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## MU facility improvements specified in document

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**The University of Missouri will request approval of \$72 million worth of athletic facility improvements at tomorrow's meeting of the UM Board of Curators in Columbia.**

A Board of Curators document indicated the majority of that total — \$46.05 million — is devoted to the Memorial Stadium east-side addition. The project calls for about 5,200 extra bleacher seats and 800-900 premium seats at the football stadium. The structure will be built outside the current bowl footprint of the stadium. The current capacity of Memorial Stadium is 71,004.

There is also a request for \$9.75 million for renovations to the stadium's west-side press box. A portion of the current press area will be converted to suites, with additional press seating moved to the upper deck of the facility.

The architect for the east-side project is Kansas City-based Populous. The architect for the west-side project is Kansas City-based 360 Architecture.

Six other projects are expected to cost less than \$5 million each.

Memorial Stadium's north concourse will be expanded. The plaza will extend farther south to provide extra room for fans to circulate and possibly more fan seats in the future. The Hill could be extended farther south to be closer to the end zone.

Stadium structural improvements will repair seats and supporting elements.

The tennis facility will be upgraded and expanded.

Baseball facility renovations will include team lockers, a players lounge and coaches' offices in the McArtor Baseball Facility. Spectator field boxes are planned to be added along the third-base line at Taylor Stadium.

Softball stadium renovations include plans for a future relocated field wall, a game and practice film platform, an indoor hitting/infield facility and an expanded ticket sales window and retail sales area. Fan seating will be expanded and improvements will be made to bathrooms and concession areas.

The Club at Old Hawthorne will get a complete team/coaches clubhouse and instructional facility.

Also tomorrow, the MU athletic department has called a 4 p.m. news conference to announce a major private donation.

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## **Missouri seeks stadium expansion for SEC move**

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Missouri has unveiled its long-promised plans to upgrade athletic facilities as it moves to the Southeastern Conference.

An athletics master plan released by the school on Monday calls for adding at least 6,000 seats at Memorial Stadium, which currently has a capacity of 71,004. The expansion would consist of 5,200 bleacher seats on the stadium's east side and 800 to 900 premium seats, along with new restrooms, lounges and concession stands.

Even with the addition, Missouri still would rank ninth in stadium size among the 14 SEC schools. Eight of those schools have stadiums that hold at least 80,000, with Alabama's Bryant-Denny Stadium and Tennessee's Neyland Stadium topping 100,000.

Missouri also wants to add more enclosed luxury suites on the stadium's west side and expand a concourse at the stadium's north entrance that would provide room for another possible seating increase in the future.

The school is also seeking to improve its tennis and golf facilities as well as its softball and baseball stadiums. The projects would cost \$72 million in 30-year debt financing through revenue bonds, although a plan summary suggests Missouri would recoup its entire investment through the sale of additional premium seats and luxury boxes.

Missouri athletic director Mike Alden will present the proposal to university curators on Tuesday afternoon, with a vote expected Wednesday morning. He declined an Associated Press interview request Monday through a school spokesman.

Immediately after the Tuesday curators' session, Alden plans to announce what's described as "major private gift" to Missouri athletics. He consistently has spoken of the need for donors to "step up" from the moment Missouri's move to the SEC from the Big 12 Conference was announced in November 2011.

Missouri ranks near the bottom of its new conference in terms of annual expenses on athletics, as well as athletics revenue and recruiting budgets.

The plan summary provided to curators suggests that the increased investment on athletics is also an SEC expectation.

"With the move to the Southeastern Conference, this planning effort evaluated all facilities and identified those requiring immediate attention to accommodate the expectations of the new conference home," the master plan reads.

The timing of the debt financing request could prove awkward for the seven curators, who are political appointees selected by the governor and approved by Missouri legislators.

Supporters of the University of Missouri Press — which is slated to shut down this week after administrators said they no longer can afford the publishing house's \$400,000 annual subsidy — plan to protest the budget cut at the curators' meeting on the Columbia campus.

