Growing the University Community

From any angle you view it, MU is a community. It’s a community of teachers and learners, a community of scientists, scholars, students and staff. A community whose goal it is to educate, to create new knowledge and to serve the citizens of Missouri. To meet these goals Missouri has, by necessity, a complex campus. And our community is growing. In recent years, MU has experienced a tremendous surge in construction and expansion projects on all corners of campus.

Over the past decade, Missouri has seen a pattern of new construction that ranged annually from $29 million to $45 million. However, the fiscal year 2007 will see new construction projects that total nearly $640 million. That growth is phenomenal, but perhaps even more impressive is that this growth and these improvements are occurring, not just in one area, but in almost every facet of campus life.

New academic buildings such as the Anthrous Burch Natural Resources Building and the Chemistry Building addition, are under construction and will provide students and faculty with state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories and office space. Student living and learning options will be enhanced when the Black Culture Resource Center and the University Bookstore addition to Brady Commons are completed in the months to come.

Missouri’s athletic efforts will be boosted by new facilities that include an upgrade of Memorial Stadium, the latest in tennis practice facilities at the Denver Pavilion as well as training and educational opportunities for student athletes at the expanded Francis Brohard Center.

The 1800-space Hilton Street parking garage will ease parking conditions for students when it opens in the heart of campus in mid-2008.

Health care in mid-Missouri will see a step forward with the recent opening of University Hospital and Clinics’ Ambulatory Care Center, which consolidates outpatient clinics, along with the construction of the seven-story critical care tower addition to the hospital.

Most important, the spatial resources that go to meet the University’s needs are almost four-fold, and, while only careful review by top administrators, professional campus planners and with input from faculty, students and staff are needed, and the goals clearly stated during the work of the campus planning committee for facilities and grounds. Each year the committee sponsors forums that are held to explain the process works and to ask campus community members to share their ideas and comments.

This year the open forum will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27 in N124 Memorial Union. Larry Edwards, associate director of University Facilities, will explain the Capital Master Plan, which emphasizes the total university’s buildings and its facilities.

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Faculty:

• Warren Atkinson, professor of chemical engineering
• Donald Oehmen, professor of art history and archaeology
• Chuck Wills, professor of geography

Staff:

• Steve Simpson, assistant director of Campus Dining Services
• Traci Love, administrative associate for the Campus Dining Program
• Scott Bexon, assistant athletic director with Intercollegiate Athletics

Students:

• Pat Fanning, GPA representative
• Alan Toowood, MSA representative

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Those needs and places are more meaningful when there is involvement among the people who live and care about them. We invite you to come to our public hearings as we discuss the MU master plan. With your help our planning can approach a timeless poetry.

HeM Master Plan

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1. Ambulatory Care
2. Maryland Avenue Parking Garage
3. Locust Street Building

New Buildings in Design or Construction:
4. Anheuser Busch Natural Resources Center
5. Chemistry Building Addition
6. Research Reactor Building Addition
7. Telecommunications Building Addition
8. Telecommunications Switching Building
9. Resource Recovery R&D Waste Building
10. Memorial Stadium Improvements
11. Track/Soccer Complex Improvements
12. Basketball Arena
13. Bike Trail
14. Devise Pavilion

Other Potential Construction:
26. Future Academic and Research Buildings
27. Future Greenhouses
28. Future Power Plant Addition
29. Future Intramurals and Recreation Building

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Some Existing Buildings:
a. Jesse Hall
b. Ellis Library
c. Fine Arts Building
d. Memorial Union
e. Brady Commons
f. Agricultural Building
g. Green Building
h. Possible Future Patient Care or Research Buildings
i. Health South Rehabilitation Hospital

Major Central Campus Open Spaces:
A. Francis Quadrangle
B. South Quadrangle
C. Starkweather Field
D. New Mall
E. Leyer Mall
F. McCluer Park
G. Flat Branch Park
H. Virginia Avenue Recreation (with expanded tennis courts area)
I. Sanborn Field
J. White Campus
K. Ellis-Brady Courtyard

Notes:
- Many walk and bikeways are shown straight for diagrammatic clarity; in actuality many will be curved and shaped to topography, planting and buildings.