E-SCOOTERS NOW WELCOME ON CAMPUS

BOT also approves room, board rates at recent meeting

E-scooters and other electric mobility devices are now permitted on campus following an ordinance change approved by the Board of Trustees.

Under the amendment to Ordinance 33.00 (Bicyclist - Traffic), electric mobility devices can be operated in bicycle lanes and on roadways. The MSU Police Department will begin identifying designated parking areas for these devices.

“How students, faculty and staff get around campus is continuously evolving,” said Kelly Roudebush, chief of the MSU Police Department. “Our goal is to provide a safe environment for any type of mobility device, including buses, cars, pedestrians, bicyclists and e-scooters.”

During the April 12 meeting, the board also approved an adjustment in room and board rates for students who live in the residence halls, increasing the rate by 1.95 percent for the 2019-20 academic year. This is the lowest rate increase since 1998. Also beginning in fall 2019, first-year students in the East Neighborhood will benefit from the new Spartan Compass experience pilot program. Students will have access to increased resources and a greater sense of community in Akers and Hubbard halls.

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CAPTURING MSU HISTORY FOR FUTURE SPARTANS

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Thrive at Riverwalk Market in Owen Hall will be certified allergen-free from the top eight food allergens (milk, eggs, soy, wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish) as well as sesame and gluten beginning in July.

The location will be certified by Kitchens With Confidence, a third-party accreditor that will regularly examine protocols and policies to verify the location as being free of the allergens listed. Certification includes reviewing the path of food from delivery at the dock to storage areas, food preparation areas and serving. Grab-and-go packaged items from Sporty’s are excluded. The three venues will serve a wide range of options, such as flavored chicken strips with accompanying sauce options, smoked and barbecue meats, chips, lime pork tacos, grain bowls, vegan “crab” cakes, risotto bowls and allergen-free mac and cheese.

The Sporty’s retail area inside Owen Hall will remain separate from the all-you-care-to-eat concept, maintaining a majority of their regular selections. To accommodate those with food allergies who will dine at Thrive, the Culinary Services team is also considering unique product options for the Sporty’s location at Owen Hall.

ON THE WEB
For more information on the MSU Museum exhibit, visit go.msu.edu/hDH.

The exhibition, which runs to March 2020, is underwritten by Grewal Law PLLC. “This exhibit will help any victim, any survivor, feel seen and understood because finally there is a place in this world that gets them. Finally, there is a space that is safe, a space that knows the pain of survivorship but also the beauty in coming together and rising above the hurt,” said Amanda Thomashow, a sister survivor and co-curatorial advisor. “Museums have become places where we can mirror and chronicle events in society through our exhibits,” Auslander said. “By calling attention to these events, promoting the ideals of democracy and demanding transparency from our institutions, museums give voice to the community, create avenues for dialogue and form a convergence where events of today can be exhibited and discussed for the collective good.”

HUB SEeks Applicants For Fellowship
The Hub for Innovation in Learning and Technology is accepting proposals for the next cohort of Faculty Fellows. The program provides an opportunity for faculty to work on a project that will improve the learning experience for students. Interested educators can submit until May 8. Successful topics will enable the faculty member to design a project intended to redesign or change an area of the course experience at MSU, help create an intellectual community interested in student learning or support directed research and development focused on learning with technology. Application forms can be found at go.msu.edu/HHH.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT EARNS ADDY Award
University Advancement earned an ADDY Award in the junior faculty category. A plan to remove and rehabilitate the Mosaic Award, which was once located on the building, was among the project team’s 15 ideas presented at the recent Ad Club conference and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, commissioned and captured on film — mosaic-video-style — by University Advancement, 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NATURAL SCIENCE ENDOWS FOUR FACULTY

Editor’s note: Nancy DeJoy is an associate professor in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures in the College of Arts and Letters.

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Keara Bullen, service maintenance worker, died April 14. Bullen joined the staff in 2018.

