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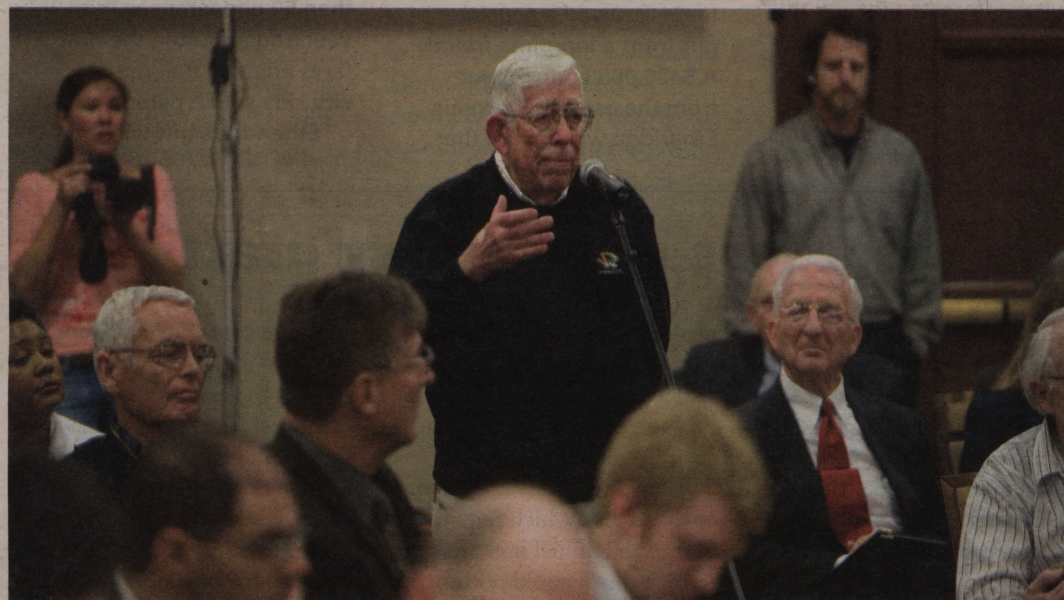
Public input

GLOBAL SEARCH

A broad-based committee will interview finalists

The chair of the University of Missouri Board of Curators told a March 19 public forum in Columbia that the board expects to name an interim president at the next curators meeting April 5 and 6 in Rolla. Curator Don Walsworth also said the board has appointed a 17-person committee that will interview finalists for the presidency of the UM System and make recommendations.

The committee will be headed by MU biochemistry Professor Frank Schmidt, "That will ensure that a strong faculty voice will be heard as we deliberate," Walsworth said. He added that he would suggest to the board that retirees and University of Missouri Extension also be represented on the committee.



Rob Hill photo

JOB DESCRIPTION Rod Gelatt, professor of journalism emeritus, was one of more than a dozen people who spoke at a March 19 public forum at the Reynolds Alumni Center to provide input on what qualifications the Board of Curators should look for in the next University of Missouri System president.

Committee representatives from MU are: Schmidt, who also is chair of the Intercampus Faculty Council; Meera Chandrasekhar, Curators' professor of physics; Marilyn Coleman, Curators' professor of human development and family studies; Jay Dade, president of the Mizzou Alumni Association; Alan Marshall, a systems administrator for biological sciences and chair of the Intercampus Staff Council; and

James Ross, CEO of University of Missouri Health Care.

The forum at MU was one of several held to solicit input from the public; others were held on each of the MU campuses and in Springfield and Portageville, Mo. Walsworth was joined by Curator Bo Fraser of Columbia and by Jerry Baker, president of the Atlanta-based consulting firm Baker-Parker Inc., which is helping the University with its search.

Fraser described how the University was founded in Columbia in 1839 after Boone County citizens beat out other counties to come up with the largest donation of land and money. "Boone County made the best offer because people here realized the benefits higher education would bring, and they still do," Fraser said. "Our university has made mid-Missouri a better place to live, learn and work."

