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Mark your calendars for Nov. 3, 2007 and come wearing your best alumni gear. The event will be held at Floods. For more info on the Urban Tailgate or other events hosted by the Detroit Chapter, contact Chuck Smith, 313-595-7549 or visit www.msuba.org-det.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

JANUARY

20 – MSUBA Board Meeting in Lansing, MI.

MAY

TBA – MSUBA Board Meeting in Detroit, MI.

JULY

TBA – MSUBA Board Meeting in Detroit, MI.

OCTOBER

12-14 MSU Homecoming

Event information in future newsletters.

NOVEMBER

3 – Detroit Chapter's Urban Tailgate at Floods.

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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF BLACK ALUMNI, STUDENTS AND FACULTY

MSU, U OF M, WSU SEEK PROPOSAL 2 DELAY

BY LORI HIGGINS, FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER DEC. 11, 2006

Michigan's big three universities – Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Wayne State University – announced today they are asking a federal court for a short-term delay in implementing the requirements of Proposal 2, which bans affirmative action programs.

The delay would allow the universities to use existing policies to complete admissions and financial aid for students who will enroll for the fall 2007 semester.

“It would be extremely difficult and unfair to prospective students, to change our admissions and financial aid processes in midstream,” U of M President Mary Sue Coleman said in a statement released this afternoon.

Proposal 2, passed by voters in the November election, goes into effect Dec. 22.

“It would be nearly impossible to flip a switch on Dec. 23 and change our procedures abruptly,” Coleman said.

Michael Boulus, executive director of the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, applauded the universities for seeking a delay. He said the impact of Proposal 2 is still unclear in many respects, and a delay will give the universities more time to respond.

“There are a lot of universities relying on the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State to carry on this issue, until we can figure out what Proposal 2 means in greater certainty,” Boulus said.

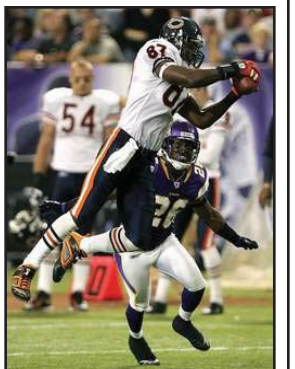
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MUSHIN MUHAMMAD WINS EMMY

BY JAY MARIOTTI SUN-TIMES COLUMNIST OCT. 1, 2006

The Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards were announced Sunday night and Bears wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad won an Emmy for his work on the “Hangin’ with the Moose” segment that appeared on Comcast SportsNet’s “SportsNite” during the 2005 NFL season. Additional honors also went to “Hangin’ with the Moose” producers Lissa Druss-Christman, Kevin Cross and Willie Parker. This season, Muhammad can be seen on Comcast SportsNet at 9:30 p.m. every Thursday on “Countdown to Kickoff with Muhsin Muhammad.”



YEAR IN REVIEW BY PRESIDENT VEDA DOVE-WASHINGTON

On behalf of the MSUBA board, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support. We wish you and your families a happy, safe and joyous holiday season.

What a memorable year for MSUBA! We reached our One Million Dollar Endowment Fund goal during Homecoming 2006. We hosted alumni events in Chicago and Detroit. We participated and/or contributed to numerous student events. More than 30 scholarships were giving to deserving students. We opposed Michigan's Proposal 2. We submitted input to the selection process for MSU's new football coach, by challenging the Athletic Department to recruit and select qualified blacks to positions of authority.

By far, our proudest accomplishment in 2006 was when we reached our Million Dollar Endowment Fund Campaign goal. This milestone was achieved due to generous MSUBA donors who support and value higher education through monetary giving. Their contributions ensure a that a legacy continues to aid future black students at MSU.

MSUBA is currently the only black alumni group to

reach the million dollar mark. University officials have recognized our accomplishment and will celebrate our achievements in the near future.

