Students seeking a higher education at any of the University of Missouri System schools can expect to pay more for tuition starting this summer.

The University of Missouri Board of Curators on Thursday voted to raise tuition at the consumer price index level, which is under 1 percent. Missouri law limits public schools from raising tuition at a rate that is greater than the CPI.

“Tuition for Missouri resident undergraduate students next year will amount to $9,335 for the academic year, which is below the national average of public doctoral granting institutions and significantly below the private doctoral national average,” the system said in a statement.

On average, the system has raised tuition and required fees at its four campuses in Kansas City, St. Louis, Rolla and Columbia by 2.4 percent annually the past five years. Comparable institutions in surrounding states have raised tuition and fees more than twice that amount, system officials said Thursday.

UM System enrollment has climbed to more than 77,000 students, an all-time high, system officials said.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Students at most University of Missouri System schools will see tuition rates increase next year by less than 1 percent.

The Missouri Board of Curators voted Thursday to increase residents' tuition by 0.8 percent, in line with inflation.

Some students will see bigger increases, including nonresidents and graduate students at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.
Nonresident tuition will increase 3 percent at most campuses.

Residents getting an undergraduate degree at the University of Missouri in St. Louis will pay 6.2 percent more because of a recreation center fee added to the tuition following a student body vote.

The increases do not require any further approval and go into effect during the 2015 summer session.

**Tuition to rise less than 1 percent at Missouri state schools**

Most students attending University of Missouri System institutions will see a tuition hike of less than 1 percent next session.

On Thursday, the Missouri Board of Curators approved a tuition increase of 0.8 percent for residents attending the schools, the Associated Press reports. Tuition for nonresidents will go up 3 percent at most campuses, and graduate students at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla will see larger increases, the news agency reports.

Undergraduates at University of Missouri-St. Louis will be asked to pay 6.2 percent more, as students voted to add a fee to cover a new recreation center.

The new rates will go into effect with this summer's session.
UM System schools to see minimal tuition increases for 2015-2016

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COLUMBIA - UM System schools will only see a slight bump in tuition rates for the 2015-2016 academic year.

The Board of Curators approved a 0.8% tuition increase for undergraduate residents at MU, UMKC and Missouri S&T.

The only exception is at UMSL, where in-state resident undergrads will have to pay an additional 6.6% in tuition as the result of a Recreational and Wellness Center Fee.

UM System Spokesperson John Fougere said the tuition increases in recent years for these schools have been well below that of schools from surrounding states.

"The average increase for University of Missouri System campuses in terms of tuition has been about two percent," Fougere said. "Other Midwestern states have been six percent. So the University of Missouri System is really a national leader."

When it comes to undergraduate non-residents, the tuition rates are slightly higher.

Residents from states outside of Missouri at MU and Missouri S&T will have both have a three percent increase.

UMKC non-residents will still only see an increase of 0.8%, while those from UMSL will have to pay a 2.9% increase.

Fougere said Missouri residents remain the top priority.

"When we look at tuition, our first order of business of course residents and undergraduates because our mission is to serve all six million Missourians," said Fougere.

These changes will take effect in the 2015 summer session.
University of Missouri curators approve tuition, fee increases

By Alan Burdziak

Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 2:44 pm

Students at all four campuses in the University of Missouri System can expect tuition costs and other fees — including housing — to rise beginning in the summer 2015 semester, after the Board of Curators approved the increases Thursday morning.

Curator David Steelman was the sole dissenter in the 6-1 vote to raise tuition, student housing and dining rates. Steelman objected, he said, because more should be done to offset the decline in funding from the state. MU is slated to receive more than $400 million in state appropriations this year.

“We cannot expect to do things the same way we did 10 years ago in our relationship with the General Assembly and the governor and expect the same results,” Steelman said. “Before we lower that onto the students, we have to take a look at ourselves.”

Under the approved hike, undergraduate resident tuition at all four campuses except the University of Missouri-St. Louis will increase by 0.8 percent. In St. Louis, it will increase by 6.2 percent. Non-resident undergrads will pay 3 percent more in Columbia and at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, 0.8 percent more in Kansas City and 2.9 percent more in St. Louis.

Professional school tuition rates will increase between 0.8 and 6 percent, depending on the program. Graduate resident student rates are slated to increase by 0.8 percent in Columbia and Kansas City and by 3 percent and 5 percent in Rolla and St. Louis, respectively. For non-resident grad students, tuition in Columbia will increase by 3 percent, 0.8 percent in Kansas City, 6 percent at MU S&T and 2.5 percent in St. Louis.

