PART II
ATHLETICS MASTER PLAN
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The Mississippi State University Athletics Master Plan provides a comprehensive vision for planned improvements for all varsity sports. Working within the Campus Master Plan, the Athletic Master Plan serves as the foundation document for Mississippi State Athletic Department. The document summarizes the design and planning recommendations for all Athletic teams and facilities and is one of several tools developed during the planning process that will guide decision-making for years to come. The outcomes include an accurate digital base map, a 3D computer model of the Athletic District, and an interactive website with additional backup information.

The Athletic Master Plan, divided into three phases, provides a direction for Mississippi State University (MSU) varsity sports, including Baseball, Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Football, Men’s and Women’s Golf, Soccer, Softball, Men’s and Women’s Tennis, Men’s and Women’s Track & field, and Volleyball. If a sport is added in the future, the Athletics District will need to expand.
These various reports, plans, and design documents have been developed separately as part of the comprehensive campus Master Plan. Currently, athletic facilities are located in the Athletics District on the MSU main campus and at the MSU Golf Course. The Athletics District is divided into North and South, with Coliseum Boulevard being the dividing factor. The North consists of MSU Softball Stadium, A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre, Maddox Track, MSU Football Practice Fields, Bryan Athletic Administration Building, Holliman Athletic Center, Shira Complex, Templeton Athletic Academic Center, Palmeiro Center, and Dudy Noble Baseball Stadium; while the South contains MSU Soccer Field, Davis Wade Football Stadium, and Newell Grissom Volleyball Building.
DEFINING PRINCIPLES OF MSU ATHLETICS

The following three principles define Mississippi State Athletics. The entire MSU Athletics staff strives to adhere to these principles each day and is dedicated to achieving what is best for the University and student-athletes.

Source: Mississippi State University Department of Athletics
I. Focus on the Student-Athlete

Our first priority is to provide a quality education, assure a nationally competitive athletic experience in which championships are pursued, and provide for the personal growth of our young men and women. The ultimate goal is to prepare Bulldog student-athletes for success in all aspects of life.

II. Possess Great Integrity

We operate the Mississippi State athletic program at the highest level of personal and corporate integrity. We work and play within the rules of the NCAA, the SEC, and our institution. We conduct ourselves in a first-class manner at all times, and operate the program with financial responsibility.

III. Aggressively Market and Promote Mississippi State

We are in the business of promoting - our state, our university and our department - to a wide variety of constituents. Our future is dependent upon our ability to market ourselves to prospective student-athletes, our fans and friends, and alumni. It is vital that we market our university in a dynamic way and leave a positive image with all constituents.
The Mississippi State University (MSU) Master Plan provides a vision for the campus informed by the academic, research and outreach mission of the University, the history, traditions and resources of the campus, the enrollment targets and aspirations for the future, and the sustainability goals established by the University.

The Campus Master Plan is based on five strategic opportunities:

1. Enhancing the academic and research environment in support of the MSU Mission
2. Protecting the history and traditions of the campus
3. Promoting an ethic of stewardship and sustainability
4. Improving campus and community life
5. Fostering connectivity and cooperation with the community

The Master Plan promotes sustainable and responsible development with the aim of enriching the natural environment, local community and campus life. The Master Plan concentrates academic, research and support facilities in the central campus area, limits impacts on surrounding farm land and wooded areas, aims to utilize existing infrastructure efficiently and promotes a collegiate, pedestrian-scale environment.
ATHLETICS PLANNING PROCESS

As an extension of the Mississippi State University campus master planning activities, a full assessment of all MSU Athletics facilities, with specific concentration on the Athletics District was performed. The Athletics Master Plan is the outcome of a year-long planning process that commenced in February of 2010 under the direction of the MSU Athletic Department Senior Staff in conjunction with the Office of Campus Planning Master Planning Team, University stakeholders, and the consulting collaborative of Sasaki Associates of Watertown, Massachusetts and LPK Architects of Meridian, Mississippi. It included five multi-day work sessions with a variety of Athletic and University representatives, facility tours, and observation of events during Super Bulldog Weekend. The acknowledgement section at the end of this document provides a complete list of participants in the planning process. The process consisted of three-phases. The products of each phase are recorded in detailed and extensive PowerPoint presentations and memoranda provided to the University in digital format. This report documents the Athletic Facilities Master Plan for MSU Athletics.

The Athletic Facilities Master Plan was carefully developed based on a thorough site inspection of existing facilities, development and completion of facility and support program surveys, and extensive interviews with MSU Athletics staff (including administrators, coaches, and support personnel).
Phase One: Inventory and Analysis

Phase One included an Athletic Facilities Needs Assessment Questionnaire and Interviews that engaged team coaches, athletic department staff, and other University stakeholders to ascertain the desired goals of the facility, current and future needs, and what is the ideal facility. To support the findings of the questionnaires and interviews, a preliminary building and site assessment was conducted of the existing venues and support building facilities; including extensive photographs, at the Athletics District and MSU Golf Course to better understand program organization, open space structure, circulation patterns, utilities and storm water management.

