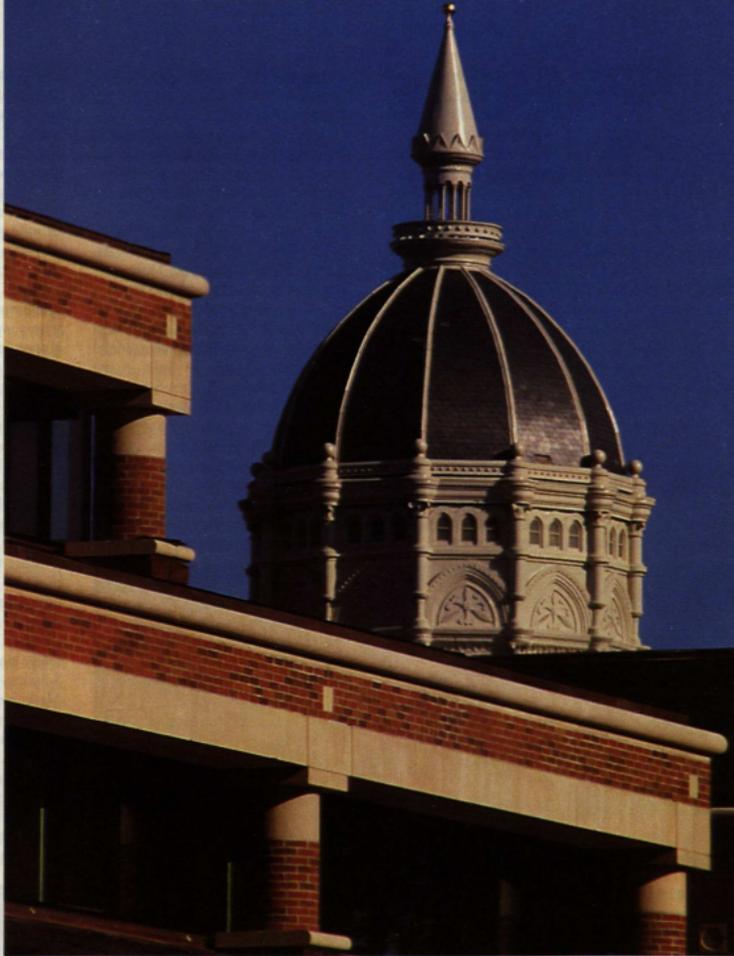


Mizzou's new School of Law, foreground, is constructed from red brick and limestone as an artistic bridge between the Red and White campuses.



Reynolds Alumni Center and Law School to anchor

a new mall

There's a new mall in MU's future. It's not of the red-brick variety that beautifies what once was a drab Lowry Street, nor is it a 50-store extravaganza designed to rival the top suburban shopping areas. This one is pastoral, featuring an inviting, two-block-long field of green just south of Jesse Hall.

The mall will be framed by at least four buildings—two are the new School of Law and the future Reynolds Alumni Center—and will be crisscrossed with walkways. It is the centerpiece of the Sesquicentennial Plan, the blueprint for Mizzou's future.

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"Think of it as standing at Jesse Hall and contemplating the University," Chancellor Haskell Monroe says. "As you look to the north, you see the Columns and Francis Quadrangle, which connect us to the past and the outstanding tradition we have maintained for 150 years.

"As you look to the south, you see the beginnings of the future—the new School of Law, the new Reynolds Alumni Center. Private giving was essential to the creation of those two buildings. It will continue to be vital as the Sesquicentennial Plan unfolds, and will provide the margin of difference between our present status and the level of excellence to which we aspire."

Adds Jack Robinson, an independent consultant who works with the Campus planning committee: "The mall is the most dramatic aspect of the Sesquicentennial Plan.

There will be nothing quite like it. Best of all, it will look like it has been there all the time."

Robinson does not have a timetable for completion of the mall, although some of its elements are set. Grand opening and dedication ceremonies are scheduled at the new School of Law Sept. 23 and 24, with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun and former U.S. Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton expected to attend. Ground-breaking will take place next year on the Reynolds Alumni Center, as a highlight of Missouri's Sesquicentennial Celebration. It will be built in the block bounded by Rollins Street and Conley, Gentry and Maryland avenues, and is scheduled to open in 1991 or 1992. At the same time, a parking garage will go up across the street, to the west.

The two buildings lining the mall in its southern half will be constructed as the need arises, Robinson says. The

University still must acquire a few parcels of land that will be part of the area converted to green space, directly across Conley Avenue from Jesse Hall's front door. But officials expect no problems with those acquisitions.

"The good thing about the Sesquicentennial Plan is that it gives us a definite, positive direction in which to go," says Kee Groshong, interim vice chancellor for administrative services. "We can look at the overall scheme of things and see just what is needed and where we should put it. That didn't always happen."

Some of the highlights:

- Improvements to White Campus. This includes new lighting and walkways, dogwood and hawthorn trees, and rebuilding the wildlife pond near Lefevre Hall at University and College avenues. Some of this work already has started, and most of it should be completed by the end of the year.

- East Campus connection. In the past 20 years, Robinson notes, an entirely new Campus has grown up in the area east of College Avenue and south of Rollins Street. Such relatively new structures as the Animal Sciences Center and the Veterinary Medicine Complex are isolated from the rest of the Campus. Robinson says this area needs to flow into White Campus. To achieve this, a series of walkways, courtyards and elevated areas are planned just south of Sarnborn Field. Again, some of this work already has begun.

