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Holden backs life sciences

A CRITICAL ROLE

New research funding for life sciences and biotech

Flanked by higher education officials from around Missouri and leaders of the state's scientific community, Gov. Bob Holden announced \$21.5 million of new funding for life sciences and biotechnology research.

Speaking at a bill-signing ceremony at MU's Reynolds Alumni and Visitors Center, the governor said that life sciences hold "exciting promises for the future health of our citizens and our state. The discoveries of new medical research, new environmental treatments, new food and new food products will all improve the quality of life for all Missourians."

Holden called on the state to seize the opportunity to be a leader in the life sciences. "Just as the potential of Silicon Valley

exploded as a result of the chip, I believe the life sciences can play a critical role in Missouri's economic prosperity in the 21st century," he said.

During the last session of the General Assembly, legislators appropriated \$21.5 million in tobacco settlement money for life sciences research and development. However lawmakers did not pass any legislation spelling out how the money would be spent.

"I am pleased by the General Assembly's appropriation, but I believe that enhancing life sciences research in our state is too important to delay until next session," Holden said.

The governor said he would sign an executive order that directs the Office of Administration to administer the funds through a life sciences research committee. The group will be made up of the administration commissioner and seven other members to be

appointed by the governor.

"The committee will solicit and review biotechnology research proposals, and the funds will be dispersed through research contracts for proposals that have the potential to provide the greatest health and economic benefits to Missourians," Holden said.

"With input from peer review panels and industry experts, committee members will consider proposals for research which will conquer disease and improve the quality of life for all Missourians."

The governor noted that over the past century, killer diseases like polio and diphtheria have been eradicated. "Now at the beginning of this century we are close to using the human genome to revolutionize medicine. We've identified genes that cause diseases like breast cancer, Parkinson's disease and diabetes," the governor said. "Hopefully, in my lifetime we will develop the



Steve Morse photo

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY At a bill-signing ceremony on the MU campus June 20, Gov. Bob Holden called life sciences "the economic engine that allows us to come together as a state."

technology to prevent and cure diseases like these.

The executive order is an important step in the right direction, the governor said, but warned that more work remains to be done. "I am confident that Missouri's universities, research institutions, life sciences

businesses and elected officials can continue to work together to enhance our economy and improve the quality of life for all of our citizens," he said.

"Life sciences are the economic engine that allows us to come together as a state."

Faculty review earns Wallace high marks

RESPECT AND INTEGRITY

A total of 61 percent of faculty who responded to the evaluation favor retaining the chancellor.

In a campuswide evaluation of Chancellor Richard Wallace, released last week by Faculty Council, MU professors agreed by a wide margin that Wallace should be retained as chancellor.

A total of 61 percent of survey respondents said they either agreed or strongly agreed that the chancellor should be retained; 22 percent gave negative responses, and 17 percent indicated they were either neutral or had no opinion.

Survey forms were sent in May to 1,174 regular faculty; 346 — or 30 percent — completed and returned the survey.

Wallace also earned high marks from faculty for personal integrity (73 percent), understanding of campuswide problems (65 percent), promoting an atmosphere

conducive to the teaching and research missions of faculty (61 percent and 60 percent), and respect for faculty's role in University governance (60 percent).

In several other categories, fewer than 50 percent of respondents agreed with the survey statements about Wallace's performance, including fairness in personnel issues (42 percent strongly agree/agree, 35 percent neutral or no opinion, 23 percent strongly disagree/disagree); understanding particular problems faced by academic divisions (36 percent strongly agree/agree, 26 percent neutral or no opinion, 38 percent strongly disagree/disagree); and attempts to allocate budget according to acceptable priorities (44 percent strongly agree/agree, 29 percent neutral or no opinion, 27 percent strongly disagree/disagree).

The survey results are reprinted on Page 7 of Mizzou

Weekly. In addition to completing the surveys, 110 faculty members included written comments on the chancellor's performance.

Russ Zguta, chair of Faculty Council, and Judith Goodman, council vice chair, discussed the evaluation results with Chancellor Wallace earlier this month. "We had a very good discussion; it was a positive atmosphere all around," said Zguta, professor of history, in describing that meeting.

"I think the chancellor takes quite seriously the type of concerns that are popping up. It seems to me that he intends to take a closer look at them."

In comments last week, Wallace said that he supports the evaluation process and has known since last fall that such a survey was in the works. "The results are much as I expected and I appreciate very much the professional manner in which the council conducted this process,"

Wallace said.

"While I realize that only 346 of our more than 1,100 faculty responded to the survey, I was pleased that the majority was positive.

"I learned some important information and plan to incorporate many of these suggestions as I continue my leadership of MU. For example, I will be scheduling informal sessions with faculty in our individual colleges and schools to talk with them on a more personal basis," Wallace added.

