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FROM THE EDITOR

Don't Stop the Presses

Mizzou publications and I go way back. My first week as a freshman, I found my way to the basement of Brady Commons and the semester's inaugural *Maneater* meeting, a tone-setting decision. I spent the next two years in those windowless, stained-carpeted offices, toiling over crash-prone Apples, penning Mountain Dew-fueled headlines at 2 a.m., sloppily wielding a pica pole over an actual paste-up board and taking Mortal Kombat breaks in the Brady arcade. It was there I found a love for telling Tigers' stories. It was there I met the coolest people I know. It was there I learned, sometimes through missteps, balance between creative risk-taking and quality control. Our efforts and sleep deprivation were rewarded one wild weekend in Joplin, when the Missouri College Newspaper Association named us publication of the year. We danced to our Hall & Oates anthem and, characteristically, stayed up all night.

After graduation and before social media ubiquity, what kept me connected to MU was MIZZOU magazine, which followed me with each move, city to city, beckoning me, successfully, home. Our Mizzou Creative offices are a far cry from the Brady basement; none of our surfaces are sticky, and we have windows. But some things haven't changed. I again work with fiercely talented, kind-hearted, quick-witted people, who just won a bunch of industry awards (see Page 7). We still tell Mizzou's story — now through multitudinous channels: websites, social media, videos, podcasts. So does *The Maneater*, with, it should be noted, extraordinary skill and integrity (*killed* it last year).

Both publications, facing tight budgets, have cut back on print production, *The Maneater* to one print issue per week, MIZZOU to three per year (see Page 51), while buoying digital communications. We all understand, though, the value of a tangible publication readers can physically collect from a campus rack or a mailbox, and we want to keep providing that experience. We also understand the importance of communicating accurately and consistently with as many Tigers as possible. Alumni can help. Stay connected through social media (@mizzou) and websites (missouri.edu). Tell Mizzou's story. Join the Mizzou Alumni Association. Stay in touch. Give. And, always, make your voice heard — even in the form of a roar. *mizzou@missouri.edu*

—Karen Pojmann, BJ '94

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Photojournalism student Loren Elliott's work captures all corners of America. He has documented the spread of a Northern California wildfire, photographed a Florida inmate learning to be a better dad and explored a Donald Trump rally. In summer 2016, Elliott was on assignment for the *Tampa Bay Times* when 49 people were slaughtered in an Orlando gay nightclub. He tells us about his experiences documenting the aftermath.

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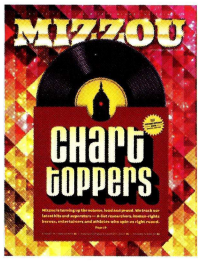

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25, MIZ Legacy Brunch
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30–Oct. 2, Roots N Blues N BBQ Festival
Rootsnbluesnbbq.com

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Lookin' Good, MIZZOU

I have long been an admirer of MIZZOU magazine. As the editor of our independent school's magazine, I see many other university and school magazines on a regular basis and am always impressed with how well your copy and design work together. Your use of fonts, photos and illustration is first rate! Thanks for keeping MIZZOU fresh, inviting and a pleasure to read.

GAIL SMALLWOOD, BJ '76
Dallas, Pennsylvania

I'm a member of the class of 1963 and have received the alumni magazine since then. I'm moved to congratulate the staff at MIZZOU magazine for the incredible changes in the graphics and photography in the magazine. The magazine has become outstanding in that regard, and it looks as good as (yea, better than) many well-known publications with much larger circulation. A very contemporary feel. Keep up the fine work.

RICHARD L. JAMES, BS BA '63
Marina Del Rey, California

Parsing Hate

MIZZOU magazine states is that it "does not publish letters containing personal attacks, profanity or hate speech." I believe when you refer to "hate speech" as being prohibited, you mean hateful speech. Hate speech is a politically correct term meaning anything that offends anyone in certain protected classes or groups and is primarily used to suppress free speech. Even so, "personal attacks" and "profanity" are hateful enough. I think you should drop any reference to hate speech in deciding what you will or will not publish.

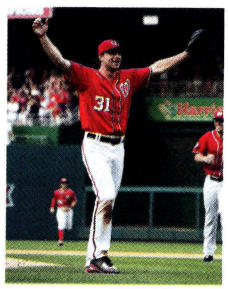
RICK CATES, MS '76
Raleigh, North Carolina

Blessing in Disguise

I thought your article, "The State of Mizzou," in the Spring 2016 edition was extremely well thought out and on point. You didn't duck the issues or attempt to sugarcoat them but took them on directly and succinctly. Your presentation left me feeling that the ugly exposure MU sustained last fall was a blessing in disguise, a wake-up call long overdue to be answered. The response to the crisis that you detail gives me great hope for the future of MU.

PATRICK O'CONNOR, BA '67
Naples, Florida

Max Makes Us Proud



Recently, I had a chance to look at your well-finished alumni magazine and discovered an article on the nationally renowned baseball standout Max Scherzer [BUS '06] of the Washington team I support. We had no baseball team in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where I grew up. I felt no loyalty to New York or Philadelphia, as they were across the DMZ. Therefore, it was easy to love the (then) Washington Senators. My father took me to opening day in 1947 at Griffith Stadium. In those days, the New York Yankees had all the money and bought up the best players. And I deeply resented a little ditty the fans would utter, "Washington: first in war, first in peace and last in the American League."

Thanks to your outstanding program, you have made a strong impact on sports in the nation's capital. Your man Max has made our great city very proud.

M.F. KEATING
Jacksonville Beach, Florida

To the New Resident of 2112:

I'll start off with a great piece of advice. Put your bed along the wall with the window. It may not look like the best place for it, but when you're in your room while there's a football game going on, you can open your window and watch it while you lie in bed. And even though you can't see the whole field, you can still hear the game and the crowd. Honestly, it's pretty cool and even a little magical, especially if you love this school as much as I have come to. You're here in spite of how we have been portrayed in the media (which is in kind of an "only halfway true" way), so you must love it at least enough to look past all that and see what Mizzou really is. It is beautiful, and the grandness of the campus is inspiring. There will be days when it's harder to see, but I promise at the end when you look back it will be exactly what you see. Be involved. This is so important. By this I don't mean join a lot of clubs or groups. Be involved in life, and be present in the moment. Throw yourself into every day. Go to events on campus, even if they sound kind of lame. Talk to the person beside you in class. If you like quesadillas, then I highly recommend getting one from Baja even though it is on the other side of campus. Enjoy every single day of freshman year because it flies by so fast. I'm sitting here writing this in a basically empty room because I just packed all of my stuff up. But I could swear that I was just unpacking it all and wondering how to best make this place feel like home. Don't stress too much about doing that, because it happens on its own eventually.

Enjoy this room and this year.
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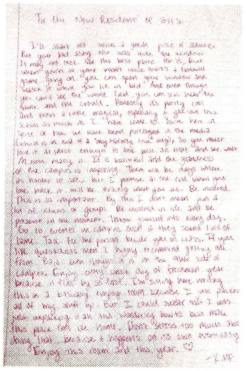
—KMF



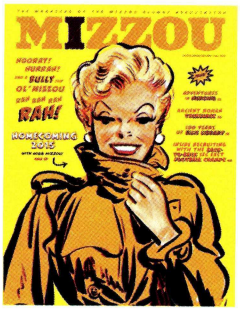
During the summer, Residential Life staff found this note that student Kirsten Flowers left in a desk drawer. They put it back for the next resident to find.

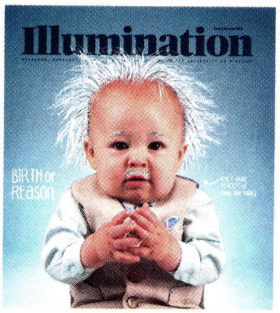
MIZZOU Wins Silver

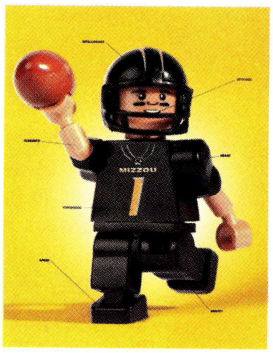
We didn't go to Rio this summer. But we did bring home silver medals. The MIZZOU magazine writing staff earned a silver 2016 Circle of Excellence Award in the category Periodical Staff Writing from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Think of it as the Olympics of higher-education communications.

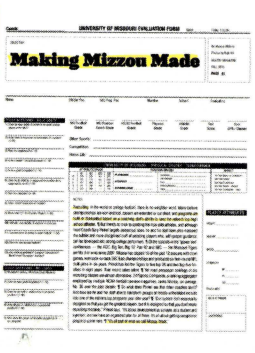
MIZZOU staff members also won 2016 silver CASE awards for other university projects, in the categories Writing for the Web (news.missouri.edu) and Design-Periodicals (Mizzou research magazine *Illumination*). In the 2016 Society of Publication Designers (SPD) Annual Design Competition, we won a gold medal in photography (*Illumination*) and made the lists of medal finalists in design (MIZZOU magazine).

Other recent CASE awards include bronze medals in Print Editorial Design in 2014 (MIZZOU magazine) and in Writing for the Web in 2014 (news.missouri.edu) and 2013 (mizzoumag.com).









← MIZZOU magazine (staff writing) and *Illumination* (periodical design) both won silver awards from CASE, while SPD recognized *Illumination* with a gold medal for feature photography and MIZZOU as a medal finalist for the design of "Making Mizzou Made."