He said that as the board deliberates on a successor to President Elson Floyd, "My own desire is to find someone who everyone in this room will say, 'Wow, that is the right person.'" And, Fraser added later, "All things being equal, my personal feeling is I would love to find someone who has heartstrings tied to the University of Missouri or the state of Missouri."

Baker gave an update on the search process so far. He said the search has been under way for several weeks and that his firm is "looking widely and globally, talking to people all over the world."

He encouraged the public to provide input as the search progresses. "In order to be effective, we really do need to know what matters to you who live this university every day of your lives," Baker said. He acknowledged that criteria included in the leadership statement set an exceptionally high standard and "have defined in many ways the person who does not exist."

More than a dozen people at the forum spoke about issues they said should be addressed

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Former McNair scholar says Mizzou's mentoring program is 'a social contract'

ROLE MODEL

McNair program prepares students for doctoral study

Doug Steinley was the first in his immediate family to attend college and, like many other first-generation college students at Mizzou, he arrived without the support networks of peers who came from more college-savvy families.

Steinley successfully attended classes and worked part time, never giving any thought to attending graduate school or pursuing a career in research. This changed, however, when he was introduced to the McNair Scholars Program. MU is

one of 14 original universities selected in 1989 to develop a McNair Scholars Program, named for the late Ronald E. McNair, an astronaut who perished on the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the program targets first-generation college students and those from groups who are underrepresented in graduate education. Today there are 179 programs nationwide. Each shares the same purpose: to prepare eligible students for doctoral study.

"This program provided a real opportunity for a first-generation student to be guided

through the process of applying and eventually succeeding at graduate school," says Steinley, today an assistant professor of psychological sciences at MU. "As difficult as it would be to understand graduate education if your parents only had bachelor's degrees, it is near impossible when your parents did not attend college. The problem is not a lack of parental support or encouragement, only a lack of knowledge concerning the process and what to expect."

Although high-ability students are recruited to the program during their freshman and sophomore years, they cannot officially become McNair Scholars until their

junior or senior year. Once accepted into the program, they attend a series of sessions at which they learn about the graduate application process, financing graduate education, surviving and succeeding in graduate school, polishing their presentation skills and preparing for graduate student life.

They also receive lessons in technology use and preparation for the Graduate Record Exam. Additionally, the program offers a course in "Preparing to be a Graduate Teaching Assistant." One of the program's highlights is its requirement that undergraduate scholars participate in research with a faculty mentor.

"In graduate school, students work closely with their advisers," says Vicki Curby, program director. "What

these scholars get through our program is practicing being a graduate student, working with a mentor the same way they would work with a research supervisor in graduate school," she says.

"They learn research skills, the jargon of their disciplines and how to operate in an academic setting. Often undergraduate students just see the teaching side of being a faculty member but our scholars observe the whole gamut of what PhD's do — apply for grants, write papers, present at conferences and interact with colleagues worldwide."

Steinley was paired with Michael Stadler, an associate professor of psychology and director of MU's Honors College. The two collaborated on experiments involving implicit and explicit memory.

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MU's global impact

From Argentina to Zimbabwe, MU faculty members and scholars have a global impact with their academic peers. They teach and conduct research around the world, and thousands of international scholars have traveled to Columbia for educational opportunities here.

One of Mizzou's most prestigious international connections is its participation in the Fulbright Scholars Program. Since the mid-1980s, nearly 80 MU faculty members have taken part in Fulbright programs overseas.

A program representative will visit campus early next month to encourage continued participation in the program and to lead a workshop on how to develop Fulbright proposals.

Gary L. Garrison, assistant director for Asia and the Middle East at the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, will hold a workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, April 6, in Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge. He invites interested faculty to view the range of awards and participating countries on the council's Web site at www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_

awards. For more information about the workshop or to arrange a one-on-one meeting with Garrison, call Jim Scott, director of MU's International Center, at 882-6008 or e-mail ScottJ@missouri.edu.