"I am very pleased with MU's progress in terms of our strategic plan and thank the many faculty who have been and will be instrumental in this University's continued success."

Council representatives also met with Manuel Pacheco, UM System president, to discuss the chancellor's evaluation. "Chancellor Wallace is doing a superb job of leading the Columbia campus. The faculty's

evaluation reflects Richard's respect for divergent viewpoints and his success in building consensus within the University family," Pacheco said following that meeting.

"I am pleased that Richard is considered by faculty to possess great personal integrity. It is a perception that I wholeheartedly share."

The evaluation process at MU originated in the early 1990s, when faculty members voted to conduct periodic reviews of campuswide administrators. That vote established a campus standing committee for administrator review, which reviewed a former chancellor and provost, and then was allowed to lapse for a variety of reasons. Last spring, Faculty Council agreed to take over that committee's responsibilities in order to carry out the faculty mandate.

Although a number of council
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Keys to firework safety

While the Fourth of July is a time for celebrations, it can also be a time of trauma and injuries if the necessary precautions are not taken with fireworks. Each year, more than 11,000 people are injured from fireworks, and most injuries occur because of misuse, says Christopher Lentz, director of the Peak Memorial Burn Center at MU Health Care.

Lentz offers the following safety tips to ensure a fun and safe holiday: Fireworks should never be given to children, and at least one adult should be present. Fireworks should only

be used outdoors, with a bucket of water or hose nearby. Follow package instructions closely and never experiment with "homemade" fireworks.

Fireworks should be lit on a smooth, flat surface, away from the house and any flammable materials. Use punks to light fireworks, instead of lighters, matches or cigarettes. Do not relight duds, and never ignite fireworks in metal or glass containers.

Milk wins price wars

In a comparison of nutrients per gallon, the winning beverage has again "Got Milk,"

said an MU extension dairy specialist who recently completed a comparison-shopping survey.

"Milk cost 55 cents more per gallon than soda pop, but when you compare nutritional value, milk has nine essential nutrients, including calcium, protein and potassium," said Glenn Brown, MU outreach and extension dairy specialist in Maysville. "Soda, on the other hand, offers no real nutritional value."

Brown has conducted marketbasket comparisons of popular beverages since 1995. On a price-per-gallon basis, his June 2001 survey found beer

most expensive, followed by orange juice, milk and soda pop. On average beer cost \$2.55 more and orange juice 59 cents more per gallon than milk.

"Milk is the most nutritious buy for the money," Brown said. "Only orange juice ranks higher in potassium. So milk is a more nutrient-dense food, no matter if it's non-fat, low-fat, reduced fat or whole milk."

Their day in the sun

The future will be close at hand on Francis Quadrangle this afternoon. Although gasoline prices are inching back down,

the recent spate of through-the-roof price hikes at the pump had most consumers dreaming of an alternative to that gas-guzzler in their driveway.

Maybe some day, solar power will replace fossil fuels. MU engineering students are getting some hands-on experience with solar technology by building Mizzou's own solar car and competing in a national race down historic Route 66 this summer. The car, SunTiger IV, will be on display from 2 to 3 p.m. on the circle drive in front of the Geography Building. Members of the racing

A matter of degree: 'MU in the Evening'

INFORMATION FAIR

Staff can learn all about the new evening program at Mizzou at two July 19 information sessions

Members of the University and Columbia communities will have a chance to get all their questions answered about the new "MU in the Evening" program that will allow adults to pursue a degree from Mizzou outside of regular daytime class hours.

Although the new evening program will offer students unparalleled flexibility, college

can still be a big step for nontraditional students who might just be launching an academic career or returning to the university setting after a hiatus.

The information fair is scheduled for July 19 in the Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge. There will be two sessions that day - from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m.

"We know that people who are interested in this program are going to have some concerns and questions. We thought this information fair would be a way to address those questions," says Linda Cupp, director of MU

Direct: Continuing and Distance Education. MU Direct is organizing the new evening program.

The fair will feature information about the program's class offerings this fall. Academic advisers will be there to help plan coursework and discuss degree requirements. Those interested in the evening program can schedule one-on-one meetings with advisers, and there will be information about financial aid resources.

One exciting aspect for Mizzou staff members is that

MU in the Evening qualifies for the University's Educational Assistance Program, which pays 75 percent of the tuition for full-time staff members. Human resources representatives will be at the fair with information about the Educational Assistance Program.

The new evening program will consist of two consecutive eight-week sessions each fall and winter semester, and one eight-week session during the summer. This fall, the first session will begin Aug. 20 and the second session begins during the week of


Oct. 15.

So far, interest in MU in the Evening has been tremendous. By earlier this week, 477 people had inquired about the program, and more than half of those were Mizzou staff members.

