Cartoonist Mort Walker Friday steps inside Mort's, an eatery modeled after The Shack, with his granddaughter Isobel Walker at the new MU Student Center.

By Jancey Sizemore

Mort Walker was full of one-liners as he walked from the dedication of the University of Missouri's new student center to the eatery named after him.

"It has all the wonderful things The Shack had — tables, chairs, a ceiling," Walker said in the entry of the MU Student Center. "It even smells sometimes."
A few minutes later, the Beetle Bailey creator quipped: “I’m getting a kick out of the fact we’re celebrating The Shack. It’s like celebrating a Dumpster.”

In reality, the new Mort’s dining area is far from Dumpster-like. The corner lounge features a backdrop of Beetle Bailey cartoons, a life-size statue of Bailey and a trophy case with mementos from the comic strip character and The Shack he made famous.

Yesterday’s private post-dedication reception for Walker followed an hourlong public celebration of the opening of the new student center. Hundreds gathered outside of the building to dedicate the center, which opened months ahead of schedule.

In addition to Mort’s, the center includes restaurants serving pizza, barbecue, sushi, sandwiches and baked goods. A 600-seat atrium lets students study, socialize or just hang out while waiting for their next class. The facility has been some nine years in the making, said Jeffrey Zeilenga, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

“Hundreds if not thousands of students shared input for what the building might look like and how it might be used,” he said.

The $63 million project was funded through a $35-per-semester student fee increase and through self-supported auxiliary services.

It’s a far cry not only from The Shack that Walker remembers but also from the old Brady Commons.

“Ten years ago, students were asked to grade Brady Commons,” Tony Luetkemeyer recalled. “They gave it an F ... Students were tired of standing up eating lunch and waiting in long lines.”

Luetkemeyer was president of the Missouri Students Association in 2005 when the student body overwhelmingly passed the fee increase for a new center.

The building’s exterior is white limestone in keeping with Mizzou’s red-and-white theme on campus. Early in the project, MU had to decide whether to get that limestone from Iowa or Kansas, current MSA president Tim Noce said. It was the easiest decision in the project, Noce said, drawing laughs from the hundreds gathered at the dedication.

“No self-respecting Tiger would ever be caught hanging out in a center made from Jayhawk rock,” he joked.

Despite the rivalry, the University of Kansas joined several other schools in sending MU well-wishes on the new center, said Cathy Scroggs, vice chancellor for student affairs.

She dubbed the student center the best in the country. “Who deserves that more than our students right here at the University of Missouri?” she asked.
The building, Scroggs said, is “where communities are built, both large and small. This is a place to make friends. This is a place to study, to relax and talk.”

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MU Student Center dedication honors traditions

By Michelle Markelz
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COLUMBIA — Students past and present turned out Friday for dedication and pre-dedication festivities at the new MU Student Center.

The center has offered students limited access since the beginning of the fall semester, when the food court, bookstore and ground-level lounge area became operational.

At an open house Thursday night, students were allowed into the upper level lounges and Mort's Grill, which is still under construction but open for viewing.

To kick off the event, the "Welcome to Your Student Center" tailgate was hosted outside the center. An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 people ate at the event, said Mark Lucas, director of MU Student Life.

Plates were filled with:

- Pulled pork with Tiger sauce, a creation served at Do Mundo's in the food court.
- Burgers with Shack sauce, following the recipe from the original Shackburger.
- Barbecue beans.
- Cole slaw.
- Orzo pasta salad with cranberries.

Burgers were prepared in the style they will be served at Mort's, so attendees could preview the famed Shackburger.

MU alumna Nauyc Gerardi, 66, and her husband, Ken Wilhelm, 68, said they enjoyed the food and the efficiency of the tailgate and were impressed by the Student Center.
"I think it's all wonderful," Gerardi said. "It just makes coming to MU more attractive."

"If a high school football player were on campus experiencing this day, he's in," Wilhelm added.

The first dedication of the day took place in the Traditions Lounge on the center's upper level. The lounge features several elements that represent MU traditions, including:

- Visual depictions of Memorial Union, Homecoming, Tiger Walk, Francis Quadrangle and Truman the Tiger on the walls.
- Two display cases filled with MU artifacts.
- Black-and-gold-themed furniture.

Jeff Zeilenga, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, commented on some unique features of the lounge that the casual viewer might not recognize.

"As promised, you can't walk 10 feet in any direction without seeing, touching, sitting or standing on black and gold," he said.

Zeilenga also noted that the black granite inlay and stone used for the fireplace in the lounge comes from the original floor of the Memorial Union tower.

The theme of original materials was carried into the Shack, a lounge area that Zeilenga said will feature the original green door and some of the booths from the restaurant, complete with old bubble gum and beer stains.

Zeilenga said he anticipates the center will be fully completed within the next 30 to 60 days.

Outside the center, a time capsule assembled by the Student Union Programming Board was dedicated with a video detailing the experiences, trends and traditions of 2010 students. The capsule is intended for review by students in 2060.

Board president Saskia Chaskelson said the capsule's creators planned ahead for the difficulties 2010 viewing technology might present in the future.
"We are going to put the method of viewing in the capsule," she said. "And MU archives is holding a second copy of everything so it can be preserved."