They have criticized the move by new Missouri system president Tim Wolfe and compared the relatively modest budget cut to the millions spent on football and men's basketball, although academic funds are separate from athletic budgets.

While the bulk of the proposed stadium expansion would be paid for through revenue bonds, the plan also calls for the use of \$500,000 from a campus facilities reserve fund that covers utility infrastructure improvements.

## Mizzou unveils stadium expansion plans

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Mizzou fans watch pregame ceremonies before a game between the Tigers and Miami (Ohio) at Faurot Field last September. (Chris Lee / [clee@post-dispatch.com](mailto:clee@post-dispatch.com))

**COLUMBIA, Mo. — The University of Missouri has unveiled its long-promised plans to upgrade athletic facilities as it moves to the Southeastern Conference.**

Plans released by the school on Monday call for the addition of 6,000 seats (5,200 extra bleacher seats and 800-900 premium seats) at Memorial Stadium, which currently has a capacity of 71,004.

Even with the addition, Missouri would still rank ninth in stadium size among the 14 SEC schools.

University curators will discuss the plans on Tuesday.

Missouri also wants to add more enclosed luxury suites and expand a concourse at the stadium's north entrance that could allow another seating increase in the future.

The school is also seeking to improve its tennis and golf facilities as well as its softball and baseball stadiums. The projects would cost \$72 million in debt financing paid through bonds.

# Curators to discuss additions to residential life and athletics facilities

By [Alli Inglebright](#), [Jessica Salmond](#)

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**COLUMBIA — MU is asking to expand and renovate Memorial Stadium and to build a five-story residence hall in the southeast part of campus.**

Both projects will come before UM System Board of Curators when it meets Tuesday and Wednesday at Reynolds Alumni Center. The board also will vote on the system's 2013-14 operating budget.

After the curators meet Tuesday, MU athletics director Mike Alden plans to announce a major private gift to Missouri athletics.

## **Memorial Stadium**

The plans to expand and renovate Memorial Stadium stem from Missouri's move to the Southeastern Conference. According to documents provided for the curators, the university anticipates an increase in football game attendance, which the current stadium would not be able to accommodate.

The stadium expansion and renovation as well as six other athletics-related projects at MU are estimated to cost \$72 million in 30-year debt financing through revenue bonds.

The addition is estimated to cost \$46.05 million. Plans include:

- About 6,000 new seats on the east side of the stadium, which now has about 71,000 seats.
- An unspecified number of restrooms, concessions, kitchens, lounge spaces and support and circulation spaces.
- A \$500,000 chilled water infrastructure extension, a part of the project considered optional at this point.

The construction contract for the addition would be awarded in October 2013. A projected completion date is July 2015.

Renovation plans are estimated to cost \$9.75 million and include:

- Converting the press box on the west side of the stadium to new suites with restrooms and lounge areas and a new press area..
- Updating the current club and suite areas.

The construction contract would be awarded in February 2013. Renovations would be completed by August 2013.

### **Additional athletics projects**

MU is also seeking approval for six projects that cost less than \$5 million each. They would:

- Extend Memorial Stadium's north plaza to provide more space for fans and fan seating on the grassy area near the "M."
- Repair current stadium seating and other maintenance needs.
- Renovate the tennis facilities, adding team lockers, additional bathroom facilities, coaches' offices, more seating and concession areas.
- Renovate Taylor Stadium to include team lockers, players' lounge, additional bathroom facilities, coaches' offices and spectator field boxes by the third base line.
- Renovate University Field to add a new field wall, indoor hitting facility, more sales windows, expand seating and improve locker and storage rooms.
- Complete a team and coaches clubhouse and instructional facility for Old Hawthorne Golf Facility.

### **Virginia Avenue South Student Housing**

MU is requesting construction of a 92,400-square-foot residential hall on what is now parking lot CG1, between College and Virginia avenues and south of Hospital Drive.