Admission requirements for the evening program are the same as for other University academic programs. But advisers will help students select the most appropriate option for their situation, Cupp says.

MU in the Evening is appropriate for just about any college-level learner, Cupp says. "Whether they have no hours of college or whether they're halfway through, it doesn't matter. They'll be able to complete their degree."

She stresses that you don't have to wait for the July 19 information sessions to get any questions answered about MU in the Evening. You can call MU Direct at 882-3598 or visit the Web site at www.MUdirect.missouri.edu/epmw



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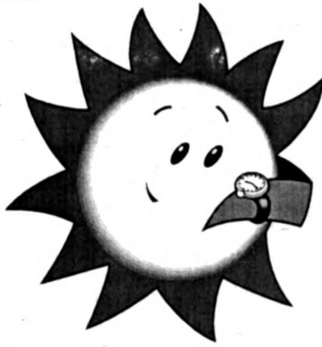
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team—which includes students from all over campus—will be on hand to talk about the race. The 2,300-mile American Solar Challenge will pit SunTiger IV against as many as 60 solar car teams from across the country. The race begins July 15 in Chicago.

Promoting literacy

With the flip of a switch, high-tech video equipment at the University's new Verizon Children's Literacy Center in Townsend Hall is enabling educators, storytellers and writers to communicate with other educators and with

children from as far away as Taiwan. The center's mission is to promote literacy by providing innovative resources and services.

Similar to a teleconference, children's books authors can use the center's video cameras to read their stories to children at locations around the world. The technology will enable children to interact with authors of their favorite stories and ask questions.

The equipment also can be used for conducting workshops and keeping teachers across Missouri and around the world informed. The center already has been used for students

studying to be teachers, allowing them to unobtrusively watch teachers conduct classes across the state.

"The location of classrooms and teaching is no longer an issue. This provides a great learning opportunity for our students and faculty," says Laura Diggs, project director.

Mizzou helps challenge poor science education

MU faculty have been working with instructors from a number of school districts around Missouri this week in a three-day workshop on the Mizzou campus. The goal is to help the

educators create more efficient science and mathematics programs in the classroom.

The workshop—called Project 2061, in reference to the year when Haley's comet will return—is hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The workshops strengthen the skills and knowledge of K-12 teachers to help them transform math and science education standards into purposeful and worthwhile classroom activities.

Peter Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden and president of American Association for the

Advancement of Science, says that poor science education threatens our ability to function as a society. "There is reason for people to be concerned about the quality of science education in this country," Raven said. "Poor science education threatens each individual's well-being and the economic and political security of the nation."

The association attributes much of this problem to the current "mile wide, inch deep" math and science curriculum, and says students are taught too much with too little depth.

Researchers urge caution on supplements

NATURAL MISCONCEPTION
Data isn't in yet to support healthful benefits of soy supplements

Eager to reap the health benefits of soy without actually eating soy foods, Americans have turned to supplements—products containing concentrated levels of natural compounds thought to be beneficial. While there is evidence to support benefits from eating whole soy foods, a group of MU researchers caution the use of supplements. In a study currently in press with

the journal, Nutrition and Cancer, a group of MU researchers reports that a soy compound thought to provide cancer protection did not demonstrate this protection when fed to mice with breast cancer tumors. In fact, the compound, genistein, enhanced the growth of the tumors. "Genistein is a phytoestrogen, a natural compound found in legumes such as soy that mimics the hormone estrogen," said Ruth MacDonald, professor of food science and nutrition. "While many believe phytoestrogens are a safe

alternative to prescription estrogens, there may be risks with consuming large amounts in supplements. We just don't have the data yet."

MacDonald explained the interest in soy-derived compounds stems from evidence of cancer protection in people who eat soy as a regular part of their diets. "In Eastern cultures where diets are soy-based, a lower occurrence of some types of cancers has been observed compared to western cultures," she said. "It has also been found that cancer may be less severe among those who eat a soy-based diet."

Phytoestrogens such as those found in soy are only one of many types of botanical supplements, commonly referred

to as nutraceuticals, that can be found in pharmacies and health food stores across the country. MacDonald says that there are a lot of misconceptions about natural products and that consumers should be aware that "herbal" doesn't necessarily mean that products are safe or effective.

"Eating whole soy is fine, but based on our research, we're not ready to recommend soy supplements," she said. MacDonald and her colleagues' research is the product of MU's Center for Phytonutrient and Phytochemical Studies. The center, funded by a five-year, \$1.3 million annual grant from the National Institutes of Health, is one of the first in the country to study nutraceuticals.