Twitter Buzz About #Mizzou

@PressClubDC:
@Mizzou Pres. Middleton ends with a shout of "M_I_Z!" Met with a zealous response of "Z_O_U!" from alumni in the audience. #NPCLive

@politiCOHEN_:
that @sportscenter ad with John Anderson drinking out of a @Mizzou cup is 👏👏👏 #MIZ

@MelissaMars2:
The fact that I'm having como withdrawals isn't because being home is bad or anything; it's just that there's no place like Mizzou

@GarrettRider43:
Standing in the Atlanta airport & I met a guy that was a '82 grad from @Mizzou! Small world. As he left, we had a MIZ-ZOU chant. #ProudAlums

@christnemaddela:
There's another @Mizzou grad in the building! Welcome our new @FOX5Vegas reporter @ericmhilt 😻😻 Excited you're here!

@Shadow_Draco:
Had an Amazing time @mizzou for my Summer Welcome these past 3 days! I've made so many friends...

@toriaerni:
If you couldn't already tell, I'm INSANELY PUMPED to be a Tiger, so get ready for 4 years of tweets like this !!!! 😻

Truman Scholar Fights Hunger

When Maria Kalaitzandonakes was called into the associate dean's office, she thought she might be in trouble.

"I had no clue what was going on," the now-senior says of her meeting with Bryan Garton, associate dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. "He was talking about my degree program. All I could think was, 'Why am I here?' "

She wasn't in trouble.

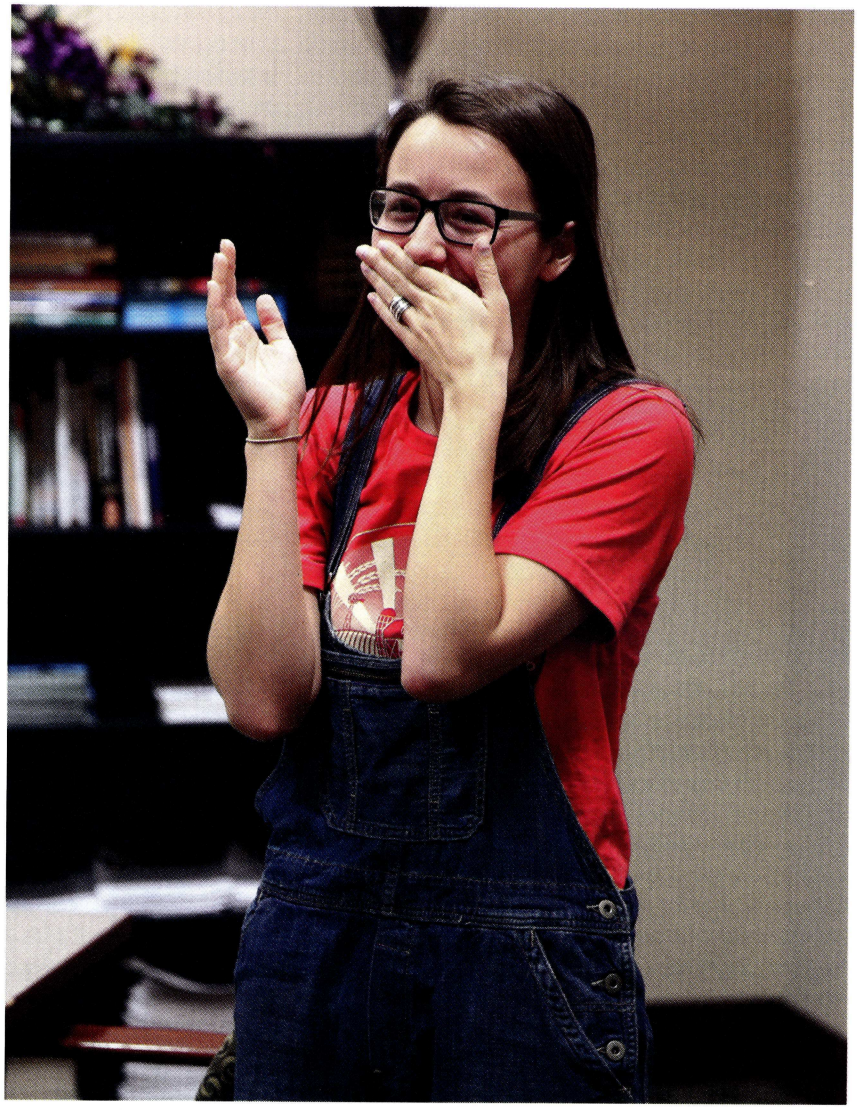
Kalaitzandonakes stepped out of the office into a surprise party: mentors and friends bursting with the news that she'd won a 2016 Harry S Truman Scholarship. The nationally competitive award for college juniors includes $30,000 toward graduate school and professional-development opportunities for a career in public service leadership.

"Being selected is so emotionally overwhelming because it shows me how many people back me and my goals in food security," she says.

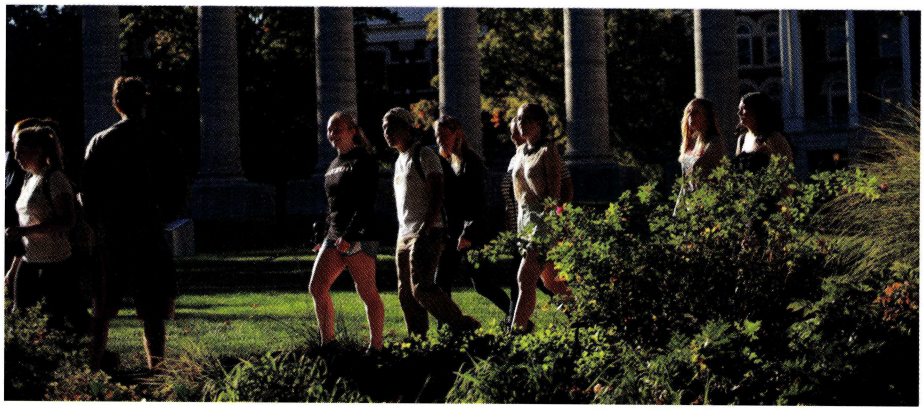
Kalaitzandonakes, a double-major combining agricultural economics with science and agricultural journalism, is serious about ending world hunger. She helped plan the 2016 international Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit at Mizzou, working with the Deaton Institute. She served as president of the International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences. She has volunteered with the local food bank. She even tutors English language learners at a Columbia high school, teaching them shopping and cooking skills in addition to English.

With the Truman Scholarship, she plans to pursue a master's degree in public policy.

Kalaitzandonakes is one of 54 Truman Scholars chosen from 775 candidates nominated by 305 U.S. colleges and universities. Since 1987, 17 Mizzou students have earned the honor. — *Logan Jackson*



† Maria Kalaitzandonakes is the 17th Mizzou student to be named a Truman Scholar. She plans to use the award to pursue a master's degree in public policy.



MIZZOU'S BIGGEST SUMMER

Mizzou summer school enrollment broke records this year. About 13,700 students took courses during the 2016 summer session, an increase of more than 300, or 2.2 percent, from 2015.

The number marks an all-time high.

Undergraduate enrollment increased by 4.7 percent to 9,185, up 413 students from 2015. Enrollment in summer courses managed by Mizzou Online, which includes on-campus and distance-learning students, increased by 11.8 percent, from 7,255 students in 2015 to 8,112 in 2016.

ROB HILL

Storyteller, Nation Builder

"It breaks you," Joseph Erb says. Either the rain, which soaks through everything, or the miles, which burn in your legs and sting in your hands, or the diaries.

For the past two summers, Erb, a new assistant teaching professor of digital storytelling, has led a group of about 20 Cherokee youths on the annual Remember the Removal bicycle trek. They retrace the steps their ancestors were forced to march nearly 200 years ago, along the 1,200-mile route known as the Trail of Tears, in accordance with the Indian Removal Act of 1830.

It takes more than three weeks to make the journey by bike in the hot summer sun. Some people they meet along the way offer cookies and apologies; others offer their middle fingers and contempt. At the end of each day, the young Cherokee gather to read the diaries of people who made the journey. They know from genealogical research how they are related to the authors. At some point, everyone comes to tears. And in that moment, they find each other.

"They are children when they leave — worried about themselves," Erb says. "When they get back, they're worried about each other. They understand what it means to be part of a people."

It's one thing to preserve the ancestors' stories and language in books. Keeping them alive in the age of digital media presents a new challenge.

"We were working with kids from age 3 to speak Cherokee," Erb says of his work as an educator in the Cherokee Nation. "Then texting came in, and they all switched to English."

Cherokee was added to Unicode, the universal encoding system computers use to represent written characters, in 2003. But it needed more work to be adopted for mobile phones. For three years Erb and others worked with Apple to include Cherokee in the iPhone operating system. It was added in 2010. Today, Cherokee speakers can use Google, iPhones and Windows 8 entirely in Cherokee.

Erb brought his expertise to Mizzou in January 2016 and now teaches documentary animation and beginning digital storytelling in the new Digital Storytelling Program. Rooted in journalism, art and English, the program teaches self-expression through digital media. This well-rounded approach, Erb says, "lets you tell stories that deal with humanity itself." — *Erik Potter*

Quotes

"Let this hateful act of terror be a wakeup call for America. Let us all come together stronger than ever and let the world know that we will not be terrorized or bullied by the actions of hateful bigots. We are here to stay and fight not only for equality but for our very existence."

Football star **MICHAEL SAM**, BS '13, on the massacre in Orlando

"We are very fortunate to have found someone with the talent and experience necessary to continue the great traditions of Marching Mizzou."