- Entrances to the Campus from the



Open-house and dedication ceremonies for the new School of Law, above, will be Sept. 23 and 24. At right, the southern view from the roof of Jesse Hall shows the large expanse of ground that will be converted to a new mall. The School of Law is shown at far left, and the Reynolds Alumni Center will be built in the area at the far right.



south. In coming years, Maryland and College avenues will supply all-important routes from Stadium Boulevard to Red Campus and White Campus, respectively. Robinson says Maryland will be widened, removing two unsightly and awkward doglegs near the Blair Group residence halls. This will provide a smooth corridor to the Reynolds Alumni Center and its accompanying parking garage. And while College Avenue will not require widening, there are plans to landscape the grounds flanking it from Stadium Boulevard to the Rollins Group residence halls, introducing a handsome new front door to the Campus, Robinson says. To accomplish this, the poultry farm on the west side of that area will be moved to another location, Groshong adds.

● Excavation of Francis Quadrangle. Mizzou would have much to gain from an archaeological dig on the grounds north and south of the Columns, says Dr. Michael O'Brien, an associate professor of anthropology who is working with Robinson on this facet of the plan. Rubble from old Academic Hall, destroyed by fire in 1892, makes up a good deal of that ground. Specifically, O'Brien says, the excavation could turn up treasures from a museum formerly located in the hall.

"You never know what we might find," he adds. "And when it was over we could resod the Quadrangle with the better grade of earth and grass." The project also would enable the University to relandscape the grounds, pos-

sibly adding dogwood, a favorite of alumni, or some other types of trees, Robinson says. Mizzou hopes to hire a consultant soon, and the project could begin within two or three years.

● Parking near Faurot Field. "We've done a lot out there in the past few years, but we still have parking problems," Robinson says. "We need as much new parking around the stadium as we can get."

Parking is a prime element in the Sesquicentennial Plan. Seven more parking structures are scheduled to be built on Campus as MU follows its trend of recent years: gradually closing surface lots and replacing them with garages that can hold up to 10 times the number of cars. A garage at University Avenue and Matthews Street, which opened last year, holds 940 vehicles and is handy for those who have business on White Campus. Similarly, a new garage at Conley Avenue and Sixth Street serves the Red Campus. Although most parking is by permit, the top level of each structure has meters for students and visitors.

"Parking has become a big business on Campus," says Jim Joy, director of Parking and Transportation Services. "We figure we have 13,000 parking spaces in 80 lots; in 1950, a study showed 644 spaces in 30 lots. And we're handling \$2.4 million in fees and ticket receipts every year, compared with \$350,000 when I came here in 1980."

He praises the Sesquicentennial Plan, which began in 1981. "Before then, there was no rhyme or reason to the parking on Campus; you'd just throw in a parking lot where you had room," he says. "But with so many cars now, you can't do that. It has to be planned."

Joy is aware of the complaints from people who object to parking in a garage instead of on an open lot, or at a location a few blocks from their destination. But he defends the concept. "By doing this, it allows us to improve and beautify more areas of the Campus, particularly the heart of Campus," he says.

"A mall or courtyard is prettier than a surface parking lot. And if that gives alumni, students and faculty more pride in their Campus, if it draws more students here, well, it's worth it." □

Veterinary Medicine stepping high

Dr. Robert Kahrs, dean of MU's College of Veterinary Medicine, is a happy man these days. A \$3 million state appropriation and a \$1.5 million gift from the Anheuser-Busch Charitable Trust have injected the college with new life.

The money, along with more than \$350,000 in recent donations or pledges, will enable the college to begin constructing a \$16 million, three-clinic teaching hospital. It will be named Clydesdale Hall in honor of Anheuser-Busch's noble Clydesdale horses. Kahrs says the school will boast contemporary, competitive facilities and will be a "major step" toward restoration of full accreditation of the college.

"As Missouri's only College of Veterinary Medicine and one of only 27 in the nation, we have a unique mission that combines patient care, diagnostic services and public information programs with teaching and research," Kahrs says. "All these programs will be enhanced by the new hospital."

The College of Veterinary Medicine was placed on limited accreditation in 1984 by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The organization cited insufficient teaching facilities as a major factor. But the new hospital will resolve those problems, Kahrs says.

The three-story hospital, to be built just south of the present veterinary medicine complex, will contain small-animal, food-animal and equine clinics. The accreditation team was most critical of outdated facilities in the food-animal clinic, and the present equine clinic suffers by being eight miles south of Campus. "The small-animal clinic is in the best shape of any of them, but it is crowded and will be obsolete in a few years," Kahrs says.

August A. and Virginia Busch III announced the \$1.5 million gift June 5. "We believe the College of Veterinary Medicine is one of the finest in the country," Mrs. Busch says. "It needs a new facility, and we support it as a Missouri institution."

The \$3 million state appropriation is part of a total \$20.6 million capital improvement package for the University system passed by the legislature and signed June 27 by Gov. John Ashcroft. The package includes \$2 million toward a new lab and classroom building at the College of Engineering and \$125,000 to plan another addition to Ellis Library. Ashcroft also announced plans to fund the projects through revenue bonds.

"We are delighted to receive this funding, and we thank the legislature and governor for their support," Chancellor Haskell Monroe says. —Terry Jordan