Snuffing smoking

SMOKE OUT

Dormitory smoking ban at MU will begin in fall 2002

MU's Department of Residential Life announced earlier this month that smoking will not be permitted in any residence hall room or interior public space beginning in the fall of 2002. The decision was reached after an extensive survey of residential life residents.

"This has been an issue that has been at the forefront of many of our discussions lately," said Frankie Minor, director of residential life. "Based on our evaluation and the discussions we have had with student groups such as the Residence Hall Association, the Student Health Advisory committee and Breathe Easy MU, we think this policy change is in the best interests of our residents."

Smoking will be permitted on residence hall balconies where they exist unless the students on that particular-floor vote to restrict it. In addition, the department will try to provide benches and ash urns outside the halls when feasible where smokers can comfortably congregate away from entry doors.


This fall, two residential halls are scheduled to be non-smoking halls. Baker-Park and Gardner-Hyde will restrict smoking inside the building as scheduled, but will be joined by the rest of the residential life buildings the following year.

"We will not be able to make this policy change effective for every hall until Fall 2002, because we have many residents who have already signed contracts for this coming fall semester with the assumption that smoking will be allowed in the halls," Minor said.



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Concerts & Plays

Thursday, June 28

MUSIC CONCERT: Summer Singers and Chamber Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. A \$3 donation is suggested.

THEATER SERIES: *The Amorous Flea* will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight, June 29, and July 7, 13, 18, 21, and 26, and Aug. 1 and at 2 p.m. July 29 in the Rhynsburger Theatre. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

Saturday, June 30

THEATER SERIES: *Resident Alien* will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight, July 6, 12, 20, 25, and 28, and Aug. 2 and at 2 p.m. July 15 in the Rhynsburger Theatre. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

Thursday, July 5

THEATER SERIES: *Dog Explosion* will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight, July 11, 14, 19, and 27, and Aug. 3 and 4 and at 2 p.m. July 22 in the Rhynsburger Theatre. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

Tuesday, July 10

THEATER SERIES: Comedies in Concert will present *The Show Me Show* at 8 p.m. in the Corner Playhouse. The production is for adult audiences only. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

Courses & Workshops

Thursday, July 5

RADIATION SAFETY COURSE: "Radiation Safety at MU-New Radiation Workers"

will be presented from 1-3:30 p.m. today and Aug. 2 in the Environmental Health and Safety classroom in the Research Park Development Building. Registration is required, call 882-7018.

Tuesday, July 10

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLASS:

- "Introduction to Hazardous Materials Management" will be presented today from 8-11 a.m., and again Aug. 29 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the Environmental Health and Safety classroom in the Research Park Development Building. Registration is required, call 882-7018.
- "Hazardous Materials Management Update" will be presented today from 1-2 p.m. in the Environmental Health and Safety classroom in the Research Park Development Building. Registration is required, call 882-7018.

PROCUREMENT COURSE: "Specifications Writing" will be presented from 8 a.m.-noon at 1105 Carrie Franke Drive. Registration is required, call 882-5054.

Wednesday, July 11

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: Open to all new benefit-eligible staff from 8:30 a.m.-noon today and Aug. 1 in S203 Memorial Union, and from 1:30-5 p.m. July 18 and Aug. 15 in N214/215 Memorial Union.

HUMAN RESOURCES WORKSHOP: "Maximizing Employee Performance" will be presented from 9 a.m.-noon in N214/215 Memorial Union. Registration is required, call 882-2603.

Thursday, July 12

SAFETY COURSE: "Infant and Child CPR" will be presented from 8 a.m.-noon in the Environmental Health and Safety classroom in the Research Park Development Building. Registration is required, call 882-7018.

SAFE SITTERS CLASS: This two-day class teaches youngsters ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The class will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today and July 13 in the Quaterdeck Building on Lemone Industrial Drive. The cost is \$60. Registration required, call 882-6565. The registration deadline is July 11.

Exhibits

GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM GALLERY: "Drawing with Mulberry" by Jennie Frederick is on display until July 6. The Bingham Gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building, is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY:

Special Exhibits:

- "Newspaper Lithographs by Honoré Daumier: Social Satire in the Nineteenth Century" is on display as part of the Ancient History series.
- "Testament of Time: Antiquities from the Holy Land" will be on display through Aug. 12.
- "Wrapped Creatures: Animal Mummies from Egypt" is on display through Aug. 26.
- "Tradition and Change: Art from Oceania" will be on display through 2003.

The museum, located in Pickard Hall, is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 6-9 p.m. Thursday and noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

- "Idyllic America: The Woodcuts of Fred Geary" is on

display through Sept. The gallery is open from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and is closed on Saturday.