The dedications concluded with the Student Center as a whole. Zeilenga thanked organizations across campus for their help in completing the project.

Missouri Students Association President Tim Noce addressed the crowd at the dedication, speaking of his experience seeing the center grow to completion from his freshman year to the present. He also shared a story about a construction decision, in which a choice had to be made between using Iowa and Kansas limestone to cover the outside of the building.

"No self-respecting Tiger would be caught hanging out in a place that was built out of Jayhawk rock," said Noce, referring to the University of Kansas mascot.

Kristofferson Culmer, president of the Graduate Professional Council, also spoke. He said the center would offer graduate students a place to extend the experiences and creativity happening in their classrooms and research, as well as a more relaxed environment for mentors and students to meet.

Catherine Scroggs, the vice chancellor for student affairs, spoke last, saying she thought the center was the best in the Big 12 Conference and possibly even the nation.
Beetle Bailey fans meet Mort Walker, the man behind the cartoon

By Sarah Tucker
October 22, 2010 | 9:45 p.m. CDT

COLUMBIA — In his first visit to MU since 1994, Mort Walker returned to campus Friday to celebrate the dedication of the new Student Center.

The Student Center Project contacted Walker, the cartoonist of the Beetle Bailey comic strip, to see if he wanted to be involved.

“He was so excited,” said Michelle Froese, media spokesperson for the MU Student Center.

Walker attended Friday’s Student Center dedication and then held a book signing outside Mort’s, the restaurant that bears his name.

Mort’s features a color sculpture of Beetle by Walker’s son, Neal, who also designed the metal sculpture of Beetle outside the Reynolds Alumni Center. The restaurant is decorated with early drawings of Beetle as well as pieces of the original Shack.

“(Walker has) redrawn some of the old Beetle cartoons so that he is wearing an 'M' sweater,” Froese said.

More than 100 people waited in line to have their books, comics, shirts and even wine bottles signed by Mort Walker.

Mort Walker’s appearance attracted students, alumni, faculty and the descendents of campus legends.

Margaret Brady Eastman and her brother, Bill Brady, waited while their grandchildren met Walker. Eastman and Brady are children of Thomas Brady, a former MU dean for whom Brady Commons was named.
“We grew up with Beetle Bailey,” Eastman said.

Brady and Eastman reminisced about their childhood spent on campus. They attended University High School, a K-12 education lab that is now Townsend Hall. Graduate students and professors taught the classes.

“Once we finished our core classes, we could take university classes,” Brady said.

Eastman likened it to a college preparatory, “before there was college prep,” she said.

Brady and Eastman also remembered ROTC parades in Francis Quadrangle, eating at the Shack and playing on the stairs of Jesse Hall.

“They called us the ‘Brady Bunch’ before the TV show,” Eastman said. “We were in Elmer Ellis’ office all the time when we were kids. We grew up on this campus. These are our stomping grounds.”

Neal Walker, who attended the event with his father and other family members, said he was impressed by what he saw at MU.

“The campus has gotten much bigger and better,” he said. “With so many kids on campus, it’s still very intimate.”

Brady and Eastman toured the new Student Center on Thursday. They liked the building and how it unites current students with MU’s history.

“Some people don’t feel connected with their school. And I think promoting school colors and spirit is wonderful. Having gathering places like this, they need to feel like they belong somewhere,” Eastman said.

Eastman called the Student Center “beautiful” and said her father would have approved.

“Our family is very proud to be a part of it. Dad’s looking down on us, and he thinks it’s great,” Eastman said.
M-I-Z ... Z-O-U! Timeout: It’s game day

By Henry J. Waters III

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Shall we take a brief respite from campaign politics to celebrate a more pleasant episode? Yes, we shall.

Homecoming football is a big annual event here in College Town. When the game is against Oklahoma, No. 1 in the BCS rankings, it’s bigger yet. When it’s part of a daylong national television extravaganza, it becomes even more special.

So it is this year as ESPN television features the University of Missouri campus and Columbia on its “College GameDay” broadcast. Thousands will cram into Francis Quadrangle in a mass mugging for the cameras. They’ll ogle fraternity and sorority house decorations, line streets for the Homecoming parade and finally pour into Memorial Stadium 70,000-plus strong for what should be a great game.

Our MU Tigers, climbing the national rankings, have a real chance to upset No. 1. Goliath risks all at the hands of a Tigers team showing promise of stopping any offense and scoring a few points of its own. What’s not to like?

Sports, particularly in a gala setting like this, are so much easier to stomach than the political campaign. Fans can let it all hang out, rooting for a winner knowing tomorrow all will be back to normal and the victor will not do mischief with the power of government.

Our city and university and everyone in the crowd will be on national television. It’s a great opportunity to show ourselves proud — or otherwise. We should be boisterous but nice, winning or losing with good humor and grace, having fun instead of being nasty with visitors from Oklahoma.

Buy your new Sooner friend a drink, and enjoy the competition. You’d want the same in Norman if you were the visitor.

With the right attitude, everyone will be a winner. As today unfolds, I’ll bet my hat on it.

Go Tigers!

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ESPN to use MU buildings and students for 'GameDay'

By Asif Lakhani
October 22, 2010 | 11:00 a.m. CDT

COLUMBIA — ESPN just got a few more teammates. The sports network will use MU’s Reynolds Journalism Institute to set up its equipment for Saturday’s "GameDay" broadcast.

