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UNIVERSITY

MORRILL HALL DEMOLITION PLANNED BY COMMITTEE

Morrill Hall replacement

After surveying potential sites and conferring with a consulting firm, a planning group has proposed to demolish Morrill Hall rather than construct a new building.

Three other sites were surveyed before Wells Hall was selected. Morrill Hall's current location, the parking ramp between Bessey Hall and the Computer Center and land next to the Shaw Lane Power Plant.

Morrill Hall currently houses several academic programs, including the English and history departments, as well as faculty and graduate student offices.

The building, which is more than 100 years old, was approved for demolition after the MSU Board of Trustees deemed it beyond repair.

SOURCE: MSU FACILITIES PLANNING AND SPACE MANAGEMENT

By Zane McMillin THE STATE NEWS

Sheila Teahan isn't a structural engineer, but the associate professor of English can surmise that Morrill Hall, the century-old building that houses her office, is on its last leg.

"I'm convinced it's structurally unsound," she said. "I think it should have been torn down years ago."

Fortunately for Teahan, that wish is closer to becoming the university's command. A planning committee has decided to demolish Morrill Hall, which houses the history, English and religious studies departments. An addition will be made to Wells Hall to accommodate them when Morrill Hall is gone.

The decision comes about seven months after a \$36 million replacement plan for the hall was approved by the MSU Board of Trustees. And although the planning committee — comprised of academic program representatives, university engineers and administrators — was charged with coming up with an alternative to Morrill Hall, the board must give its final approval.

The group examined four potential sites and chose making an addition to Wells Hall as the best option.

"Our next step will be to complete program planning, and I'm thinking it's going to be a couple more months in the process," said Barbara Krantz, assistant director of MSU Facilities Planning and Space Management, at a meeting held Friday to discuss the progress of campus construction projects. "The consultants and the group will begin to look at some concepts of how the building may be constructed, what it might look like (and) how big it'll be. As a part of that, it's a key component to look at the costs associated."

Those costs, she said, include potentially relocating the departments in Morrill Hall into rented space, which might be a disruption factor.

The group worked with a consulting firm to examine potential sites, create a master plan

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Campus construction under way



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From left: Dansville resident Justin Hansen, Mason resident Dennis Heikkila and Alma resident Troy Hooker from a Lansing-area glass company install windows on the fourth floor of an office building being constructed adjacent to the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams. The office buildings are scheduled for completion by the end of July.

By Brittany Shammus THE STATE NEWS

Construction crews are hammering away on projects across campus this summer. University engineer Robert Nestle said road and utilities construction is typically planned for summer because there are fewer people on campus. Inconveniences to students are expected to be minimal this summer, he added.

"There's construction going on all year, but there's types that go on during the summer ... because it disrupts pedestrian and vehicle traffic," he said.

The majority of projects are happening inside university buildings, he said. All buildings remain

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Summer construction



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- 2 Brody Complex
- 3 Farm Lane & Service Road
- 4 Wharton Center
- 5 Owen Hall
- 6 Birch Road & Wilson Road

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For an interactive map of projects happening around campus, visit statenews.com/multimedia.

EAST LANSING

Rental housing close to campus might be available by May 2010

By Kate Jacobson THE STATE NEWS

In addition to possibly approving the 2009-10 fiscal year budget, the East Lansing City Council plans to discuss the future of two century-old houses located on Louis Street at tonight's meeting.

Site plans have been put forward by Community Resource Management Company, or CRM, to build a 12-unit apartment complex that could house up to 48 people on the property where the houses currently stand. The council plans to

set a June 16 public hearing for the project during its meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in City Hall, 410 Abbott Road.

The properties at 131 and 139 Louis St. will be the site for a new apartment complex. Currently, there are two separate houses on the site that are about 100 years old. The project should be completed by May 2010, said Joe Goodsiir, the property owner and developer.

In January, the area was rezoned to an university-oriented, multiple-family residential area. This provides the developer with the ability to construct large-scale rental housing on the property. Since then, two other Louis Street properties have been rezoned as university-oriented, multiple-family residential areas.

Tim Dempsey, assistant director of Planning and Community

Development, said the two houses currently on the property have been deemed functionally obsolete.

"The developer decided to redevelop the property to update it making it more suitable for university (email) housing," Dempsey said.

With the project and the rezoning already approved, the council has to approve a site plan made by the developer, East Lansing Mayor Vic Loomis said.

Because of its proximity to the university and to East Lansing, the zoning makes it desirable for rental housing, Loomis said.

"We think that if anywhere in the city you're going to have that type of zoning, the close

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MONEY

MSU, E.L. receive parts of \$3.8B allotted to state by stimulus funds

By Meredith Skrzypczak THE STATE NEWS

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal stimulus funding has been allocated to MSU and East Lansing in the past 90 days.

Ingham County is using its portion of the \$3.8 billion given to Michigan on road projects, educational improvements and energy efficiency, among other issues. The university has received \$484,667 in work-study grants and the MSU College of Law also will be allotted \$48,102 in work-study grants. East Lansing will receive \$9,967 in public safety grants to promote safety in communities.

The Michigan Economic Recovery Office, which handles the state's stimulus money, held a media roundtable Monday and unveiled a new feature on the state's Web site, michigan.gov/recovery, to show how

each county is spending its funding. About \$200 million has been granted throughout the state, as officials figure how to allocate the remaining \$3.6 billion.

"Every county will benefit from these dollars," said Leslee Fritz, director of the Michigan Economic Recovery Office.

About 3,400 recipients throughout the state have been notified of their allocations. These include schools, nonprofit organizations and, in some cases, individual citizens. The state's recovery Web site will be updated as changes are made in stimulus spending.

"The new Web feature is designed to enhance transparency," said Megan Brown, a spokeswoman for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "The regular (county) reports will ensure that the dollars being spent are being accounted for completely and

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