- Lithographs from artist Ben Messick are on display in the north-south corridor.
- "St. Louis Post-Dispatch Editorial Cartoon Collection: The 1940 Election Trail" is on display in the east-west corridor. The corridors are open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Lectures & Seminars

Monday, July 2

MICROBIOLOGY LECTURE: Cathy Lea Miller, graduate research assistant in molecular microbiology and immunology, will present "Investigation of the Role of Minute Virus of Mice (MVM) Small Non-Structural Protein NS2 Interactions with Host Cell Proteins During MVM Infection" at 10 a.m. in M437 Medical Science Building.

Wednesday, July 11

MIDDAY GALLERY EVENT: Chang Ching-Yuan, professor of ceramics at Taiwan National College of Arts, will present "Ceramic Sculpture" at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Art and Archeology.

Special Events

Thursday, July 12

MUSEUM FLASHLIGHT TOUR: "Time Travel Through the Holy Land," a flashlight tour for families with children between the ages of 7-12, will be held from 10-11 a.m. at the Museum of Art and Archeology.



Q. As a new staff member at MU I was surprised to learn that oral contraceptives are not included in our prescription drug plan. What's the reason for that? Is it typical of other insurance plans around the country? Also, I've heard that the state legislature passed a bill this session that requires oral contraceptives to be included in prescription drug plans in Missouri. Does that mean that the University will now cover oral contraceptives? If so, when will the change be made?

A. "Historically, the objective of UM health care plans has been to provide coverage for expenses related to the treatment of injury or illnesses," says Mike Paden, the UM System's assistant vice president for benefits. Paden says the plans were designed to provide financial protection to employees in the event that claims expenses were incurred. "In recent years, more emphasis has been placed on encouraging employees to maintain good health by offering preventive health care coverage such as wellness exams and immunizations," he explains. "Oral contraceptives have been covered by the University

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when they were prescribed for the treatment of a medical condition. They have not been covered when prescribed solely for the purpose of birth control."

Missouri's General Assembly has passed legislation regarding oral contraceptives, Paden says. "If approved, placed into law, and applicable to the University, the University will, of course, comply with the law."

Q. I remember reading earlier this year that Gov. Bob Holden had appointed two new members to the Board of Curators and that both the new curators are women. If I'm doing my math right that means a majority of the curators are now women. Is this the first time in history women have made up a majority of the curators?

A. Yes, your math is correct; five curators on the nine-member board are women. And yes, this is the first time that women have been a majority on the Board of Curators, according to Joe Moore, a spokesman for UM's University Relations office.

Earlier this year, Gov. Holden appointed two new curators to six-year terms on the board. They are: Angela Bennett of Kansas City, an attorney and director of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights in Kansas City; and Anne Ream, an optometrist with offices in Mountain View, West Plains and Houston, Mo.

The three other female curators are Malaika Horne of St. Louis, a professor at Webster University and former managing director of a St. Louis drug treatment and prevention center; Mary James of Harrisonville, human resources manager for the Cass County Publishing Co.;

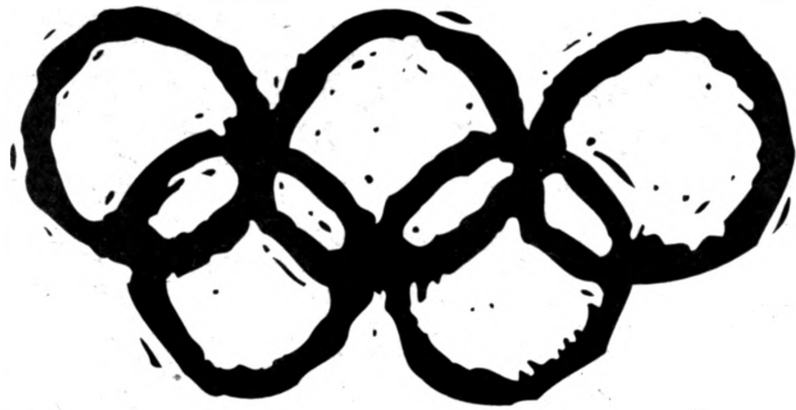
and Connie Silverstein of St. Louis, principal of the banking services division at Edward Jones.

The remaining curators are Paul Steele of Chillicothe, a farmer and businessman; John Mathes of Sunset Hills, who founded and led a group of engineering firms until he retired in 1992; Sean McGinnis of Springfield, an attorney and a partner with a Springfield law firm; and Hugh Stephenson of Columbia, professor emeritus of surgery at MU's School of Medicine.

Curator Stephenson's appointment expired Jan. 1, 2001, and he will continue to serve on the board until the governor names a successor.

Have a question?