ESPN will not have to pay the university to use its facilities and is only responsible for any charges directly related to the broadcast, nor will they be borrowing any of the institute’s equipment.

“(The Reynolds Journalism Institute) was built, in part, to provide visiting journalists with state-of-the-art technology and resources,” said Jeffrey Beeson, the journalism institute’s special events coordinator.

The "GameDay" show’s staff of about 70 started arriving Thursday morning and plans to leave Saturday afternoon.

The journalism institute was chosen for its proximity to the "GameDay" broadcast on Francis Quadrangle, plethora of windows overlooking the quad and polished look and new amenities, said Brian Steffens, director of communications for the institute.

The ESPN crew will occupy three seminar rooms, but students will be allowed to use the building in its normal capacity and at regular times this weekend.

In addition to using facilities, ESPN has also recruited some students to staff and cover this weekend’s events.

Chloe Dake, an MU sophomore, and three other students have been hired to help set up cables and watch reels for the skycam for Saturday’s game. Dake was hired by Kwokman productions. They will all be paid for their Saturday work, but the pay scale was not disclosed.
Adam Tilley, left, holds a sign Friday morning while waiting at MU’s Francis Quadrangle at the set of taping for ESPN’s “College GameDay” show.

By

You didn’t have to be a sports fan to feel the energy this morning on Francis Quadrangle, where ESPN crews began filming clips for tomorrow’s “College GameDay” program to broadcast from the University of Missouri campus.
Brian Penn, left, and Scott Nowicki affix a label to a giant replica of ESPNU’s logo Thursday near the intersection of Stadium Boulevard and Champions Drive. The pair, who work for R Evolution Marketing of Chicago, were setting up the sign as part of ESPNU’s mobile marketing tour. The sign alerts passers-by to the time and location of ESPN’s “College GameDay” broadcast Saturday.

The noon Homecoming parade starts at the corner of Tiger Avenue and Rollins Street and will proceed east on Rollins to Hitt Street. From Hitt, the parade will turn west on University Avenue to Ninth Street before heading north to Broadway, then west to Sixth Street. The route ends at Elm and Sixth streets.

Parking will be available in campus and city garages and along Broadway. Those parked along the parade route won’t be able to move their vehicles until after the parade.

Sporting gold sweatshirts and jackets and Tiger apparel, students stood shoulder to shoulder with community members to show their support. Rowdier fans held giant homemade signs praising the Tigers and chiding the Oklahoma Sooners.

“The Sooner U arrive in CuMo, the Sooner We R #1,” one sign read.

Even children got in on the action: Boys tossed a football in a grassy area behind the crowd, and little girls giggled as they got their pictures taken with MU Golden Girls.

Since ESPN announced last weekend that Columbia would be the site of tomorrow’s “GameDay” broadcast, campus has been “crazy,” students said.

“People are so excited,” freshman Cody Meyer said. “Everybody is ready to go.”

And add the fact that “GameDay” is here on Homecoming weekend? “It’s like Christmas,” sophomore Kara Cannelis said. “It’s like Mizzou Christmas.”

ESPN’s weekly “College GameDay” features host Chris Fowler and analysts Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Desmond Howard, who chat about the games of the day and predict winners. Although the crew was set to start taping at 9:20 a.m., only Howard had been on the platform by
10 a.m. But a wave from him was enough to ignite the fans. “Thanks for hanging out.” Howard said to a cheering crowd. “We appreciate your support.”

Hundreds were on hand to greet ESPN this morning, but Tiger fans are hoping to see thousands tomorrow when crews return for filming at 8 a.m. MU needs more than 15,808 people to show up to beat a "GameDay" crowd record set in Nebraska in 2001. Many this morning said they plan to arrive at 3:30 a.m.

“We’ve got sleeping bags, tents; we’re ready to go,” sophomore Sarah Erb said.

Students aren’t the only ones planning to arrive early. Local developer Tom Mendenhall, a 1970 graduate, said he plans to be there, too, with a rubber chicken in hand to sneak in a jab at the Kansas Jayhawks.

Mendenhall — who said he has missed only four MU games in the past 50 years — said excitement has leaked beyond campus and into the community: This week’s Tiger Quarterback Club meeting was standing-room only. “This is the stuff dreams are made of,” he said.

The MU columns will be the backdrop of the TV broadcast. It’s a fitting setting, said MU Athletic Director Mike Alden, who said the show gives MU a chance to showcase its academic mission.

“Whether you’re a sports fan or not, this is an amazing setup,” he said. “The exposure for the university, Columbia and Missouri — it’s a tremendous opportunity for us.”

ESPN crews will wrap up pregame filming at 11 a.m. tomorrow, an hour before the Homecoming parade begins downtown. Tonight, sororities and fraternities in Greektown will show off their board game-themed house decorations from 6 to 10 p.m. A spirit rally featuring grand marshal Russ Mitchell is set for 7:30 p.m. at Burnam and Richmond avenues.

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ESPN estimates a record-setting attendance for Missouri 'GameDay'

By Dieter Kurtenbach
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COLUMBIA — **MU made a record-setting first impression when the school hosted ESPN's "College GameDay" showoff for the first time Saturday morning.**

ESPN and the university estimated that Saturday's crowd in the Francis Quadrangle was the largest in the show's history, with 18,000 people in attendance. If that number is confirmed, Missouri's crowd would shatter the University of Nebraska's record of 15,808 set on Sept. 8, 2001.