A detailed existing facilities assessment of the overall general conditions for MSU athletic facilities is included under separate cover as part of the Athletic Master Plan. This assessment was developed in concert with the on-site activities outlined above and provided direction for Athletic Master Plan concept Alternatives. The detailed existing facility assessment documenting architectural, mechanical, electrical systems, and code compliance was completed by LPK Architects and other Athletic Master Plan consultants, and is a companion document to the Athletic Master Plan.

These initial efforts were followed by an in-depth analysis of athletic facilities conditions, addressing such elements as, in addition to research on the history and traditions of athletics at MSU.

The resulting facility assessment rated facilities on a scale of good, fair, and poor:
- “Green” indicates meets current standards;
- “Yellow” indicates renovation is required; and
- “Red” indicates significant renovation or replacement is required.

The physical condition of facilities plays a critical role in recruitment opportunities and the retention of current student athletes and coaching staff. New and renovated facilities would provide Mississippi State University the opportunity to showcase the Athletics District in recruiting activities.

The findings of the Phase One analysis were presented during an on-campus work session involving presentations and meetings with the Athletic Master Plan Committee and other University stakeholders. The findings of Phase One, coupled with the observations of the consultant team, informed the rationale for the plan and the Program Statement.

Phase Two: Concept Alternatives

The concept alternatives phase examined the most favorable and acceptable options Athletics District development. The alternatives addressed options for land use, landscape character, circulation and parking, program accommodation of the Athletics District integrated within the overall campus. The purpose of Phase Two was to identify a preferred concept alternative or a hybrid of the alternatives. The process included a comparative assessment of the concept alternatives in association with the Master Planning Committee, other University stakeholders and community leaders. The Phase Two process resulted in the selection of a preferred direction for the future of Athletics.

Phase Three: Master Plan Documentation

Phase Three focused on the detailed development and documentation of the Master Plan. The final documentation records the findings of the process and is intended to guide decision-making and the incremental implementation of the Master Plan. The Master Plan provides a vision for the future and illustrates the long-term build-out potential of the district. It prioritizes immediate and long-term strategies, identifying specific target projects for implementation. The Master Plan serves as a foundation for the Office of Campus Planning, as a document for fundraising, and as a basis for promotional efforts.
ATHLETICS MASTER PLAN GOALS
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The planning team, with members of the Mississippi State University Department of Athletics and Office of Campus Planning developed the following goals for the Athletic Master Plan. These goals serve as the decision-making criteria in determining the final athletic Master Plan recommendations and form the basis of a comprehensive vision improvements and expansion for all MSU Athletic facilities.
Athletics Master Plan Goals

MSU FOOTBALL GAME DAY 2008
GOAL 1 Strategic Implementation
Create a plan with structured phasing
Create opportunities for planned giving (buildings and spaces)

GOAL 2 Improve the MSU Experience
Address the spectator, fan, and campus community experiences
Enhance daily, pre-game, game-time, and post-game experiences
Create opportunities to extend the Junction-like experience into the Athletics District
GOAL 3  Create Opportunities to Improve
Revenue Generation

GOAL 4  Create a Clearly Defined Athletics District
Create a sense of place entirely unique to MSU
Create opportunities to celebrate MSU athletic history and achievements
GOAL 5  Enhance the Student-Athlete Environment

GOAL 6  Create a Strong Flexible Framework
Create a central connector to clearly define circulation patterns to and within the Athletics District
GOAL 7  Create Design Guidelines

Create efficient spaces

Renovate in place wherever possible to be budget sensitive and provide a means to excel using existing fabric

Define architecture

Enhance the district and quality of landscaping
ATHLETICS DISTRICT FRAMEWORK

The design, programmatic and functional frameworks of the Master Plan collectively form a comprehensive and coordinated vision for guiding incremental change on the campus; a vision that will assist the University in transitioning toward a sustainable future. The Master Plan goes beyond buildings to view campus landscape as a capital investment; one that is viewed not only for its aesthetic value but also for the functions it performs with regard to human comfort, shade and rainwater management.

Central organizing components of the Athletic District, the Green Corridor and the realignment of Lakeview Drive enhance the pedestrian circulation that links all of the athletic facilities and site program components. Campus open spaces consisting of plazas and gathering areas are positioned along the pedestrian routes and provide strong connections to each athletic facility within the complex. In addition, the consolidation of the football team facility and practice fields, allows for the expansion and renovation of other athletic facilities.

The Green Corridor (North/South Spine)

The Green Corridor is envisioned as the central “park” of the campus. Defined by the low lying land of the campus topography, the Corridor includes new pedestrian and bicycle pathways linking Chadwick Lake to the RecPlex on the south. The Green Corridor concept provides a long-term strategy for establishing a strong organizational structure for campus development; a structure that can be implemented incrementally over time in conjunction with investments in infrastructure and new facilities.
Major Elements of the Green Corridor within the Athletics District

The character of the Green Corridor changes as it moves through the campus incorporating existing open spaces such as Chadwick Lake and the Junction while introducing new landscapes where gaps exist. The following is a summary of the major segments of the Corridor as it passes through the Athletics District from north to south:

Chadwick Lake

The Green Corridor originates at Chadwick Lake on the north. As a memorable landscape of the campus, Chadwick Lake is incorporated into the Green Corridor and enhanced by a series of pedestrian and bicycle pathways around the Lake and within the Athletics District. Additional tree planting is proposed to enhance the picturesque landscape qualities.