Then send it in to *Mizzou Weekly's* Q&A column. Our Q&A column provides answers to readers' questions about the policies, places and things that make the University such an interesting place to work. The questions should be of general interest to the campus community. They must deal with policy or information issues and not with personalities. Questions must be signed, however the identity of those who ask the questions will remain confidential. Send your questions to: *Mizzou Weekly* Q&A, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center or e-mail at publications@missouri.edu



Going for the gold

SHOW ME THE FUN

State games rely on volunteers to keep the participants on track

Athletes of all ages, shapes and sizes will converge on Columbia to participate in Missouri's version of the Olympics.

The Show-Me State Games, scheduled to begin mid-July, give statewide amateur athletes a choice of participating in more than 30 sports, from archery to wrestling. New entries this year are cheerleading, dance, ultimate Frisbee and hot-air ballooning.

The program is an Olympic-style festival designed to inspire Missourians to develop their physical and competitive abilities, and to encourage sportsmanship, healthy lifestyles and family fun.

Athletes, from every county in the state have shown up in Columbia for the past 16 years to take part in the games' finals during the last two weekends in July. They don't advance to CollegeTown USA, though, unless they pass their district qualifying rounds in three sports: basketball, 5k road race,

and track and field. So from early May to July, literally every athletic facility in mid-Missouri is used for the big-time competition.

Since its beginning in 1985 with 600 participants, the games have grown tremendously. "This year, we expect more than 38,000 competitors in both qualifying and final competitions," says promotions coordinator Jennifer Shear. The contest grows, she says, because it is "well organized, fun, and offers a wide variety of sports." Plus it is the largest state games in the nation, with the soccer competition as the biggest team finals sport — 403 teams and more than 8,000 participants. Basketball comes in a close second.

No athleticism? Not to worry. Even couch potatoes should plan to attend the opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. July 20 in the Hearnes Center. And the price is right: free. "Anyone and everyone is welcome, to come and enjoy the entertainment and speakers and to encourage the athletes," Shear says.

As in the famed international competition, the culmination of the torch run

with the lighting of the cauldron will signify the opening of the 17th annual Show-Me State Games.

About 27,000 athletes will take part in the finals. This translates into a substantial financial package for the state as the extended economic impact to mid-Missouri is estimated at \$16.8 million.

MU has always sponsored the games, but it's the volunteers who keep them going, Shear says. Thousands of helpers do everything from registering the thousands of athletes to handing out T-shirts. They keep scores at basketball games, are timers at track and field events or serve as road marshals for biking and cycling.

"This is a good thing for the community," says Bob Smith, a construction project manager with Campus Facilities Planning, Design and Construction department. "I don't compete myself, but I enjoy the fun of it."

Registering the athletes is among his favorite duties. "I enjoy watching the anticipation on their faces because of what they are going to be doing," he says. "Regardless of their age or gender, or whether they win or lose, they get a sense of accomplishment from participating in the games. I think this is what has made the competition grow."

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A low rate of return

MINORITY RULES

Survey looks at faculty understanding of new statewide transfer policy

Faculty Council members were left scratching their heads over contradictory data that emerged from another recent survey of MU professors. The survey was intended to gauge how well faculty understand a new statewide policy for transfer of general education credits among colleges and universities.

A stunning 94 percent of the respondents said they felt the issue is an important one. The contradiction? Only 85 faculty members returned their surveys, a response rate of 7 percent.

In answering another of the survey questions, 48 percent reported that they had "a clear, confident sense of the issues involved," while 34 percent said they did not, 7 percent had a fairly good sense of the issues and 10 percent had no opinion.

At issue are new guidelines developed by a committee of the state Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The guidelines are intended to provide a statewide model for general education programs at two- and four-year institutions and to ease transfer between Missouri's colleges.

Under the new policy, each Missouri institution is to develop its own 42-hour general education program. Students who complete this "transfer block" may transfer to another college and not be required to take any courses in that institution's block, unless those courses are required of native students as well.

A total of 55 percent MU respondents in the recent survey agreed in principle with the idea of a statewide transfer agreement, 32 percent did not and 13 percent had no opinion.

"Given the return rates, perhaps we shouldn't make too much of the figures. Still, it is an indicator," said Russ Zguta, council chair.

Zguta said that during the fall semester, the council could decide how best to construct a ballot for a campuswide faculty vote.

"Maybe we need a survey that tells us why 93 percent of faculty did not return their survey," said Norman Land, professor of art history and archaeology.

"That's right," chimed in another council member, "an apathy survey."

IN *brief*

Improving quality through efficiency

Chancellor Richard Wallace recently appointed a campuswide committee to advise him on effective resource use and to recommend strategies to achieve greater efficiencies without sacrificing quality.

