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This Month in MSU History

1/1/1954 - Spartans won the Rose Bowl against UCLA 28-20 in their first Rose Bowl appearance.

1/1/1964 - The Board of Trustees voted to change the university's name to Michigan State University.

1/6/1997 - Steve Smith donates \$2.5 million to MSU for its new Student-Athlete Academic Center. This gift was the largest ever given to an American university by a professional athlete.

1/27/1967 - The university closed for the first time in its history due to a snowfall of 26 inches.

Birthdays

1/3 - Eaman Ahmad

1/5 - Gabby Krzyske

1/9 - Clara Martin Digon

1/21 - Aaron Carten-Crandell

1/25 - Fiona Graham

1/27 - Navreet Singh

Beaumont Tower Accessibility Project

MANDY ZUCKERMAN, TOWER GUARD MEMBER

When involved in Tower Guard, it is essential to adapt your mindset in order to see where someone who isn't able-bodied might experience difficulty. This mindset allows for more beneficial work to be done to try and assist with giving every student the same high-quality experience on campus. For me personally to develop this, I have been attending the Adaptive Sports and Recreation Club's disability panels, which give students the chance to share their experiences and insight on a wide variety of topics surrounding disability and its culture. I realized when they were talking about individual campus buildings being accessible that Beaumont was not, and it seemed very contradictory considering the organization it represents. It struck me that making the tower accessible was something that needed to happen to make sure that everyone could experience the rich history the tower holds behind its doors. (Continued on pg. 2)



Currently, we have developed a team to start working on different aspects of the project. There are a couple of different end goals circulating right now, and once the team is able to meet and discuss their thoughts on the project, it will become more clear what steps will be taken. By the end of the spring semester, we hope that Beaumont Tower will be accessible for everyone who would like to experience it. This could include virtual tours, three-dimensional models, or various other means for students to see the entirety of the building. The ability to tour the tower this way will have impacts beyond just Tower Guard, as the tower is such a significant landmark. This project is very exciting for the future of Tower Guard, and it will be very intriguing to watch it unfold throughout the semester!

Tower Guard advisor Liz Fuller is assisting Mandy in this groundbreaking project. She is eager to accomplish this project and is looking forward to how the results will benefit MSU in the future. "I am so excited for this year's Tower Guard group to be spearheading an initiative to make Beaumont Tower, a historic landmark and notoriously inaccessible building, accessible to all! These efforts will have lasting impacts not only for Tower Guard and RCPD students, but for past, present, and future alumni as well as all visitors to MSU's campus!"

Reminders!

- The Tower Guard merchandise order form is now available! Have your orders in by January 27th.
- Submit Shamrock 5k logo ideas to D2I under Discussions! 1 hour just for submitting, 4 more hours for the winner!
 - If anyone has any questions, email Jackson at rayerjac@msu.edu
- Big-Sibs meeting information will be sent out soon and there will be a meeting over the break (yet to be decided).
- While the total hour requirement has been decreased to 60-90 hours by the end of the school year, the live hour and e-texting hour requirements have not changed. Members are expected to obtain 20 live hours, and 10 e-texting hours.
 - HOWEVER, the e-texting hour requirement is very likely to decrease depending on the e-texting demand next semester.
- Remember to take pictures of anything Tower Guard and share them with Laya, our TG Historian!
- Attend Spartan Ties and/or Spartan Study to earn live hours!

"I told them their most important job now is the locker room, the dorm room, the hotel room. What they spread, what kind of message they spread, might be as critical as anything."

TOM IZZO
MSU HEAD BASKETBALL COACH



Mandy Zuckerman,
Tower Gaurd member
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Accessibility project.