

## Introducing

# CORNELL HALL

### The new home of the Mizzou College of Business



Cornell Hall, the new home of the College of Business, is located on the new South Quadrangle on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. The neo-Georgian appearance of the building complements the nearby Reynolds Alumni Center and Hulston Hall as well as Jesse Hall. The building, which is twice the size of Middlebush Hall, is named for Harry Cornell – a 1950 College of Business graduate – and his wife Ann. For over 40 years, Mr. Cornell served as the head of Leggett & Platt, Inc., a *Fortune* 500 company located in Carthage, Missouri. The Cornells, in conjunction with Leggett & Platt, donated \$3.5 million for the new building and an endowed professorship in information systems.

Construction of Cornell Hall began in late 1999 and was completed in spring 2002. The new facility unites the college's faculty, staff, graduate students, academic units, and research and service agencies under one roof rather than in Middlebush Hall and shared space in three other buildings. Cornell Hall's 150,000 square feet of space is enhanced by a naturally lit atrium. All five and one-half floors can be viewed from the lobby.

Cornell Hall consists of 16 technology-rich classrooms, two computer classrooms, a student computer lab, informal student gathering space, a 125-seat lecture hall, a 500-seat auditorium, and 13 small breakout rooms. The college prides itself on its emphasis on collaborative education, involving alumni and business firms, and is committed to infusion of information technology throughout its curricula. Cornell Hall provides the college with the capability to advance these distinguishing features to new levels.

All classrooms in Cornell Hall have ceiling-hung projectors, a dedicated computer, a DVD/VCR player, network connections, and document cameras. Two-way video, via satellite or Internet, will be capable in all classrooms either through dedicated cameras or portable equipment. Numerous data ports have been installed in student lounge areas throughout the building.

The total cost of the new building is about \$30 million. The State of Missouri provided just over \$17.1 million for the facility, and MU added \$750,000 to cover the cost of adjacent infrastructure work. The remaining \$12 million is being raised from private sources – alumni and friends of the college. Major donors to the new building are being recognized by having their names associated with a classroom or other prominent component of Cornell Hall.



*A view of the atrium from the  
third floor of Cornell Hall*

## A variety of teaching and learning spaces:

- The 500-seat Jack and Mary Bush Auditorium includes wireless computer networking as well as full audiovisual capabilities.
- In the distance learning classroom, video communication technology allows an instructor to transmit courses to students at various off-campus sites.
- Seven tiered classrooms are equipped with data and video projection along with computer network access for both students and faculty.
- Eight classrooms have movable seating to permit configurations for different audiences and purposes. Each of these rooms is equipped with wireless computer networking as well as digital video and data projection.
- Thirteen small breakout rooms throughout the building provide space for students to study, have small-group meetings, or prepare case presentations or other course assignments.



*Jack and Mary Bush Auditorium*

## About the College of Business

The College of Business was established in 1914. Its business programs were among the first in the nation to be accredited, and the college was also a leader in offering the PhD degree in business-related fields. Several of the college's degree programs as well as the research productivity of its faculty have earned top-50 national rankings. College of Business faculty have been honored with numerous awards for their outstanding teaching. This tradition of high-quality scholarship and teaching remains strong today. Over 3,300 students are pursuing degrees in accountancy, finance, management, and marketing in the College of Business, and nearly 29,000 alumni are contributing their expertise to organizations around the world. The college aspires to be one of the top 20 public business schools in the nation, distinguished by innovation and excellence in collaborative education activities with alumni, business partners, and academic colleagues.

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