Curator Ann Covington said while she agreed with much of what Steelman argued, “We are faced with certain exigencies today that cannot be ignored.”

The predominant room-and-board plans will increase by 3.2 percent at all campuses except UMSL, which will increase by 0.8 percent.

In the second vote, curators unanimously approved an increase in supplemental course and enrollment fees to be phased in over two years. All fees will increase at the rate of inflation, with 18 specific increases approved Thursday. The increases range from $25 per credit hour for all courses in the UMKC School of Biological Sciences to a $742.50 per semester clinical lab fee in the MU School of Medicine.
UM curators adopt new sexual harassment rules, approve tuition increases

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BY TIMOSHANAE WELLMAKER, THOMAS CARTER

COLUMBIA — The UM System Board of Curators adopted new rules and regulations for pursuing a sexual harassment or discrimination case against a faculty or staff member at its meeting Thursday.

The new rules set up a process that starts with a complaint to either the Title IX coordinator or the provost, followed by an investigation if requested by the complainant.

If the case is approved to move forward by the provost or someone designated by the provost, options are a conflict resolution, administrative resolution or a hearing before a panel.

If the accused is found at fault, a range of sanctions may be imposed, including warning, counseling, training, loss of pay and non-renewal of appointment. Both the complainant and the accused may appeal.

Tuition increases again

The curators also approved tuition increases for students on all four campuses in the UM system, which amount to a 0.8 percent increase at MU for residents and a 3 percent increase for non-residents.

Tuition for Missouri resident undergraduate students at MU next year will amount to $9,335 for the academic year, based on 14 credit hours per semester.

For MU non-resident undergraduate students, the increase will put the cost of tuition for two semesters at $25,041.
On average, the UM System has raised tuition and required fees 2.4 percent annually over the past five years, compared to 5.4 percent by comparable institutions in surrounding states, according to UM System spokesman John Fougere.

The cost of room and board for undergraduates at MU is also set to increase by 3.3 percent. Next year, it will cost $9,370 instead of $9,070, based on a traditional double room and dining plan that provides 225 meals per semester.

Students in professional schools at MU will also pay more. The MU School of Law tuition rate will increase by $30 a credit hour, and students in the College of Veterinary Medicine will pay $638 more per semester. The amount is the same for both residents and non-residents.

Higher supplemental and enrollment fees were approved, with amounts depending on the school or college.

**Lack of representation**

Before adopting the new rules on harassment and discrimination, the curators received a letter signed by 193 faculty members across three of the four UM System campuses that raised concern about a lack of representation for both complainants and accused in the new process.

Based on the new rules and regulations, complainants and the accused each have a right to an adviser, which is often an attorney, at any meeting, hearing or proceeding in the process. But the adviser may not make a presentation or represent either party. Instead, the adviser may consult with the client quietly or in writing.

Frank Bowman, a Floyd R. Gibson Missouri endowed professor of law at MU, penned the letter pointing out the concern. Before the adoption of the new rules, advisers could make a presentation or represent the party.

According to the previous rules and regulations, the accused had the right to have counsel of his or her choice at a hearing, during which the counsel could address the committee, offer and present evidence, examine all documents at the hearing and question all witnesses.

The curators did not comment on the letter or a proposed amendment from the faculty at Thursday's meeting. The proposed amendment, which was attached to the letter, asks
the curators to change the language so that advisers could represent their parties at hearings.

Complainants may also contact campus police if they wish to file a complaint, and after the investigation is complete, conflict resolution will often be implemented for less serious behaviors, whereas administrative resolution and hearing panel resolution will be used to deal with more serious offenses. The provost will implement sanctions based on the findings in the case.

UM System Board of Curators approves new Title IX policies

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COLUMBIA - New changes are on the way for Title IX policies in the UM System.

The Board of Curators discussed new methods for reporting and investigating sexual assaults in a meeting Thursday at the Missouri Reynolds Alumni Center.

The new policies come after MU received heavy criticism for its handling of the Sasha Menu Courey case.

In his address to the board, UM System President Tim Wolfe first discussed policies that have already been put in place this past year.

"We have seen great campus creativity and innovation from students, faculty and staff that are engaging and promoting awareness of this societal issue," Wolfe said.
These changes included a comprehensive review of campus policies, the creation of a single website that has links to all campus Title IX and mental health resources, and the establishment of a Mental Health Sexual Assault Task Force.