Sanderson Link

North of Davis Wade Stadium, Sanderson Link is a new linear landscape proposed in the low lying areas east of Memorial and Giles Halls. Sanderson Link is intended to provide a stronger and more attractive link between the core campus, the Athletics District and the Sanderson Student Recreation and Fitness Center. The aim is to tie the MSU Athletics District more meaningfully to the memorable open spaces and historic buildings of the core campus. It is envisioned to feature new pedestrian and bicycle pathways and a landscape character defined by informal tree groupings and strategically positioned shade trees. Bioswales along the walk are designed to improve water quality and decrease the rate of runoff.
Davis Wade Stadium

Davis Wade Stadium lies at the center of the Green Corridor diverting north/south circulation to the east and west. In response, the pedestrian and bicycle pathways embrace the Stadium on the east and west in combination with stadium access improvements. On the east side, the existing buildings, Williams and Butler, are removed to allow for the reconfiguration of the entrances to the stadium and to allow for the strong north/south connectivity envisioned along the Green Corridor and within Bell Island. To create a western branch of the Green Corridor, BS Hood Drive is closed to the west of the stadium, along with its continuation to the north, Collegeview Street. The western branch terminates in a new gateway landscape proposed at the intersection of Coliseum Boulevard and the northern extension of Bost Drive, which is just east of the Soccer Stadium.

The Junction

The Junction is the southernmost element of the Green Corridor with the Athletics District. Formerly a convergence of five often-congested streets, the Junction serves as an intersection point of the Green and Cultural Corridors. The Junction serves as a pedestrian friendly gathering place for students, alumni and visitors, and on Game Day Experience is enhanced with fans, tents, and tailgates. A walkway to the west of the Junction leads you to Newell Grissom, home to MSU Volleyball.
Pedestrian Circulation

The expansion and enhancement of the pedestrian experience for both the student athlete and spectator is a key component of the recommended Master Plan. Creation of gathering and plaza areas adjacent to building entrances and outdoor athletic venues will transform underutilized space within the District. Larger gathering areas at the entrances to softball/tennis, baseball/track, basketball, and football, will improve game day experience for all venues. East/West pedestrian corridors and plaza areas help strengthen campus connections to the Green Corridor, which will serve as an important north-south pedestrian circulation spine on the MSU campus. Accessible pedestrian walkways and well defined pedestrian crosswalks will link District entryways to athletic venue destinations.

The introduction of shade trees and lighting along the walkways creates a pleasant pedestrian environment that responds to the climate.
Vehicular Circulation and Parking

The vehicular circulation framework begins with the realignment of Lakeview Road to the east of Humphrey Coliseum as it approaches Coliseum Boulevard. Parking lots are re-organized and enhanced within the Athletics District in the North with landscape islands. The islands reduce heat island and provide the opportunity for storm water management. Parking is further distributed more evenly through the Northern Athletics District by adding a 100 space lot near the new Football Team Facility. Parking spaces within the District serve various campus user groups during non-game days including athletic staff, student-athletes, commuters, and visitors. During game events, Bulldog Club parking permits are required for access. Designated parking for team bus parking, ADA accessible parking, TV broadcast parking, and emergency vehicles have also been incorporated into the proposed plan. Three proposed campus transit stops will be located within the northern Athletics District.
proposed condition along lakeview
ATHLETICS MASTER PLAN

The Athletic Master Plan outlines the recommendations for future renovation and development of MSU Athletic Facilities moving forward. The re-alignment of Lakeview Road in the northern part of the District frames a majority of the venues and support facilities to the west, while the Green Corridor to the east connects venues in the north with Davis Wade Stadium and Newell Grissom to the South. While the consolidation of the Football team facilities allows for the expansion of the Tennis Centre, the complete renovation of the baseball stadium and addition to Humphrey Coliseum with the goal to improve the spectator experience on Game Day. New entries, plazas, and connections to all facilities help to celebrate MSU history and traditions within the District.

The key facility components of the Mississippi State University Athletic Master Plan are illustrated and summarized below:

- MSU Softball Stadium: renovation and upgrade to expand seating and amenities
- Tennis Centre:
  - Outdoor Tennis Complex— new construction to house Men’s and Women’s Tennis
  - Indoor Tennis Facility—new construction
- Maddox Track: reconstruction to expand seating and amenities
- MSU Football Practice Fields: new construction
- Football Team Facility: Leo Seal Football Practice Facility
- Holliman Athletic Center: renovate interior after football vacates
- Shira Complex: new construction
- Templeton Athletic Academic Center: interior renovations
- Dudy Noble Baseball Stadium: renovate baseball stadium around existing field
- Humphrey Coliseum: renovate concourse, new premium seating, add office space
- Palmeiro Center: interior renovations to banquet facility
- Bryan Athletic Administration Building: interior renovation to office space
- MSU Soccer Field: renovation to expand seating, amenities, and team space
- Davis Wade Football Stadium: add premium seating, improve amenities, renovate team space
- Scott Field: renovation of natural grass field
- Newell Grissom Volleyball Building: interior renovation
- Facilities, Grounds, and Maintenance: new construction
SOFTBALL

Existing

The MSU Softball Field, located in the North end of the Athletics District, has been home to the women’s softball team since 1997. Recent renovations to the softball stadium included improved drainage and synthetic turf that runs dugout to dugout behind home plate. The softball stadium also includes sports lighting, step down dugouts, grandstands for 750 fans, press box, and outfield spectator seating for Softball’s version of the Left Field Lounge. The indoor facility features a practice infield, locker room, clubhouse, training room, coaches’ locker rooms and players’ lounge.

