

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### Fall wreaths

Tiger Garden is selling a variety of wreaths for office doors, home or other uses. Custom orders are also accepted.

Tiger Garden is open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday at 2-34 Agriculture Building. Call 884-1191 or email [tigergarden@missouri.edu](mailto:tigergarden@missouri.edu).

### Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Staff member reflects on MU's 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU's next chancellor](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail:

[MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](#). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### Walking groups

- Stankowski Walking Group meets 12:15–12:45 p.m. Nov. 6 at southeast corner of Stankowski Field. Participation is free. Walk is 1.2 miles.
- University Hospital Walking Group meets 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Nov. 4 at University Hospital’s backdoor leading to medical school and library.

### Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Staff member reflects on MU’s 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU’s next chancellor](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail: [MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](http://www.missouri.edu). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### Assisting employees

The MU [Employee Assistance Program \(https://counseling.missouri.edu/employee-assistance-program/index.php\)](https://counseling.missouri.edu/employee-assistance-program/index.php) provides no-cost counseling and referral services to faculty, staff and their immediate family members, and MU retirees.

The service, which is confidential, uses up to five sessions of counseling for a range of personal, life or occupational stressors. To schedule an appointment or learn more, contact a program administrator at 882-6701.

### Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Staff member reflects on MU's 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU's next chancellor](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail: [MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](http://www.missouri.edu). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### **Give to United Way**

The MU/UM United Way Campaign has a fundraising goal of \$800,000 by Nov. 30.

Make donations at [unitedway.missouri.edu](http://unitedway.missouri.edu) (<http://unitedway.missouri.edu>).

“Be the One, Live United” T-shirts are for sale at The Mizzou Store in the Student Center. A portion of the proceeds go to United Way.

### **Oct. 31, 2013 Issue**

- [Staff member reflects on MU’s 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU’s next chancellor](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail:

[MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](http://www.missouri.edu). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### Flu shots

Get your flu shot at a below location:

- Oct. 31, 8 a.m.–noon, Memorial Union, Stotler Lounge
- Nov. 4, 11 a.m.–noon, 216 Heinkel Building
- Nov. 6, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Mizzou Arena, South Concourse

Go to [umsystem.edu/curators/wellness](http://umsystem.edu/curators/wellness) (<http://umsystem.edu/curators/wellness>) and click on Flu Shot Schedule for more.

### Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Staff member reflects on MU's 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU's next chancellor](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail: [MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](http://www.missouri.edu). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### **Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs**

The Lloyd B. Thomas Lecture and Performance Series

In his 1971 song “Wild World,” Cat Stevens crooned: “I hope you make a lot of friends out there / But just remember there’s a lot of bad and beware.”

Stevens was conveying a father’s warning to a maturing daughter. On Oct. 24 in the Arts and Science building’s Allen Auditorium, David Peterschmidt gave a similar warning to entrepreneurial-minded students and faculty about the people involved in high-stakes startup technology businesses.

“Along life’s road, you’ll meet a lot of interesting people. You’ll meet heroes and you’ll meet villains, and it’s not always easy tell them apart,” said Peterschmidt, a 1969 MU graduate who was described in a 1999 *Businessweek* story as one of the “architects of the Internet.”

Peterschmidt, the speaker at this year’s Lloyd B. Thomas Lecture and Performance Series, has had a stellar 35-year career in technology. He’s held top positions with a string of technology companies. Currently he’s CEO of Ciber, a global IT consulting firm headquartered in Greenwood Village, Colo.

And while Peterschmidt certainly didn’t invent the Internet, he was a factor in its “startup” growth.

Raised in Puerto Rico, Peterschmidt arrived in America as a young man with most of his worldly possessions stuffed into two suitcases. After earning his bachelor’s at MU and MBA at Chapman College in 1975, Peterschmidt embarked on a whirlwind of experiences, from U.S. Air Force officer in the Vietnam War to salesman at computer technology companies.

In 1996, the commercialization of the Internet was taking off. That year Peterschmidt joined the startup company Inktomi, founded by nine professors at the University of California–Berkeley, including 19-year-old Paul Gauthier and 21-year-old Eric Brewer.

Inktomi became the dominant Internet search engine, but it wasn’t easy. Early on, as money was running out, Peterschmidt headed across the Bay Bridge to the Silicon Valley south of San Francisco to obtain emergency funding, he said. He finally got it from the 23<sup>rd</sup> venture capitalist group he met with.