The Virginia Avenue South Student Housing project is estimated to cost \$28.4 million. It is intended to accommodate the ever-growing number of freshmen.

The 330-bed residence hall would be designed for communal living with multiple living modules that would accommodate 15 to 20 residents apiece. Each module would have a study room and a community restroom.

The hall is expected to qualify for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification, which is a standard for measuring how "green" a building is.

The residence hall's construction contract would be awarded in September 2013. Construction would be completed by April 2015, in time for occupancy that fall.

The most recent student housing built at MU was the Hawthorn, Galena and Dogwood residence halls, which opened in fall 2009.

Gillett Hall was the most recently completed housing renovation at MU; Mark Twain Hall is being renovated now; and in December, Johnston Hall will close for renovations.

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## Athletic department to propose details into facility upgrades

Posted to Sports Blog by Seth Boster at 4:40 p.m., June 25, 2012

**Details into the University of Missouri's expected facility upgrades following the school's acceptance into the lucrative Southeastern Conference will be presented to the UM Board of Curators during Tuesday's meeting in Columbia.**

A Board of Curators document states the athletic department is devoting \$72 million to the project.

Other specifics in the document reveal that \$46.05 million will go into the expansion of the east side of Memorial Stadium, where 5,200 seats, 800 to 900 premium seats and the addition of concessions, bathrooms and lounging areas will be proposed.

Should such a proposal be approved with 900 premium seats, Memorial Stadium would reach a capacity of approximately 78,000, still in the bottom half of top capacity stadiums among SEC programs.

The next largest chunk of the \$72 million will be called for to renovate Memorial Stadium's press box. The construction would convert current press seating into suites, with further press seats going into the box's upper deck at a tag of \$9.75.

Six other projects are listed in the document, including the enlargement of Memorial Stadium's north plaza for fans, the possible extension of the "M"-adorned hill above the north end zone and the renovations of baseball and softball facilities.

Along with the Board of Curators document becoming available on the Monday, the athletic department also called for a news conference scheduled for 4 p.m. on Tuesday at the Reynolds Alumni Center to announce "a major private gift."

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## Press supporters plan to attend Missouri curators meeting

BY JANE HENDERSON

Talk about David vs Goliath.

**Just as the Missouri Board of Curators plans to consider a \$72 million facilities upgrade for sports, at least a few supporters of the embattled University of Missouri Press plan to attend the meeting.**

The Post-Dispatch's Stu Durando reports:

The (Faurot) stadium work also includes plans for a \$9.75 million press box renovation. Some media seating will be moved to the upper deck and vacated media areas will be turned into suite seating.

One month ago, the university's system president announced the closing of the academic press, which publishes 20-30 books a year. The president's news release cited the \$400,000 subsidy the system has allocated the press as a reason for the closing.

Critics have complained that it is a small sum compared to what is spent on football (the athletics budget is actually separate from the system budget, although the contrast in financing is mind-boggling).

The Columbia campus' student newspaper, the Columbia Missourian, this afternoon posted today's Post-Dispatch editorial calling for the school system to save the press.

Also today, the University of Missouri-Columbia issued a news release trying to explain that the university system's budget (which includes the press) is different from the Columbia campus' budget. One can only infer that the bad publicity about the press' closing has become loud enough to prompt this:

Various individuals have expressed concern regarding this action and have mistakenly attributed the decision to the University of Missouri-Columbia. In addition, some have erroneously linked the decision to the budget of the MU athletic program. There is no relationship between the two budgets, historically or currently.

The Save the University of Missouri Press Facebook page has more than 2,000 people who like it, but that is a small number compared to those who read about the Missouri Tigers or spend money supporting the team.

It will be interesting to see how many people show up for the curators meeting. The Facebook page tells supporters of the press to meet in the Reynolds Alumni Center for the curators meeting:

Supporters of the press plan to arrive at 1:35 p.m. in time for the Board's Academic, Student, and External Affairs Committee meeting, scheduled to convene at that time.