School of Music Director **JULIA GAINES** on Erin Cooper, Marching Mizzou's first — and the SEC's only — female athletic band director

"I had so much support and so many resources available to me as a student. I'm most grateful for Dr. Marilyn Coleman. She saw something in me that I hadn't seen in myself yet. I'm now a higher education success coach. And when my students share how much they appreciate my help, I tell them about how I was supported and how it made all the difference. I take good care of my students because I was taken care of as a student."

SHAREE ELLIS, BS '98, MSW '01, on what Mizzou means to her

Five Ways Tigers A

1→ ON THE SPECTRUM

Chris Brown comes from Chesterfield, Missouri. In high school he ran track and was a captain of the football team. He was outgoing and energetic.

He enrolled at the University of Missouri full of determination, excitement and impatience. A zealous cinephile, he saw college as a necessary speed bump on his path to a Hollywood career.

Brown remembers dates. Like movies, it's one of his things. One date he mentions often is Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012: move-in day freshman year. Another is Friday, April 11, 2014. That was the day he began to understand why everything that had started with such promise had gone so wrong.

Brown had a rough first semester at Mizzou. He wanted to be social but didn't feel comfortable at parties. Friendships ended awkwardly. Despite making good grades, he was thinking about transferring.

His sophomore year, the broadcast journalism major joined a service-oriented student club and thought he was making friends. But while Brown saw buddies he wanted to hang out with, the other club members saw a new person who was badgering them with invitations to coffee or lunch that they repeatedly declined. By the spring semester, one of the students reported that she felt harassed. On April 7, they voted to suspend him.

A few days later Brown called his mother, distraught.

No parent wants their kid to feel out of place. As a child, Brown had done well in school and was happy, so, although some of his teachers suspected he was on the autism spectrum, his parents didn't tell him. But now things were different. His mom broke the news.

"I've always felt I was different," Brown says. "I never knew about it being autism."

He considers spring 2014 a dark time, but it was also a turning point.

Armed with an explanation, he threw himself into learning about autism spectrum disorder and about himself. He registered for therapy with the MU Counseling Center, bought *Asperger's for Dummies* and signed up with Professor Colton Miller's Autism Mentor Program, through which fellow students helped him master social cues. He started rooming with an old friend from childhood, who served as a sounding board. With a little help, he put his life back together.

Growth has been gradual but undeniable. "I am not the same person I was four years ago," Brown says.

Now he has a new date to remember: May 15, 2016. It's the day he graduated from Mizzou. **More at mizzoumag.com.** — *Erik Potter*

2→ Running in the Family

While debate continues over exactly what causes (and doesn't cause) autism, medical experts know this much: There's a strong genetic basis for the neurological condition. To further unravel the mystery, MU's Thompson Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders has helped launch an online genetic research initiative — the largest autism study ever undertaken in the United States.

Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge will collect information and DNA from 50,000 people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their relatives. By studying participants' genetic information and environmental factors, researchers can delve into causes and link them to ASD traits.

The Thompson Center is one of 21 national research institutions participating and one of three chosen to pilot the study last December. **SPARKforAutism.org/MUTC**

re Tackling Autism

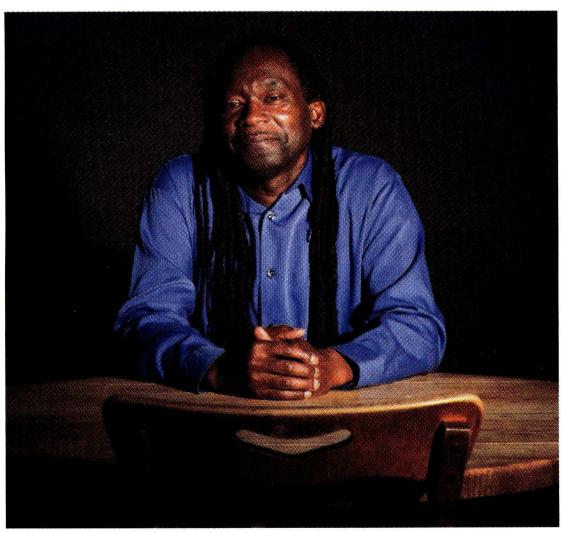
3 → SECRET LIFE

English Professor Anand Prahlad started writing a memoir as a personal project. By the time he finished, he had been diagnosed, at age 57, with autism spectrum disorder and had created an unprecedented contribution to diversity literature: a book about autism, race and gender.

Prahlad's narrative recounts his experiences as an African American with undiagnosed autism growing up during segregation in rural Virginia. He inhabits a magical inner world where sensory experiences blur together and memory is fluid. Household objects possess agency and poetry. The spirits of slave children become his best friends. For the first four years of his life, he doesn't speak. Then, slowly, he finds his voice.

His journey takes readers across the United States and through historic moments in American culture, from the Civil Rights Movement and school desegregation in the South, to hippie enclaves and New Age ashrams in the West, to academic life in a Midwestern college town. Along the way he sleeps on the beach, performs in a reggae band, writes poetry, follows a guru, teaches inner-city children, becomes a father, earns a doctorate, survives an earthquake and finds love.

The Secret Life of a Black Aspie has won the 2016 Permafrost Prize for Nonfiction and will be published by Alaska University Press in 2017. Prahlad, a folklorist and poet, is the director of creative writing at Mizzou.



PRAHLAD: SHANE EPPING; HEADPHONES: SHUTTERSTOCK

4 → Better Business

When autism is involved, an ordinary outing — to a restaurant, a sporting event, a shop — can be overwhelming. The cacophony of sensory stimuli, strange faces and confusing rules might be too much to process, leading to a meltdown.

But what if businesses were prepared to welcome customers on the autism spectrum and their families? Mizzou's Thompson Center is working to make that happen.

In 2015 the center launched the Autism Friendly Business program. Thompson Center staff members consult with business owners and train their employees on how to support customers affected by autism. They also create reference materials and social narratives that show patrons on the spectrum what to expect when they visit. The Broadway Hotel, for example, provides a photo-filled booklet that explains its elevators, restaurants and check-in process. Mizzou Arena's version covers turnstiles, Truman the Tiger and noise-blocking headphones — and comes with a simple, visual menu of concession stand options.

"The long-term goal," says Jena Randolph, assistant research professor and program co-developer, "is to build an inclusive culture within the business community."

5 → COMING OF AGE

Upholding the mantra that early intervention yields the best outcomes, autism specialists largely focus diagnosis and treatment efforts on young children. Young people with autism entering adulthood find fewer resources.

MU's Thompson Center is working to change that. Starting in the fall semester, assistant research professors Jena Randolph and Karen O'Connor will provide training to people ages 18 to 25 who have autism spectrum disorder. In the first semester, participants spend about 14 hours a week in classroom-based and employment-related instruction. They work-shadow Mizzou employees and team up with Mizzou-student peer mentors. During the second semester, they gain work experience on campus, with job coaching. The program, Self-Determined Transition Readiness through Individual Vocational Experiences, aims to equip the young adults with employment skills — and ultimately improve their quality of life. — *Amanda Narverud*

Caymanian Culture

† Simon Tatum's "Looking Glass" was featured at the Cayman National Gallery's tIDal Shift exhibition and the SEC Academic Symposium's Undergraduate and Graduate Art Showcase. The University of Florida provost bought one of his paintings. See Tatum's art at www.voyagerart.info.

With charcoal, ink, pastels and gouache paint, senior Simon Tatum, an art student from the Cayman Islands, captures the abandoned traditions of his homeland. "As my generation pushes forward and older generations pass away, a lot of island culture is being forgotten," Tatum says. He wants his work to both legitimize Caymanian culture for islanders and appeal to other audiences.

During Tatum's sophomore year, he returned home to explore old photographs at the Cayman National Archive. The resulting work, *Revisiting Early Cayman Photographs*, includes ink paintings on acetate film sheets.

Tatum's work depicts Caymanians occupied with tasks unique to the islands. These include turtle fishermen, whose livelihood depended on hunting turtles for consumption or sale. "I've made a connection between myself and these fishermen," Tatum says. "They had a responsibility to help their families. I was sent here to get an education and to bring knowledge back that can contribute to my country's livelihood."

One piece, "The Looking Glass," was featured in the 2015 Cayman National Gallery's tIDal Shift exhibition, in which Tatum was the youngest artist. — *Maggie Teson*

Meet + Greet = Good Sleep

Calling all seniors ... Want to sleep better at night and in so doing decrease your risk of chronic diseases? One solution might be to remain socially connected, according to a new study by Jen-Hao Chen, an assistant professor of health professions and of public affairs. Chen compared sleep outcomes to taking part in religious activities, volunteering and joining in organized group events. Greater levels of social participation correlated with better sleep in older adults, though Chen could not prove a cause-effect relationship. It could be that older adults who sleep well are more likely to be socially active. Even so, just to play it safe, why not have a party?

MizzouDirect Casts Global Net

Athletes from around the world are competing in the Olympics in Brazil this summer, including Mizzou wrestler J'den Cox. But he won't be the only Tiger in the country.

University of Missouri High School is now in Brazil. The College of Education's online secondary school program, which teaches students from throughout the U.S. and 64 other countries, recently added 2,500 Brazilian students to its rolls.

In Brazil the students receive a "blended" high school experience. They attend brick-and-mortar schools (heavily decked in black and gold) and receive face-to-face instruction from Brazilian teachers in a curriculum developed by College of Education experts. Students submit their assignments online; Mizzou teachers grade them and work with their Brazilian counterparts to provide feedback.

