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Center expands career services

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Renovations began this summer in Lela Raney Wood Hall at Stephens College for a new Center for Career and Professional Development. The center will house the new College-to-Career Program, which will be a requirement for all undergraduate students starting this fall.

The new center is an expansion of the current career services on campus and will include interview rooms, career counseling offices as well as a suit closet where students can check out suits.

The College-to-Career Program was created to keep up with a national trend among colleges and universities, said Amanda Wooden, executive director of the Center for Career and Professional Development.

The program will be a non-academic graduation requirement for all undergraduate students starting with first-year students this fall. Every semester, students will have to participate in multiple professional development activities, including career counseling sessions, seminars, professional conferences, career assessments, information sessions, etiquette dinners and mock interviews.

The point of the program is to show students the importance of being professionally prepared for a career after college, Wooden said.

“We want to make sure our students know how to present themselves to potential employers when they enter the workforce,” she said.

A GLIMPSE OF THE GALAXY

In this 30-second exposure, a meteor sails behind a dead tree during the Perseid meteor shower on Aug. 11, near the 4000 block of state Route F in Clark, Missouri. Laws Observatory at MU is open for public viewings, weather permitting, from 8 to 10 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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Columbia College welcomes new administrators, adds sports teams

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Athletics
• Baseball was reinstated. Columbia College last fielded a team in 1982. Darren Munns has been named head coach and will start putting together a team to begin play in the spring of 2017.
• Track & Field has been added for both men and women.
• $100,000 was given to the womens golf program to help create a new scholarship fund.
• The soccer field was renovated and new facilities were added.
• A new sports management program is being added to the business school.

Administrative:
• David Harmon was hired to the position of provost and began in August.
• Piyusha Singh was hired to be the new vice president for online education and started in July.
• The college’s president, Scott Dalyrymple, along with his wife, completed a year-long tour of Columbia College’s 36 nationwide campuses.

Around Campus
• Columbia College’s International Club started a community garden with English Language Learners of Jefferson Middle School. The garden is called “Cougarden.”

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Stephens College was abuzz this summer preparing for the new school year. Renovation teams transformed the career services on campus, and summer camps kept students busy. Here are some upcomings events to check out on campus.

Volleyball vs. Westminster College
7 p.m. Sept. 1
Volleyball kicks off the fall season for Stephens athletic teams.

College Soccer vs. MacMurray
7 p.m. Sept. 1
The Stephens soccer team has its first home game against the Illinois school.

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Residence halls go green, promote community

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According to MU’s Residential Life website, the new gateway hall, which will be completed in fall 2019, has a green roof, a section of which was visible from a common area during a tour Friday, Aug. 14, 2015. A green roof, also known as a living roof, is completely or partially covered by vegetation, which reduces the heat island effect and reduces stormwater runoff according to the MU Department of Residential Life.

The domed roof on campus to include gender-neutral restrooms and changes to each room that have showers or bathtubs.

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New downtown apartments open for fall

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The student apartment boom continues in downtown Columbia with the Lofts opening a second location on Broadway and the District Flats, the controversial Opus development, going up on Eighth Street.

The Lofts at Tenth Street and Broadway were ready for occupancy on Aug. 1. The original location, on Ninth Street near MU, was move-in ready in 2013.

The Lofts on Broadway were ready more than three weeks before MU students returned for fall classes and a little more than two weeks before Stephens College and Columbia College students returned.

Kelly Mason, an employee for the Lofts of Columbia, said all but one of the apartments on 1007 E. Broadway, by the Tiger Hotel, were occupied by students and young professionals in downtown Columbia. Construction began in the middle of summer and the project was completed on schedule.

According to the website, District Flats offers one-bedroom and one-bath units; shared and private two-bedroom and two-bath units; and private four-bedroom and four-bath units.

District Flats representatives could not be reached for further explanation about the new groups moving in downtown.
Construction continues around campus

Several major projects were finished this summer, but others are just beginning.

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The hum of campus construction continued this summer. There were 11 projects in design or construction phases beginning in April, according to the MU 2015 Campus Master Plan and Climate Action Plan update.

Here are highlights of projects pertinent to students:

Construction, renovations and repairs completed:

Francis Quadrangle and the MU Columns
The bases of the MU Columns were repaired, and the ground beneath them was paved after having to repeatedly repair the soil. Additional storm sewer inlets were added to the quadrangle to improve water drainage.
Cost: $398,798

James Hall
Most departments should be moved in before the start of school, except for University Events.
Cost: $8.5 million.

Gateway Hall
331 beds are in this new coed hall on the southeast side of campus at 1000 Virginia Avenue. The hall includes multiple eco-friendly features: Floor-to-ceiling windows increase daylight in the building and reduce need to use lights. A solar thermal collector will provide upwards of 25 percent of the hot water demand for the dorm. Stones from the Cramer and Stafford dorms that were demolished in 2008 are used as feature elements on the outside of the hall.
Cost: $29.36 million.

Widows Hall
The hall reopened for the fall semester. It has “new furniture and finishes, study rooms, lounge areas, full kitchen and more,” according to Residential Life's website. There’s also a new main entrance on the Hill street side of the hall.
The computer lab was moved to the lower level, where a new lounge with floor-to-ceiling lighting was developed.
Combined cost with Johnston Hall: $39.1 million.

Upcoming and in progress:

Softball complex
Construction of a new softball stadium is scheduled to begin in November. The 504 parking lot spaces taken from Hearnes Center parking lot by the new softball field are being replaced with a new parking lot where the Marching Mizzou practice field was and across the street east of there.
The Marching Mizzou practice field is being moved south of the new parking lot as the old field is being converted into parking spaces. Construction on both the field and replacement parking area is expected to be completed in May 2016.
Cost: $16 million.

Swallow Hall
A new third floor will hold a 100-seat lecture hall and 30-seat classroom in the 8,349 square-feet addition. Construction on this project is on schedule to be completed in May 2016.
Cost: $16.9 million.

Lafferre Hall
The 1935 and 1944 additions are being renovated to update the heating, ventilation, electrical, plumbing and other parts.
Construction is set to be completed in December 2016.
Cost: $44.68 million.

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