The Board has also scheduled a press conference for 4 p.m. in Columns Ballroom A & B of the Reynolds Alumni Center. This press conference is ostensibly about the athletic program but members of the media have told us they would like to meet with supporters of the press. So, if you can't arrive at 1:35 p.m. for the for the committee meeting, please be there by 4:00 p.m. for the press conference.

Scores of you have sent letters to President (Tim) Wolfe and the Board, but they may not have received them or read them or truly considered them. This is a chance to put a copy of your letter in their hands and talk to them face-to-face.

While they are waiting, they might want to consider reading Harvard professor Michael J. Sandel's new book, "What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets." He has talked about the "skyboxification" of America and no doubt would have some perspective on a \$9 million press box renovation to make way for "suites" while an academic press can't find the money to publish books.

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## The way UM handling press closure is fodder for own J-school

BY JANE HENDERSON

**Today an editorial in the Post-Dispatch repeated what virtually all outraged commenters have said: The University of Missouri is wrong to shut down its press for want of \$400,000.**

There are so many angles to this issue that it could inspire several stories by the university's own famous journalism school (yes, my own alma mater -- I have degrees in both journalism and English from the university).

Perhaps the story could be a case study on how poorly the news was handled by the university system's new president. (Nowadays, businesses call this "strategic communications," but formerly it was just "public relations" or "spin.")

No matter how the system tries to spin the news, most commentators have focused on how odd it seems that a university system with a multi-billion-dollar budget resents "subsidizing" a 54-year-old press that brings out Missouri-related research and books that very few other book presses are going to want to focus on.

The university has no digital model yet to replace print books. The press has, in fact, been providing its titles in e-book form for years. The sale of e-books does not bring in the revenue that print does.

Even if the university soon announces a new "model" to continue publishing academic books, there are no digital university presses that I know of that have gained prestige and financial success and thus no real reason to assume that Missouri's effort will be different, especially if it doesn't want to "subsidize" it. Rice University tried an all-digital press and it failed.

Last week, the university system's vp for finance commented to the St. Louis Beacon's Dale Singer that the press "subsidized" other universities' professors by publishing their books.

Guess what? That's what all university presses do. Missouri professors are essentially "subsidized" by out-of-state presses that publish their books; that's apparently just fine with Missouri. The average reader doesn't care about how universities sustain their traditional system of publishing, which often leads to hiring, advancement and tenure. But in academic circles, it's a real issue.

See UM-related stories in Inside Higher Ed and the Chronicle of Higher Education to read more about this controversy. They also elegantly state some of the points about the purpose of a university and academic publishing.

Last week the Nation's Katha Pollit also wrote about the shame of closing the UM press. Unfortunately she, like so many others, compared the press financing to the vast amount of money spent on UM football. That may be "apples and bowling balls" as the UM system's spokeswoman has said. The football program actually subsidizes other athletic programs. The athletics budget is apparently separate from the UM system budget that involves the press. (Although who subsidizes the tutors who help some of the students brought in because of their athletic skill rather than their grades?)

Yet even if the football budget has nothing to do with the press' closing, how is it that other universities in the SEC support both football and a university press?

The university system's spokeswoman, Jennifer Hollingshead, told me Friday that the Missouri press had hired a development officer a few years ago to try to raise money for the press. Giving was uneven through the years, she said. One year, about \$61,000 was brought in, but at other times it was far less. The press is responsible for paying all of its bills, including rent, electricity and pest control.

Whether talking about for-profit or nonprofit publishing, many critics don't understand that the cost of printing books is not the biggest cost when it comes to writing, editing and publishing. To think that eliminating the cost of printing is a solution has been proven wrong time and again. If UM believes it can have a self-sustaining press by eliminating employees and having students pay tuition to be press interns, that might help the bottom line. But how morally responsible is that path if even the university president doesn't think that publishing books is a viable future?

