Three historic MU halls to close for renovation

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The University of Missouri is planning a nearly $23 million project to improve buildings around the Francis Quadrangle, and faculty and staff members working in those buildings will be relocated for close to a year.

Pending approval from the UM Board of Curators, the project will include work at Pickard, Swallow and Jesse halls. Jesse Hall is the university’s iconic main administration building, while Pickard houses the Museum of Art and Archaeology and Swallow is home to the Museum of Anthropology.

According to a university news release, faculty and staff will move out of Swallow Hall, on the east side of the Quad, in May 2014, and construction will last from June of that year into the following summer. Work, estimated to total $11.5 million, will include renovations to expand available classroom, office and lab space.

At Jesse Hall on the Quad’s south side, a new sprinkler system, fire alarm system and second elevator will be installed, and the heating and cooling systems will be upgraded. Employees will move out between March and June 2014, with construction beginning in July 2014 and lasting until the following April. Work at Jesse is estimated at $9.85 million.

At Pickard Hall, just north of Swallow, work is continuing to decommission the building after it was found to contain radiation from experiments conducted decades ago. The entire building will be cleared, with employees moving out at the end of 2013, and further testing being conducted next year. The cost of the move is estimated at $1.5 million, but testing costs are not yet known.

MU spokeswoman Mary Jo Banken said funding for the projects will come from three campus funding sources: $8.6 million will come from savings resulting from refinancing current debt at a lower rate, $8.85 million will come from Campus Facilities’ deferred maintenance budget, and $5.4 million will come from one-time savings the campus has accumulated.

After the work is done, faculty and staff will move back into Swallow and Jesse halls, but the Museum of Anthropology and the Museum of Art and Archaeology will be relocated to the former Ellis Fischel Cancer Center off campus on Business Loop 70 “for the foreseeable future,”
the news release said. The university is renaming the former cancer center building Mizzou North.

All staff from Swallow and Pickard halls, including the museums, will move to the former Ellis Fischel building. The following office moves will occur from Jesse Hall:

- The chancellor, deputy chancellor, provost, deputy provost, university affairs and visitor relations offices will move to the Reynolds Alumni Center. Publications and alumni communications staff will be displaced from Reynolds Alumni Center to Rock Quarry Center.
- The admissions, student financial aid and cashier’s offices, as well as some functions of the registrar and accounting offices, will move to the west reading rooms of Ellis Library.
- The Graduate School and International Programs will move to McReynolds Hall. The web communications office will be displaced from McReynolds Hall to Rock Quarry Center.
- The offices of the vice provost for enrollment management, student information systems and vice provost for undergraduate studies, as well as some functions of the registrar’s office, will move to the Heinkel Building.
- The MU News Bureau, constituent relations and university events offices will move to leased space at the Hillel Center.
- The research, sponsored programs administration, budget, vice chancellor of administrative services, business services, accounting services offices, as well as some staff from the cashiers, admissions and student financial aid offices, will move off the main campus to former Ellis Fischel building on the Business Loop, Mizzou North.
- The staff of the University Concert Series some KBIA radio staff will move to the Missouri Theatre.
- Marketing staff will move to Rock Quarry Center.

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MU's Jesse, Swallow and Pickard halls to close for renovations

By Brendan Gibbons
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COLUMBIA — Three of MU’s oldest buildings, including Jesse Hall, will close for renovations beginning next fall, sending hundreds of staff and faculty to different buildings on and off the main campus.

The university is planning a $22.85 million project to make significant changes to Jesse Hall, Swallow Hall and Pickard Hall, subject to approval by the UM Board of Curators.

The project, called "Renew Mizzou," will be funded by refinancing debt, redirecting the deferred maintenance budget and using money from the university's one-time savings account, said MU spokeswoman Mary Jo Banken.

In the first wave, the art history and archaeology department in Pickard Hall will pack up its museum collection and move about two miles north to the former Ellis Fischel Cancer Center on Business Loop 70 West, which the university wants to rebrand as "Mizzou North."