A team effort

Mizzou's favorite flop-eared mascots have friends all over the Show-Me State. But last month, the College of Veterinary Medicine's mule team received a special gift from a longtime friend. A \$420,000 endowment from the estate of Virginia Etheridge will ensure that

MU's mules will continue their public relations efforts for the college and the University.

Since 1982, the mule team has entertained thousands of people at state fair opening ceremonies, parades, picnics and weddings. The team also has educated people about the important role mules have played in Missouri history. The current team, Tim and Terry, are the third set of University mules. They will make more than 50 appearances this year and are often the first farm animals that many city kids see in person. Etheridge's gift will

supplement an existing endowment established by former veterinary Dean Bob Kahrs and his wife Evelyn. The gift will be used for the team's travel expenses, care and feeding, and to support veterinary students who care for the mules. That care will continue the tradition that Etheridge nurtured for nearly two decades when she brought the mules fresh carrots and apples most Sunday afternoons.

MU students engineer less risky artery grafts

CLINICAL CAPSTONE

Engineering class develops new approaches for aortic surgery techniques

Using tacks and glue, MU students created a redesigned vascular graft that will stay in place to prevent rupture of abdominal aortic aneurysms. Abdominal aortic aneurysm, or the weakening and bulging of the aortic artery where it passes through the abdomen, is a serious medical condition affecting 100,000 patients each year.

Nearly 15,000 of those patients die when the

aneurysm ruptures and causes massive internal bleeding. The condition is caused by hardening of the arteries, and it is most common in men older than 60. Cigarette smoking, high blood pressure and cholesterol are the leading causes.

Surgeons currently strengthen the weak spot by using an endograft, which is a spring-loaded stent that is placed inside the artery and is held in place by friction between the vessel wall and the artery, says MU vascular surgeon Rumi Faizer.

Endovascular repairs are

made by the surgeon cutting a small incision in the groin area and passing the graft through the femoral and iliac arteries to the aneurysm. This method is less risky than open surgery, which requires a large abdominal incision to replace the diseased portion of the aorta with a graft.

However, the safer endovascular grafts have the potential to migrate after they are implanted. That movement can cause leakage or rupture of the original aneurysm, requiring further surgery. MU students worked with Faizer in a biological engineering

capstone course to come up with two design modifications to keep the endografts in place.

One student team used four tacks made of Nitonal, a metal that remembers its shape. Tacks were forced through the outermost layer of the aortic wall using the pressure of a ballooning catheter. After puncturing the aorta, the ends of the tacks are bent back outside the aorta to anchor the endograft.


A second team used a bioglue made of purified bovine serum albumin and glutaraldehyde. These two solutions are dispensed with

a delivery gun or disposable syringe. Once dispensed, the adhesives create a flexible seal.

The bioglue product is readily available but has not been used in this application. The tacks are a novel design in that the material has properties that make it change shape when it is the human body, allowing it to fix better, Faizer says. Students tested both approaches on aortic tissue from cattle and swine.

"This is a very advanced project and the kind of thinking we need to move medical technology forward," Faizer says. "It's exciting in that the students are asked to push the boundaries of what is available today." Such capstone courses, common in MU undergraduate programs, are intended to let students apply what they have learned in class to real-world problems, says Sheila Grant, assistant professor of biological engineering.

Although the students' work is theoretical and not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Faizer says he hopes further efforts can make fixed endografts a clinical reality.




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Two faces of China

A unique brother-sister team will bring a flavor of traditional China to the MU campus next month. One is a classically trained tai chi master who also has a doctorate in kinesiology. The other is a world-famous expert on the erhu, the traditional bowed, two-string Chinese violin, and is the founder of China's first all-female rock band.

Yang Yang will present a free workshop on tai chi that includes evidence-based research on the physical and mental benefits of the ancient Chinese exercise regimen.

Health-care professionals now apply tai chi in rehabilitation and wellness programs, and the practices can be adapted for people of different ages, physical abilities and fitness levels. The free public tai chi class will be held at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 6, at the Columbia Armory Sports Center at 701 E. Ash St. He will give a public lecture at 4 p.m. April 6 at the Life Science Center's Monsanto Auditorium.

