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## Around the Columns

### New student center opens

Over time, Brady Commons — designed decades ago as a student recreation stop — had gotten packed to the point of bursting with restaurants, a bookstore and dozens of student organizations, not to mention the bowling alley in the basement. In 2005, students voted to expand the facility for modern wants and needs. MU's new Student Center opened Aug. 18 and will host two days of dedication festivities during Homecoming Week Oct. 21–22.



The new MU Student Center opened in August. The center greatly expands space for dining, activities and the bookstore. Dedication events happen during Homecoming Oct. 21–22. Photo by Nicholas Benner

Half of the \$63 million for the center comes from student fees and half from revenue generated by self-supporting student services on campus, such as residence halls and the bookstore. At 229,000 square feet, the center nearly doubles the size of the original commons (125,000 square feet). That means lots of space for dining, studying, meetings, performances and student organizations, in addition to more windows, balconies and electrical outlets (for computers). The center also houses a bank, post office and copy center.

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