A new program element for international high school students is MizzouDirect, which offers a simplified, direct path to college enrollment. A student in MizzouDirect who creates an approved graduation plan as a high school freshman, maintains a satisfactory grade point average and meets MU enrollment requirements can be preadmitted to Mizzou by the MU international admissions office. Currently, 750 freshmen in Brazil and 100 students in Vietnam are enrolled in MizzouDirect, though it won't stop there.

"The global demand for such a program is huge, and we are excited to expand as far as we can around the world," says Zac March, BS Ed '91, M Ed '96, director of Mizzou K-12 Schools, which includes MU High School.

† Mizzou K-12 students from Brazil visit campus for a summer program.

The impact on campus could be huge as well.

"Within a few years, we could potentially have hundreds of new international students bolstering Mizzou's enrollment numbers and diversifying our campus in amazing ways," says Kathryn Chval, dean of the College of Education. — *Erik Potter*

KATHRYN FISHMAN-WEAVER

SOBERING STATS ON COLON CANCER

Among Americans younger than 50, members of minority groups are twice as likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer as non-Hispanic white people, according to a study by Jamal Ibdah, professor of medicine. On average, members of racial and ethnic minority groups are diagnosed between the ages of 64 and 68, and non-Hispanic white people typically are diagnosed at age 72. The differences could stem from heredity, environment, diet and lifestyle, Ibdah says. Minority groups also were diagnosed with more advanced stages of cancer, perhaps due to lower screening rates and differences in access to health care. Ibdah encourages everyone to undergo regular screenings for colorectal cancer to ensure the best chance for prevention and early diagnosis.

Briefly

The University of Missouri School of Medicine, along with **CoxHealth** and **Mercy Springfield,** celebrated the opening of MU's new clinical campus June 13 in Springfield, Missouri. The public-private partnership works to minimize the shortage of physicians in the state and nation. Participants at the ceremony included the inaugural Springfield campus class of nine MU medical students who will complete their last two years of training there.

Gov. Jay Nixon, BA '78, JD '81, appointed three members of the University of Missouri Board of Curators: **Mary E. Nelson,** of St. Louis, is general counsel and chief legal officer for the St. Louis Community College District. **Jon Sundvold,** BS BA '83, a former Mizzou and NBA basketball player, is president of Sundvold Financial and a commentator on Tigers basketball broadcasts. **Thomas R. Voss** of Eureka, formerly CEO of Ameren Corp., is chairman of Smart Wires.

Marshall Stewart started work as vice chancellor for extension and engagement at MU on Aug. 15, 2016. He was director of college leadership and strategy at the North Carolina State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Patty Haberberger,** BS BA '83, started as vice chancellor for human resource services Aug. 1. She was assistant vice president for human resources at St. Louis University.

Fellowship Phenom

Kevin Bird, BS BA '16, knows how to make it rain. In spring 2016, the undergraduate researcher raked in two competitive national fellowships. He was one of 14 current and recent Mizzou students to win prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships, which provide funding for graduate school. He was also one of 10 Mizzou students — a record number — chosen for grants from the U.S. government's Fulbright Program for international education.

For Bird, science is personal. At age 10, he was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect. After benefitting from researched-based surgery that allowed him to put off further procedures for at least 20 years, he recognized the value of science. "From really early on, I knew research and scientific knowledge could have a good impact," he says.

Bird majored in biology and philosophy, and he collaborated with researchers at Cornell University to identify genes that make plants more nutritious. "This research is compelling for me because not only is nutrition really complex, but plants' nutritional qualities directly benefit humans," Bird says. "They can improve health in people around the world. It gets to my basic inquisitive side, and it's a good way for me to give back to society." — *Maggie Teson*

2016 Mizzou NSF Fellows
Kevin Bird
Marcos Barcellona
Samantha Huddleston
Charles Meyer
Emily Cheng
Wade Dismukes
Devin Petersohn
Shawn Abrahams
Kiristin Budd
Faye McGechie
Toryn Schafer
McKenzie Callaway
Nicholas Pretnar
Angelique Taylor

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Alexandra Baumhardt
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Erica Eisenberg
Kaitlyn Erehart
Makenna Schrader
Josh Gilmer
Emily Wiechmann
Rachel Newman

RECORD FUNDRAISING YEAR

Mizzou set a new fundraising record in fiscal year 2016, raising nearly $171 million in donations. This amount surpasses the previous record of $164.5 million set in 2014. It exceeds the fundraising goal for the year by $5 million. It also represents a 15 percent increase over last year's total. Recognized by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education as one of the nation's five most-improved fundraising programs in 2015, MU continued a three-year trend, receiving 20 or more gifts of at least $1 million. Nearly 44,000 people made donations, pledges or estate gifts to MU from June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016. The record-setting year brings the *Mizzou: Our Time* to Lead campaign total to $762 million — more than halfway to the $1.3 billion goal announced at the campaign's launch in October 2015.

Astronomical Day

Missouri hasn't seen a total solar eclipse since 1839, the year Mizzou was founded.

The waiting ends next summer.

A total solar eclipse will cut a 100-mile-wide path across the United States Aug. 21, 2017, the first day of fall classes at Mizzou, traversing Missouri from just north of Kansas City to just south of St. Louis and passing straight over Columbia.

Columbia's spot near the center of the path means the total eclipse will last longer than 2 1/2 minutes here. The sun will be partially eclipsed for almost two hours.

A solar eclipse is simply the moon casting its shadow as it passes directly between the sun and the earth. The phenomenon occurs about once a year, but because water covers most of the earth, the eclipse is often in a hard-to-reach spot.

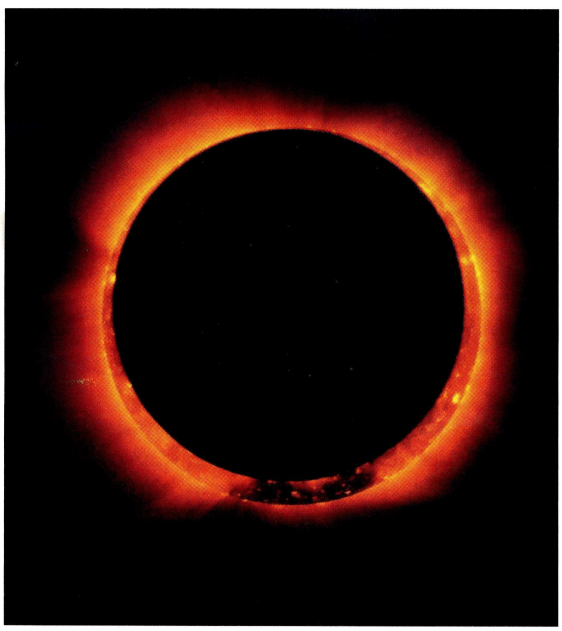
Not so next year.

Angela Speck, professor of physics and astronomy, is leading the eclipse celebration efforts in Columbia. She is also on the National Science Foundation-sponsored eclipse planning committee.

Speck loves recounting the total eclipse in 1991 in Mexico. So many people rushed to such a narrow strip of land that the government shut the border to anyone who didn't already have a hotel reservation. She expects a huge turnout for the next North American eclipse. "Imagine when you've got 300 million people who can drive and go see it!" she says.

Fortunately, the 2017 celebrations will be spread over thousands of miles. If you can't come to CoMo, find a watch party at missouri.edu/eclipse.

Here's hoping for a cloudless day. — *Erik Potter*



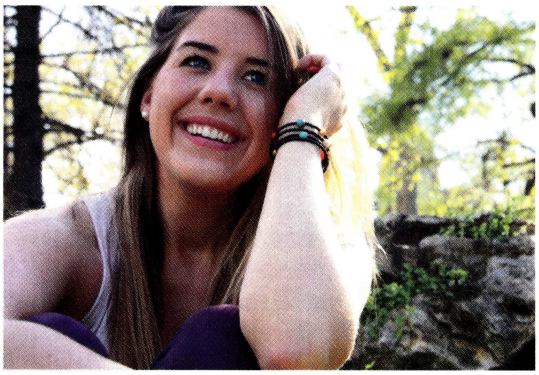
ECLIPSE: NASA; BEADS: COURTESY BEA DOHENY

FOR THE LOVE OF THE COSMOS

Junior business major Bea Doheny has always loved the solar system. With a keen eye for fashion and a passion for arts and crafts, she took to the streets of St. Louis last year in search of space beads. "I went on a planet hunt, if you will," she says. "When I found the perfect ones, I made bracelets for all my friends graduating from high school. I told them 'When you look down at your wrist, remember you are out of this world!' "

This year she was inspired to share her love with her fellow earthlings. On April 22, she launched AstronoBEAds, a jewelry business with a space theme. Her catalog consists of four products: the solar system bracelet; the pale blue dot necklace; the earth, moon and sun friendship bracelet set; and the Pluto choker.

Already Doheny has shipped hundreds of stellar accessories all over the world and has participated in three pitch presentations with One Million Cups, a national program for entrepreneurs. She hopes eventually to make enough profit to support organizations that address climate change, world hunger and space exploration. Keep up with AstronoBEAds in social media at @astronobeads. — *Brittany King*



† Student Bea Doheny founded the space-theme jewelry business AstronoBEAds.

Retirees Keep on Giving

When 300 members of the MU Retirees Association gathered at the Reynolds Alumni Center for their annual luncheon in May, they came bearing gifts. More precisely: one big gift collected through the It's My Mizzou campaign.

Association president Tom Henderson presented a $3.6 million check to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Cathy Scroggs, who accepted it on behalf of MU. "As former employees of MU, each of you in this room have given your time, talent and service to make this a special place," Henderson said. "Your contribution in the workplace made a real difference. Now, as retirees, many of you continue to make a difference."