Doris Cuthbertson

Johnnie Hornbuckle
Johnnie Hornbuckle, custodial services, died March 26. Hornbuckle joined the staff in 1965 and retired in 1999.

Robert Kever

Joseph McRae
Joseph McRae, custodial services, died April 5. McRae joined the staff in 2011.

Alvin Rippen
Alvin Rippen, food science and human nutrition professor, died April 6. Rippen joined the staff in 1967 and retired in 1980.

Jack Waterstradt
Jack Waterstradt, HVAC mechanic, died March 29. Waterstradt joined the staff in 1967 and retired in 1997.

Anthony Wojcik

Adam Zutaut
Adam Zutaut, deputy director for the MSU Police Department, died April 2. Zutaut joined the staff in 1960 and retired in 1997.

MQS CONTINUES TO CUT EMISSIONS AS PART OF ENERGY TRANSITION

fred woodhams // sustainability

MSU is working hard toward a cleaner energy future. So far, its environmental impact has been equivalent to planting a half million trees each year. With guidance from a 24-member campus committee, the university is following a plan to continue its transition to a campus increasingly powered by renewable energy. Sherri Jett, director of utilities for Infrastructure, Planning and Facilities, recently answered some questions on the plan.

Q. How has the university reduced emissions while increasing renewable sources? Under the university’s Energy Transition Plan, launched in 2012 and updated in 2017, MSU has substantially reduced greenhouse gases while growing our renewable energy sources. In fact, the university has reduced greenhouse gases by 30 percent from the power plant and other sources. The largest reduction was achieved by ending the use of coal at the T.B. Simon Power Plant in 2016 and replacing it with natural gas. This switch resulted in emissions reductions of more than 400 million pounds of carbon dioxide per year, despite the large growth of MSU’s building square footage and electricity consumption during this time.

The first two renewable energy projects implement- ed under the plan were the anaerobic digester, completed in 2013, and the carporn solar array, which recently completed its first year of operation.

Q. What’s next for power generation on campus? The next step is to upgrade the plant with three recirculating internal combustion engines. The engines will increase energy efficiency and reliability while further reducing emissions and modernizing aging assets. The new engines will allow MSU to generate power independent of steam production, creating a reduction in excess steam production at the existing plant. This will save MSU fuel expenses of nearly $7 million a year and will further reduce emissions by about 100 million pounds of carbon dioxide annually.

Q. How long has MSU operated its own power plant? As the nation’s pioneer land-grant university, MSU was one of the first to use microgrid technology. The university has produced its own electricity and operated its own microgrid since 1894. Microgrids are now celebrated for reliability and cost savings. The T.B. Simon Plant opened in 1965, becoming just the fifth power plant at MSU.

Teal Ribbon awards

Rebecca Campbell, professor in psychology and chairperson of the Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Advisory Workgroup, and Mark Auslander, representing the MSU Museum, accepted Teal Ribbon awards during a ceremony April 15 to recognize those who have shown leadership and commitment to creating awareness and reducing sexual violence in the campus community. Along with Campbell and Auslander (center in above photo), volunteers and interns with the Sexual Assault Program were honored. Justice, a support dog, is seen with honorees and staff of the Sexual Assault Program. PHOTO/DERRICK L. TURNER

Users need to play a role in how we regulate tech giants

On Friday, U.S. senator and presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren proposed a plan to break up tech giants Facebook, Google and Amazon, arguing that they are monopolies with excessive market power. Warren is right that the tech companies that control vast swaths of our communication, commerce and media have become so large and influential that they should be regulated to protect the public interest. But we shouldn’t regulate tech giants the way we manage traditional utilities like water and electricity, and simply breaking companies up won’t solve many of the intractable problems, such as fake news, privacy violations, hate speech and political bias.

This article was written by Anjana Susarla, an associate professor of Information Systems at the Eli Broad College of Business.

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