Another knot in this issue is that although the university system president has to worry about state appropriations, that isn't the only concern when it comes to the university system's budget. More money comes from "sales and services" and "investments" than state taxes. When I sought details from Hollingshead about the system's budget, she resisted, telling me I was asking the wrong questions. Maybe she was right.

Overall, the press' closing has generated moral outrage (as the Beacon said) but no money. Still, there are many valid points that should continue to be explored by writers and journalists. If amateur football games can generate news stories day after day about every minor injury, play or financial decision, certainly the closure of a university press deserves some people asking questions, too.



## MU Researchers Hone Possible Stroke Treatment

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — University of Missouri researchers have developed a potential new stroke treatment that targets an enzyme critical to brain function.

Zezong Gu is an assistant professor of pathology and anatomical sciences at the university's School of Medicine. His research team has developed a drug that could delay the onset of a type of stroke that occurs when blood clots block blood flow to the brain.

The compound is also being studied for use on patients with a less common type of stroke that results in bleeding in the brain. The tests were performed on mice.

Gu recently published his research results in the journal *Molecular Neurodegeneration*. The MU scientists teamed with researchers at the University of Notre Dame.

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## Missouri gains hype in SEC basketball teleconference

Posted to Sports Blog by Ryan Hood at 3:30 p.m., June 25, 2012

**There certainly wasn't a lack of praise for the new kids on the block Monday morning, as Southeastern Conference basketball coaches took turns praising fellow soon-to-be SEC members, Missouri and Texas A&M, during a teleconference.**

### Early acclaim

Only two players return from last year's record-setting 30-win, Big 12 Conference championship roster, but opposing SEC coaches believe that Missouri will be a force to be reckoned with this coming season.

"They had an incredible year and they lost a lot [from the roster], but they had a lot sitting out," Florida coach Billy Donovan said of the Tigers, who will have senior forward Laurence Bowers return after a year on the bench with a torn ACL.

Every coach asked about the additions of Missouri and Texas A&M to the SEC had high praise for both programs as wholes, not just their current rosters.

"They bring two tremendous programs and tremendous home-court advantages," said South Carolina coach Frank Martin, once a foe of the two programs in the Big 12 before his departure from Kansas State. "Those two buildings are a whole lot of fun to be in."

Kentucky coach John Calipari, whose wife is from Missouri and whose past experiences include coaching a few games in the Hearnes Center, said the fans at MU and A&M are "nuts" and "present big-time environments."

He also commented on the threat the Tigers offer following his national championship season.

"They're a talented, well-coached team that prepares you for what lies ahead after the SEC tourney," he said. "They're a top-notch athletic program."

Former Missouri coach Mike Anderson, now entering his second year at the helm of Arkansas, also spoke highly of his former home, citing successes both on and off-the-field throughout the MU Athletic Department. It was something, he said, he was proud to be a part of.

Arkansas and Missouri are forming the new Border Showdown, as they have been decided now as permanent cross-divisional rivals, meaning an annual home-and-home series is in store for basketball.

Anderson pointed out the two programs have played in the past, but acknowledged his expectations for fans to be "a lot more into the game" than they were when the two met early in his tenure at Missouri.

Calipari and others made sure to note Missouri and Texas A&M moving to the SEC adds more than just two quality programs to the fold.

New recruiting opportunities in Kansas City, St. Louis and Texas, improved academics, as well as an increase in the strength of the conference schedule, were all mentioned as plusses.

### **Tigers add versatility with transition**

With just guards Phil Pressey and Mike Dixon returning and with seven of the 13 Tigers on scholarship being transfers, coach Frank Haith said the new summer rules, which afford coaches limited time to interact with players, have been especially beneficial to Missouri.

For up to two hours per day and up to eight hours per week coaches can work with their players, including incoming freshmen, in varying capacities.

Haith called the transfer with the most fanfare, former Connecticut forward Alex Oriakhi "the Christmas gift you weren't expecting to get."