The $3.6 million gift is the largest in recent years from the retirees, who gave $2.8 million in 2015, $888,019 in 2014 and $2 million in 2013.

Also at the luncheon, MURA named Nan Erickson, M Ed '85, PhD '89, faculty retiree of the year and Kee Groshong, BS BA '64, staff retiree of the year.

Joint Enterprise

† Bill and Nancy Thompson view a rendering of the Thompson Regenerative Orthopaedics Laboratory while on a tour of new construction in MU's Missouri Orthopaedic Institute, with Jimi Cook (left), director of orthopaedic research. A $3 million gift pledged from the Thompson Foundation will help expand MOI from 114,000 to about 200,000 square feet and will add 19 outpatient examination rooms, 22 inpatient rooms and as many as five operating rooms.

"Do you know what the 'regenerative' in 'regenerative orthopaedics' means?" asks an excited Bill Thompson. His eyes are wide behind his clear safety glasses; his eyebrows climb up his forehead, hugging the bottom of a white hard hat.

Thompson, BS CiE '68, turns to Jimi Cook, professor of orthopaedic surgery and director of the Orthopaedic Research Division at MU. Cook is leading a tour of the under-construction fourth floor of the expanding Missouri Orthopaedic Institute (MOI), which will essentially be Cook's laboratory.

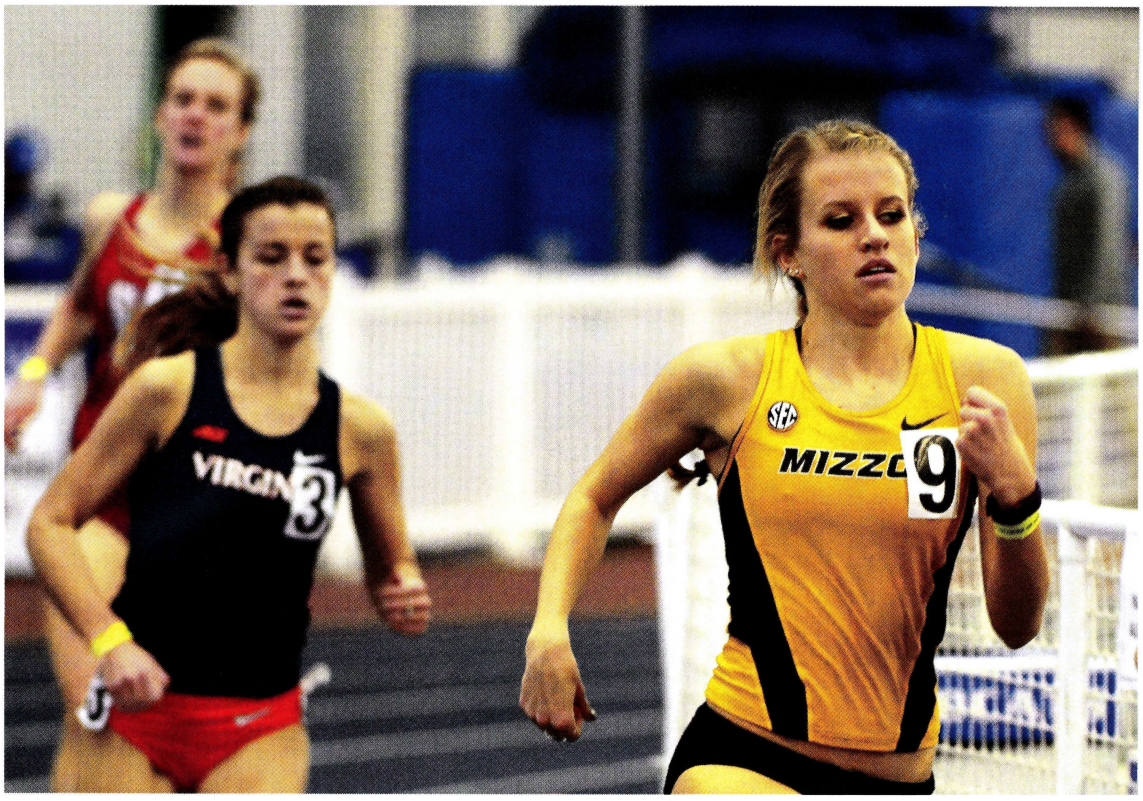
"Say I blow out my knee," Thompson says. "It's finished. I come here. He takes some of my cells and grows me a new knee. I don't understand it."

Cook laughs. "That's an engaged donor; he explained it better than I did."

The $40 million MOI expansion would have been just three floors. It's because of a $3 million gift from Bill and his wife, Nancy Thompson, HES '67, that the fourth — the Thompson Regenerative Orthopaedics Laboratory — will exist.

"I know the deep value of private investment in higher education," says Thompson, retired CEO of the investment management firm Pimco. "We need private philanthropy to do special things."

The regenerative approach Cook and MOI are pioneering is a quantum leap forward in quality of life for patients with joint replacements. The idea is to grow cartilage cells in a high-tech mold and use them instead of metal and plastic parts — which can be uncomfortable and prone to degradation — to replace damaged joints. Cook already has used the procedure in dogs and is pursuing approval for use in humans. — *Erik Potter*



BORN TO RUN

Whether she's leading the pack down the home stretch or hanging out with family in her hometown of Urbandale, Iowa, Karissa Schweizer comes from a long line of runners. The 2015 SEC cross country freshman of the year is just hitting her stride, but growing up around her father and grandfather — both former All-American distance runners at Minnesota State University, Mankato (MNSU) — has put her ahead of schedule.

"I call my grandpa before every race," says Schweizer of Frank, who coached track at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines, Iowa, for 30 years. "Now that I've gotten older I don't need as much guidance; it's just comforting."

Schweizer, who also runs distance events during the winter indoor and spring outdoor track seasons, is already assaulting the Mizzou record books. Her 3000-meter run time of 9:17 is third best in school history, and her mile time of 4:39 is second best in school history.

Schweizer's father, Mike, met her mother, Kathy, while they were track athletes at MNSU. Karissa's brother, Ryan, recently committed to run at Notre Dame University, and little sister Kelsey is trotting along as a high school freshman.

"We went on a family vacation in Minnesota, and each of us went for a run around the lake at separate times," Schweizer says. "Someone asked my sister, 'Is there some kind of race happening?' She said, 'No, that's just my family.' " — *Marcus Wilkins*

† Karissa Schweizer is the latest distance runner in her family to excel at the collegiate level.

MIZZOU ATHLETICS

NEW DIVERSITY LEADER

The University of Missouri's new head of diversity has big plans. Kevin McDonald took over in the summer as the UM System's permanent chief diversity, inclusion and equity officer. He's also serving as an interim Mizzou vice chancellor. His first order of business: charting a strategic direction for MU. The restructured Division of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity encompasses MU's Accessibility and ADA Education office, Gaines-Oldham Black Culture Center, LGBTQ Resource Center, Multicultural Center, Office of Civil Rights & Title IX, Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) Center and Women's Center. Priorities include access and success (a more diverse Mizzou and higher graduation rates); campus climate and intergroup relations (a welcoming environment and more interaction); education and scholarship (support for co-curricular efforts and diversity research); and institutional infrastructure (policies and processes).

Scoreboard

2 — Mizzou softball players honored as 2016 National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Americans. Emily Crane, now an outfielder with the Scrap Yard Dawgs (Conroe, Texas) of the National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) league, was named to the first team, and Sami Fagan, now with the NPF's Akron Racers, was named to the second team.

4 — Mizzou student-athletes who will compete in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro beginning Aug. 6. Senior wrestler J'den Cox will represent the U.S.; swimmers Mack Darragh, BS BA '15, and Dominique Bouchard, BS BA '14, will represent Canada; and freshman swimmer Mikel Schreuders will represent Aruba.

14 — Coaches in Mizzou baseball history since Steve Bieser took the helm June 30, 2016. Formerly the head coach at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Bieser is the only skipper in Ohio Valley Conference history to win three consecutive outright conference titles.

4 — All-American honors awarded to Sarah Shire Brown, BA '10, M Ed '12, during her gymnastics career at Mizzou. Brown was named head coach at Eastern Michigan University July 25, 2016.

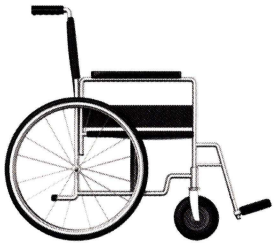
We wondered: **What magic has Mizzou made lately?** Sure, Tigers have churned out accomplishments steadily since 1839: Faculty member Charles V. Riley helped save the French wine industry from a vine-ravaging aphid in 1876. Journalism graduate Jackson Scholz won an **Olympic gold medal** in the 200-meter dash in 1924. Medical graduate Hugh Stephenson invented the **cardiac crash cart** in 1950. But what about now? We scanned the recent past for MU's notable **firsts, leaps forward, moments of discovery and acts of courage.** The upshot: Mizzou's heyday just might be today.

MIRACULOUS MEDICINE

We're attracting major grants.

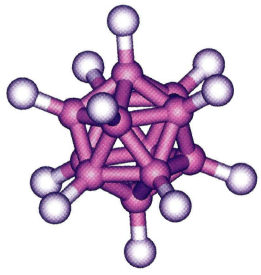
Fiscal 2016 grant awards rose $12.2 million over the previous year to $228.8 million. Since fiscal 2011, **MU has won more than $750 million in new grant funding for research and development.** A handful of highlights: $5 million for translational research from the Coulter Foundation; $5.5 million for alternative energy; $4.5 million for patient-centered care; $45 million to study American constitutional and democratic principles, history and traditions; and $15 million to integrate new technologies into teacher instruction.