His sister, Yang Ying, will perform a "Chinese and world fusion music concert" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture

Center. She has studied the erhu since the age of 5, and her recent work combines the traditional erhu sound with such diverse genres as classic jazz and Nashville country music. Concert tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 884-7312.

Faculty-Staff Golf League tees up

The MU Faculty-Staff Golf League is now organizing for its 43rd season, and teams will hit the links at A.L. Gustin Golf Course the week of April 22. Each year, nearly 160 players are organized

into 20 or more teams.

Each team plays a weekly nine-hole match at 4 p.m. on either a Tuesday or Thursday. The summer season's weekly matches run through early July. The league is then reorganized for a fall season, which runs from late August through late October.

All play is handicapped, and participation is open to all full-time employees, retirees, graduate teaching and research assistants, and employees of agencies based at MU. New members may join one of the existing teams. If three or four new players want to organize a

new team, the league can assist them and provide a few additional players. For more information, call Dale Karr, league president, at 884-1281 or e-mail karrd@missouri.edu, or call Rex Dillow, league secretary/treasurer, at 445-7183 or e-mail rex.dillow@mchsi.com by the end of March.

Breaking the theoretical patterns in psychotherapy

SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

New book urges therapists to focus on clients' needs

There is not just one correct school of thought when it comes to counseling people. In actual practice, therapists mix theories and methods to help clients. Experienced therapists tend to base their practices upon the core processes that define psychotherapy across the theories. However, textbooks are still divided into specific theories.

A new book written by two MU faculty members aims to break the pattern and revolutionize the way

psychotherapy is taught. These scholars encourage students to recognize that the strength of the therapeutic relationship is highly associated with therapeutic outcome, and that therapy proceeds through the basic stages: engagement, pattern, search, change and termination.

"Traditionally, psychotherapy has been driven by specific theoretical orientations and their corresponding techniques. However, these specific orientations rarely coincide well with the needs of clients," says Glenn Good, associate professor of educational, school and counseling psychology. "Complex theories often have

very limited application."

Good co-wrote the book, *Counseling and Psychotherapy Essentials: Integrating Theories, Skills, and Practices*, with Bernard Beitman, professor and chair of psychiatry. Only about a third of all people who seek therapy have a favorable outcome to the first intervention, Good says, so it is important for therapists to have

a variety of ways to treat people. "A therapist stuck in just one school of thought is not going to have enough tools to help every client," Good says.

A client may seek therapy because a series of setbacks in life. The client may be discouraged or depressed because the future seems bleak. Drinking may be the short-term solution being used to combat

anxiety in this situation.

"This client does not need to have their childhood experience analyzed. Instead, he or she needs some tangible solutions in order to feel better now," Good says. "There are some basic life skills and formulas that can be derived from several schools of thought that could help in this situation. It is important that a therapist not try to make each client fit into a certain mold."

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Concerts & Plays

Thursday, March 22

STUDENT ENSEMBLE:

The University Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. Suggested donation: \$5.

Friday, March 30

GUEST ARTIST

MASTERCLASS: Peter Frankl will perform on piano at 4 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall.

Monday, April 2

GUEST ARTIST RECITAL:

Peter Frankl, on piano, will perform at 8 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall. Suggested donation: \$5.

Tuesday, April 3

UNIVERSITY CONCERT

SERIES: Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be presented at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781 or order online at www.concertseries.org.

GUEST ARTIST

MASTERCLASS: Michael Sachs will perform on trumpet at 3 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall. Suggested donation: \$5.

Wednesday, April 4

FACULTY RECITAL:

Murray Oliver will perform on trombone at 8 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall. Suggested donation: \$5.

Thursday, April 5

HEARNES CENTER EVENT:

The world-famous Lipizzaner Stallions will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Hearnes Center.

Tickets are \$19.50 each and are available at the box office in Brady Commons.

