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THE BIG MOVE UPTOWN CAROL RAINES

Once standing on the corner of Broadway and West 12th Street was the home of the Ledger-Enquirer newspaper. Now, the site is in the process of becoming the home of three out of four departments within Columbus State University's College of Education and Health Professions (COEHP). The School of Nursing (SON), Teacher Education, and Counseling, Foundations and Leadership (CFL) departments will be making the move, but the Health, Physical Education and Exercise Science (HPEX) department will remain on the main campus. Just recently The University System of Georgia Board of Regents approved the university's request to name the new building after former CSU president Frank D. Brown. The building will be referred to as Frank D. Brown Hall. After the holiday break, beginning in January of 2017, the three departments will start their new life at the RiverPark campus. Currently, the college occupies about 70,000 square feet, but will increase to about 90,000 square feet in the new location. "This move will give us classrooms and laboratories equipped with the latest technology, and – with the student experience in mind – will allow faculty in all programs to engage students in a variety of educational experiences that promote learning," said Dr. Greer, dean of the College of Education and Health Professions. Not only is there a new structure to add to the newly revamped area, but new people will be brought to the area as well. More than likely, the move will help to continue the revamping of the area. The new building further expands Columbus State University's vast imprint on the uptown area.

Dr. Greer, Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions, stated:

"The impact of moving to this first-choice facility will be evident in the college's emergence as a nationally acclaimed authority on innovation in education and health care. We would like education to be a physical and figurative centerpiece of Columbus." - Dr. Greer

"It is exciting to me to think about the new possibilities of using more technology based tools in the place of some of our paper and pencil processes." - Dr. Greer

INTERVIEW WITH DEAN GREER

An Interview with Dr. Deirdre Greer, Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions



Dr. Greer expresses her enthusiasm for the big move through the following interview responses.

How will the new building benefit the College of Education and Health Professions?

Three of our COEHP departments will be making the move to uptown. For each of these departments, the new facility with state-of-the-art technology will hold significant benefits. While the technology will enable us to provide more dynamic instruction, it will also require us to step out of our comfort zones to get familiar with the new technology.

Counseling, Foundations, and Leadership (CFL)

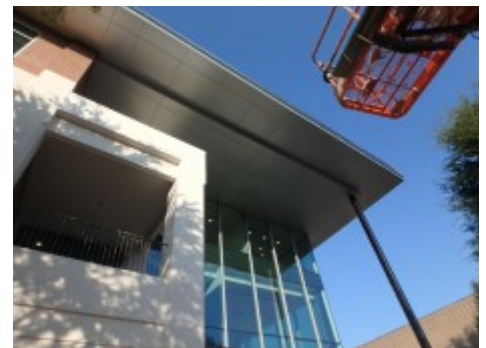
The CFL department will have updated seminar rooms that house some of the smaller face-to-face courses. This will facilitate a more professional atmosphere for the graduate students that CFL serves. Also, the configuration of the facility offices will put all of the CFL faculty in one area. Right now CFL faculty/staff are on two floors, in three different areas of Jordan Hall.

School of Nursing (SON)

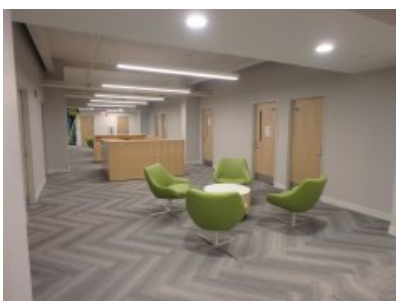
The SON will have an entire wing for a state-of-the-art simulation lab. The lab will greatly enhance nursing students' experiences as they prepare for their clinicals in the hospitals. Right now in Illges Hall, the equipment is in a number of classrooms spread out over the building. In the new facility, students will be in the simulation room working on "the patient" while faculty will be in a control room, controlling the simulation patient and observing students. There are rooms designated for debriefing following stimulation sessions. Other areas of the wing include a bed hub with patient beds that will also support simulation, a triage room, a patient exam room, a storage room, nurses station, and several faculty offices for the faculty who work the simulation experiences.

Teacher Education

The Teacher Education department will have several specialty rooms, including an early childhood classroom with storage and a sink, and a special education classroom with assistive technology. Teacher Education will also be in close proximity to the Ivey Center, the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning, the Columbus Regional Mathematics Collaborative, and Coca-Cola Space Science Center, all of which are part of our college.



Over the next decade, higher education will undergo a substantial shift, as generation Y (millennial generation) gives way to generation Z. Since education is constantly changing and adapting, in what ways do you think this new building will help in the future needs for adaptation?



The technology will be a significant upgrade from what we have now. The building was planned with enrollment growth in mind, so we can accommodate that growth.

INTERVIEW CONTINUED

Interview with Dr. Deirdre Greer, Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions



The new building will be roughly 90,000 square feet, which is 20,000 square feet more than the current buildings that house the COEHP. How will this extra 20,000 square feet be utilized?



Much of the new space will be occupied by the centers that are currently housed separately from our faculty and students (the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning & the Math Collaborative). We will also have an auditorium style room that will seat approximately 180 people, which we do not currently have. There are also more and larger spaces for students to collaborate with one another and conduct their studies.

Within the last few years, the downtown area has been changing its face while remaining true to its historic character. Many Columbus residents are concerned that the new building might be too modern for the area. Do you feel that the new building will fit in with the “character” of the area?

I think the design of the building is a great blend of historic and modern styles. Clearly, the historic portion of the building (the original Columbus Ledger-Enquire building) is a stunning example of Mediterranean-style architecture, and the renovation of that portion of the building looks terrific. The new construction is a much more modern structure, yet it incorporates some of the characteristics of the historic portion. For example, the façade includes architectural features that tone down the modern brick structure, and the way the architects have designed the front of the building on Broadway sort of down scales the size of the building to match existing buildings. It creates an illusion that really helps make the building fit with the surrounding area.