We're making life better for older adults.



The Sinclair School of Nursing is on a gerontology research roll. The school received nearly $20 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to expand a program led by Professor Marilyn Rantz that helps reduce avoidable hospitalizations for nursing home residents. **Finding ways to help seniors "age in place" has been a major focus for more than a decade.** For example, Rantz and colleagues have developed sensor technologies that alert health care providers when seniors have emergencies, such as falls, and detect subtle changes in sleep patterns that signal nascent problems.

We're battling cancer in groundbreaking ways.

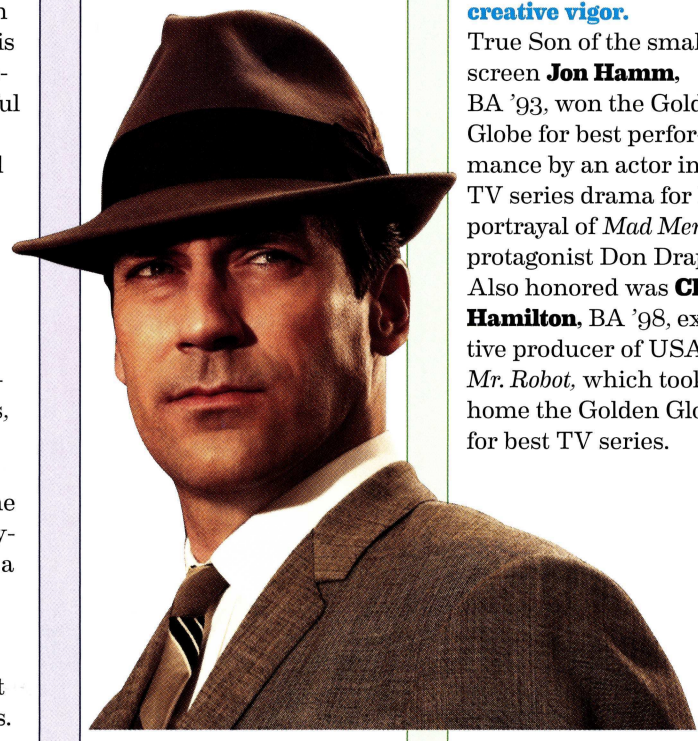


Mizzou cancer researchers are making great progress on several aspects of diagnosis and treatment. Decades of cancer research by Curators Professor M. Frederick Hawthorne led to a **breakthrough in radiation therapy** using boron that put cancer into remission in mice. What's more, this innovative treatment produced none of the harmful side effects of conventional chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

MU researcher Salman Hyder has found that luteolin, a natural compound found in herbs such as thyme and parsley, and some vegetables, could **reduce breast cancer risk** for women who have taken hormone replacement therapy. Hyder also discovered that a drug initially developed to lower cholesterol not only halts the progression of breast cancer but also kills cancerous cells.

A promising **new diagnostic approach** in the research stage might someday save lives by locating recurrences or metastases early. The new diagnostic "probe," a nanoparticle package, developed by Raghuraman Kannan and Amolak Singh, includes an antibody or peptide that latches on to the surface of breast cancer cells, plus a molecule that's easily visible on a PET scan or CT scan. In less than two hours, the probes can travel throughout the body, attach to any breast tumor cells, and be spotted by scans.

Researcher Silvia Jurisson and her team received a U.S. patent for a new delivery method that uses **nuclear isotopes to target, diagnose and treat cancer.** The patented method, highlighting Jurisson's more than 30 years of research work, could prove invaluable in battling prostate, pancreatic, breast and small-cell cancers.



MU's Ellis Fischel Cancer Center is the first academic health center to join the renowned **MD Anderson Cancer Network** as a certified member. The affiliation allows Missouri patients to benefit from Anderson's experts, treatment regimens and best practices.

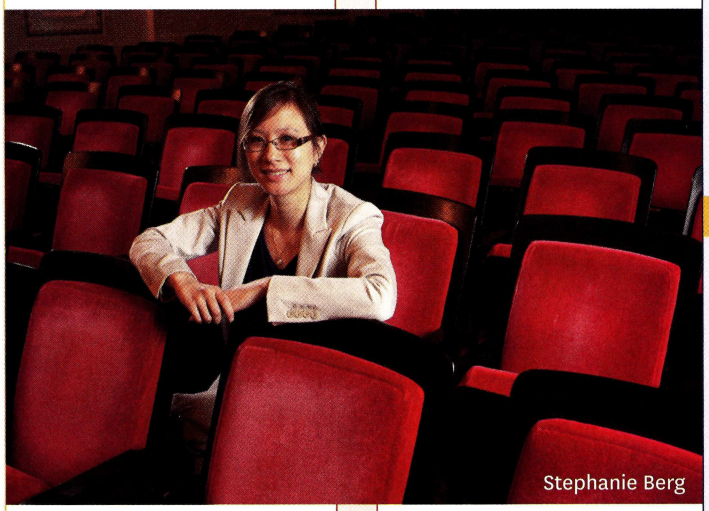
A recent MU study shows that resveratrol, a compound found in grape skins and red wine, can make **melanoma cells** become more susceptible to radiation.

THE ARTS

We're harnessing the arts and unleashing creative vigor.

True Son of the small screen **Jon Hamm,** BA '93, won the Golden Globe for best performance by an actor in a TV series drama for his portrayal of *Mad Men* protagonist Don Draper. Also honored was **Chad Hamilton,** BA '98, executive producer of USA's *Mr. Robot,* which took home the Golden Globe for best TV series.

Chart Toppers

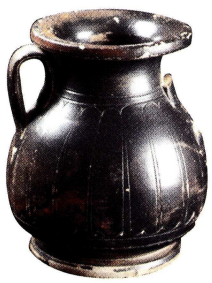

Stephanie Berg

Stephanie Berg, BM '08, MM '12, made history of a sort when the renowned St. Louis Symphony performed a piece she wrote — "Ravish and Mayhem" — while a student at Mizzou.

MU scholar Frances Dickey is part of a team collecting, editing and digitally publishing approximately 1,000 pieces of **T.S. Eliot's prose**, including some previously unpublished works. Eliot, a Missouri native most widely known as the author of "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," was a major poet and critic of the 20th century.

T.S. Eliot

MU is the first university selected for the **"Hidden Treasure of Rome"** project, which brings heretofore unstudied artifacts to U.S. universities for research and restoration.



In 2014, Anna Bridgman became the latest MU student to capture the prestigious **national collegiate vocal championship** of the Music Teachers National Association. Four other Mizzou students have won the competition since 2000.

Three of Missouri's four poets laureate have been Mizzou graduates or faculty. In 2008, Walter Bargen, BA '70, M Ed '90, became the state's inaugural **poet laureate**, followed in 2012 by William Trowbridge, BA '63, MA '65, and in 2016 by Aliki Barnstone, professor of English.

DIET & NUTRITION

We're helping people eat better.
Obesity is a deadly problem in the U.S. The MU Nutritional Center for Health (MUNCH) and the MU Physical Activity and Wellness Center (MU PAW) merge expertise in agriculture, medicine, food science, journalism, exercise, dietetics and other disciplines into a **holistic approach** to control the problem. For instance, researchers discovered that when young adults eat high-protein breakfasts, they increase the levels of a brain chemical associated with feelings of reward, which may reduce food cravings and overeating.

AUTISM

We're unraveling autism spectrum disorder.
With the incidence of autism on the rise, Gov. Jay Nixon, BA '78, JD '81, budgeted $5 million to expand the **MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders.** The investment will help more people receive diagnosis and treatment. Clinicians and researchers are doing their part. Some recent work:

• Ye Duan and Judith Miles have found that **3-D facial imaging** could help detect autism at younger ages, which can improve outcomes.

• David Beversdorf led the first study to show that a single dose of propranolol — a medication created to control blood pressure — can **improve the conversational skills** of individuals with autism.

• Nancy Cheak-Zamora highlighted the need to support teens with autism and their caregivers so the teens can **transition into adulthood** successfully and independently. "As health care providers, we cannot only help them take care of their health care needs," she says. "We also need to ensure they're connected to resources necessary to live independently and succeed in employment and education." New studies and programs are underway. *Read the latest on Page 10.*

HUMAN ORIGINS

We're finding out where we came from.
MU researcher Carol Ward is part of an international team dealing with **new fossil finds** that are revising our understanding of human evolution. These include 1.9 million-year-old pelvis and femur fossils from an early human ancestor in Kenya that reveal greater diversity in human species than scientists previously realized. Ward also analyzed a 1.42 million-year-old fossil hand bone, which signals the presence of the modern

Fossils of pelvis and femur bones from 1.9 million years ago.

human hand 600,000 years earlier than previous evidence.

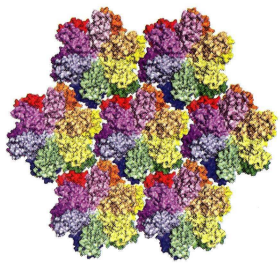
HUMAN HEALTH

We're building world-class medical centers. To meet growing patient needs, MU Health Care began construction on a $40 million, four-story expansion of the **Missouri Orthopaedic Institute.** Opened in 2010, the institute is the largest and most comprehensive freestanding orthopaedic care center in central Missouri. The expansion will increase clinical space for surgical, inpatient, outpatient and physical therapy services to almost 200,000 square feet. The fourth floor will be dedicated to research, including that of Jimi Cook, who has made breakthroughs in joint replacements. *More on Page 16.*

★

For the fifth year in a row, University of Missouri Health Care ranks as one of the nation's **"most wired" health systems**, according to the 2015 Most Wired Survey. The survey results appear in the July issue of the *American Hospital Association's Hospitals and Health Networks* magazine.

