

# UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA, MO

## NEW CONSTRUCTION CASE STUDY



HIGH DENSITY STORAGE



CUSTOM LOGO GRAPHICS

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### CHALLENGE

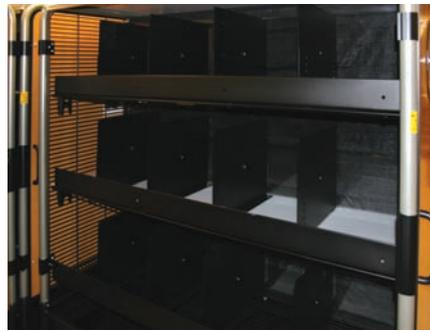
Provide functional, attractive athletic-equipment storage for Division I program

### GEARBOSS SOLUTION

GearBoss X-Cart and Team Cart System and Portable Work Station



SYSTEM CARTS



FLEXIBLE CUBBIE SYSTEM



CUSTOM GRAPHICS

## BENEFITS

- “Wow” factor impresses recruits, complements new facilities
- High-density storage system minimizes wasted space
- Flexibility means key equipment is easily accessible
- Easily adapts to suit different teams, people and preferences

## INTERVIEW WITH DON BARNES - Director of Equipment Operations



“One of my dreams was to have an equipment room with an awesome, high-density storage system,” says Don Barnes, director of equipment operations at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Nicknamed “Mizzou”, this NCAA Division I program fields 20 intercollegiate sports.

Barnes gave input to Wenger during initial development of the GearBoss System, including serving on focus groups and visiting Wenger’s headquarters. He also played a pivotal role in the development of Wenger’s “Athletic Facility Planning Guide”, a 42-page resource outlining the best practices in athletic equipment facilities, including helpful information and worksheets. “The Guide is an awesome tool when you’re planning a new facility, providing detailed information about spatial relationships and room adjacencies,” he explains.

Barnes was able to put his planning ideas into practice when a major donation enabled Mizzou to build a new football facility. For improved equipment storage, organization and efficiency, a GearBoss Storage System was included in the plans. However, Barnes says the biggest single reason was the ‘wow’ factor – the awe effect to impress potential recruits. “We strive for this in every area of our building,” he notes.

Beyond just looking good, he knows the storage system must function well, working efficiently with their operation. “That’s one of the great things I love about the GearBoss System – it customizes itself to me, not the other way around.” He believes the GearBoss System is in a league of its own, with no rival or equal available that provides the same flexibility.

Equipment for Mizzou’s 20 sports are stored in 70 GearBoss carts, the largest single installation to date. Barnes says almost every square inch of the carts is used for storage, with nothing wasted. “Seasons change, times change, weather changes and the GearBoss System gives me the flexibility I need,” comments Barnes. “I can move around the carts accordingly, so the equipment I need daily is always readily available.”

## PRODUCT LIST

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