“Vision creates passion, and passion drives human beings through roadblocks,” Peterschmidt said.

Inktomi went public in 1998 and eventually was valued at \$17 billion. Yahoo bought the company in 2003. “Inktomi is all of the technology of Yahoo today,” Peterschmidt said.

His technology “heroes” include Gauthier and Brewer, as well as eBay founder Meg Whitman and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. His villains are mostly technology investors now in prison. Of one serving a 14-year sentence for insider trading, Peterschmidt said, “He fooled us. We thought he was straight up and down.

“Villains are out there.”



Good things come in  
**SMALL AD PACKAGES**  
Click Here  
to see what they are

## Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Staff member reflects on MU's 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU's next chancellor](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail:  
[MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](#). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### **Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU's next chancellor**



Middleton

Interim leaders during MU's chancellor transition were announced Monday by University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe.

Steve Owens, a former interim president for the system and current general counsel, will serve as the university's interim chancellor, Wolfe said.

MU Deputy Chancellor Mike Middleton will be deputy chancellor and transition executive.

The appointments were approved by the Board of Curators on Oct. 23. They will be effective at day's end on Nov. 15.

Owens served as interim president of the UM System from Jan. 9, 2011, till Feb. 15, 2012. During this period, he worked closely with other university general officers including chancellors on the four campuses to continue pursuing system and campus objectives. Owens and Middleton are not candidates to replace Chancellor Brady J. Deaton, who is retiring Nov. 15.

"Our search for a new chancellor at MU remains on schedule, and I am confident we will get an excellent candidate out of our process," Wolfe said.

“In the meantime, it is imperative that the daily operations of the university continue to run smoothly, and I am confident that Steve Owens and Mike Middleton will use their experience to provide leadership that will maintain the university’s momentum during the transition period.”

The board also appointed Phil Hoskins as acting general counsel for the system, also effective Nov. 15. Hoskins will serve in that role until Owens returns to the position.



## Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Staff member reflects on MU’s 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail: [MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](#). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### **2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1**

Time is running out for MU employees to make changes to the University of Missouri System benefit plans. Employees can change plans or add to or remove dependents from their plans through Friday.

For those not wishing to make changes to their current enrollments, no action is needed. But for those enrolled in the Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Dependent Care FSA, re-enrollment is required by end of Friday.

#### **myOptions changes**

Staff at [UM myTotal Rewards \(http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards\)](http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards) encourage employees to explore the myOptions Health Plan as a way to save money on their health care costs. With lower premiums but a higher deductible, myOptions allows employees who want to pay lower monthly premiums and use a tax-free Health Savings Account (HSA) to pay for out-of-pocket expenses. For an individual, myOptions offers approximately \$642 a year in premiums savings when compared to the myChoice plan. For a family (employee, spouse and children), annual premium savings is approximately \$1,860.

Below are some changes to the myOptions plan that might make it more appealing:

- The myOptions premium will not increase for 2014. By contrast, the myChoice plan is going up \$4 per month for individual coverage and \$11 for family coverage effective Jan. 1, 2014.
- The university makes an annual contribution to the HSA for myOptions participants. The HSA contribution is increasing in 2014 to \$600 for an individual and \$1,200 for a family. That means it will cover nearly half of the myOptions deductible.
- There is an increase in the HSA maximum annual contribution, enabling an individual to make pretax contributions up to \$3,300 and for a family up to \$6,550.
- The HSA carries over each year. Money not spent can be used in subsequent years.

#### **FSAs**

Health Care FSA is an IRS-approved, tax-exempt account used to pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered by your UM System health plan. The Dependent Care FSA allows you to use pre-tax funds to pay child/dependent care expenses. You pay no taxes on these expenses.

For 2014, the Health Care FSA maximum contribution is \$2,500, as determined by the IRS. For Dependent Care FSA, the contribution ceiling is \$5,000 and \$2,500 if married and filing separate tax returns.

For more information, visit myTotal Rewards' [Flexible Spending Accounts \(http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/flexible\)](http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/flexible).





Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Staff member reflects on MU's 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU's next chancellor](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail: [MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](#). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### Strike Up the Band

Homecoming is a weeklong celebration that includes the 28th annual Homecoming Blood Drive, sponsored by the Mizzou Alumni Association, the student talent competition, campus decorations throughout Greek Town and a parade, for which Chancellor Brady J. Deaton and wife Anne were grand marshals.