But, Wolfe said more still has to be done.

"We owe it to our students, their families and all of our employees to make this a priority," Wolfe said.

One change that the Board of Curators approved is the system's investment in a case management software that would allow campuses to track discrimination claims, including those that fall under Title IX.

The software would allow Title IX teams to update cases, record evidence and document all phases of an investigation.

Wolfe also said strong leadership is key to change the culture of sexual harassment and discrimination on all four campuses.

"We need Title IX leaders, the highly-trained individuals in their roles under this leadership, in place," Wolfe said.

All members of the Board of Curators voted in favor of the policy changes.

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With confirmations, seven of nine MU curators to be attorneys

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A spokesman for Nixon did not immediately return requests for comment Thursday.

Schaefer also questioned whether the appointments would give Nixon an advantage if he later expresses interest in serving as president of the UM System, a post that must be approved by the curators. A day before, Schaefer unsuccessfully tried to attach an amendment to an ethics bill that would have prevented curators from voting on hiring the governor who appointed them.

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When asked whether the majority of lawyers represents the university system well, Nixon spokesman Scott Holste said in a written statement that the governor "is pleased" with the confirmations of three of his nominees.

"Each of them, along with nominee Mary Nelson, are outstanding Missourians with longtime connections to the University of Missouri and long records of public service to the people of this state," Holste said.
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Missouri Senate confirms two of three curator nominees

By Rudi Keller

Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 4:14 pm

JEFFERSON CITY — Two nominees to the University of Missouri Board of Curators, whose appointments were in doubt following a confirmation committee hearing, won approval Thursday from the Senate on a voice vote after endorsements from key lawmakers.

Gov. Jay Nixon withdrew a third nominee, Mary Nelson of St. Louis, after the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee defeated her appointment. Nixon also withdrew the nomination of Columbia resident David Murphy for a seat on the Missouri Conservation Commission after objections from Sen. Brian Munzlinger halted his confirmation.

Former Sen. Philip Snowden of Clay County was in the best position after the Wednesday committee hearing, where he was approved 9-1, with Sen. Kurt Schaefer, R-Columbia, casting
the lone vote against him. St. Louis attorney Maurice Graham squeezed through the committee on a 6-5 vote.

Schaefer led the opposition to the nominees, all Democrats, because he objected to having eight of nine board members who were attorneys. Schaefer, an attorney, said Thursday that his opposition was not based on any shortcomings among the nominees.

“It looks like we are questioning the individual when we are really questioning the governor’s process,” Schaefer said.

Senate President Pro Tem Tom Dempsey, R-St. Charles, announced his support for Snowden during the debate.

“If he is good enough to serve in this chamber and represent the people from Clay” County “in the ’80s, I think he is good enough to serve on the Board of Curators,” Dempsey said.

Dempsey noted that Schaefer had not raised similar objections when the first of four curator nominees, Republican attorney David Steelman of Rolla, was being confirmed. “If the investigations had been handled differently, it would be Graham approved and Steelman on the fence,” Dempsey said.

Graham’s nomination went through after Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal, D-University City, and Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-Glendale, both praised his legal and community work. Chappelle-Nadal said she was impressed with Graham, president of Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C., the first time she met him at Mehshuggah’s Café to discuss his nomination.

Graham is a constituent of Chapelle-Nadal’s and needed her sponsorship to be confirmed.

Graham, in his mid-70s, “threw a deuce” — a sideways peace sign — to greet someone in the café. She said the gesture showed an impressive knowledge of modern culture. And she learned that Graham, who is white, is a member of the Mound City Bar Association – founded as the St. Louis Negro Bar Association in 1922. There are very few white members of the association, said Chappelle-Nadal, who is black.

“I said, ‘this is someone who is worthwhile,’” she said.

Schaefer has sponsored a bill making it illegal for curators to vote to hire the governor who appointed them for a job at the university. He said he would be more comfortable with Nixon’s nominees if the governor would endorse the bill.

“He refuses to answer me,” Schaefer said.

Murphy’s nomination was blocked because Munzlinger, R-Williamstown, wants a commissioner who lives in northeast Missouri. The Conservation Commission has four members and only Murphy lives north of the Missouri River.
By withdrawing Nelson and Murphy, Nixon preserved his ability to appoint them again later. Under the Missouri Constitution, if he had not done so, both would have been barred for life from those positions.

