NEW LIBRARY

Student enrollment at Missouri State University-West Plains has increased by 2.1 times since 1991, the year the campus first occupied the current library building. It was viewed as only a temporary answer to the need for a library and resulted conveniently from connecting and renovating aaterned, depressed-era building and a small building built in the 1960s. The number of students served by Missouri State University-West Plains is projected to increase by another 15 percent in the next five years. With enrollment expected to continue to increase, a new, larger, more technologically-equipped facility designed for delivering information services is needed to support the academic needs of the campus.

Directed by CBHE in 1995 to enhance existing degree programs and add others, Missouri State University-West Plains now offers 15 degree programs (10 more than in 1991). Additional programs are expected to expand, new facilities will be required to meet the needs of the growing campus.

As properties are acquired and streets are closed, new parking lots will be developed on the perimeter of the campus. As student enrollment continues to increase, and facilities will be required to meet the needs of the growing campus.

VEHICULAR ENTRANCES

As the campus develops along West Main Street, the scale of the facilities will be kept small to retain the residential character of the street and its history. Secondary facilities will be developed to meet the growing needs of the campus while maintaining the landscaped feel. The facades of these buildings will be articulated to reinforce the historic importance of the street and create easy pedestrian access into the core of campus.

MISSOURI HALL

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GARNETT HALL

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

The 25-acre West Plains Campus is currently divided by two main streets that impose pedestrian traffic and limit the future capacity for campus growth. Closing streets will assist campus safety by reducing vehicle traffic and limiting access to interior campus space by sidewalk connections. With the closure of streets, sidewalks will be developed to improve pedestrian traffic. In addition, extra parking will be provided to improve the appearance and security of the campus during the evening hours. A wayfinding program is planned to navigate students and campus visitors to their desired locations.

CAMPUS ENTRANCES

As the campus grows, and student enrollment continues to increase, the street along which the campus is developed will become a major access route to the campus. The new entrance will assist visitors and prospective students and serve to define the campus from the surrounding neighborhood. This entrance will also provide the campus with frontage along a primarily retail/office corridor in the center city. A secondary entrance from the major city thoroughfare on West Main Street will be developed to bring students, faculty, staff and visitors to the core of campus and to various drop-off areas and perimeter parking.

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