

PERSHING | Architects selected for much-anticipated Pershing renovations, building might be partially rebuilt, gain entryway from Franklin Street

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tial candidates for the renovated Pershing and that this partly why he advocated hiring Hastings and Chivetta.

"[The firm has] some survey instruments that they pass out, and they ask people to respond to their top five needs or interests in the new building," Minner said. "The faculty talked about what they wanted to see in the new building, how they would like to have things arranged, ... their most important needs in the building in terms of classroom spaces and labs and the like, offices, things of that nature."

Hastings and Chivetta took the information back to St. Louis to begin preliminary plans for what the firm might be able to do with Pershing based on the amount of money available to Truman (\$21.6 million, according to the Oct. 7, 2007, issue of the Index). The firm will return to the University at the end of February to share these ideas with the Pershing Building advisory committee, Minner said.

Truman also selected Hastings and Chivetta because of its previous work in similar projects.

"They've cultivated a specialty in the design, renovation and construction of academic buildings that house health and health-related programs and services," Minner said.

The renovation is funded by MOHELA through the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, which will award \$335 million to Missouri colleges,



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Pershing Building will receive an update because of money from Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Initiative. Space in the building is currently being used for academic needs and also accommodates many athletic teams.

according to the Index. Participating schools were given the stipulation that the money must be used for academic purposes. Truman hopes to maximize the efficiency of the money through the concept of

shared space, Minner said. "For example, the small gym ... is used for academic purposes," he said. "That is to say, there are classrooms in there. But through careful scheduling and this concept of

shared usage, it's also used by some of the teams."

At this point, the primary focus for renovation is the academic sections of Pershing. The main gymnasium and natatorium will receive some at-

tention, but it is uncertain how much money and work will go into these areas.

"Pershing at present is a substandard teaching and learning environment," Minner said. "This is going to be a

good thing for our campus." Jim Gabel of Hastings and Chivetta and project manager for the Pershing renovation said the firm conducts the workshop process it went through with Truman on almost every project it executes.

"We can design buildings that will work and will be sufficient, but until you talk to the end user and really find out how they use the space and how their department functions, you really can't tell [if it's going to work]," Gabel said.

The architecture firm began developing rough ideas of square footage based on January meetings but will not have drawings yet when it returns to the University at the end of the month.

"We plan on meeting a third time, which will be three or four weeks from the end of February, and at that time we'll probably have some ideas on paper to show," Gabel said.

Potential changes for Pershing Building include a new entryway off of Franklin Street and even the demolition and rebuilding of some small portions of the structure, he said.

Hastings and Chivetta looks forward to working on the Truman campus for the first time, Gabel said.

"The building is old and it is in dire need of repair and renovation," he said. "It'll be really great to see how we can improve that building and make it usable for another 75 or 100 years."

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"Last week in class, it was more than just one or two people missing out of the class of 48," he said. "This was like a third of the class was missing."

Higgins' e-mail indicated that even more students were sick than those who sought help at the health center, Festa said.

"They have seen over a thousand students at the Student Health Center with flu symptoms, and so they estimate that there's at least two and a half times as many students on campus who just didn't go to the Student Health Center," he said.

Festa said the close proximity of sick people seems to be the main reason for the rapid spread of the illness.

"It's really scary when you've got a population of about 5,200 undergraduate students here, about half of them living on campus in the residence halls," he said. "And the ones who aren't in the residence halls are in fraternity houses or off-campus houses or apartments. ... Everything's contained, germs all get passed around."

Gail McCurdy, an epidemiology specialist at the Adair County Health Department, said one of the reasons the flu can be so uncontrollable when there is an outbreak is that it can be spread unknowingly.

"The unfortunate thing is that the flu can be spread before people even know

they have it, and that's why it can be so hard to deal with," she said.

McCurdy makes reports on epidemics based on data that is submitted voluntarily to her office by clinics, hospitals and medical offices in the area. She compiles this data to observe medical occurrences and give recommendations of how to prevent the spread of the illness.

"We always encourage for reducing the number of flu cases," she said. "When you're sick, stay home. Cover your cough, don't be sneezing or coughing on people."

Senior Brooke Frericks lives off campus and said two of her roommates had the flu. She said that although she has not become sick, the illness still has affected her.

"I haven't had the flu, luckily," she said. "I had one class canceled. There are only 10 people in that class, and four or five e-mailed the professor that they were sick, so we didn't have it."

Despite the odds against her, Frericks said it might not just be luck that kept her healthy.

"I have those vitamin C drops, the ones you're supposed to take one or two times for all of your vitamin C," she said. "I've been taking three or four drops a day. Maybe that's my saving grace."

He's for Hillary



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Former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack speaks to students following the Truman Students for Hillary Democratic Rally on the third floor of the SUB on Monday night. Hillary Clinton won Adair County with 60 more votes than Barack Obama.

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Ron Paul, which he said had a direct correlation to the Libertarians' efforts canvassing.

"We even looked at the precincts that we canvassed and didn't canvass and all the ones we canvassed were higher than the ones in Adair

that we didn't canvass," Logan said. "... You look at Adair compared to Macon and a few of its neighbors and it's a lot higher."

Paul got 8.2 percent of the Republican vote in Adair County but just 2.8 percent in Macon County and 4.7 percent in Knox County. He got nearly 10 percent in west-bordering Sullivan County.

Results from the SUB precinct failed to turn Adair County, whose Democratic contest Clinton took by 58 votes and whose Republican primary Huckabee took by 177 votes.

Democratic collegian preferences for Obama are not unique to Truman.

Washington University administrator Robin Hattori, who helped organize the university's first on-campus polling place this season, said Obama supporters are prominent on campus. Obama signs were visible in the windows of campus residence halls on Super Tuesday.

"I think the students who are supporting Obama have been

the most visible," Hattori said. "... [Washington University] is definitely a more liberal campus overall, but people ... like a healthy debate."

Dane Seiden, Obama student field coordinator and Washington University sophomore, said he has been campaigning hard to get out the vote. He said Facebook has been a valuable tool for reaching the masses.

"From what we've seen, the people who've [spoken to] me are really enthusiastic, everyone's coming out to vote," Seiden said. "... Facebook is the best tool imaginable. You can reach an exponentially larger amount of people than you can

with any other tool. ... There's a general mood out there that may work in our favor."

Despite the support of passionate constituents on both sides of the race, Clinton and Obama will split the number of Missouri delegates. Forty-seven delegates are awarded based on victories in the state's nine Congressional districts, with an additional 25 allocated based on the statewide winner. CNN projects that Missouri's pledged delegates will be split evenly between Obama and Clinton.

But the Republican primary has adopted a winner-take-all process. McCain was able to pull out a victory over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee

with 194,304 votes to 185,628. Even though Huckabee and Mitt Romney lost to McCain by margins of 1 and 2 percentage points respectively, McCain will carry all of Missouri's 58 delegates to this summer's Republican convention. Although McCain maintains a nationwide lead over Romney, he has yet to secure the Republican nomination.

All in all, nearly 1.4 million Missourians (36 percent of registered voters) cast a primary vote this season, but the results are far from conclusive.

In such close races in both major parties, being an independent voter might have its benefits. Several voters in the

St. Louis area said they elected to vote in the Democratic primary and support one candidate in hopes of having a choice between him or her and McCain — the Republican front-runner — in November. Bill McClellan, columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, said he's always identified himself as an independent but that in the primary stage, he's thrown his support behind one candidate.

"I voted for Obama," McClellan said. "... I could go with either [Obama or McCain]. I'm hoping Obama wins, ... but I still like McCain, and I'd be happy with him as president."

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