Gwynn Hall...Home of the College of Human Environmental Sciences

Remembering our past as we look to our future

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OUR PAST: In 1898, the Board of Curators authorized the establishment of a department of domestic economy. The department was actually established with the name of household economics in 1900. In 1906 the department name became home economics. Despite inadequate housing for the department, enrollment steadily increased. The General Assembly appropriated $75,000 for a home economics building in 1919. Because of restrictions in the State’s finances, only $40,000 of the amount was released for construction of the building. In the meantime, Joseph K. Gwynn, a school teacher at Versailles, provided in his will for a gift of $50,000 in memory of his wife, Mary Louis Hewter Gwynn, a native Missourian. The building was eventually completed in 1935 and was named Mary Louise Gwynn Hall.

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OUR FUTURE: The University of Missouri has slated Gwynn Hall for major renovations including gutting and overhauling, to begin September 2012, with completion scheduled for fall 2013. The facelift will provide for a modern facility within historic Gwynn Hall. In addition to modern office space for faculty and staff, Gwynn will house: three centrally scheduled classrooms; student services/advising offices; high-tech laboratories; climate-controlled environment for the Historic Costume Collection; an enhanced Kellwood Apparel Production Laboratory; an expanded human subjects laboratory for basic nutrition and exercise research that will house MUNCH (MU Nutritional Center for Health). There will be significant opportunities for alumni and friends to enhance the renovation outcome. In addition, many naming opportunities will be available for a variety of spaces throughout Gwynn Hall, including: classrooms, laboratories and offices. We invite you to consider supporting the College of Human Environmental Sciences and help frame our future.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about how you can support this renovation project, contact Nancy Schultz, Senior Director of Development at 573-882-5142 or schultzn@missouri.edu.