We're tackling serious diseases.



MU virologist Stefan Sarafianos and his team have advanced our understanding **how the body combats HIV** and other viruses. They showed that EFdA, a compound that stops HIV from spreading, is 70 times more potent against HIV that resists Tenofovir — one of the most commonly used HIV drugs. Their research on

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Chart Toppers

EFdA led pharmaceutical giant Merck to license the drug in 2012.

★ University Hospital's **Missouri Stroke Program** received national recognition from the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association for rapid, top-quality care of stroke patients. "The majority of our patients who qualify for the clot-busting drug TPA receive the medication within 45 minutes of arriving at the hospital," says Niranjan Singh, who directs the Missouri Stroke Program.

⇧ Research by Habib Zaghouani has brought existing research threads together in a new way, and he has **cured diabetes in mice.**

★ A team of Mizzou researchers has successfully treated dogs with **Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy,** which damages muscle tissue in boys, who lose their ability to walk and breathe as they get older. "This discovery took our research team more than 10 years, but we believe we are on the cusp of having a treatment for the disease," says researcher Dongsheng Duan. Human clinical trials are being planned in the next few years.

INNOVATION

⇧ **We're inventing — and launching — new technologies.**

Engineering researchers Jae Kwon and Baek Hyun Kim have created the **first water-based nuclear battery.** It can generate electricity at low temperatures and has the potential for next-generation energy applications such as powering automobiles and spaceships. Jae Kwon also developed a way to control and confine the movement of oily liquids in water. The technique could **protect sea life from oil spills.**

★ A tiny device designed by Scott Kovaleski and his engineering research team provides a controlled source of radiation, with an on/off switch, that can be used for **portable X-ray** machines and scientific fieldwork.

⇧ MU engineer Hao Li and his company, Nanova Biomaterials Inc., recently received approval from the Food and Drug Administration to sell a nanofiber-reinforced dental composite that creates **stronger, longer-lasting fillings** to decrease the number of dental procedures.

★ Biotech startup EternoGen, founded by MU researcher Sheila Grant, is preparing collagen-based **dermal fillers.** The new products could revolutionize the aesthetic medicine market.

⇧ The **National Academy of Inventors (NAI)** named Mizzou one of 2015's top 100 worldwide universities granted U.S. utility patents.

★ Seven faculty members are **NAI fellows**, a distinction bestowed upon academic inventors who have demonstrated innovations that improve quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society. The faculty members are:

Gabor Forgacs, partly for his research using modified ink-jet printers to produce human tissues and organs.

Shubhra Gangopadhyay, for her engineering inventions that make the

process of studying DNA more mobile and portable, giving greater flexibility and faster analysis in the field.

M. Frederick Hawthorne, for creating boron cluster compounds that target tumor cells for drug delivery and imaging.

Jerry Atwood, who studies molecules and how they interact in the physical world. His discoveries have led to new ways of developing drugs more efficiently and better fuel storage capabilities.

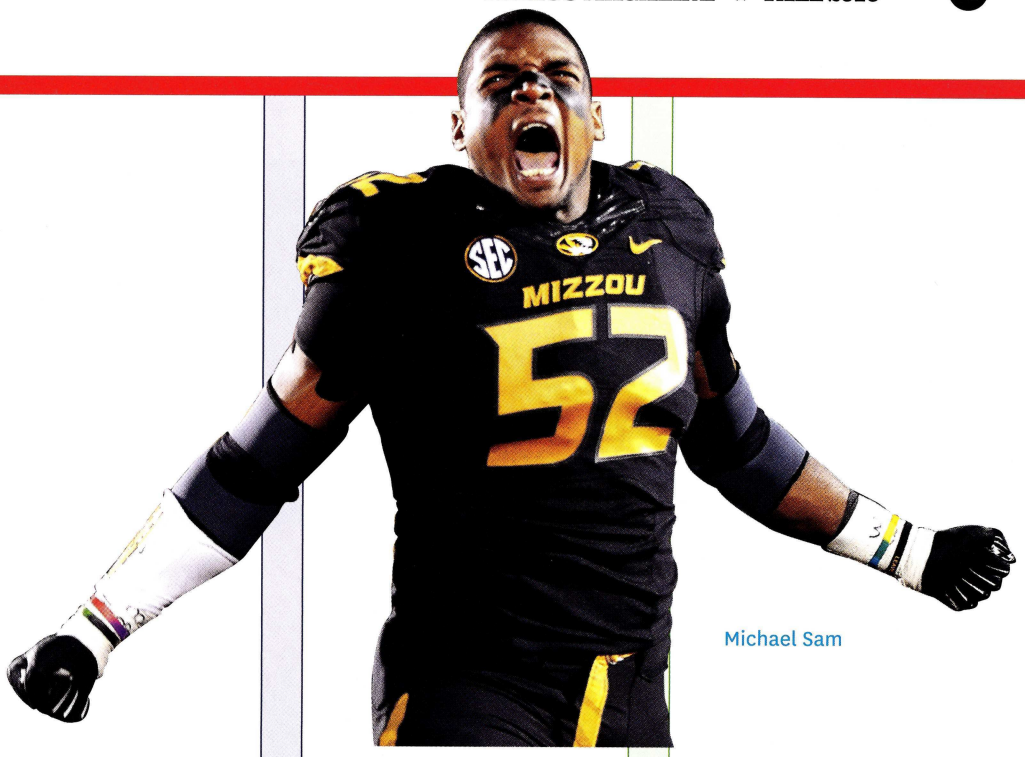
Hank Foley, interim chancellor, who helped pioneer the study of nanoporous carbon, or tiny membranes and systems that allow energy sources to pass through or become stored in these structures.

Silvia Jurisson, who has worked for more than three decades developing radioactive materials that provide diagnostics and treatments for cancer.

Krishna Sharma, who studies how peptides in the eye that cause problems such as cataracts also can be beneficial.

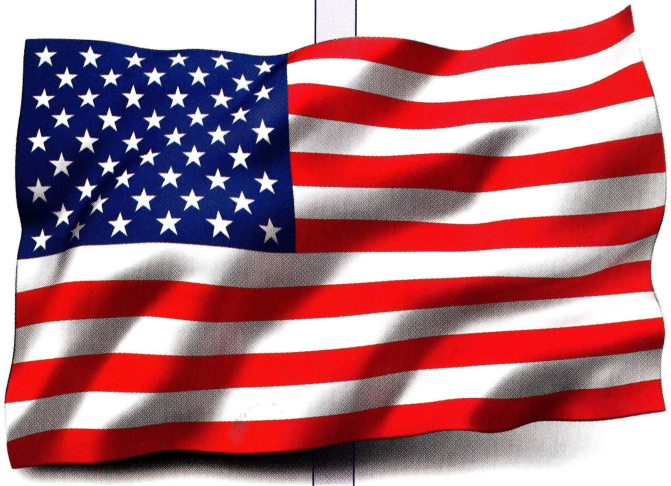
Our patents pay off.
Gross **licensing income** increased to $11.8 million in fiscal 2016 from $7.4 million the previous year, an increase of 59 percent.

MU is one of 16 universities recognized as innovation centers by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities for exceptional entrepreneurship and workforce development. Areas of success include licensing products to companies, as in the production method of **Beyond Meat's** Chicken-free Strips; developing homegrown companies through faculty collaboration, such as the biotech firm **EternoGen**; and focusing collaboration on strength areas through the **Mizzou Advantage** program.



Michael Sam

MU Professor Kattesh Katti was named **India's 2016 Person of the Year in Science** by *Vijayavani*, the leading daily newspaper in the Indian state of Karnataka. Katti conducts research in nanomedicine and green nanotechnology.



VETERANS

We support military veterans.
To help make higher education more accessible, MU offers a 10 percent **tuition award** for military veterans and personnel, including their spouses and children. The award reduces base tuition for undergraduate and graduate credits toward a distance degree or certification program through Mizzou Online. Since its founding in 2008, Victory Media has named Mizzou a **Military Friendly School** seven consecutive times. In 2012 center staff members won the **Outstanding Public Service Award** from the Department of Defense. In 2015 student Traci Howells was named 2015 **Air Force Military Writer of the Year.**

DIVERSITY

We welcome Tigers of all stripes.
In 2014 Mizzou football player **Michael Sam** made history as the first openly gay athlete in the NFL.

Marching Mizzou's new leader, **Erin Cooper**, is the SEC's only female athletic band director.

FLAG: SHUTTERSTOCK; SAM: SHANE EPPING

Chart Toppers

In fall 2015 we welcomed the **most diverse and most accomplished first-year class in the university's history** into the largest student body in our history. Enrollment included 5,567 minority students who made up 17.1 percent of the student body, up from 11.3 percent in 2005. Mizzou consistently has the largest international student enrollment of any Missouri higher education institution.

In 2014, **gender identity** and expression were added to Mizzou's nondiscrimination policy, and in 2015 Residential Life began offering gender-neutral housing and bathrooms.

Student **DeShaunya Ware** was invited to the White House to meet with President Barack Obama and renowned civil rights activists.

ESPN awarded the **2015 Mizzou football team** a Stuart Scott ENSPIRE humanitarian award.

STUDENTS

We have some super-impressive students. Maria Kalaitzandonakes (*Page 8*) is one of only 54 students across the country selected for a prestigious $30,000 Truman Scholarship. Since 1987, 17 Tigers have been **Truman Scholars**, most recently Kalaitzandonakes (2016), Emily Waggoner (2015) and Kam Phillips (2011). Several Mizzou students also won Fulbright scholarships (*See page Page 14*).

