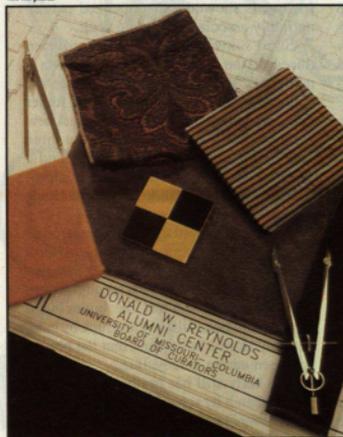


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Across the street to the south of Jesse Hall will be the new Donald W. Reynolds Alumni Center. Whitney Mechanical Contractors of Buffalo, Mo., began construction in July. Floor plans for the main hospitality floor include a great room, banquet room, three meeting rooms and the Campus Club. Throughout the four-level, red-brick and limestone-trim building will be subtle forms of black and gold, but the Campus Club will shout school colors through upholstery and floor and wall coverings.



Mort Walker-designed recreation of Beetle Bailey in a booth from the Shack, a student hangout that occupied the site before the building burned in 1988. Walker is a 1948 MU graduate.

More subtle forms of black and gold will appear through materials used in other areas. Crab orchard stone and black slate are accent flooring materials, Missouri walnut will panel the board room and St. Genevieve golden vein marble will adorn the fireplace in the great room.

"The colors and feelings are very club-like," says Immenschuh. With meeting and banquet space for up to 400, this will become "the most important gathering building for functions in Columbia."

The hospitality floor is one of four levels. The Welcome Center and Alumni Records will be on the entry

level. The third level will house Alumni Relations and Development staff members. The *Missouri Alumnus* magazine and telemarketing will be located on the fourth level.

Construction, which started in July, is scheduled to be done by November 1991. At its June meeting, the Board of Curators approved a construction bid of \$6.47 million. Whitney Mechanical Contractors of Buffalo, Mo., will build the 71,000-square-foot, four-floor structure. Built of red brick with limestone trim, the alumni center exterior will be compatible with its neighbors, Jesse Hall and the Law School Building.

Additional contingency and management fees, furnishings, building equipment, landscaping and utility charges will bring the total building

price to \$8.75 million, says Roger Gafke, vice chancellor for Development, University and Alumni Relations and member of the building committee.

Being built at the same time is a parking garage directly west of the alumni center. When construction is completed in August 1991, visitors may take Maryland Avenue from Stadium Boulevard, and be in the heart of Campus within 2 1/2 city blocks. The 1,300-car Turner Avenue garage at Turner and Maryland is being designed and built by the J.E. Dunn Construction Co. of Kansas City for \$6.57 million. Fees from faculty and staff parking will help pay for the red-brick garage with white trim. Spaces will be reserved for alumni guests on the same level as the main entrance to the alumni center. ☺