Conferences

Monday, April 2

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

CONFERENCE: "Reaching and Teaching the Digital Native: The Digital Campus Institute @ Missouri" will be held through April 4 at 1 p.m. in the Reynolds Alumni Center. The conference will explore innovative initiatives that engage curriculum enhancement projects based on the infusion of technology into the classroom. The cost is \$135 for the conference and \$50 for pre-conference work shows. For more information call Erica Lovercamp at 882-4349.

Courses & Workshops

Thursday, March 22

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"Excel 2003 PivotTables and PivotCharts" will be offered at 1 p.m. in N3 Memorial Union. Registration is required, call 882-2000 or register online at training.missouri.edu.

Friday, March 23

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"XHTML 2: Tables" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in N3 Memorial Union. Registration is required, call 882-2000 or register online at training.missouri.edu.

Tuesday, March 27

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"Excel 2007 Primer" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in N3 Memorial Union.

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Wednesday, March 28

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"Word 2007 Primer" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in N3 Memorial Union. Registration is required, call 882-2000 or register online at training.missouri.edu.

Monday April 2

VISITING ARTIST

WORKSHOP: Gail Kendall, professor of art at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will present demonstrations and student critiques from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and tomorrow in A113 and 118 Fine Arts Building.

Thursday, April 5

PRINT/MAIL WORKSHOP:

University Printing Services and Bulk Mail Services will present a seminar on the services they provide and how campus departments can save money on the upcoming increase in postal rates. The free seminar will be held from 8:30-11 a.m. in Reynolds Alumni Center Columns Rooms I & II. Registration is encouraged; call 882-7801 or register online at www.ps.missouri.edu/print/mail.

Friday, April 6

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

WORKSHOP: Gary Garrison, assistant director for Asia and the Middle East at the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, will conduct a workshop from 9-11 a.m. in Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge to assist interested faculty in developing proposals for Fulbright Scholars opportunities for 2008-09. For more information or to arrange a one-on-one meeting with Garrison, contact Jim Scott at the International

Center at 882-6008 or e-mail ScottJ@missouri.edu.

Exhibits

MUSEUM OF ART &

ARCHAEOLOGY:

- "Final Farewell: The Culture of Death and the Afterlife," explores cross-cultural themes of the afterlife and their impact on art.
- "The Forgotten Art of Engraving" is on display through July. It explores the history of engraving technique and displays prints by such masters as Albrecht Durer, Hendrick Goltzius and William Blake.

The museum, located in Pickard Hall, is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and from noon-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

BINGHAM GALLERY:

"We Clean Up Nice" a showcase of art by the 2007 graduating seniors of the MU Art Department will be on display through April 5. The gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building, is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

MU LIBRARIES EXHIBIT:

- "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" features photographs and historical documents on display in the first-floor colonnade of Ellis Library through April 20.
- A collection of miniature books will be on display in the Ellis Library colonnade through April 23.
- **STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**
 - "Light & Life in Missouri: Photos by Notley Hawkins" will be on display through May 12 in the north-south corridor gallery.
 - "The Stories They Tell: Understanding Missouri History Through Maps," an exhibit of more than 30 maps organized by Walter Schroeder, associate professor emeritus of geography, which

explores Missouri topics that range from the Civil War to the 1874 locust infestation, is on display through June 30 in the main gallery.

Lectures & Seminars

Friday, March 23

LIBRARY EXHIBIT

LECTURE: Gary Kremer, executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, will present "The Lincoln Legacy in Missouri" at 10 a.m. in the first-floor colonnade of Ellis Library. The lecture is in conjunction with MU Libraries' "Forever Free" exhibit.

Tuesday, March 25

LIBRARY EXHIBIT

LECTURE: George Wunderlich, director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, will present "Civil War Medicine in 2007" at 2 p.m. at the Daniel Boone Regional Library. The lecture is in conjunction with MU Libraries' "Forever Free" exhibit.