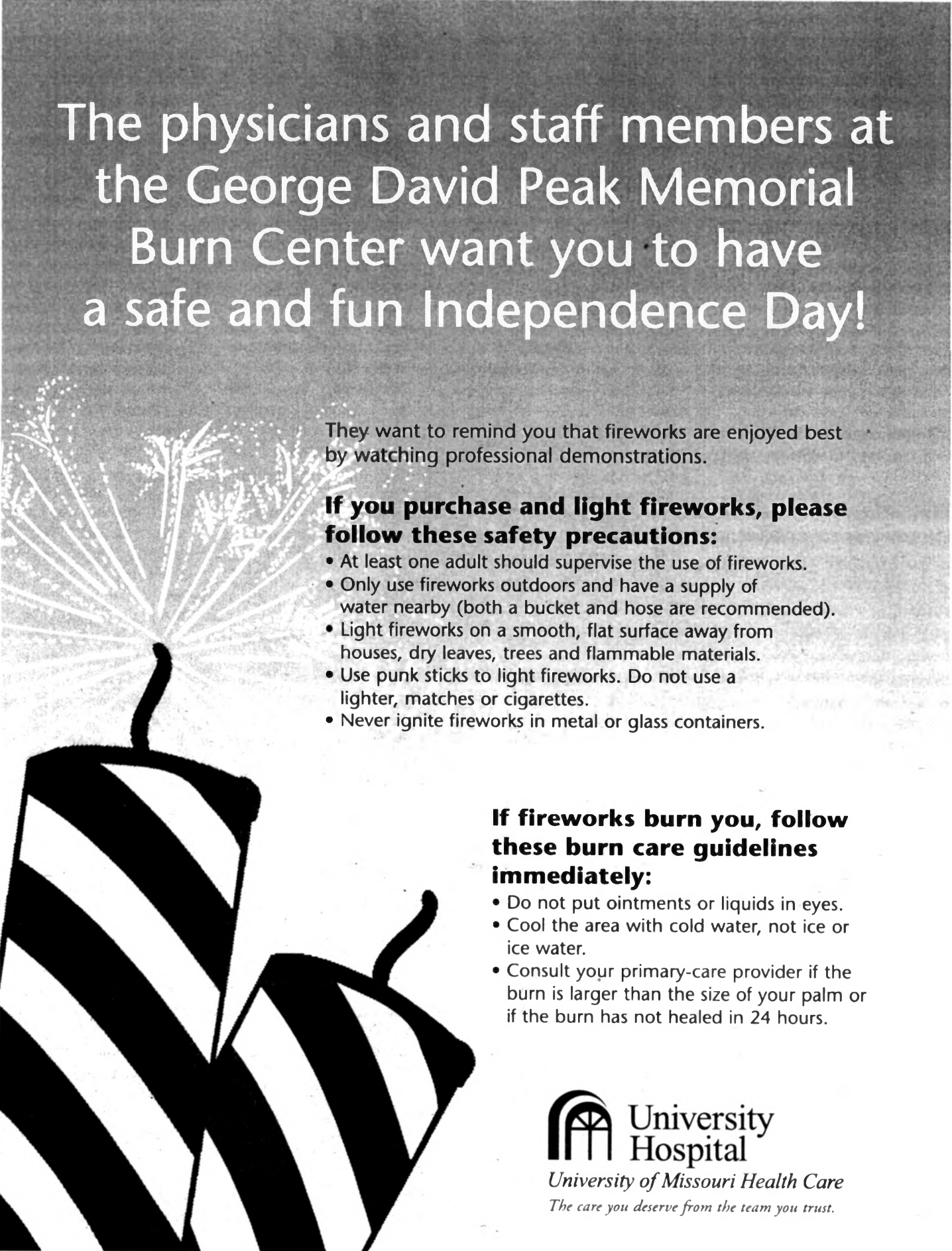
Effective resource utilization begins with the MU community. "We each have opportunities, in our day-to-day activities, to identify, communicate and solve resource issues," Wallace said.

"All ideas, suggestions and comments are invaluable as we consider new ways to build a stronger MU."

Wallace and the committee members invite University faculty and staff to submit any ideas for using resources more efficiently by visiting the Web site at web.missouri.edu/~jesse105/ceru

Veterinary Diagnostic Lab head named

Stan Casteel has been named the new director of MU's Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. In addition to his duties as director, Casteel will maintain his teaching and research responsibilities. He has served as the laboratory's chief toxicologist since coming to MU in 1989. His goal as director will be to foster an environment where faculty and staff can have the opportunities to advance in their positions.