The crowd was packed shoulder-to-shoulder from the "GameDay" stage to the MU Columns. With Jesse Hall, the Columns and thousands of black-and-gold clad fans, Saturday's "GameDay" background created a postcard-worthy backdrop for the show, "GameDay" producer Lee Fitting said.

"The crowd today was one of the best we've seen," Fitting said. "I've been producing the show now for eight years, and it's as good a crowd as I've ever seen."

Today was the perfect recipe for a good crowd and a good show. We had a first time site; we had a school hosting No. 1 on the road, which is unbelievable; and we had a great campus setting. Most weeks we look for one of those three, this week we had all three."

Desmond Howard, an analyst on "GameDay," said Friday that a great big crowd on Saturday mornings can help him and the "GameDay" panel during the show. Usually, there's a celebrity guest appearance on each show. This week there wasn't, but the crowd didn't seem to mind.
"You can see something on TV, but you can't feel it," Howard said. "You just can't feel the energy, the excitement, all of that stuff that comes with the atmosphere of the kids, because we feed off the kids."

Saturday's crowd provided that atmosphere.

Kirk Herbstreit, who also will provide analysis for the Missouri-Oklahoma game broadcast Saturday night, was also wowed by the crowd.

"I've been doing it 15 years. That was one of the better scenes that we've had," Herbstreit said. "They were loud, they paid attention, that was one of the best crowds we've seen."

Erin Andrews, who hosts the show's first hour, said she was surprised by the turnout. Andrews expected early-morning rain to scare fans away from coming.

"We knew that there was really bad weather last night, and we saw such a great turnout on Friday, we kind of hoped everyone would come out strong today," Andrews said. "Just when we pulled up at 6 a.m., 6:30, it was just like 'Oh my gosh' people really did show up ... it was such a strong showing, we are so thankful for the fans, they should be really proud of themselves."

Chris Fowler, the show's host, said Saturday provided the best backdrop the show has ever seen.

"We'd like to take that scene behind us and move it around everywhere we go, every week."
Boomers busted

Fans and players storm the field last night after the No. 18 Missouri Tigers defeated the No. 3 Oklahoma Sooners 36-27 in front of a sold-out crowd at Faurot Field.

The No. 18 Tigers marked the University of Missouri's 99th homecoming with a 36-27 victory over the No. 3 Oklahoma Sooners last night in front of a Faurot Field crowd of 71,004 and a national television audience. The day started with a bang as an estimated 18,000 fans turned out at the Francis Quadrangle to be a part of ESPN's "College GameDay" broadcast. The turnout is estimated to be a new "GameDay" attendance record, breaking Nebraska's previous record of 15,808.
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After an epic Missouri victory, pandemonium in the streets

By Eva Dou, Kyle Deas
October 24, 2010 | 2:10 a.m. CDT

COLUMBIA – An entire stadium seemed to hold its breath as the last seconds ticked down in Saturday night's Homecoming game.

Then the clock ran out, a tremendous cheer went up and a euphoric throng of gold-clad Mizzou fans left their seats as one. Some ended up on the field, where they hugged, cried, cheered and – in keeping with long tradition – toppled the goal posts.

It was the first time Missouri had defeated Oklahoma in more than a decade.

The rest flooded out into the streets of Columbia, headed for cars, homes, parties and (especially) bars. Mobs stopped traffic, revelers scaled balconies, hundreds of bodies crushed into a single mass of crazy, jubilant celebration at the intersection of Tenth and Cherry streets, where the fans gathered outside Harpo's to cut the goal post in pieces.

Chris Inabnit, 24, suddenly found himself with a power saw in his hands in the middle of a chanting crowd.

“I got a hand on the post and next thing you know, I have a saw in my hand, and I'm like, 'I'm that guy!'” he said breathlessly.

The crowd roared as he started up the saw, and groaned when the end of it broke off. A handsaw was produced, and new hands took it up in a frenzy. Blood smeared the end of the goal post and no one knew whose it was.
In the atrium of a business building on Tenth Street, another group of students carved up a piece of goalpost with a power saw. A short distance away, an unluckier group took turus attacking their two-foot section with a rapidly dulling hacksaw.

For more than half an hour, the crowd just stood chanting: “M-I-Z-Z-O-U.”

Brenton Eichelberger managed to snag one of the first pieces of the post, after wrestling with another student for it. He wore it proudly on his wrist and proclaimed he was going to put it on his maupelpiece.

"Sometimes they get them, sometimes they don't," said Assistant Fire Marshal Debbie Sorrell of the goalposts. Sorrell said that the situation downtown was otherwise under control. She stood next to a ring of police cars and gestured at the crowd in front of her.

"Everything else," she said, "is Homecoming."

“I've never seen anything like this,” said Sarah Reeves, 21, as she watched her boyfriend and others scale the side of Harpo's to the second floor balcony.

“Even though everyone was betting against us, I knew we were going to win,” Reeves said. “There was just so much electricity in the air. How could we not win?”