Saturday, March 31

SATURDAY MORNING

SCIENCE: Bill Folk, professor of biochemistry, will present "Clinical Trials of African Traditional Medicine" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Life Science Center's Monsanto Auditorium. This lecture series is intended for everyone; a science background is not required.

Monday, April 2

ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE:

Cyprian Broodbank, senior lecturer at University College London, will present "Before Aphrodite: The Island of Kythera and the Minoans in the Aegean" at 5:30 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. in the Pickard Hall east gallery.

Tuesday, April 3

VISITING ARTIST

LECTURE: Gail Kendall, professor of art at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will present a slide lecture on her work and career at 1 p.m. in 113 and 118 of the Fine Arts Building. The lecture will focus on the technical and conceptual concerns that she brings to her artwork and understanding of the ceramic art field.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LECTURE: Walter Schroeder, associate professor emeritus of geography, will present "Use a Map With Care: Errors in Historic Missouri Maps" at 5:30 p.m. in the State Historical Society on the east side of Ellis Library.

Wednesday, April 4

MUSEUM LECTURE:

Rebecca Dunham, a graduate research assistant with the Museum of Art and Archaeology, will present "Sculpted Spirits: The West African World of the Dead" from 12:15-1 p.m. at the museum in Pickard Hall.

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PEER TO PEER

Missouri College Advising Corps will counsel high school and community college students

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation this week awarded MU a \$1 million grant as part of a nationwide initiative to significantly increase college enrollment and graduation among high-ability, low-income high school students and to encourage community college students to continue their studies toward completion of bachelor's degrees. The program will encourage greater attendance at all four-year colleges and universities in Missouri, including Mizzou.

With the grant, MU will create the Missouri College Advising Corps. Following the tradition of the AmeriCorps and Teach for America programs, the Missouri College Advising Corps will recruit and train MU seniors to work full time as high school and community college advisers for one to two years after graduation.

These advisers will guide students on how to prepare themselves for college admission, how to choose a college that matches their interests, and how to complete admissions and financial aid applications. The advisers also will provide parents with information they need to encourage and support their children's pursuit of a college degree.

Advisers working in the community colleges will help ensure that disadvantaged students take the courses they need to continue their educations at four-year institutions around the state.

MU's program will provide one-on-one college advising to 2,700 students in eight Missouri high schools and three Missouri community colleges. It will provide information and counseling in group settings to an additional 9,150 students. MU will work with superintendents and high school administrators to identify which Missouri high schools will host college advisers.

The program will be targeted at rural and urban high schools that do not have Missouri A+ School designation and that fall below the state average in the percentage of their graduates who go to college. Community colleges in the geographic regions of the selected high schools also will likely be

targeted for the program.

"As Missouri's flagship and land-grant university, MU must play a leadership role in encouraging Missourians to pursue higher education," says Chancellor Brady Deaton. "This program will ensure that more students receive the information and counseling they need to pursue their careers and educational aspirations." According to data from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, fewer than 24 percent of graduates from city public schools in St. Louis and Kansas City attend four-year institutions, and fewer than 40 percent of graduates from rural areas attend two- or four-year institutions.

In 2005, fewer than 5 percent of students at Missouri two-year colleges transferred to public four-year schools, according to statistics from the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

Advisers in the Missouri College Advising Corps will demonstrate from their own college successes that disadvantaged background, sneers from peers and lack of family precedent need not be barriers to a bachelor's degree, says Jeffrey R. Williams, director of access and urban outreach at MU. They also will help students see that college can be financially accessible through scholarship and loan opportunities.

"The Missouri College Advising Corps will enable high achieving, low-income students and their families to see college as an attainable goal. I look forward to playing a role in making this happen," says Williams, who as program director of the Missouri College Advising Corps, will report to Ann Korschgen, vice provost for enrollment management.

Mizzou's program will be based on the successful model devised by the University of Virginia.

"The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's desire to facilitate transfer from community colleges to four-year institutions highlights the important role community colleges play in baccalaureate attainment. We are pleased to be part of a program that spotlights this community college role," says Barbara Townsend, professor of higher education in MU's Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis and co-program director of the Missouri College Advising Corps.