How much parking will there be? / Where will the parking be located?

There will be approximately 93 parking spaces for faculty and staff. This is a few spaces short of being 1 space for each person; however, not all faculty are going to be on campus at the same time. This parking will be located on-site and in the Synovus tower. Students will have three options: ride the CSU shuttle from the main campus, a parking garage on 1st avenue with gated access (ID card activated) on the top three floors, and the RiverCenter parking garage which has free parking.

Will there be security for the new building? / How will it work? / Will there be an increase in security?



University Police has an office and a strong presence in the uptown area. That presence will be expanded to include areas around the new building. Campus police will be available for escorts or other issues as well by calling 706-568-2022. The building will have card access using the student or faculty/staff ID card for better safety. The University Police will expand their uptown locations to include the new building, parking garages used, and areas surrounding the building.

GRADUATE CONFERENCE



On November 2 & 3, 2016, Columbus State University held its annual Gregory P. Domin Graduate Conference. For its sixth year, the chosen theme was “Many Ways of Knowing”. This year, students from Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas participated. The purpose of the conference is to give graduate students the opportunity to present their research at a conference of their peers.

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

For the first time, the 3MT Thesis competition took place at CSU. Established in 2008, 3MT is now held in over 200 universities worldwide. Students present their thesis or dissertation research to a non-specialist audience. The challenge? They are allowed just one PowerPoint slide and three minutes to speak. After the first round, six competitors advance to the finalist round. A Runner Up, Overall Winner, and People’s Choice winner are chosen.

Panels

Panels are open discussions with topics that participants have researched. Oral presentations are arranged into panels based on topic, theme, and/or discipline with a focus on encouraging debate, discussion, and potential collaboration. The award for this event is Best Oral Presentation.

Posters

For this event, participants put their research into poster form. Poster presentations occur all together in an open session to foster discussion and potential collaboration. The award for this event is Best Poster Presentation.

COEHP 3MT PARTICIPANTS

Varonika Hardman (Doctoral Program in Higher Education)

An Examination of Strategies Used to Improve Retention Rates

Robert Lewis (Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership)

Autism Speaks to Me!

COEHP PANEL PARTICIPANTS

1B - INOVATIVE AUTHORITY: DISCUSSIONS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Kelly Rush, Brett Wallace, and Tonya Wallace (Education Leadership)

1C - AN IMMERSIVE MULTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE: A FIRST LOOK AT DIVERSITY

Jadde Barnes, Tyler Brown, Janae Carey, Tabria Jackson, Keven White, and Lecia Wright

3B - THE ROAD TO UNDERSTANDING: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Nicolas Overby, Madison Raley & Branden Printup; Varonika Hardman; Jeremiah Pitts

COEHP Poster Participants

Each one did an outstanding job and brought forth great knowledge pertaining to their research topics.

Michelle Atcheson

(Teacher Education)

Strategies for Differentiating Literacy across the Curriculum

Hillary Davis

(Counseling, Foundations & Leadership)

Mental Health and Social Media: A Follow Up

Rose Dennis

(School of Nursing)

Effectively Educating the Nurse on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Education

Mary Petermann

(Counseling, Foundations & Leadership)

Comparison of Clinical Mental Health Counseling Training and Procedures in the UK and US



GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

- ♦ Ice Fishing Booth at Winterfest 2016—December 1, 6:00-9:00 p.m. The Graduate Student Advisory Board has agreed to sponsor a booth at CSU's second annual Winterfest.
- ♦ 8 volunteers will be working the Ice Fishing Booth (four from 5:00-7:00, which includes setting up, and four from 7:00-9:00). Visitors are more than welcome to stop by to check out the booth and mingle.
- ♦ For updates on upcoming Graduate Student Advisory Board events, look for their page on Facebook and in future newsletters.



~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~

- ♦ NOV 17 COUGAR CAFÉ | LUNCH & DINNER

THANKSGIVING MEAL

- ♦ NOV 21 - NOV 18

THANKSGIVING BREAK

- ♦ NOV 24

THANKSGIVING DAY

- ♦ NOV 29 COUGAR CAFÉ | DINNER

WINTERFEST

- ♦ NOV 28—DEC 2

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION WEEK

- ♦ DEC 1

CLASSES END (TR)

- ♦ DEC 5

CLASSES END (MWF)

Happy Thanksgiving!



- ♦ DEC 6

STUDY DAY

- ♦ DEC 7 - 10, 12

FINAL EXAMS

- ♦ DEC 10

GRADUATION CEREMONY

- ♦ DEC 13 - JAN 6

CHRISTMAS BREAK

- ♦ DEC 14

GRADES ARE DUE

- ♦ JAN 2

GRADES ARE OFFICIAL

- ♦ JAN 9

CLASSES BEGIN





The goal of this newsletter is to provide the graduate students, faculty, and staff of the College of Education and Health Professions with a means to obtain past, present, and future information concerning their specific college. We hope to provide a useful tool that communicates information pertaining only to the College of Education and Health Professions.

This newsletter will be distributed a few times each semester. If you would like to have an announcement listed in this newsletter, please email Carol Raines

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This newsletter is important, not only because it is a resource for our college's news but also it shares ideas and keeps our academic community connected throughout the year. We are always interested to hear about your involvement, experiences, ideas, and research concerning academic affairs. We would like to start including portions written by student and faculty. If you would like to contribute an article, news item or event notice for the newsletter please contact Carol Raines at raines_carol@columbusstate.edu