Similar scenes of revelry played out all over town. Outside of the Sigma Pi fraternity house on Providence Road, a man motioned the foot traffic along. "Winner's sidewalk," he called out. "Winner's sidewalk only."

At Campus Bar and Grill, a beer bottle rolled off of the rooftop bar, narrowly missing a woman standing below.

Many of the Oklahoma fans left before the game was even over. Red-shirted, heads down, they trickled steadily out of Memorial Stadium even as minutes remained in the game. They were far from home, their boys were losing and they wanted to escape the celebration and the inevitable traffic snarl that would follow.

One red-shirted fan stuck around. But by just after midnight, when he ended up at Harpo's, he was having a very bad night.
"You have scabies!" one heckler yelled at him. "I'm sure you're a nice guy, but you have scabies."

The unlucky Oklahoma fan declined to give his name.

Not all of the celebrating was out of control. Bess Mitchell and John Seitz walked hand-in-hand up Providence Road following the game. Both of them graduated from MU in 1959, and both had traveled far to be there tonight — Mitchell from Texas and Seitz from Kansas.

"The last time I saw Mizzou beat Oklahoma was in Norman, Oklahoma, in 1960," said Seitz.

The two knew each other in school, but had lost touch over the years before reconnecting at an alumni event last year.

"I am so ecstatic," Mitchell said. "I thought I was going to cry. I probably will cry, later."

All over Columbia, late into the night, fans drunk with beer and victory yelled that this was their best day at MU, and MU's best day.
Robbery led to shooting, witness says

Victim was in town for game.

By Rudi Keller

A Wichita, Kan., man in Columbia to watch his cousin play in the University of Missouri homecoming game died after being shot during a robbery early yesterday morning at a south Columbia convenience store, a witness said.

Aaron Hobson: Died after early morning shooting

Aaron Hobson, 22, was driving his customized black Chevrolet sedan through the parking lot at Break Time, 110 E. Nifong Blvd., when he was approached by two or three people from a group of eight to 10 who were milling in the lot, said Dexter Faulk, a friend who accompanied Hobson to Columbia. Hobson had a single passenger in his car and was in the lot to rendezvous with other friends before driving to a party, Faulk said.

“Everything happened so quick, but the gist of it is jealousy, greed and envy,” Faulk said. “They saw him with a big stack of money in his hand and they wanted it.”

The money wasn’t really a lot, perhaps $100 to $200, mostly in small bills, but it probably appeared to be much more, Faulk said.

Hobson is the cousin of Trey Hobson, a defensive back with the Tigers. Trey Hobson was told about the shooting early yesterday morning, Columbia Police Department spokeswoman Jill Wieneke said. Hobson was on the field last night.

Police released few details of the crime. A news release issued early in the day did not mention a robbery and in the early afternoon Wieneke said she did not know the motive. In an e-mail sent to the Tribune shortly after 5 p.m., Wieneke said she had no new information to release. Faulk said detectives from the Major Case Squad showed him a surveillance video, and Faulk pointed out the shooter. Police have not released a description.

Hobson came to Columbia on Friday afternoon accompanied by Faulk and four other friends in two cars, Faulk said. They had been attending a party at Peachtree Catering and Banquet Center.
120 E. Nifong, and decided to use the convenience store lot as a meeting place to follow the person who knew the way to the other party.

The Chevrolet had wing-style Lamborghini doors and Hobson was moving slowly through the parking lot with the doors open when the robbery occurred, Faulk said. When the robbers approached, the money came flying out the door and one robber pulled Hobson from the car, bent him over the trunk and put a gun to his head, Faulk said.

“They hit him and he ran back to the car,” Faulk said. “That must be when they fired.”

Faulk said he heard five or six gunshots.

Wieneke said there were large numbers of people and cars on the lot of the convenience store when officers responded at 1:15 a.m. to a trespassing call. As they arrived, they heard shots being fired and found Hobson wounded. He was pronounced dead at University Hospital. An autopsy is scheduled for tomorrow.

Faulk questioned why police were not able to arrest the shooter. Although the department reported that officers heard the shots, Faulk said he did not see any police immediately and, when he did see them, they were crouching near a group of trees.

Officers pulled Hobson from the car, Faulk said, performed CPR and talked to him to keep him awake until emergency medical crews arrived. Wieneke did not respond to e-mails seeking comment on Faulk’s description of police actions.

Officers interviewed potential witnesses at the scene and brought some back to the police station for questioning, Wieneke said. Other possible witnesses came on their own to the police station as well, she said.

Faulk and Hobson’s grandfather, Kansas City, Kan., Community College track coach Al Hobson, painted a picture of Aaron Hobson as a man devoted to his family, his car and the Oakland Raiders.

Aaron Hobson was a student at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas, but had taken a semester off to help his father, Al Hobson said. The trip to Columbia for homecoming was a tradition that began when Trey Hobson joined the Tigers three years ago, he said.

“He never had an enemy, he never had a fight,” Al Hobson said.

Faulk, who is three years older than Aaron Hobson, said the two became fast friends when he joined the team coached by Al Hobson. He described Aaron Hobson as a fun-loving, humorous teen when they met, with a love of cars that he shared.

“From the first time I met him, that was our first conversation,” Faulk said. “I can remember it was like it was yesterday, talking about cars and rims.”
The bonding led to a friendship that was closer than two brothers could be, he said. "Blood wouldn’t make us no thicker," he said.