Nelson is unlikely to be renominated after the appointments committee voted against her. Whether Murphy comes back depends on talks between Nixon and Munzlinger, Dempsey told the Senate.

“We had a conservation commission appointment yesterday and a member is still trying to work through some issues with the administration,” he said.

MU hosts flag signing to end yearlong anniversary celebration

COLUMBIA - For the past twelve months, the University of Missouri put on countless events to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the school, established in 1839.

In those twelve months, a golden flag was passed around at several events.

"The flag was ordered originally to be shown at a basketball game," said Chelsea Fricker, production assistant at MU Department of Student Life. "It was at the Mizzou versus Texas A&M basketball game last year and it covered the Zou Crew section. This past year, it was hanging on Jesse Hall during the chancellor inauguration weekend and family weekend. It's been all over campus."

But, Fricker said, the department wanted to do something for the end of the yearlong anniversary celebration. It ultimately decided to let students, faculty and staff sign the flag, which is 33 feet tall and 27 feet wide.
"The chancellor has been really passionate about looking forward to the 200th birthday, so we thought it would be a cool idea to have current students sign it and then be able to take it to university archives and have it be saved for the 200th birthday," Fricker said.

While the flag has a big "175" and the university's famous six columns on it, Fricker said it wasn't always that way.

"Originally there was only five columns on the flag when we ordered it to go with the basketball game," Fricker said. "We found out really quickly that there was a misprint. We had to send it back to the company, and they had to rush order it back to us, because obviously you can't have a flag with only five columns here at Mizzou."

After the flag's last showing Wednesday, February 11th, at the Columns on Francis Quadrangle, it will be stored in the university's archives on campus. A photo will also be taken on that day and stored in the archives with the flag.

Fricker said the department hopes the flag will be a part of MU's history.

"It will just be folded up to preserve the flag until the bicentennial where it will be up to the next generation to decide what they want to do with it," Fricker said. "It'll be a cool way for current students to be a part of Mizzou history."

Missouri Board of Curators unanimously approves new softball stadium for Tigers

BY TOD PALMER
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The University of Missouri Board of Curators unanimously approved proposal to build a new softball stadium east of the Hearnes Center during a meeting Thursday in Columbia.

The project comes with a $16 million price tag, including $13.5 million in private gifts and another $2.5 million in debt financing.
The debt financing figures were approved at a June 2012 meeting, when renovations to existing University Field were approved as part of $72 million in debt financing for athletics.

The location of the stadium, which will be designed by Lenexa-based Lempka Edson Architects, was approved by the board as part of the MU Campus Master Plan last summer.

University Field, which opened in 1981, is landlocked by University Hall to the north, Carrie Francke Dr. to the west and Walton Stadium to the east with a seating capacity of roughly 600.

The new stadium, which will break ground after next football season and is scheduled for completion by December 2016, will seat 1,800 plus lawn seating along with improved, expanded tam facilities and better access to parking.

Plans also call for expanded dimensions at the new stadium. University Field measures 190 feet down the lines and 220 feet to center field.

MU will build additional parking southeast of the Hearnes Center to make up for the approximately 500 parking sport that will be displaced by the new stadium.

Lempka Edson’s previous projects include Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati, Oklahoma City’s Bricktown Ballpark and Goodyear Ballpark, the spring training home of the Reds and Cleveland Indians.
Missouri curators approve funding for new softball stadium

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The University of Missouri Board of Curators has approved funding for a new softball stadium in Columbia.

The curators on Thursday unanimously approved the $16 million stadium. The funding will include $13.5 million in private gifts and $2.5 million in debt financing.

Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin told the curators he was confident the university will meet its private fundraising goal. He says revenue from the Southeast Conference Network could provide some other funding, if needed.

The Columbia Daily Tribune reports the new stadium will be east of the Hearnes Center. Preliminary plans are for an 1,800-seat stadium, larger dimensions than the current stadium, improved team spaces and new parking. Construction is scheduled to begin Nov. 22, with the stadium ready for use by December 2016.

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MU curators approve new softball stadium

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COLUMBIA -- The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved a $16 million fund for a new softball stadium.

The project approval comes after Mizzou softball's success in the last several consecutive seasons.
The new stadium is planned to be constructed on the east side of the Hearnes Center off Stadium boulevard.

Plans for the new stadium include 1,800 seats (600 more than the current stadium) and a regulation size field with better sun orientation. According to the project approval report, the stadium will displace 500 parking spots in the Hearnes Center parking lot. Those spots will move to a new parking structure that will be constructed near the athletic complex.