The Master Plan Goals for the Softball facility include:

• Grandstand with chair back seats
• Enhance Outfield Seating (Left Field Lounge Experience)
• VIP/hospitality area with views of the field
• Entry plaza to be shared with tennis
• Improve fan amenities including concessions and restrooms
• Press box and amenities
• Expanded team facilities including locker rooms, dugouts
• Additional locker rooms for both men & women staff
existing softball facilities

EXISTING SOFTBALL FACILITIES

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**SOFTBALL**

**Master Plan**

The softball stadium will remain in its current location in the master plan; integrating the stadium into future renovation of the tennis facility next door and enhancements along Lakeview Road will help to reinforce the spectator experience. Bringing the seating to field level will create a more intimate stadium for both the athlete and fan. Chair back seating and the outfield spectator deck areas beyond the outfield fence expand and enhance the current seating opportunities. Upgrade of the press box to include a VIP/Hospitality room will allow entertainment of alumni groups and donors. A connection from the top of the grandstands to the 2nd level of the Indoor Facility will allow movement of coaching staff between both venues. Improving the facility entry with tennis will allow ticketed events to occur within a secured space. Seating down the lines, and the outfield spectator deck areas beyond the outfield fence expand and enhance the current seating opportunities. Upgrade of the press box to include a VIP/Hospitality room will allow entertainment of alumni groups and donors. A connection from the top of the grandstands to the 2nd level of the Indoor Facility will allow movement of coaching staff between both venues. Improving the facility entry with tennis will allow ticketed events to occur within a secured space.
Athletics Master Plan

PROPOSED SOFTBALL FACILITIES
**TENNIS**

**Existing**

Home to the men’s and women’s tennis programs, the A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre includes six (6) outdoor courts, 1,000 seat bleacher system, covered between court 2 through court 5. Team facilities below the grandstand include team locker rooms, spectator restrooms and concessions. Indoor tennis at MSU is played at Historic McCarthy Gymnasium on two (2) courts.

The master plan goals for the Tennis Facility include:

**UPDATE OUTDOOR TENNIS FACILITY TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Minimum of nine (9) hard courts
- Spectator Seating - 1,400
- Press Box with VIP/hospitality space overlooking courts
- Concessions & Restrooms

**ADD INDOOR TENNIS CENTER**

- Six (6) tennis courts
- Spectator Seating - 400
- Lobby & Reception

**NEW TEAM SPACE TO INCLUDE**

- Men’s & Women’s Locker Rooms
- Team Lounge - Shared
- Training Room
- Stringing Room
existing tennis facilities
TENNIS

Master Plan

After exploring various alternatives for moving the tennis complex to another location within the Athletics District, the recommendation is to expand and renovate the tennis facility in place. To begin the transformation of the Tennis Centre, a complete renovation will be required of the existing facility. The six (6) competition courts will be rebuilt from the ground up, while three (3) new courts will be added to the complex to the southeast for a total of nine (9). With the rearranging of the adjacent football practice facility, land freed up to the northwest of the outdoor courts permitting placement of a new indoor tennis facility. With six (6) indoor courts, elevated spectator seating, and support space below, this facility will be a gem in the Southeastern Conference. The space between the indoor and outdoor courts will become enclosed team facilities and lobby on the 1st floor, while the 2nd floor will be an open air connection with 1,400 covered seats for the outdoor courts and an entry to the indoor facility. Home court advantage for MSU tennis will come from a Left Field Lounge experience at the competition courts. A revamped entry sequence combined with the MSU Softball Stadium will provide a ticketed entry plaza to the facility. Tournament pairings will be posted on large walls for both athletes and spectators to view. A secondary comfort station will house restrooms and concessions for the spectators, while providing a satellite training room for athletes.
Existing

Maddox Track underwent a complete reconstruction during 2010. A full depth polyurethane track surface was installed over a new stone and asphalt base featuring nine lanes, a steeplechase water jump, high jump in the D-area, pole vault and long/triple jump areas along the straights. In addition the track, the natural turf infield was rebuilt to include a javelin runway, shot put, hammer and discus throw rings. Existing grandstand seating, along the straight on the southwest side of the track, is inadequate to support spectators during large meets. While the proximity and accessibility of restrooms, concessions, and a formal entry deter from the overall feel of the facility.

