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CMU set to break ground for construction of new athletic facility

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Groundbreaking for the \$1.8 million Mabee Athletic Facility on the north side of Puckett Field House at Central Methodist University will take place at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, during the annual Homecoming festivities.

The facility, which will house strength training and weight room facilities, athletic offices, meeting rooms and restrooms, was designed by Peckham & Wright Architects Inc. of Columbia and will be built by Coil Construction of Columbia. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-2009, barring weather-caused interruptions.

The addition will include a more than 3,500-square-foot weight room, two meeting rooms that will house up to 150 people, locker rooms, athletic offices, laundry facilities, and restrooms for Puckett Field House, which is the site for Eagle basketball and volleyball contests.

“This facility will be one of the best strength and conditioning complexes in the Heart of America Athletic Conference,” Vice President for Campus Life and Athletic Director Ken Oliver said. In addition to university officials, representatives of Peckham & Wright Architects and Coil Construction will take part in the groundbreaking.

Completion of the facility will mark Phase II (the final part) of CMU’s \$5 million Campaign for Eagle Athletics.

The campaign is helping support all athletic teams and programs through a combination of new and renovated facilities.

Already completed as part of Phase I are several major facility upgrades, including installation of artificial turf on the combination football-soccer field; construction of a new eight-lane outdoor track; complete refurbishing of Puckett Field House; and creation of the Glenn and Veronica Cox Softball Complex.