Photos by Rob Hill



Thousands of people lined city streets on Saturday for the Homecoming parade, which included Marching Mizzou.



Truman the Tiger made friends during his parade walk.



Seniors Zachary Beattie and Meredith Norfleet, nominated king and queen by their class, experienced the parade from the backseat of an antique car.





Some people found an enviable perch on Quinton's patio, 124 S. Ninth St., from which to view the parade.



## Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Staff member reflects on MU's 150th as the 175-year celebration nears](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU's next chancellor](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail: [MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](#). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.

## Mizzou Weekly

Oct. 31, 2013 Volume 35, No. 11

### **Staff member reflects on MU's 150th as the 175-year celebration nears**



Janie Ausburn Harmon started at MU 25 years ago as a University Events organizer during the sesquicentennial.

*Photo by Nicholas Benner.*

Janie Ausburn Harmon grew up in Columbia and graduated from Stephens College with a bachelor's of business administration. She worked for a few years in radio advertising sales, but when she heard about a job opening at MU — a one-year position to assist with the university's 150th anniversary in 1989 — she wanted the job.

"I just knew that this celebration was going to change the way Missourians perceived the university," Harmon said. "And I believe it did."

Hired by Chris Koukola, then assistant vice chancellor of University Relations and now assistant to the chancellor for University Affairs, Harmon organized the Missouri Young Artist competition, which brought in artwork from around the state for presentation at MU's Bingham Gallery; planned the Founders Day Barbecue; and hosted the traveling exhibit *The Spirit of Mizzou — Moving On*.

A museum housed in a 48-foot moving van, the exhibit highlighted many aspects of the university, including its history, research breakthroughs, and faculty, student and alumni successes.

Displays featured props such as a world map showing where alumni lived and the balloon MU Professor Emeritus Zuhdi Lababidi used in 1982 to perform the first pediatric angioplasty to correct aortic valve stenosis in newborns.

To prepare for her docent role, Harmon pored over brochures and University Archive documents.

“Folks asked me about admissions, extension, alumni and even advice on growing tomatoes,” Harmon said. “It was a great way to learn about all parts of the university.”

Along with The Shelter Insurance Sesquicentennial Singers, a group of eight students who performed a song-and-dance show about MU’s history, the van traveled to 44 destinations, from the Missouri State Fair to summertime festivals.

“Because of the thousands of Missourians and others reached with the events and marketing, the anniversary marked a new era for MU,” Harmon said. “It was important because it reminded people of the depth and breadth of the university, the rich history, all of the research findings that have bettered the world.”

As 1989 came to a close, Harmon knew she’d have to start looking for a new job. During that year, Harmon witnessed the development staff in action, hosting professional fundraisers and securing private funding. She saw the job she wanted — one that would put her previous sales experience to use.



In 1989, Janie Ausburn Harmon joined Mizzou under a one-year contract as an organizer for the university’s 150th celebration. Among her duties was host of a traveling MU museum inside of a 48-foot moving van.

*Publications file photo.*

Since December 1989, Harmon has worked in development for the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; the School of Law; and the Trulaske College of Business. This summer, she joined University Development as the executive director for advancement.

For the 175th anniversary, Harmon was consulted on how planning and other aspects of the sesquicentennial might be appropriated to the 2014 celebration.

Meanwhile, in December, she has her own celebration: Harmon will have been at Mizzou for a quarter-century.

“It means so much to me to be able to say that I’ve been a part of the university for 25 years,” Harmon said.

“To be a part of how the institution changes lives — whether that’s strictly through the education of college students or through health care innovations or through MU Extension’s reach throughout the state — that is rewarding.”

— *Kelsey Allen*





### Oct. 31, 2013 Issue

- [Strike Up the Band](#)
- [2014 benefit enrollment is open until Friday, Nov. 1](#)
- [Owens and Middleton take on interim roles as search continues for MU's next chancellor](#)
- [Internet pioneer offers caveat for technology entrepreneurs](#)
- [Flu shots](#)
- [Give to United Way](#)
- [Assisting employees](#)
- [Walking groups](#)
- [Fall wreaths](#)
- 

[More in the archive »](#)

Published by Mizzou Weekly, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 | Phone: 573-882-7357 | E-mail: [MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu](mailto:MizzouWeekly@missouri.edu)

© 2021 — Curators of the [University of Missouri](#). All rights reserved. [DMCA](#) and other [copyright information](#).

An [equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran](#) employer.