$13.5 million dollars of the funding will come from private donations, the other $2.5 million from debt financing.

The stadium is projected to be ready for the 2017 softball season.

UM Board of Curators approves $16 million funding plan for new softball stadium

By Blake Toppmeyer

Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 2:00 pm

The University of Missouri Board of Curators voted unanimously at Thursday’s meeting to approve the $16 million funding plan for MU’s new softball stadium.

Private gifts are slated to supply $13.5 million of the project funding. The other $2.5 million will come from debt financing as part of the $72 million approved by the board in 2012 for athletics facilities projects.

Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin, in comments to the curators, said he’s confident MU will meet its private funding goal. If it doesn’t, he said revenue generated by the SEC Network would provide another avenue for project funding.

“We’re excited. Now it’s a real project, and we can get started,” said Tim Hickman, MU’s executive associate athletic director for operations. “We’ll hope to start meetings here in the next couple weeks and get our detailed design and move forward with hiring our construction manager.”
Added MU softball Coach Ehren Earleywine, "We're really thankful that the board did what they did and approved it. It shows that they're supportive of what we're doing. There's no more guessing. This is a done deal."

The board approved a campus master plan last June that plotted the new stadium’s site, which will be east of the Hearnes Center. Some preliminary planning already has occurred, with plans calling for the stadium to be an 1,800-seat venue.

The project’s price tag includes construction of a new parking lot that will be south of Champions Drive along Providence Point Drive, an area southeast of the Hearnes Center. That parking lot is slated to provide a 1-for-1 replacement for the estimated 535 parking spaces east of the Hearnes Center that will be displaced by the softball stadium.

The stadium is scheduled to be ready in December 2016, meaning 2017 would be the season MU moves from University Field, its home since 1980. Construction is scheduled to begin Nov. 22 — the day after MU’s final home football game this fall.

Lempka Edson Architects, based out of Lenexa, Kan., will be the architect.

“They’re a great firm,” Hickman said. “We looked at the Kansas City area. The Kansas City area is just kind of the mecca for sports architecture in the country. … They have great experience building both baseball and softball stadiums in the past, so we’re excited to have them on board.”

The firm’s principals, Jim Edson and Patrick Lempka, previously worked for HOK Sport/Populous, a company known for designing numerous professional sporting venues. Edson said he and Lempka were involved in baseball and softball stadium projects at Indiana University and South Florida. Edson and Lempka started their own firm in 2009.

“We’re looking forward to it, and I think it’s going to be an exciting project,” Edson said. “Certainly for the softball program, I think it will be a big help for their program and in increasing their stature in the SEC.”

Edson worked for 14 years for the University of Missouri system as project coordinator and university architect.

“I feel like I’m coming home in a way, and I’m excited to be on the project team in a different capacity than I was used to being on when I was on staff,” Edson said.

Hickman said plans for the new stadium call for it to have bigger dimensions than University Field, which is 190 feet from home plate to the wall down the lines and 220 feet to the center-field wall.

**INJURY REPORT:** The Tigers might not be at full strength when their season opens Feb. 13 against Louisville at the Dot Richardson Invitational in Clermont, Fla.
Catcher Kirsten Mack is out with a sprained knee, and outfielder Morgan Walters is out with a sprained ankle. Shortstop Corrin Genovese is dealing with a sore hand after being hit by a pitch. Genovese practiced Thursday. Mack and Walters didn't practice.

Earleywine said Mack's knee injury likely will sideline her for two to three weeks. He didn't have specifics on how long the injuries to Walters and Genovese might hamper them.

**SCRIMMAGE SET:** The time for the Black & Gold Scrimmage has been moved up one hour to 2 p.m. Saturday. It will be played at University Field.

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**UM System approves proposal for new Missouri softball stadium**

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BY MEGAN SCHUSTER

COLUMBIA — Sunny spring Saturdays mean softball to many Missouri fans. Sometimes University Field well exceeds its listed capacity of 500 people as waves of black and gold flood into the stadium.

University Field has been Missouri softball's home since 1981. It has hosted NCAA Regionals, NCAA Super Regionals and conference tournaments.

To keep it in playing form, the stadium has had a few facelifts, touchups and renovations over the years, but on Thursday, the UM System Board of Curators passed a proposal to give Missouri softball a new stadium. The major aspects that were approved were a budget — $16 million — and the use of the architectural firm Lempka Edson, which has experience in designing arenas and stadiums at both professional and collegiate levels. John Fougere, a spokesman for the UM System, said the project is expected to be completed in December 2016.