The anthropology department in Swallow Hall will join art history and archaeology at the former Ellis Fischel next spring. The two departments will move into Swallow Hall when construction ends in summer 2015.

The Museum of Anthropology and the Museum of Art and Archeology will be off the main campus "for the foreseeable future," Banken said.

Renovation of Jesse Hall will begin next summer, with the staff of 600 moving to various places on and off campus until construction ends in June 2015.

The chancellor, provost, their deputies, University Affairs and Visitor Relations will move to Reynolds Alumni Center across Conley Avenue. Much of the admissions, financial aid, cashiers and registrar staff will head to Ellis Library's West Reading Rooms.

The upfront cost will come from three sources:
• $8.6 million will come out of savings the university made from refinancing of its current debt at a lower interest rate.
• $8.85 million will come from Campus Facilities' deferred maintenance budget.
• $5.4 million will come from one-time savings accumulated by the university.

Renovating the buildings will eliminate the need for $14.3 million in deferred maintenance costs, Banken said.

The university's strategy is to renovate old buildings to avoid spending more later on maintenance, Banken said. The university has dubbed this strategy the "Mizzou Stewardship Model."

The university's aging buildings add $20 million in deferred maintenance costs every year, exceeding the $13.3 million a year allocated for maintenance. Instead of spending maintenance money bit by bit, Campus Facilities will renovate the buildings so they can be removed from a list of 30 buildings needing continual upkeep.

Here are the details of each renovation project:

**Jesse Hall**

Beginning in July 2014, the university will install a sprinkler system, a new fire alarm system, a second elevator and updated heating and cooling systems in Jesse Hall.

"Installing a sprinkler system and upgrading the fire alarm system is a safety and building preservation issue that we shouldn’t ignore," said Gary Ward, associate vice chancellor for facilities, in a news release about the project.

Jesse houses about 600 staff. While the building is under repair, they will be moved to offices in Reynolds Alumni Center, Ellis Library, McReynolds Hall, the Heinkel Building and the Hillel Center.

"The staff currently located in Jesse that interact with students will continue to have offices near the center of campus," Banken said.

The fate of KBIA Radio is still uncertain, Banken said. The station is on Jesse's fourth floor. KBIA staff who are part of the University Concert Series will move to the Missouri Theater on Ninth Street, but finding a new place for the station's news team will be more difficult because of the station's soundproof rooms.
“They haven’t figured out yet how to move the soundproof rooms,” Banken said. “During this next year, they’re going to determine how they’re going to be able to work around it.”

Staff will be able to move back into Jesse Hall between April and June 2015.

**Pickard Hall**

Pickard Hall used to house the university’s chemistry department, and experiments in the 1900s left residual radiation in some areas of the building, Banken said.

In 2011, a spokesperson for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission told the Missourian that an inspection of the hall revealed radiation in Pickard’s walls, its attic and beneath its floorboards. The commission said at the time that the amount of radiation was safe.

The release stated that the university would clear the entire building beginning in October and conduct further radiation testing.

The Department of Art History and Archaeology and the Museum of Art and Archaeology will move to the former Ellis Fischel Cancer Center on Business Loop 70 West.

“Since we now have available, workable space in the former Ellis Fischel Hospital, we have determined the most effective way to continue necessary testing in Pickard is to completely empty the building during the process,” Ward said in the release.

The museum will stay at the former hospital “for the foreseeable future,” the release stated.

**Swallow Hall**

Starting in June 2014, the university will add up to 5,000 square feet of classroom and multi-purpose space to Swallow Hall. The building is currently home to the anthropology department and the Museum of Anthropology.

In May 2014, the entire museum and department staff will move to the former Ellis Fischel Cancer Center. Swallow Hall will be ready for use again by fall 2015.

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**MU’s timeline for renovation project (see below)**
Decommissioning Pickard Hall
Officials will clear the entire building of radiation that resulted from experiments conducted in the 1900s and conduct further testing and perform any necessary additional work. Cost is $1.5 million.*

October - December 2013: Faculty and staff will move from building.
Dec. 31, 2013: Building will be empty.
January 2014: Testing begins. Timeline for completion is dependent on test results.