CALENDAR from Page 4 Thursday, April 5

LITERARY ARTS LECTURE: National Book Award-winning author Elaine Pagels, professor of religion at Princeton University, will lecture on her work at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Union's Wrench Auditorium.

ROMANCE LANGUAGE SYMPOSIUM: MU's Afro-Romance Institute is hosting the symposium, "Afro-Caribbean Cultural Identity" at 3:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center. Gary Wilder, associate professor of history at Pomona College, will present "Negritude Redux: Historical Constellations and Political Legacies." Errlo Montes Pizarro, professor of mathematics and physics at the University of Puerto Rico-Cayey, will present "African Music: Music of Encounter."

MUSEUM FILM SERIES: *Death in Venice* will be shown at 7 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall.

Friday, April 6
LIBRARY EXHIBIT PANEL: In conjunction with MU Libraries' Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Arvarh Strickland, professor emeritus of history, will moderate a panel discussion, "How Did Abraham Lincoln's Position on Slavery Affect Missourians?" from 2-3:30 p.m. in the first-floor colonnade of Ellis Library.

Meetings

Thursday, March 22
STAFF COUNCIL: The Staff Advisory Council will meet at 1:15 p.m. in S207 Memorial Union.
FACULTY COUNCIL: The Faculty Council on University Policy will meet at 3:30 p.m. in S203 Memorial Union.

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"Overall, my experience being mentored was a good one," Steinley says. "The No. 1 advantage of working with a faculty member, in my opinion, was one-on-one mentoring on how to write in an appropriate style for journals. Since an academic career is based on publishing papers, this experience was invaluable to me. Additionally, since I was

going to a PhD program in quantitative psychology, Dr. Stadler also mentored me in FORTRAN programming, which is another invaluable skill for an undergraduate in the psychological sciences to possess."

Steinley graduated from MU in 2000 with bachelor of arts degrees in psychology and statistics. He enrolled at the University of Illinois,

where he earned masters degrees in statistics in 2001 and in psychology in 2002 and a doctorate in quantitative psychology in 2004.

Since returning to Mizzou, he has reconnected with the McNair program. Drawing on his undergraduate experiences, he helps students do more than just dream about graduate school.

"Doug helps out by serving

on panels, making presentations and helping students write their personal statements for their graduate school applications," Curby says. "Last semester, he presented an excellent workshop on 'Graduate School Survival: Steps to Success in Graduate Studies.' It was special to have a faculty member who had actually gone through our program do this presentation."

Steinley credits the program

for preparing him for life beyond graduate school. "It changed a lot of things for the better and put me on a path I didn't know existed," he says. "In order to help students with similar backgrounds as my own, I try to be responsive to any requests by the McNair Scholars program to help wherever I can. It is a social contract. I think it is the right thing to do."

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Astronomer wins NSF Career Award

Angela Speck, assistant professor of physics, has won a prestigious Faculty Early Career Development Award, one of only a handful awarded this year in the astronomy and astrophysics division by the National Science Foundation.

Speck, who has been at MU since 2002, is an infrared astronomer who studies stellar evolution and dust around evolved stars. Her CAREER project is titled "Multifaceted Investigation of the Astromineralogy and Evolution of Dust Around Low- and Intermediate-Mass Evolved Stars."

The awards emphasize an integrated approach to teaching and research. Speck more than met that criterion, says H.R. Chandrasekhar, professor and chair of physics and astronomy. "It is hard to tell where research stops and teaching begins in her dealings with students — graduate and undergraduate alike."

Awards honor Mizzou women

Outstanding MU women will be honored at the 2007 Tribute to MU Women sponsored by the committee on the status of women and the Chancellor's Diversity Initiative. The award ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. today, March 22, in Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge.

The honorees are current MU faculty, staff or students who have worked to help create an environment of equity, fairness and justice for all women at MU; respected the diversity of women's experiences; and promoted the advancement of women through education, advocacy, support and activism. More information about the tribute is available online at diversity.missouri.edu/statusofwomen.