The plan has been in the works since June 2014, Fougere said, but the board decided to put it into motion at this time for two major reasons.
First, NCAA regulations are changing. As of the 2017 season, softball fields are required to measure 230 feet in center field, something University Field is well short of. The current stadium cannot be expanded to accommodate this change because it borders Carrie Francke Drive on its right field side and Walton Stadium along the third baseline.

The second reason is the overall the success of the program. Missouri softball is becoming more and more popular in Columbia — thanks to a winning program and impressive players — and Fougere estimates that the new field will be able to hold about 1,800 spectators. That number is more than triple the capacity of University Field, allowing many more fans to attend games.

Coach Ehren Earleywine and his team are excited to be getting a new venue and believe it's a testament to their quality of play that it's finally happening.

"Some of these things, internally, you know are going to happen, but at the same time we're really thankful that the board did what they did and approved it," Earleywine said of the proposal. "It shows that they're supportive of what we're doing. There's no more guessing — this is a done deal. Now we just gotta stick a shovel in the ground."

Executive Associate Athletics Director Tim Hickman said work on designing the field will start soon. Earleywine has some ideas for the layout of the field, and Hickman said that he is looking forward to Earleywine's input being a large part of the process.

Nationally, Earleywine said he would like to see all fields get much bigger. But until other teams' approaches mirror his own, he doesn't want his team at a disadvantage.

"I'm an offensive-minded coach," Earleywine said. "I don't want my team being the last in the SEC every year in home runs because our field's bigger than everybody else's."

So, for now, the architects will try to find a happy medium between the minimum of 230 feet and Earleywine's ultimate goal for fields around the country.

Senior Angela Randazzo will never get a chance to play at this new field because this is her last year with the team. Although she wishes she could get the chance, Randazzo believes that she has had a small hand in making it happen.
"The older girls that have already graduated, they put in a lot of work. I know my class has put in a lot of work," Randazzo said. "All the young girls are doing the same exact thing all the time and I think it's awesome."

Until 2017, though, the Tigers will still call University Field home.

Missouri hosts its Black and Gold game at 2 p.m. Saturday. The game is scheduled to be played outside on University Field, something that hasn't been possible in a few years due to weather.

The Tigers start their season Feb. 13 at the Dot Richardson Invitational in Clermont, Florida. There, Missouri will face Louisville, Chattanooga, South Dakota State, Cleveland State and Central Florida.

Man accused of raping passed out woman in Greek town by MU campus

COLUMBIA, Mo. - A 22-year-old Columbia man is scheduled to appear in court later this month after allegedly having sex with a woman while she was passed out near the MU campus.

Joseph Clamp has already bonded out of jail after being taken into custody earlier this week on a first-degree sexual assault charge.

The assault allegedly happened at sorority and fraternity housing in early December.

Clamp is schedule to face a judge on February 27.
Are babies more intelligent than we think? Infants aware of complex relationships and understand friendship and bullying even when they are just 13 MONTHS old

By DANIEL BATES IN NEW YORK

Babies might be smarter than we had previously thought and can understand complex social situations from the age of just 13 months old.

A study has found that infants are able to comprehend what constitutes bullying, friendship and what it means to be a bystander.

In an experiment with puppets they responded to different scenarios in a way that suggested they were more engaged than had been expected.

A study has found that 13 month old babies (a stock image is shown) are able to comprehend what constitutes bullying, friendship and what it means to be a bystander. The researchers asked parents of 48 infants aged around one to bring them into the lab for the experiment.

They were sat down in front of a stage where two puppets appeared.

First, puppet A and puppet B interacted in a friendly manner so the children could get used to them. The scientists then put on a show with a variety of scenarios.

A third puppet, C, walked up and was deliberately knocked down by B as A looked on. In the next scenario when puppet A wasn't present, B knocked down C, and in a third scenario, C was accidentally knocked down as A looked on.

The researchers could not talk to the babies to see their response so they monitored how long they looked at the stage to gauge their interest and engagement.

The findings showed that the babies looked longer at things that were unexpected and novel than things which were more predictable.

For example, this happened when puppet A behaved in a friendly manner with B - even after he deliberately knocked down C.

Psychological scientists and study authors You-jung Choi and Yuyan Luo of the University of Missouri said: ‘This to us indicates infants have strong feelings about how people should deal with a character who hits others - his or her acquaintance or "friend" should do something about it’.