To learn more about contributing to the MSUBA Endowment Scholarship Fund or to establish your own endowment, contact Barbara Ball-McClure, MSU Development Office, 517-432-7330 or visit: <http://www.givingto.msu.edu>

We are committed to keeping you informed on activities and events by mailing quarterly newsletters. We are working to maintain an accurate mailing and financial membership list. Please help us achieve this goal by keeping your information updated. We look forward to acknowledging your continued support at Homecoming 2007.

Though some of our concerns did not result in the outcomes we desired, MSUBA is working to ensure opportunities and achieve equality for faculty, students and staff. We will continue to challenge MSU to live up to the principles of inclusion set forth in its strategic plan, "Boldness by Design".

Stay tuned.....

DR. LEE JUNE RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Retractment: MSUBA Focus' Summer Edition placed an incorrect photo for Dr. June. We sincerely apologize and have included his correct photo in this edition.

Dr. Lee June, Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, Assistant Provost for Academic Student Life and Multicultural Issues at MSU recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award during the All-University Excellence in Diversity 2006 Recognition and Awards Convocation. He has been at MSU for over 30 years and has consistently developed strategies and programs that benefit all students. Dr. June ensures that minority student issues are not slighted. He continues to promote an environment of respect and empowerment for faculty and students. Dr. June sets high expectations for his staff, enhancing the value to diversity and multicultural awareness on campus.



MSU PRESIDENT CONGRATS MSUBA ON ENDOWMENT SUCCESS

September 30, 2006

Dear Fellow Spartans,

It is my great pleasure that I send you this congratulatory message on occasion of your outstanding achievement on behalf of MSU and our bright and hard working students. I know how hard you all have worked to reach this \$1,000,000 goal. It is wonderful to see that there are so many alumni who support our efforts to "enhance the student experience" and support Michigan State University. The students at MSU depend on scholarship endowments to help them attain their own goals and receive a quality education as they strive for greatness. Our students could not go on to the heights they reach without your support. On behalf of MSU and the Board of Trustees, I applaud your efforts.

You have gathered here tonight in a celebration of community. This is the true spirit of the Homecoming tradition. It is a gathering of the extended community made up of all those who wish to see the continued successes of our University. This community includes Alumni, faculty, staff, students, neighbors and friends. We welcome all of our Spartan family back now to share in our college spirit.

You have chosen to celebrate the efforts of the individuals involved in the MSU New Orleans Project this evening. This is just one example of the many wonderful projects your fellow Spartans have been involved in throughout this past year. Tonight, as you celebrate the persons who traveled to New Orleans during this past year, I ask that you take a moment and celebrate yourselves and your wonderful accomplishment. We are proud that you are a part of our Spartan Family and "Team MSU".

Go Green!

Lou Anna K. Simon, Ph.D. President

REFLECTIONS OF 2006 BY ALUM JEANETTE PATERSON

This has been one of the my most exciting years as a member of MSUBA. I've seen the organization show dedication and commitment to issues that were a part of our 2006 agenda.

Reflection #1: So many members worked 24/7 to establish and implement the Endowment Fund that was established by Ron Goldsberry. It has been a great success.

Reflection #2: Representing MSUBA at the Black Celebratory Graduation, The Black Student Alliance Career Seminar, and the Black Power Rally. Sharing information with students and encouraging them to become members. MSUBA continues to be on the impulse of black students, faculty and staff. Student may not have known my name but they knew that I was a representative of MSUBA and were eager to learn more about the organization.

Reflection #3: Homecoming 2006 - held at a new location, worked well. Everyone enjoy themselves and many rekindled friendships. The best part of Homecoming 2006 was the Scholarship Dinner. Recipients met Dr. Ernest Green, Dr. Ingrid Sanders Jones, Dr. Ron Goldsberry, and Dr. Janice Miller. Students were overwhelmed to meet such illustrious and historical people.

I'm committed to the overall growth and continued success of MSUBA. It is a privilege and an honor to be a member.