Honorees for the 2007 Tribute to MU Women are:

- Anna Bardone-Cone, Psychological Sciences
- Jana Heitmeyer, Intercollegiate Athletics
- Mary Johnson, Ellis Fischel
- Devoney Looser, English
- Beth Pickens, Women's Center
- Robyn Ridgway, College of Business
- Kelley Rohlffing Marchbanks, Mizzou Alumni Association
- Leona Rubin, Veterinary Biomedical Sciences
- Kimberly Selting, Veterinary Medicine & Surgery
- Gloria Smith, Office of Research
- Carol V. Ward, Dept. of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences
- Women's & Gender Studies Advisory Committee.

More students make responsible choices

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University released a study in mid-March that found 49 percent of U.S. college students binge drink or abuse prescription and illegal drugs. It also found that 22 percent of students meet criteria for drug or alcohol addiction. However, Kim Dude, director of the Mizzou Wellness Resource Center, says there has been a lot of progress in recent years encouraging students to make responsible decisions.

"On many campuses, including ours, it is getting better. Unfortunately, reports of only the bad news can make the situation worse," Dude says. "More than 75 percent of students make responsible decisions as it relates to drinking. We're never going to stop people from drinking, but if we can help people make good decisions, that will make everyone safer, whether they are 18, 28 or 58 years old."

The Wellness Resource Center provides a campuswide, year-round wellness approach that annually delivers more than 200 student programs in classrooms and residence halls. The center also plans wellness activities on issues such as nutrition, self-esteem, stress-reduction, alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders and smoking.

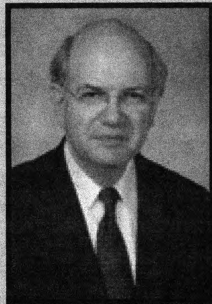
The U.S. Department of Education recently named the center a model program, and the Interassociation Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues has recognized it as one of the top 10 alcohol awareness programs in the country for 18 years and as the No. 1 program in the country in 2006.

'Everyone together' highlights conference

The Cambio de Colores Conference is an annual three-day conference that explores the issues surrounding Hispanic and Latino immigration to Missouri and the Midwest. The conference, sponsored by the University of Missouri's Cambio Center, will be held this year from April 2 to 4 at the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo.

Organizers say that Kansas City is home to the largest and longest established Hispanic community in Missouri and to agencies that have served that community for decades. The conference will draw researchers, practitioners and community members to discuss current research and approaches to address critical needs in the community. More information is available online at www.cambiodecolores.org.

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SYMPOSIUM ON GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR AIDS RESEARCH

Save the date: Wednesday, May 30, 2007

On Wednesday, May 30, 2007, a symposium is to be held at MU, sponsored by the UM-South Africa Education Program (UMSAEP) with support from The International Center for Indigenous Phytotherapy Studies (TICIPS).

Mitigating the worsening global AIDS pandemic requires the collaboration and cooperation of scholars from many disciplines. The symposium will foster cross-disciplinary research and linkages among institutions from Missouri and South Africa. In addition, on May 31 and June 1 there will be opportunities for individual meetings with faculty from the University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

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during the search process: an attention to diversity, an understanding of academic medical centers, the importance of hiring a "politically savvy" leader who at the same time is familiar with the academic world, and the important role

that economic development and Extension play in the University's mission. Baker also acknowledged the search at the University of Missouri would be competing with national searches at other large public research universities, including Ohio

State, Purdue and Iowa. "No doubt we are after some of the same people," Baker said. One factor that complicates the process, he said, is that there is "a frighteningly small number of men and women who can lead an institution of this size and complexity."

Walsworth and the others stressed that curators are interested in hearing suggestions and nominations from the public. "This is not just lip service," Walsworth said. "We take this very seriously." The Systemwide advisory

committee urges members of the University community and the public to contact committee members with their input, Schmidt said. "All Missourians have a stake in the success of this search."

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