*For move and preparation of space for the museum only; costs for testing dependent upon assessment of facility.

Swallow Hall building renovation
Swallow Hall will be renovated to gain classroom and multipurpose space. Cost is $11.5 million.

May 2014: June 2014: Summer 2015:
Faculty and staff will move from building. Construction begins. Construction ends; faculty and staff move back into building. Building ready for the Fall 2015 semester.

Installing safety features in Jesse Hall
Workers will install a sprinkler system, new fire alarm system, second elevator, and update heating and cooling systems. Cost is $9.85 million.

March - June 2014: Staff will move from building.
June 2014: Construction begins.
April 2015: Construction ends.
April - June 2015: Staff move back into building.

Source: MU SPOKESWOMAN MARY JO BANKEN

Office shuffle: Where faculty and staff will move during renovations
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MU says thanks to staffers

By Karyn Spory

Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 2:00 pm

Music, laughter and the smell of hot dogs filled the air around Lowry Mall on Wednesday as University of Missouri staff members cut loose and mingled during an activity day included for the first time as part of the annual Staff Recognition Week.

Becky Stafford, MU Staff Advisory Council chairwoman, said the council knows those working in the campus' offices and facilities still have jobs to do, so activity day was created to try to include everyone while keeping those operations going.

Activity day began with a breakfast sponsored by Healthy for Life and lunch beginning at 11 a.m. Throughout the day, staff members could dance to live music, win door prizes or play a variety of games including a bungee run, hula hooping and washers.

Kate Shipova, a member of the Staff Advisory Council, received a bit of a cultural shock when she took her turn in the dunk tank.

Shipova, originally from Russia, said at first she didn't understand the fun of the dunk tank, but that changed as soon as someone hit the red bull's-eye. She said even though she knows fellow staffers have limited time for breaks, she was glad to see people taking that time yesterday to get to know people from other departments.

Staff Recognition Week also features a staff art show, which took place Tuesday through today in Ellis Library. Stafford said MU has "wonderful talent," and the display provides a way to showcase it.

Staff Recognition Week events began Monday with the Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award Ceremony. Elizabeth Tankersley-Bankhead, Terrance Camp, Martha Pickens and Steven Heinrich each received the Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award.

During the award ceremony, Chancellor Brady Deaton reminded staff members of MU's total enrollment, which was 34,748 for fall 2012, and the 84 percent retention of freshmen into their sophomore year. Deaton said it is because of the efforts of staff members in enrollment management, the registrar's office, financial aid and the dozens of other offices and departments that interact daily with students and families that MU has been able to excel.
"When I say thank you to staff for a job well done, I understand the importance and ramifications of what they do," Deaton said in prepared remarks. "In fact, our reputation depends on it."

Deaton presented three other awards Monday. Kirsten Pape, coordinator for programs in the undergraduate studies department, received the Mick Deaver Memorial Award, which is awarded to staff members who foster good relations with students. The Barbara S. Uehling Award went to Frankie Minor, director of residential life, and Gary Link, special assistant to the athletic director, received the MU Alumni Association Award.

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COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

MU police searching for man who kicked University Hospital employee in shin

By Missourian staff
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COLUMBIA — An MU police officer was dispatched to University Hospital on Thursday morning after a man demanded money of a hospital employee and then kicked her in the shin, according to a Clery Release from the MU Police Department.

The victim called hospital security and the assailant left the scene in a car driven by another person. The assailant was identified as 22-year-old Dominique Powell and has been arrested previously, according to the Clery Release.

Anyone with information can call the MU Police Department at 882-7201.
MU police seek suspect after assault

Friday, May 24, 2013 at 7:38 am

University of Missouri police are searching for a man suspected to have assaulted and demanded money from a University Hospital employee Thursday.

According to an MU Police Department news release, around 11:38 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a report of a man demanding money from a female hospital employee and kicking her in the shin. The employee called hospital security, but the attacker left the area in a vehicle driven by another person.

MU police identified the suspect as Dominque Powell, 22. Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call MU police at 882-7201.