Goals for an expanded Track & Field Facility include the following:

- Accessible Spectator seating for 3,500 integrated into hillside grass seating
- Bunker Meet Management for Track officials
- Pressbox with VIP seating capabilities
- Support facilities including storage, concessions, restrooms
- Team facilities to include locker room, lounge, sports medicine, and weights and fitness
- Sports Lighting, scoreboard, and public address system
- Arrival & Entry into Facility
The expanded Track and Field Facility will integrate into the Athletics District between Tennis, Football, Baseball, and the Holliman/Shira Complex. Entering the new grandstand seating from an elevated perch on the west side of the track, the spectator will enjoy a great view of the entire track facility. The area between the baseball stadium and the track will be raised to create an accessible connection from Lakeview Drive with the ticketing, restrooms, and concessions occurring along this route. Large meet hospitality and vendor tent areas will occur on an elevated open lawn area between the football team facility and the spectator seating. To view the action from the ground level, the meet management area will be housed in a Bunker at the end of the straightaway beyond the finish line, while the press box and VIP area will align with the start/finish line at the top of the grandstands.

Currently housed in Shira Complex, track and field team facilities including locker rooms, lounge, sports medicine, and weight room will expand into Holliman when the new Football Team Facility is constructed. With a new indoor track and turf space replacing the existing Shira, the track team will have sprint and jumping capabilities in an enlarged structure.
FOOTBALL

Football Team Facility

EXISTING

Current team facilities for the football team are in the following locations: Bryan Athletic Administration Building, Holliman Athletic Center, MSU Football Practice Fields, and the Palmeiro Center. All offices for the football team are housed on the 2nd floor of the Bryan Building. Although the Holliman Athletic Center opened for football use in 2005, the floor plan and flow of the facility make it an inefficient facility for the current uses. The football athlete spends most of his daily indoor time in Holliman to use locker room, lounge, team meeting rooms, sports medicine, weight room, equipment issue, and laundry. The MSU Practice Fields include two natural turf and one synthetic turf field with sports lighting.

Master Plan goals for the new Football Team Facility and practice fields for the Athletic Master Plan include:

FOOTBALL TEAM FACILITY

- Team Locker Suite
- Coaches Locker Suite
- Coaches Office Suite
- Strength & Conditioning
- Training Room
- Meeting Rooms
- Video Production
- Multi-purpose Room
- Central Equipment & Laundry
- Entry Lobby
- Parking for 100 cars
- Recruiting room

FOOTBALL PRACTICE FIELDS

- Natural Turf Field (2)
- Synthetic Turf Field (1)
- Sports Lighting
- Equipment Storage
- Satellite Training
- Training Hill
The Athletic Master Plan recommends consolidating all of football day-to-day operations under one roof to better accommodate the needs of football student-athletes and football staff. Located just north of the Palmeiro Center along the northwestern edge of the District, the team facility will have a public entrance into the lobby from the parking lot and the main campus connections at the 2nd level, while the 1st level will include direct access to the new practice fields. The first of the three practice fields closest to the facility will be synthetic turf. Shipping and receiving on the southwest side of the building will be screened with landscape and site walls. The team facility will be a needed building anchor on the west edge of the District. Centralized athletic equipment and laundry space will benefit all teams within the new football team facility. Equipment for all sports will come into this central location and then be distributed to each specific sport, into separate locked areas that can only be accessed by the team or overall equipment manager. A larger laundry facility could be housed within the facility to accommodate football on an everyday basis, and other all other sports when required. New full size football practice fields with sports lighting will be constructed including a single synthetic turf and two natural grass fields.

Based on interviews and questionnaires with coaches and administration, the proposed Football Team Facility (91,000 gsf) will include the following program:

1ST FLOOR (17,500 SF)
Strength & Conditioning

2ND FLOOR (45,000 SF)
- Team Locker Suite
- Coaches Locker Suite
- Training Room
- Meeting Rooms
- Multi-purpose Room
- Central Equipment & Laundry
- Entry Lobby

3RD FLOOR (28,500 SF)
- Football Offices
- Video Production
DAVIS WADE STADIUM AT SCOTT FIELD

NORTH END ZONE EXPANSION

The North End Zone expansion is among the most ambitious projects proposed for Davis Wade Stadium. The improvement to the quality of spectator seating, suites, concessions, and restrooms will be significant. The key parts of the initiative will include additional suites and/or club level seats, field level bunker seats, bleacher seating, and a new football game day facility.

EAST & WEST LOWER CONCOURSE

The Master Plan for the Stadium improves the flow of spectator circulation beneath the grandstand on the lower concourse of the stadium. With wide overall concourses, new construction and renovations to the restrooms and concessions on the inboard will improve spectator flow and provide more efficient layouts. Similar to many new stadiums, restrooms are strategically placed adjacent to each vomitory to the lower bowl. When a single level ground plane is achieved, by removing fencing and other barriers, and the security perimeter is pushed beyond the stadium limits, the spectator experience is enhanced. A new linear building that houses additional concessions and restrooms is proposed outboard of the stadium on the east side to help define the concourse and activate both sides of the space. The removal of Williams and Butler on the east side opens up the landscape and allows for a larger entry plaza and tailgating areas as the Green Corridor moves through the space. In order to reinforce the concourse as a destination and upgrade the quality of materials, the ground plane will receive a uniform paving treatment. Similarly, the free standing concrete columns supporting the stadium will receive brick that coordinates with the paving. The newly created courtyard on the east becomes an extension of the lower level concourse. With the removal of Williams and Butler on the east side of the stadium.