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CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR REVIEW CHANCELLOR RICHARD WALLACE

Numerical responses from 346 regular MU faculty

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY Disagree	NO OPINION
The Chancellor has a sound understanding of campuswide problems,	98	127	27	39	31	12
faculty needs, opinions, and morale,	76	109	46	32	49	8
staff needs, opinions, and morale,	44	91	45	26	31	83
and student needs, opinions, and morale?	45	110	61	1	24	69
The Chancellor makes qualified appointments.	54	138	46	32	41	21
The Chancellor effectively delegates responsibilities.	56	124	57	12	21	74
The Chancellor holds the appointees and delegates accountable for their performances.	35	87	52	37	46	71
The Chancellor demonstrates integrity himself, and encourages integrity in others.	153	100	29	17	11	18
The Chancellor demonstrates fairness in personnel issues, including grievances against higher authorities.	66	80	44	24	55	57
The Chancellor follows policies based on sound academic principles.	72	91	49	37	31	29
The Chancellor has a sound understanding of the problems faced by your particular academic division.	46	80	39	65	64	18
The Chancellor is responsive to constructive criticism.	57	99	55	21	24	78
The Chancellor is amenable to being informed on issues outside his expertise.	90	104	41	11	15	71
The Chancellor makes reasonable efforts to allocate budgetary resources according to acceptable priorities and goals.	49	102	50	54	37	36
The Chancellor has a constructive plan of future direction for the Campus.	58	107	55	35	49	20
The Chancellor successfully projects MU's interests to the public and its political representatives.	91	118	49	27	27	22
The Chancellor respects faculty's role in University governance.	93	114	33	36	41	23
The Chancellor works for consensus on important issues.	72	119	57	26	25	32
The Chancellor fosters an atmosphere conducive to the development of the teaching mission of the faculty.	84	123	44	33	31	17
The Chancellor fosters an atmosphere conducive to the development of the research mission of the faculty.	91	121	37	34	40	11
The Chancellor fosters an atmosphere conducive to the development of the outreach mission of the faculty.	58	100	57	16	20	61
Overall, the Chancellor earns your respect as MU's chief officer and representative.	102	109	39	36	41	6
Chancellor Richard Wallace should be retained as MU's chief officer.	114	95	40	39	37	10

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members said they would have preferred a higher response rate on the chancellor's evaluation survey, they said the sample size was large enough to accurately reflect faculty perceptions about Wallace.

"I would have liked a larger number in the sample, but I'm told by statisticians on the council that's not a bad response rate," Zguta said. "What we strove for was that all the academic units on campus be represented, and we do have that representation."

Bruce Cutter, professor of forestry, is chair of the council's special projects committee, which drafted the evaluation survey. "Of course, you'd like to get a 100 percent response, but that's just not going to happen," Cutter said. "Given the timing of the survey toward the end of the semester, I was pleased."

Cutter's group revised and expanded an earlier survey that

was developed in the mid 1990s after faculty voted for periodic review of administrators. "We used that as a base because it seemed silly to reinvent the entire wheel," he said. The committee added to the original survey a number of questions that dealt specifically with MU's teaching, research and land-grant missions.

"I may be viewed as biased, but I think it was a good survey and think the chancellor should not feel displeased with the results," Cutter said. "I think it's a good snapshot. If you take the same survey next fall you might get different results, and if you took it last fall you might get different results."

A number of council members agreed that overall the evaluation demonstrated faculty support for Wallace. "I think it is basically positive," said Goodman, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders. "It identified areas of

strength and areas that perhaps need more attention."

Zguta noted that the survey showed an "obviously strong majority" of faculty who said that Wallace has earned their respect and who favor retaining him as chancellor.

"Given the fact that he's been chancellor for five years and this is the first and only faculty evaluation of his performance, I think the results are very positive," Zguta said.

He pointed in particular to high approval ratings on the chancellor's integrity. "It's vitally important for faculty to have confidence in the top administrator on campus," Zguta said.

Several council members who commented on the evaluation also agreed that the process had been a valuable experience for both faculty and the administration.

"It's a very useful exercise that provides a perspective of the

chancellor by faculty at large," said Sudarshan Loyalka, professor of nuclear engineering. "I think it should be done periodically for all administrators on campus."

"If these are taken in the right spirit, then one can take corrective steps before small problems become large problems."

Faculty Council has announced plans to conduct an evaluation of Provost Brady Deaton during the coming academic year. Zguta said the council already has discussed the chancellor's evaluation results and the way in which this survey was carried out.

"It was a frank and thorough review of the evaluation, and I went away feeling good about the process," he said. "I hope we have carried out this evaluation of the chancellor in a very responsible fashion."

Survey results by division

Faculty members who completed the recent evaluation of Chancellor Richard Wallace had the option of identifying their academic divisions. Here are the numbers and affiliations of those who identified their academic divisions on the survey:

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	33
Arts and Science	101
Business	6
Education	15
Engineering	21
Health Professions	12
Human Environmental Sciences	12
Journalism	7
Law	7
Medicine	44
Natural Resources	10
Nursing	5
Veterinary Medicine	6

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