Continued from page 1

“We’re excited about having good facilities for our athletes, and for our students to enjoy watching our athletes,” said Campbell. According to him, that once the new field is completed, the old fields will be converted into intramural field, which will be equivalent to about the size of two soccer fields.

“By doing this, we are able to enhance our intramural program,” said Campbell. “The intramural fields will be closer to the residence halls that most of the students live in.

When the new fields are not being used for intramurals, they can be utilized for other general recreational purposes, according to Campbell.

The lot next to the bookstore at the South Gate was also removed as a trade for permeable surfaces, according to Campbell. In addition to this, the O-Lot was also paved, and 127 parking spaces were gained.

During the summer’s major construction, new pods were also constructed and opened this fall in a number of the residence halls. In addition, all of these suites are handicapped-accessible, said Campbell.

“Students are finding the pods to be spacious and comfortable,” he said. “I’ve heard nothing but good comments about them and [students] seem to really enjoy them.”

The Franklin F. Moore Library was also renovated over the summer. The old carpet was replaced and a couple of changes were made in the resource area. Shelving and other aspects of the library were also worked on and re-organized.

Also, the freshmen biology laboratories were remodeled, and the journalism laboratories were all outfitted with new, powerful Macintosh Apple G5s, complete with flat panel monitors.

“We gutted the room in the biology labs, and there is going to be a new lobby area, and eventually installation of a new greenhouse,” said Voorhees.

Campbell is also hopeful that phase two of the plan will also be completed by fall 2005, if all the necessary fundraising comes through.

“In order to complete the construction by the deadline, construction crews have been starting the work at 8 a.m. every morning. Over the summer, according to Campbell, the crews began work at 7 a.m., but the time was pushed back to 8 a.m. because that is the time that classes begin for the day.”

“We couldn’t push it back later than 8 a.m. because we won’t get the construction done on-time,” said Campbell.

Campbell said that some students have made complaints because they are awakened by the construction noise earlier than they would prefer on days when they do not have morning classes.

“For those students who do not have classes until noon or later, there will be some noise and we’re sorry about that,” he said. “But, if we’re going to do construction, there’s going to be some disruption to the campus.”

According to Campbell, when the construction is complete, it will be worth the inconvenience because many aspects of the campus will be enhanced.

“Everyone will be inconvenienced at some point. Please bear with us, and by the fall we’ll have some wonderful state-of-the-art facilities.” — Dean of Students

Anthony Campbell

“We want our students to feel like this is their place and not being used for intramurals, they can be utilized for other general recreational purposes, according to Campbell.”

The baseball field is in the process of being moved from its previous location to the back of campus near the tennis courts and soccer fields. The old baseball field, which is equivalent to the size of two soccer fields will be used for intramural recreation. The construction of the field should be completed by November, and will be ready for the spring season.

Currently, construction crews are working on the irrigation system, placing sod, and concentrating on leveling the surface correctly.

The construction of the Student Recreation Center (SRC) also began last summer and crews are currently laying the footing for the building’s foundation. In order to complete the project, the basketball courts were removed and temporary basketball courts were built behind the Alumni Gym.

This is an overall view of the parking lot, which was repaired with color-coded spaces to clarify which vehicle registration pass is valid in each designated area. Although freshmen are only permitted to park their cars in the orange-colored O-Lot, upper-classmen are allowed to use the O-Lot as an overflow lot, when spaces are unavailable in theirs. This picture also shows the locations of the temporary basketball courts and the new SRC construction in correlation to the parking lot.

The pods, for most of the residence halls, were constructed over the summer, and finished just in time for the arrival of students for the new academic year. Pictured here is the pod in Wright Hall, complete with its own bathroom, single bedrooms as well as a common lounge area.