Event circulation to and around Davis Wade Stadium is unique and distinct from the everyday vehicular and pedestrian circulation patterns. A controlled perimeter during game day events limits vehicular access near the stadium. Tailgating occurs in open space areas throughout the main campus and around Davis Wade Stadium. The Junction is a coveted tailgate spot just south of the stadium, while the Green Corridor to the North will be the “new Junction”. Tailgating in green areas is the preferred location versus tailgating in a parking lot. The proximity of campus housing, parking availability, bus dropoff, access to tailgating areas, and spectator history greatly influences the direction and amount of pedestrian movement surrounding the stadium. In addition, stadium game fencing and number of entry points at each gate control the flow of fans approaching and entering the stadium.

SCOTT FIELD

Scott Field will receive a complete upgrade including sod, rootzone, drainage, and irrigation.
BASEBALL

Existing

Since 1967, when the tin-roofed grandstand and bleachers from the original field south of Scott Field were moved, baseball has been in its current location to the north of Humphrey Coliseum. Dudy Noble Field at Polk-Dement Stadium has grown into the nation’s largest on-campus facility, with 21 out of the top 25 on-campus crowds for college baseball. In 1987 a stadium was built around the existing field that included a concrete grandstand structure with 3,700 chair back seats, a press box, restroom, concessions, and team store. Team facilities have been continually upgraded over the years, including team locker room, training room, equipment room, and storage. A coaches’ office complex, added between the stadium and the Palmeiro Center meets the coaches’ current needs.

Sky suites were added at the top of the grandstand in 2001. Circulation within and around the stadium is a challenge as elevation change and various obstacles create accessibility issues. Standing atop the college baseball world for facilities over the last quarter century, future enhancements should provide the opportunity to maintain this position in the years ahead. The Left Field Lounge is one of the best experiences in college sports. With only 75 renewable seasons parking passes available, in one of three rows behind the outfield fence, the demand for a position to park pickup trucks, motor homes, and trailers is high. Rich in history and tradition, enhancing the Left Field Lounge experience will be a challenge. The playing surface received a complete makeover in 2009 including sod, drainage, and irrigation.

The Master Plan goals for the baseball facility are as follows:

• Improve Team Space including team locker room suite, training room, strength & conditioning, and coaches’ office suite.

• Enhance the Spectator experience at the stadium including entry plazas, a 360° concourse, concessions, and restrooms.

• Update the following seating area types: reserved, club, suites, and general admission.

• Construct the following program elements within the stadium including: press and broadcast area, VIP/hospitality space, event management office, security office, and a new ticket office.

• Maintain quality competition field

• Improve practice infield

• Enhance Left Field Lounge experience

• Provide a facility capacity that accommodates historical attendance figures
existing baseball stadium concourse left field lounge at baseball stadium
BASEBALL

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Based on the age of the facility and the move toward a more fan friendly ballpark, the baseball stadium will require renovation from locker rooms to suites to outfield seating to the concourse. The stadium will provide optimum conditions for baseball game events, including a 360 degree concourse, ticketing at a new entry plaza, and several accessible entry points into the facility. The concourse level with restroom, concessions, and game day operations will allow for a direct pedestrian and service connection from the entry plaza to new concessions and seating areas in the stadium. Lower level seating behind homeplate and down the lines bring the fan to field level, while premium seating areas above the inner concourse allows for club seating and suites. Stair towers down each foul line frame the premium seating levels while providing access to all levels of the stadium including the team space on the 1st level. The baseball players’ facility will include a locker room, a players’ lounge, meeting space, a training room, fitness, batting tunnels, laundry and kitchen facilities and coaches’ offices. Providing concessions and restrooms that maintain industry standards will help decrease the spectator time away from the action. The plan will continue to explore ways to enhance the history and traditions of the Left Field Lounge experience.
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PROPOSED BASEBALL STADIUM

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BASKETBALL

Humphrey Coliseum

Sitting at the pinnacle of the Athletics District, the 10,500 seat Humphrey Coliseum or “The Hump” opened its doors in 1975 as home to the Men’s & Women’s Basketball teams. Although renovation have been made to the seating bowl and team space areas, there has not been a significant renovation or upgrade to the concourses and the public support spaces. Additional restrooms were recently added to the exterior of the east side of the facility.

Master Plan goals for Humphrey Coliseum are as follows:

• Improve and modernize concourse experience including circulation, concessions, restrooms, and Marketing and Promotions
• Provide additional premium seating with suites and club
• Improve arrival and ticketing.
• Create coaches’ office suite.
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existing humphrey coliseum

HUMPHREY COLISEUM

EXISTING HUMPHREY COLISEUM
BASKETBALL

Master Plan

The Master Plan for Humphrey Coliseum is divided into three phases; phase 1: existing coaches’ offices renovations; phase 2: concourse renovation/expansion; phase 3: Mezzanine Level Bunker “M” Club and new coaches’ office suite.