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Oklahoma fans say they've been heckled worse

By Eva Dou
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COLUMBIA – "Hey, what's a Sooner?"

The Nevitts had heard that line way too many times for it to catch them off guard when a merrily drunk MU student called it out from the balcony of the apartment on Ninth Street that students call the J-Slums.

The four fired back their retorts, one on top of the other, topped off with Danny Nevitt's - "And you know what? I've never seen one (expletive) tiger in the whole state of Missouri, not one!"

Well played, his fellow Oklahoma fans declared. Nevitt, 48, a towering man in a gray OU shirt, received handshakes all around.

He'd seen much worse heckling over the years, Nevitt said. After all, he and his son, Alex, 20, have only missed five Oklahoma games since 1999.

With Columbia awash in gold, Oklahoma fans stood out like sore thumbs Saturday. They were the redshirts, the identifiable enemy and an easy target for MU fans' gibes.

But Oklahoma fans wandering downtown on Saturday said the heckling here wasn't nearly as bad as it's been in other places. Nevitt's daughter Allison, 23, said she's had glass bottles thrown at her when Oklahoma played Louisiana State University. OU graduate Joe Aleman, 37, wearing a red shirt while munching Shakespeare's pizza, said no one's tried to fight him here, and that he thought the campus was nice.

Aleman had driven in from Overland Park, Kan., for the game, along with his brother and sister-in-law, Oni and Brandi, from Minnesota, and old friend John Kelsey, from
Norman, Okla. He said they picked this game for a family gathering because "we thought it would be a fairly easy game for Oklahoma to win."

"Though it looks like it's going to be a lot tougher now," added Kelsey, in reference to the Tigers' 30-9 win at Texas A&M on Saturday.

Aleman's group consisted entirely of OU graduates, but not all the red-hatted fans on Saturday were alums. Lloyd Redder, an Oklahoma fan from Holland, Mich., said he attended the University of Michigan, but has always been an Oklahoma fan for reasons "too complicated to explain."

His fellow Michigander in the OU cap would certainly draw more ire from die-hard Tigers if only they knew: His friend admitted he was a MU grad who had switched allegiance.

As the game approached, gold and red all streamed southward toward the stadium. The superior side would soon be determined, but for now, they had equal right to hold their heads high.

A van-full of Missouri fans drove by, blaring the Missouri fight song at full force. Redder gave it an emphatic thumbs-down.
Police officers make arrests at Homecoming game

By Waqas Naeem
October 24, 2010 | 6:40 p.m. CDT

COLUMBIA — As thousands of Missouri fans, spurred by a victory over the Oklahoma Sooners, rushed the field Saturday night, law enforcement wasn't taken by surprise.

"Plans were in place," MU Police Department Capt. Brian Weimer said. "It's not like it happened for the first time. We've seen it before."

Weimer said fans were cautioned against rushing the field after the game and that 30 people were arrested on suspicion of trespassing.

Fans took no time in dismantling the two goal posts, which were quickly lowered onto the field, and carried them on their shoulders to the intersection of Tenth and Cherry streets downtown. Weimer said one person was injured in the celebratory chaos.

"At least one individual broke their leg," Weimer said.

Weimer said police try to keep fans off the field for their own safety and not because, as rumor has it, they are worried about the cost of the goal posts.

Weimer said there were some other game-related arrests Saturday night, but details wouldn't be available until Monday afternoon.

He said the police presence at the Homecoming game was "typical for a football game of this size."

"There were around 100 officers inside and outside the stadium," he said, which included MU police, Columbia police, Boone County Sheriff's deputies and Missouri State Highway Patrol officers.
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Cleanup ensues downtown after exciting finish to MU Homecoming

By Kelsey Carroll
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COLUMBIA — On Sunday, downtown Columbia was an echo of itself the night before. The crowds were gone, trash was visible on the ground and cars were able to travel normally through the streets.

A rush of fans onto Faurot Field moved to the streets and bars of downtown after the Missouri Tigers' victory over the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday night.

Sam Thomas, an employee of the Columbia Public Works Department, found himself cleaning up after the revelry he had enjoyed the night before.

“Normally we clean (the streets) Monday morning, but this was a special occasion,” he said.

Just as the outside of Harpo’s had been a gathering point for fans wanting a piece of the goal posts, it was also where cleaning crews were concentrating their attention.

Thomas said crews had already filled two big trash bags from the area on Cherry Street between Tenth and Ninth streets by 2 p.m. Sunday.

Along with trash pickup, popular downtown business windows were being washed of their Tiger pride.

The storefronts all needed to be restored to their usual conditions by 2:30 p.m. today, said See Yang, a member of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources’ student council. Yang and Wes Delaney, also a member of the council, were cleaning up their organization’s display at Yogoluv.
“Seating was horrible, but it was just one of those moments where you’re happy to be from Mizzou,” Yang said, about her experience on Saturday night.

Noah Stoll, a freshman in Alpha Gamma Sigma, and his fellow pledges were still talking about the win as they were taking down their display at Kaldi’s on Sunday afternoon.

“Anything and everything on the field was taken — whether it was a random flag or the pylons — just to say you had something from the OU upset,” he said.