Another instance when the babies looked longer at the stage was when puppet A shunned B even if he was not there when he knocked down C.
The scientists said this suggested that the babies were able to keep track of what puppet A knew and use that information to make inferences about its behaviour.

The findings indicated the newborns had ‘strong feelings about how people should deal with a character who hits others’, the researchers said.

In their report they explained: ‘Our findings show that 13-month-olds can make sense of social situations using their understanding about others’ minds and social evaluation skills.

‘The research is innovative in that we show that infants are able to construe social situations from different participants’ perspectives.’

Previous research has suggested that babies are incredibly inquisitive and adaptable.

However not all studies said they are smart and the UCLA’s Institute For Child Development concluded they were ‘so stupid it’s not even funny’.

Move that Bus successful, buses moved from Hitt Street to Tiger Plaza

MSA’s Campus and Community Relations Committee worked with university and city officials to make taking a shuttle safer for pedestrians.

A 2012 city ordinance passed by the Columbia City Council that took effect last fall raised some concern from members of the student body.

Ordinance 21390 Section 14-180 moved the location where private shuttles could pick students up from the MU Student Center to Hitt Street in front of Memorial Union, where there are no shelters to shield students from weather.

Move that Bus, a campaign started by the Campus and Community Relations Committee of the Missouri Students Association in October, came to a short-term solution for this issue over winter break.

The shuttles have once again been permitted to park on Rollins Street, this time in front of Tiger Plaza, where a temporary shelter has been built to protect students.
Move that Bus came to fruition at the beginning of last semester, after several students contacted CCRC to complain about the new location, calling it a safety issue, as well as a convenience issue because of pedestrian patterns, due to the fact that Hitt Street wasn’t as wide as Rollins.

Senior Chad Phillips, CCRC chairman, and the rest of the committee rallied together to work with university officials to work toward a solution.

Phillips and Syed Ejaz, vice-chairman of CCRC, planned a presentation during the public comment forum of City Council. They presented the student-focused issue with safety and logistical facts.

Phillips said the first reaction from the council was less than enthusiastic.

“It was pretty disheartening, especially after all the work that we put in,” he said. “But we also took it as motivation and it set a new target with us to work with the administrators. It woke up the administrators. I think originally they didn’t see it as too big of an issue or pertinent, but us going to the City Council made it an important issue.”

The City Council presentation sparked the creation of joint committee meetings between the Campus Safety, Campus Parking and Transportation Committee, University of Missouri Police Department representatives, CoMo Connect administrators and MU’s Traffic Engineering consultant.

The meetings were headed by Vice Chancellor for Operations Gary Ward and Michael Sokoff, Parking and Transportation Services director.

“It is a good example of student and administration collaboration toward finding solutions to issues,” Sokoff said. “It shows that reasonable dialogue can result in positive outcomes.”

This issue got a lot of support from the student body because of how impactful the issue was, Ejaz said.

“This was a very salient and tangible issue,” he said. “A lot of students ride the apartment shuttles and for a lot of students it was a logistical and safety issue. It was a very noticeable and visible change. It was a change that many students felt.”

Phillips and Ejaz said they found out at the end of fall semester that the buses had been moved. The city sent out letters to the private shuttle companies in the beginning of January.

Phillips and Ejaz agreed that Tiger Plaza, while a good short-term solution, should not be permanent. They said they will be working toward a more permanent solution this upcoming year.

“It’s going to take a lot of brainstorming and unfortunately, a lot of money,” Phillips said. “But in the time that we could accomplish what we had, it was the best compromise. We are definitely happy, but we look forward to working on a long-term project for the student body.”
The committee will continue to work with the different transportation experts and the city officials to work towards a more permanent solution.

The committee’s success in this initiative was one of its largest accomplishments last semester, Phillips said.

“It was something that a lot of people looked at it as something that wasn’t able to be accomplished, but seeing everyone rally behind it and not giving up was really motivating and reassuring,” he said.

Ejaz agreed with Phillips.

“It feels satisfying,” Ejaz said. “It was a long process and I’m thankful for everyone that contributed to it because really without the work from people in CCRC and the cooperation from university officials and city officials, this wouldn’t have gotten done. It was empowering to know that when students come together to fix a problem, that things can actually happen.”

Editorial: A big recruit and the secret guilt of college football

By the Editorial Board

The TV was tuned to ESPN, which was broadcasting live Wednesday morning from East St. Louis Senior High School, where a large young man named Terry Beckner Jr. was about to announce where he would pursue his higher education. Young Mr. Beckner thanked God, and then held up a black and gold Missouri Tigers pennant.