Oriakhi, a 6-foot-9-inch, 265-pound center, along with the return of Bowers and the additions of fellow big-men junior Tony Criswell and redshirt sophomore Danny Feldmann, give the Tigers considerably more size than they had last season.

Haith said that size will give him much more "flexibility" with his lineups, meaning unlike last year they could go big instead of being restricted to a four-guard lineup. However, with so many talented guards at his disposal, Haith can also move Earnest Ross to the four, ala Kim English, and go with the four-guards.

### **Transfers bring debate**

Under Haith, Missouri is earning the reputation as "Transfer U," as seven of the 13 players on the current roster transferred to MU since Haith took over.

Much has been made of increasing transfer rates across the country.

"Too many people make too big of a deal about transferring," Martin said. "Kids transfer schools almost yearly during their high school careers. It's not like they're going to go to college and have an epiphany.

"Transfers (don't) make anyone a failure. If the young man's not happy, it'll be hard for all to co-exist. There's nothing more important than the success of the young people taking part, and as long as things are done the right way, they should be allowed to transfer."

Auburn coach Tony Barbee, however, sees things a little differently.

"We're creating a culture that allows kids to run away from their problems," he said.

Redshirt junior guard Earnest Ross left Barbee's team after the 2010-11 season, when he elected to transfer to Missouri after averaging 13.1 points per game at Auburn.



## MU Legacy Walk bricks nearly full

Don Shrubshell

**Fewer than 150 blank bricks remain for name inscriptions on the Mizzou Legacy Walk in front of the Reynolds Alumni Center. The project started in 2007 to raise money for a scholarship endowment.**

By JANESE SILVEY

Monday, June 25, 2012

Replacing a walkway in front of the Reynolds Alumni Center at the University of Missouri was his idea, so it seemed fitting for David Roloff to purchase one of the new path's first personalized bricks.

Roloff, director of membership and marketing at the Mizzou Alumni Association, used the marker to tout that he and his wife, Laura, were a Mizzou match. Now, he'll dedicate one of the last bricks to his children.

"It's a great way to bookend the Legacy Walk," he said.

Fewer than 150 of the 2,576 bricks that make up the Legacy Walk are up for grabs as the 5-year-old project reaches its final phase. The project started in 2007 as a way to raise money by letting alumni and other MU fans engrave messages into the sidewalk.

The deadline to order a brick is Aug. 1. They're slated to be installed by Homecoming this fall.

The cost of a brick is \$375 for alumni association members. When all are sold, the Legacy Walk is expected to have raised about \$1 million, which will be used to create a scholarship endowment.

"We're so pleased of the income coming in for scholarships and the connections to campus in the walkway," Roloff said. "Every brick has a story."

Donors used the bricks to recognize names, graduation dates and, in some cases, Greek affiliations or majors.

"There are a lot of names and degrees, certainly, but some say 'Go Mizzou' or 'Beat Kansas' or other fun things," said Todd McCubbin, executive director of the alumni association.

Among the more notable engravings is a marriage proposal. Mike Anderson of Chicago surprised 2006 graduate Jacquelyn DeBonville in 2009 by buying a brick asking her to marry him.

Roloff got the idea for the Legacy Walk when he and other alumni association staff members were trying to come up with a project after finishing the successful Tiger Plaza, which allowed donors to purchase bronze plaques.

"It dawned on me one day as I was leaving the Reynolds Alumni Center and noticed the brick walkway had fallen into disrepair," he said. "It seemed to click. Everybody loved the idea and the location."

On game days, McCubbin said, it's not unusual to see several people on the walk showing off their bricks to friends. "It's a pretty cool thing," he said.

For Roloff, the entire walkway serves as a tribute to his contribution to MU.

"It really fills me with a sense of pride," he said. "I've always felt a strong service to Mizzou to do my best to support the institution. Knowing every brick contributes to student scholarship, knowing a project like that brought in \$1 million to be used for years to come to support students, it's really heartwarming."