It was Stoll’s first MU homecoming and his first time being part of such a large and exuberant crowd.

“It was one of the best feelings ever,” Stoll said. “Everyone was partying together, and it didn’t matter if you knew them or not.”
Diversity panelists warn against assumptions

By Janese Silvey

Correction appended

Pat Fowler opened a discussion about the language of diversity yesterday by making herself an example.

“I’m obviously Caucasian,” she told a round-table group of University of Missouri students, faculty and staff. “And I’m obviously Christian ... or maybe not so obviously.”

That’s the problem, one woman in the audience said: Too many people automatically assume things about others. She went on to say people often assume she’s straight, but she’s a lesbian.

There were other examples in the group, too: A student dressed in a suit and tie said people often assume he has money. Another student with dark hair and thick eyebrows said she gets peppered with questions about the Middle East, even though she’s American.

How people perceive one another and potentially marginalize others through assumptions and language was the focus of an afternoon session at MU’s Diversity Summit. Fowler, a coordinator of residential academic programs, led the panel discussion, which included leaders from community and campus organizations.

Nadege Uwase knows about faulty assumptions. Uwase, who’s involved in the Global Issues Leadership Development human-rights group on campus, moved to Columbia from Rwanda in middle school. Rather than having teachers or students allow her to share about her experiences in Africa, she found herself defending against questions such as “Do you have elephants?” and “Did you wear clothes in your country?”

It wasn’t until she was older that Uwase understood they were simply basing their questions on what they’d seen in media portrayals.

Panelists agreed it’s OK to ask questions about other backgrounds as long as they’re open-ended rather than assumptions. For instance, Uwase said, a more appropriate question would have been: “What did you wear in your country?”

Dave Roberts, coordinator for the Center for Leadership Development and Community Involvement on campus, said as a heterosexual, white male, he’s tried to set an example for
others. Simply correcting others when they use degrading phrases such as “that’s so gay” can have a big impact, Roberts said.

Panelists urged college students to get off campus and into the community to learn about other cultures and backgrounds.

The two-day diversity summit ended yesterday with an awards ceremony. The Inclusive Excellence Awards were given to individuals and groups who contribute to diversity on campus. Recipients were:

- Brian Booton, for coordinating the Exposure to Research for Science Students program, which is designed to encourage underrepresented students to enter graduate school and pursue careers in biomedical research.
- Tapashree Tah, a doctoral student who serves on the executive boards of the Cultural Association of India and the Missouri International Student Council.
- Ellis Ingram, senior associate dean for diversity at MU’s School of Medicine.
- The Mizzou Advance steering board, which focuses on retention of women faculty in science, engineering and math.
- Amy Williams, a second-year law student who serves as a relationship and sexual violence prevention peer educator.

This page has been revised to reflect the following correction:

SECOND THOUGHTS:

A story in Friday’s Tribune should have said Brian Booton received an Inclusive Excellence Award for coordinating the Exposure to Research for Science Students program, which is designed to encourage underrepresented students to enter graduate school and pursue careers in biomedical research. Booton also coordinates the Undergraduate Mentoring in Environmental Biology program at MU but the award was not in recognition of that work.

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COLUMBIA, Mo., Oct. 22 (UPI) -- A U.S. researcher says for some women the impacts of breast cancer can be longer-lasting and do not end when they leave the hospital.

Stephanie Reid-Arndt of the University of Missouri School of Health in Columbia conducted a study that revealed those women reluctant to seek out post-chemotherapy social support -- including therapy and informal support networks -- report a lower quality of life and higher incidences of depression.

"A lot of times people get mentally and emotionally ready to deal with chemotherapy and they receive a lot of support during that time," Reid-Arndt says in a statement. "Then they go home and everyone feels like it's over, but the patients still have worries and fears about the changes they've been through and what it means for the future."

Reid-Arndt says women in rural areas report close family and community relationships but many still have breast cancer-related symptoms such as body-image issues and fatigue.

"There tends to be strong community support for patients in rural areas that will accommodate varying levels of function," Reid-Arndt said. "Unfortunately, while this informal support system provides great comfort to patients, it lacks formal mental health and health issues knowledge available from health care professionals."
MU Faculty Council discusses future of low-producing programs

By Walker Moskop
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COLUMBIA — Missouri institutions have until Oct. 29 to send their reports on low-performing programs to the state Department of Higher Education.

A timeline released last week by the state's Coordinating Board for Higher Education set deadlines that would put recommendations in the governor's hands by February.

The original deadline to submit reports to the Department of Higher Education was Oct. 21.

In a meeting with the MU Faculty Council on Thursday, Deputy Provost Ken Dean stressed the need for departments to be cooperative in the process.

The state is paying close attention to "whether we seem to be trying to make things better or whether we're just trying to be defensive about everything we do," Dean said.

He said administrators have met several times this week to review the preliminary responses deans and department heads submitted by Oct. 15.

"As you can imagine, most of them have made a case for continuing their programs," Dean said in an interview after the meeting.

Some responses need more elaboration, he said. A few departments indicated they might be willing to merge programs in the future, he said, but none wanted to make any immediate changes.
After reports are submitted, the state will begin a process of analysis and consultation with university officials. The state's findings will be submitted to the coordinating board on Feb. 10.