Talk about mixed emotions. On the one hand, it’s great that a kid from East St. Louis is going to get a free college education. On the other hand, he may have to work 40 or 50 hours a week for that free education. When he’s not in class or at the malt shoppe, Mr. Beckner, all 6 feet, 4 inches and 300 pounds of him, will be involved with Mizzou’s football team.

On the one hand, if he’s as good as people think he is, he has a chance to be a millionaire in three years. This could mean he won’t graduate, but how many Mizzou graduates become millionaires fresh out of school? On the other hand, he could get hurt or otherwise sidetracked. If he does go on to play on Sundays, the NFL’s actuaries have admitted that there’s a nearly 1-in-3 chance he’ll wind up with brain damage.

But in the meantime, he’ll be helping old Mizzou, proud Mizzou. He’ll help head football coach Gary Pinkel earn his base salary of $3.4 million. He’ll help the assistant coaches earn their $3.2 million combined salaries. He’ll be part of the $64 million-a-year Missouri Athletic Department. He’ll help bring in millions in tax-
deductible contributions to Mizzou sports. He’ll wear those cool Nike uniforms. He’ll be on TV. He’ll help move some merchandise. He’ll help sell some cars and Cialis.

We hate being a noodge or (in the words of our colleague, Bill McClellan) a “professional scold.” It’s not easy pointing out that cheap gas is not a good idea or that the planet is getting dangerously hot or that tax cuts won’t magically bring prosperity.

We root for the Tigers. We remember when Woody Widenhofer and then Bob Stull coached the team. The Pinkel years have been more fun.

But it should no longer be possible for a thoughtful American to watch big-time college football or basketball with an easy conscience. These kids are being exploited. Willingly, to be sure. But exploited nonetheless.

The adults who benefit from this exploitation — the coaches, the college administrators, the TV executives and announcers, the advertisers, the recruiting experts, the journalists and the fans — should at least have the decency to admit it.

It’s one thing for high school players to sign letters of intent to accept a scholarship from a university. They should also have to sign “informed consent” documents, just as hospital patients do before surgery.

They should be told that very few college football players will ever play professionally — 0.9 percent, by the NCAA’s own count. They should be told they can lose their scholarships if they get hurt or don’t perform up to expectations. They should be told that the more they play and practice, the greater risk they run of permanent brain damage.

Last year brought some progress on the exploitation front. It also brought the first-ever college football championship playoff, which only elevated the hype, the money, the risks and the work required of 19- and 20-year-olds, some of whom play as many as 14 games.

A National Labor Relations Board arbitrator ruled last March that Northwestern University’s football players could form a union, meaning they would be regarded as university employees and not just “student-athletes.” The university is appealing.

The NLRB ruling, and an August decision by a federal judge in a long-running case involving former UCLA basketball player Ed O’Bannon, focused a lot of attention on the exploitation of college athletes.

In the O’Bannon case, the judge ruled athletes should be paid for the commercial use of their names and images. The NCAA and its member schools may establish “trust funds” for such revenue; athletes will be able to tap the fund when their careers are over.

Last month the NCAA moved to require universities and athletic conferences to grant athletes more protection for their scholarships and better health care guarantees. The so-called “power five” football conferences moved to increase the value of scholarships by granting players a few thousand dollars for transportation and incidental expenses. The NCAA will conduct ongoing concussion studies.

But last month also saw a lawsuit filed in North Carolina by two former University of North Carolina athletes, one a member of the women’s basketball team, the other a former football player. They claimed they’d been defrauded because they didn’t receive the education they were entitled to.
A study commissioned by UNC had found that between 1993 and 2011, the university had a “shadow curriculum” for certain athletes — essentially worthless courses. The lawsuit seeks damages and creation of a commission to study academic programs at the 65 schools with the largest athletic programs.

By the time Terry Beckner Jr. finishes what we hope will be a long, healthy and fruitful career at the University of Missouri, the college sports environment could look dramatically different.

He will still have to work long hours, but he will get a fairer shake than the athletes who came before him, at Mizzou and other big-time programs. He’ll have money to get back and forth from East St. Louis to Columbia and to buy a pizza on a Friday night. If he applies himself, he can get a quality education.

This will be better, but it still won’t answer one fundamental question: What exactly are America’s universities doing in the business of professional sports?