Phase 1

With the opening of the Basketball Practice Facility, men’s and women’s basketball will vacate office space within the Mezzanine Level of Humphrey Coliseum and move to their new home. During Phase 1, Olympic Sport Coaches’ offices will be renovated and the space planning will become much more efficient. Many of the spaces still will not be ideal because of the lack of daylight and back-of-house ‘feel’, the closer the office space is to the proximity of the back side of the grandstands. There is 9,350sf available on the level that currently houses all the offices, not including core/vertical circulation. Coaches to be relocated in phase 1 include men’s golf, women’s golf, soccer, softball, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, men’s and women’s track and field, and volleyball.
Phase 2

Phase 2 focuses on the public space of the concourse and premium seating areas. Moving and expanding the concessions and restrooms to the exterior of the concourse with additions to the east and west sides, improves circulation and the game day experience within the Coliseum. The concourse will be open and airy as the queuing for concessions and restrooms are stepped back off the concourse. A one-story addition on the west will help to frame the entry between the coliseum and the practice facility, while a glass entry on east/west axis will bring natural light into the once dark concourse. Converting the interior concourse level restrooms and concessions into suites, allows for additional premium seating opportunities. Renovating the spaces within each suite allows for 12 seats that gives a great perspective for the game. There is more effect on the east side, as the three-story addition has full height glass to accentuate the new space and open up toward Lakeview Road to create a better entrance. The game day experience for the Hump starts with the arrival to “The Hump Plaza” as a celebration of history and traditions of MSU Athletics. The volume of the expanded concourse and entry on the east also allows an opportunity for large event graphics and electronic video walls that could animate events and further engage them with the campus.
PROPOSED HUMPHREY COLISEUM BUNKER CLUB AND SUITES
Phase 3

The former Mezzanine level, occupied by coaches’ offices in phase 1, will be renovated to become a Bunker Club with limited views of the court, that could be used before the game, at halftime, and after the game. Adding windows to the North façade at the Mezzanine level improves the direct light into the space and provides views to the baseball stadium. If the seating bowl were opened up to the Mezzanine Level, your view will be halfway down the seating bowl behind the basket.

Expanding on the renovation and expansion of the concourse level in phase 2, Olympic Sports Coaches’ offices will occupy the 2nd and 3rd floors of the addition on the east side of the Hump. The space will include a reception area with lobby and archive display space, recruiting room, conference rooms, and all Olympic Sport offices. During both interviews and in questionnaires, the MSU coaches’ all expressed an interest to stay together as a department as opposed to moving to respective offices in each venue. The office space will have great views out to Chadwick Lake and down toward Davis Wade Stadium.

With the completion of the basketball practice facility in 2011, both the men’s and women’s basketball programs will have new and improved facilities; however the existing locker rooms will need to be renovated and expanded.
The MSU Soccer Field, original location of the football practice fields in the 1970's, has been home to the women’s soccer team since 1995. A complete renovation to the field, during the summer of 2010, improved the turf, rootzone, and drainage of the playing surface. The current soccer stadium features a main grandstand with 500 seats, soccer dugouts, and a game-day facility with restrooms, concessions, and a press box. The women’s soccer offices, locker room, lounge, training room, and team meeting room are located on the 1st floor of the Humphrey Coliseum.

The Master Plan goals for the soccer program facilities include:

**Stadium**
- Team Facility at Stadium with a game day locker room, lounge, visiting locker room, officials, storage, training room
- Upgrade and expand Press Box Level to include premium seating, suites, hospitality / multipurpose, lobby, restrooms, air conditioning and heating.
- Support Facilities including concessions, restrooms, ticket windows, event management office
- Spectator Seating for 2,500

**Offices**
- Head coach(1), assistant coaches(3), video room, and storage
SOCCER

Master Plan

The elimination of College View Drive and the extension of Bost Drive to the east of the stadium as recommended in the Campus Master Plan, promotes the MSU Soccer Field to remain in its current location, and allows for enhancement of the spectator experience for soccer matches. Modifying and taking advantage of the topography on the south side of the stadium, seating on the ends of the field will give the fans an opportunity to bring blankets and sit on the bermed grass areas. Top loaded grandstand expanded to 2,500 seats will have spectators entering from an open concourse with access to concessions and restrooms from the field side. Improved flow of spectators will help with game day access and control with designated entries and gates.

Additional team facilities within the stadium include game day team rooms, a satellite training room, and visiting and officials’ locker rooms, accessed from the integrated team dugouts. The expanded press box and VIP area, integrated on either side of the current building game day suites, will include multipurpose hospitality room that can accommodate up to 50 people. Spectator amenities beneath the press box will include concessions, restrooms, and a team store, while support facilities will include ticket office, event management, security office, and storage. Sports lighting will be relocated on the grandstand side to improve spectator viewing.
PROPOSED SOCCER FACILITIES

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VOLLEYBALL

Existing

The university, faced with an expensive “tear it down or fix it up” proposition, partnered with the MSU Athletic Department to renovate and relocate Volleyball to the Newell Grissom Building in 1997. Located approximately two blocks southwest of Scott Field, the Newell-Grissom Building has 2,000 seats, with close to 500 chair backs. Team facilities include a locker room, sports medicine area, and a coach’s area, while a secondary entry into the arena is shared by athletes and spectators. Spectators amenities include restrooms and concessions.