The coordinating board will give Gov. Jay Nixon its report on Feb. 11.

Dean suggested a grassroots approach would be better than top-down, mandated demands in shaping the future of low-producing programs.

Collaboration and consolidation might be ways to strengthen programs and mitigate any damage, he said. Combining resources or merging programs with other institutions are possibilities to consider.

"Let's be honest about where we're heading here," he said. "There aren't going to a lot more hires in some of these areas. If you're going to find strength, it's going to be often in partnering and working with someone else."

Council member Steve Ball, an exercise physiology professor, wondered whether consolidation would be an effective cost-saving measure.

"How would consolidating programs with other institutions actually save the university money?" he asked.

"As a practical matter," Dean replied, "many of these things don't have any short-term savings ... and maybe they don't even have long-term savings."

He suggested the answer in the long run might lie in combining smaller programs to bolster them.

Another council member noted that a 2005 merger of four programs into the Division of Plant Sciences was ultimately successful but not easy.

It took at least a year to "write bylaws and figure out how to handle things," agronomy professor Bill Wiebold said in an interview Friday.

Despite the difficulties, Wiebold said combining departments had a positive effect, but he added that some of his colleagues might not share his view. He said he believes
educational programs, research and quality/cost relationship improved as a result of the merger.

"It broke down some barriers that existed in the past when we were four different departments," he said.

He expressed doubt that similar, successful consolidations could happen in a matter of months, but he shared Dean's view that faculty-driven solutions are necessary.

Other council members expressed concerns about the time frame, and one called it too short for "thoughtful deliberation."

"We wish to be responsive and responsible, but we certainly need more time," nuclear engineering professor Loyalka Sudarshan said.

During the past few years, MU has accumulated savings to help avoid previously anticipated cuts, Dean said. He said he was unsure what next year's cuts would be but added, "It's not looking as good as the past two years."

He noted that several years ago, MU began requiring that proposed new programs have a business plan and a "neutral or positive revenue stream."

Although he acknowledged it was a harsh perspective, he said the reality is that MU can no longer add programs just because they add to the breadth and quality of the university.

"We can't continue to be all things to everyone," Dean said.
Bryan Teague, 10, of Versailles gets help standing up after falling from University of Missouri physical therapy graduate students Tori Sommerer, left, and Jean Horan on Thursday at Washington Park Ice Arena in Jefferson City.

By

Bryan Teague, 10, held Tori Sommerer's hand as the pair slowly made their way around a rink inside the Washington Park Ice Arena in Jefferson City on Thursday night.

The feat represents a great accomplishment for Bryan, who required the help of two adults when he stepped onto the ice screaming and crying for the first time just a little more than a month ago. "He's already made a lot of progress," said Mike Beatty, Bryan's stepfather.
Bryan, who is autistic, is one of 10 special-needs children who travel to Jeff City once a week for skating lessons led by University of Missouri physical therapy students.

Although Bryan was nervous to hit the ice at first, the lessons have become his favorite time of the week. “As soon as we leave tonight he’ll say ‘seven days until skating,’” Beatty said.

But the lessons aren’t just a chance for Bryan to learn to ice skate. They’re an opportunity for social interaction, which is important and can be challenging for autistic children.

“He’s been communicating a lot more,” Bryan’s mother, Marie Beatty, said of his progress.

“Before he’d just sit and look at people a lot of the time, but now he’ll engage in conversation,” Mike Beatty said.

Sommerer, who worked to start the program about five years ago with her mother and her autistic brother’s physical therapist, said the lessons build physical endurance and self-assurance.

“It gives kids confidence and the chance to be good at something,” said Erin Mayhan, a physical therapy graduate student who volunteers with the program.

The volunteers do a number of exercises to help the youngsters. Some blow bubbles in front of the kids while they skate, so they have to release one hand from a volunteer to catch them. Others throw small stuffed animals on the ice for skaters to step over, to teach them to pick up their feet, or line up neon colored bowling pins that skaters have to maneuver around.

“They’re all aimed to get them to be more independent,” Sommerer said of the exercises.

For Elijah Mayfield, a 14-year-old diagnosed with Down syndrome who has been participating in the program since it started, the lessons definitely have changed his life. When Elijah first started lessons, he needed the help of two volunteers to maintain his balance. Now he is not only skating on his own, he’s helping the other kids learn to skate.

“It’s very much built his confidence,” his dad, Todd Mayfield, said of Elijah, who just started high school in the fall. Mayfield said Elijah’s high school doesn’t have a disability program, making him a “trailblazer” at the school. He’s already volunteered to help out the football team.

And Elijah played Elvis last spring in the program’s 1950s-themed ice show. It was an experience he and the audience enjoyed. “He kind of has his own following,” Mayfield said.

For Elijah and the other children, the lessons are just a chance to have fun. “It gives him a chance to learn how to skate and enjoy something just like any other kid,” Clayton Hill said of his son John-Paul, an 11-year-old with autism.

Aside from producing an array of benefits for the kids, the program also creates a hands-on opportunity for the physical therapy students to practice skills they’ve learned in class.
“I don’t know if it helps them more or us,” Sommerer joked after the lessons.

The group will continue to meet for 30-minute lessons every Thursday until mid-January, when they will then start practicing for the ice show, which will be held March 4-6.

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