disclaimer in this episode, there are comments and references referring to the Feb. 13 mass shooting that took place on Michigan State University's campus earlier this year. This is a sensitive topic being discussed; helpful resources can be found at caps.msu.edu. We speak with reporters from Great Lakes Echo and Focal Point News about their recent work, ethical reporting of sensitive topics, fall weather, and climate change. Teanna Barnes of Focal Point News discusses her story about the memorial trees on Michigan State University's campus. Reese Carlson is here to speak about her recent story on Great Lakes Echo, Michigan State's environmental news service, regarding how Climate Change impacts the colors of fall foliage.

December 5th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on local events, MSU Pavillion hosts Winterland Classic Dog Show. For our second headline focusing on campus news, the Starbucks in MSU's main library is set to open for the spring semester. For our final headline of the day focusing on more local events, UAB hosts 60th annual arts and crafts show at MSU Union.

December 6th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on campus news, active violence training now available 'strongly recommended' for MSU community. For our second headline focusing on events, musical artists, experts discuss hip-hop and Black culture at MSU School of Journalism event. For our final headline of the day focusing on MSU Hockey, 5 MSU hockey players invited to selection caps for World Junior Championships.

December 8th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first headline of the day focusing on MSU Football, Nine MSU football players earn All-Big Ten Recognition. For our second headline focusing on Basketball, MSU men's basketball suffers loss to No. 23 Wisconsin after another slow start. For our final headline of the day focusing on student life, finals week stress: MSU students and expert share studying tips.

December 9th, 2023:

The State: In the news today: For our first story of the day focusing on MSU Football, MSU coach Jonathan Smith adds 11 new coaches to football staff. For our second story focusing on campus news, The Roost to reopen at International Center in early January. For our final story of the semester focusing on more campus news, Harmful Language Remediation Working Group looks to eliminate harmful language in MSU, national library catalogs.