Master Plan goals for the MSU Volleyball team facility are as follows:

• Improve and expand team space within Newell Grissom including locker room suite, video room, and training room.
• Renovate and expand concessions and restrooms.
• Upgrade seating areas including converting all bleacher seating to chair backs, and create VIP/hospitality space.
• Maintain game court with three practice courts side to side
• Improve circulation within venue
existing volleyball facilities
exterior newell grissom building
existing volleyball facilities
existing volleyball facilities
VOLLEYBALL

Master Plan

This new space will be able to accommodate the new program pieces of coaches’ offices and a team meeting room. Second, the expansion of new program spaces creates the opportunity to re-configure some existing spaces to potentially create a player’s lounge, a team training room, and renovation of the visiting team locker room. A theme throughout is to create a volleyball identity within Newell Grissom center through the use of maroon and white banners within the volleyball arena, and an archive display area. Additional upgrades to the fan experience include seat options and better spectator circulation. A VIP space or recruit pre- and post-game hospitality spaces are also seen as important to the future of the program.
NEWELL GRISsom BUILDING WITH CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

PROPOSED VOLLEYBALL FACILITIES - OPTION 1

PROPOSED VOLLEYBALL FACILITIES - OPTION 2
ATHLETICS SUPPORT FACILITIES

Templeton Athletic Academic Center

Completed in November 2008, the Templeton Athletic Academic Center is home to the Office of Athletic Academics. The 34,000 square-foot building serves the entire athletic department to assist student-athletes in reaching all of their academic goals, and includes individual computer rooms, tutor work areas, a large open study area and a 300-seat dining facility with a fully-functioning kitchen. Looking forward, the goals of the Center will be to expand check-in desk in study hall area, create student-athlete lounge, add archive area to display academic accolades, and improve security access to the building.

Palmeiro Center

The Palmeiro Center, an indoor practice area for both football and baseball, currently meets the needs for both teams. Also part of the Center is a 9,500-square foot Bryce Griffis Boardroom which seats up to 350 people. Minor renovations and upgrades to the Boardroom are required with replacement of the skylights to help decrease the light within the space.

Bryan Athletic Administration Building

With the Football Coaches’ offices moving to the new Football Team Facility, the master plan recommends renovating existing space within the Bryan Athletic Administration Building that will allow expansion of Sports Administration and the consolidation of External Media under one roof. The Bryan Building will now be the home of the Athletic Director, Senior Athletic Administration, SAAC, Business & Compliance, Athletic Marketing/Promotions, Bulldog Sports Marketing, Media Relations, Bulldog Club & Suites, and the Ticket Office. The press “room” remains in the 1st level foyer and display area. The Bryan building has many different potential scenarios for consolidating External Affairs.
Holliman Center
In 2005, Mississippi State opened the 46,000-square foot Holliman Athletic Center, providing Bulldog football with locker room, equipment room, team meeting rooms and lounge, as well as a state-of-the-art athletic training area and strength and conditioning facility. The building as a whole has interior circulation issues. When the football teams moves to their new facility, the interior of Holliman could be renovated to make the space more efficient.

Shira Complex
The Shira Complex, State’s original practice facility, was constructed in the 1970’s. With renovations to the Complex in 1992 and 2005, the facility has continued to transform as needed by MSU Athletics. From locker room, to sports medicine, to strength & conditioning, and indoor practice space, Shira serves many athletic teams. The upgrade goals for the Shira complex include Olympic strength and conditioning, locker rooms, sports medicine, and the indoor practice facility. Upgrades include MSU graphics, natural light and expansion into under-utilized areas. An indoor turf with track sprint lanes will benefit all Olympic Sport teams to be used for practice during inclement weather.
Facilities, Maintenance, and Grounds

A new Facilities, Grounds, and Maintenance Facility would be located between the Indoor Softball Facility and the new Indoor Tennis Facility, and would be serviced from Lakeview Road behind the MSU Softball Field. The facility would include an operations & maintenance shop area, workers area, vehicle garage, service yard, and outdoor materials storage area. This facility would primarily serve Athletics, but could act as the northern campus grounds area.
MEN'S & WOMEN'S GOLF

Existing and Master Plan

The MSU Golf Course, located four miles east of the Athletics District, is a great practice course for both the men's and women's golf teams. To remain competitive with other Southeastern Conference and Peer Institutions in collegiate golf, both a golf team practice facility and a team clubhouse. The team practice facility will include a dedicated driving range team tee box area, a short-game area, and multiple chipping and putting greens with various turf grasses. The team clubhouse to be shared by both the men's and women's golf teams will include team locker rooms, meeting room, team lounge, kitchenette, club storage and repair room, coach's area, and indoor/covered hitting bays with video swing analysis equipment. Within the Athletics District on campus, additional coaches' office space, a team meeting space and a recruiting area is recommended.
EXISTING GOLF FACILITIES