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MTU To Try Out New Floor-Based Classroom

Shrimple Nicky

Hello fellow students, I've heard through the grapevine that with the new HSTEM building, MTU will be trying out new ways of structuring their classrooms. While Tech has tried this with other rooms before (mainly the rolling chairs in that one MEEM classroom), Tech is doing something entirely unprecedented. It's something that I want to coin as floor time.

The gist of this new classroom concept is that there will be no chairs or tables in this new classroom layout. The entirety of the room will be just a computer and projector for the professor and then the students and all of their stuff on the floor. While I enjoy some floor time myself, I will say that this really is a unique way of structuring a classroom, especially one with a health focus.

This has led me to several questions about the new concept like what I just alluded to earlier. How healthy is it really to have students just sit and lay down on the floor? I'm sure the floors are cleaned everyday (or at least every week), but this will lead to a lot of dirt, grime, and germs getting all over everyone. I'm not sure having such a concept that is so plainly unsanitary is a good thing. Another question is what kind of learning benefits are coming from floor time. I mean, personally, I do my best work on the floor, but not everyone is like that. Has there been any actual studies done on what this new concept can actually accomplish? Are we going to see students bringing yoga mats to class just so they don't have to sit on a dirty floor? There are

many questions to be had.

Writing this article however, I believe I may see why Tech wants to try this concept out. I mean, think about it. Tech has been spending a lot of time and money on the Hstem, the new dorm, and the new parking lots and they haven't introduced a whole lot of new revenue sources (unless you count doubling the price of the commuter pass and upping residence hall pricing) so it makes sense that they would want to try a new design that doesn't require them to spend money. You see, while the building is expensive, furnishing it is also quite expensive as well. In a bid to save money, it is completely feasible that Tech has decided to do away with the chairs and the tables and label it as a "new" and "exploratory" concept.

But what do you think about the new room concept? Do you think it has any potential advantages or disadvantages? Email us at bull@mtu.edu to give your opinions!



Why Is The Parking Disappearing?

Commuter Nicky

As a senior at MTU, I have been through the ringer. I've had to deal with covid, mask mandates, bad dining hall food and so much more, but one thing I never expected was for parking to be taken away from us. On October 2nd of this month, the unthinkable happened, most of the lot that connects to the Rozsa was taken away from us when we needed her most. I'm no stranger to boneheaded moves from admin but this one takes the cake. There has to be a reason why they decided to sacrifice the lot instead of waiting for a new lot to be built first. I know that they have stated that they are building a new dorm building there, but who actually believes them with that? I don't!

I have a theory for why they sacrificed our beloved temporary lot 10 early. They were forced to by the ghost of civil infrastructure's future! Just like how Ebenezer Scrooge became a more giving and warm person after being visited about the future he was bringing to the world, admin was visited by the future they were creating. Admin has realized that infrastructure should not be built with cars in mind but with walking! However, admin, unable to think of a good way to enable walkability, has decided to make it harder to drive to campus instead. It just makes sense as the only explanation for why they have done this.

I mean, I appreciate them trying but there does come a point where the changes are doing more harm than good and aren't actually addressing the actual problem. It's like if someone were to come to me and tell me I need to get in shape and instead of me working out and building muscle, I instead built a cube and went inside of it. I mean, technically I would have followed the words that were spoken to me, but the problem would still be that I need to be in better physical condition.

Now that I think about it, maybe instead of being visited by the ghost of civil infrastructure's future, they were instead visited by Students for Technological Urban Development (STUD). STUD is a new club on campus that has been spouting the need for more walkable cities and infrastructure. It is possible that they were able to get into contact with admin and propose changes that they would like to see and then admin implemented them! Now that I think about it, that sounds insane, admin never listens to the students.

Whatever the reasons may be, our parking is slowly disappearing and I will forever miss my beloved temporary lot 10 (probably because I paid the \$400 to park there). That is all for now dear readers, remember, if you can walk the talk you can talk the walk or something, I don't know.



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