The **Goldwater Scholarship Foundation**, a top national award for undergraduates who excel in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering, has recognized four MU students.

In 2015, leaders of **MizzouThon**, a student-run fundraising campaign with a 13.1-hour dance marathon, pledged $1 million over five years to help fund the recent renovation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Women's and Children's Hospital. In 2016, participants raised a record $276,000.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

We're constantly creating new programs. The School of Journalism, perennially top-ranked for its hands-on educational approach, now offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in **documentary filmmaking.** Reality-TV pioneer Jon Murray, BJ '77, founded the new program with a $6.7 million gift. Murray created MTV's *The Real World.*

With gifts from the Kinder Foundation totaling $27 million, the departments of history and political science established the **Kinder Institute for Constitutional Democracy,** which supports the teaching and study of American constitutional and democratic traditions.

SUSTAINABILITY

We're green. The University of Missouri is one of 76 higher education institutions to receive a **gold rating for its sustainability efforts.** MU and the University of Georgia were the only Southeastern Conference universities to achieve the designation. The 2012 launch of a biomass boiler at Mizzou's power plant and the addition of solar and wind energy technologies are helping achieve campus sustainability goals. In fact, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency listed MU in 2016 as the nation's No. 1 university for generation of on-site renewable energy.

The college directory WorldWideLearn.com named Mizzou's Bioengineering Department one of "**15 Environmental Programs That Just Might Save the World.**" The department focuses on conserving natural resources, preparing people to adapt to environmental disruptions and repairing some of the impact of climate change.

ATHLETICS

We dominate on the field — and the mat, the court, the track...

With 32 players from Texas on Mizzou's roster and numerous alumni from the Lone Star State playing in the NFL, the **AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic** in Arlington, Texas, was an appropriate setting for Missouri Coach Gary Pinkel's school-record 102nd victory Jan. 3, 2014. Mizzou senior defensive end Michael Sam sacked Oklahoma State quarterback Clint Chelf with about a minute left in the game, forcing a fumble. Missouri sophomore defensive lineman Shane Ray scooped it up and rumbled 73 yards for a touchdown, clinching the Tigers 41-31 win.

In its second year of Southeastern Conference membership, **Mizzou's undefeated volleyball team** claimed the university's first SEC championship title.

Mizzou Wrestler J'den Cox officially secured a spot in the **2016 Summer Olympic Games** with a first-place finish in the freestyle 86 kg weight class at the World Games Qualifying Tournament in Mongolia. Cox dominated throughout the competition, outscoring the opposition 36-3 in five matches.

Chelsea Thomas had a Mizzou career record 1,174 strikeout victims and 111 wins. Her fierceness earned her consecutive Big 12 Pitcher of the Year awards, an SEC Pitcher of the Year award, three-time first team All-American honors, and spots on Team USA in 2011 and 2012. She holds Mizzou records for career no-hitters (11), and strikeouts and wins in a season (397 and 32 in 2011).

J'den Cox

Chelsea Thomas

CELEBRATIONS

We sing happy birthday.

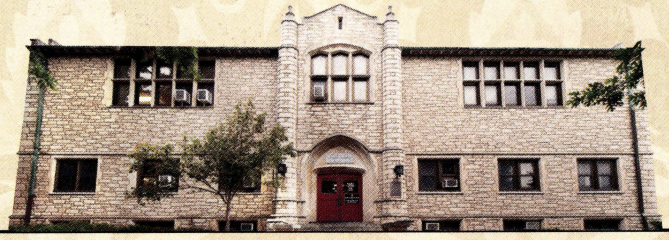
Mizzou's history of accomplishments produced banner anniversaries. In 2014, the university popped a cork on its **175th anniversary.** The University of Missouri was founded in 1839, when 900 Boone County residents donated land and cash to establish the first public university west of the Mississippi River. Also in 2014, Mizzou partied at the centennial of (1) the business school, which is now home to 4,300 students in accountancy, finance, management and marketing programs ranked in the top 10 percent nationally and (2) MU Extension, which brings university research and services to citizens in such areas as agriculture, community development, human environmental sciences, business development, youth and continuing education.

The university celebrated the **centennial of Ellis Library** in 2015. The library, which opened with enough space for 520,000 books, now includes 4.6 million volumes, 1.4 million e-books and many rare treasures, including a leaf of a Gutenberg Bible.

In the realm of Mizzou spirit, the **Golden Girls** dance squad celebrated its 50-year anniversary in 2015, and **Truman** will blow out 30 birthday candles this fall. (*See Page 42*). **M**

COX: SHANE EPPING; THOMAS: CHUCK ANDERSON

→ Elaine List poses on the balance beam during practice for the 1967–68 gymnastics team as teammates (seated, left to right) Nancy Nanson, Sherry Lonczak and Bonnie Mosby and faculty instructors (standing, left to right) Karen Balke and Marjorie Meredith look on.



HOME & HEARTH & HALLOWED HALLS

The stately three-story building with a slate roof and white limestone walls sits behind a row of oak trees, halfway between Memorial Union and Rollins Street on Hitt Street's east side. Hundreds of students walk past McKee Gymnasium every day. Few know its story.

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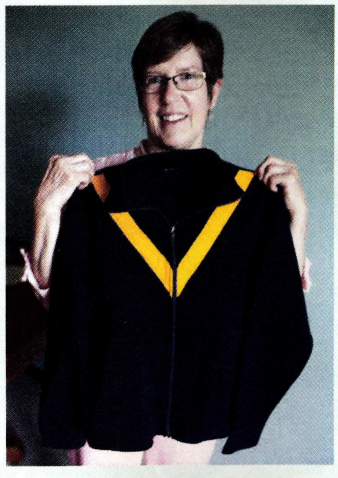

† (Clockwise from top left) Mizzou football coach and athletic director Dan Devine, right, and Marge Meredith watch Beverly Bauer flip through the air on the trampoline. Gymnasts apply chalk to their hands from the chalk box Meredith made herself; from left to right are List, Nanson, coaches Meredith and Balke, and Cheryl Hill. List Kent holds up her 50-year-old gymnastics jacket. List executes a vault during practice; looking on are Nanson, Meredith, Balke and Hill.

GYMNASTICS PHOTOS COURTESY MARJORIE MEREDITH; LIST KENT: SHANE EPPING UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

College campuses are a whirlwind of change around a few iconic buildings. At Mizzou, the Columns will always remain, unchanged. Everything else must keep up with the times. Accordingly, several campus landmarks — Swallow Hall, Stewart Hall, Lafferre Hall — are undergoing major renovation.

In February, the Board of Curators approved $1.2 million to hire Cannon Design Inc. to design a STEM-focused building that would take the place of McKee Gym. Those plans have been put on hold, however, because of a lack of funding.

Nevertheless, the notion got us thinking about McKee and the central role it played in the history of women's athletics.

Women's athletics at Mizzou started modestly, in 1889, with the first physical education class for women. Each semester, 100 women performed calisthenics in Jesse Hall, carefully maneuvering around three posts that ran through the middle of a converted classroom. By the early 1920s, 650 women per semester took turns jumping and stretching in the makeshift space.

The men, meanwhile, had an entire gymnasium to themselves. Rothwell Gym, built in 1906, was off-limits to women except on Saturday mornings and two evening hours per week. Even then, women were not allowed to use the lockers or baths.

Meanwhile, interest in women's sports started to kindle. The 1910s saw the start of field hockey, indoor baseball, and track-and-field clubs for women, though participation was low. Then, in 1923, Mizzou women got a gym — the $150,000 New Women's Gym. In the same year, MU hired the building's future eponym, Mary McKee, as professor of physical education and head of physical education for women. Women's athletics began to flourish.

† Mary McKee, professor of physical education, paved the way for women's athletics at Mizzou. The women's gym was named in her honor.

Equipped with a pool, a basketball court, dressing rooms, lockers and "subtle art deco style," the New Women's Gym was home to an upsurge in athletic activity.

The Mermaids Club, a women's swim club, formed in 1926. They gave annual exhibitions with the men's swimming team that proved so popular that ticket sales from the inaugural event paid for a new set of bleachers in the gym.

Women's sports continued to expand, and, by the early 1950s, included basketball, folk dance, modern dance, soccer, tennis, volleyball, table tennis and softball.

It wasn't always easy, though. "Miss McKee," as she was known, oversaw and advocated for physical education for women for 35 years. In an interview during the late 1960s or early 1970s, she recounted difficulties women faced in gaining equal treatment.

Male students would take over the women's tennis courts and athletic fields and refuse to leave. "The fraternities would come over, and they would tear down our archery targets and play baseball there. If we came out for [archery] class, they'd say, 'So what?' " McKee said.

McKee Gym also helped precipitate the launch of Mizzou's gymnastics team. Early in her career, in the late 1950s, Marge Meredith, BS Ed '53, M Ed '59, assistant professor of physical education, inherited the duties of teaching "stunts and tumbling."

"The first years we had gymnastics, I knew nothing about it," she says. But at a national physical education conference in St. Louis in the early '60s, she was introduced to the uneven bars, balance beam, vault, and other equipment of the sport.

Meredith grew up in a do-it-yourself family, so when she got back to Columbia, she and a few students constructed their own balance beam. They thought it was fine, but "the first time schools came and competed in our gym and had to perform on that beam, they just thought it was below par because it looked homemade," she says. They ordered a factory-made beam after that.

The first official Mizzou gymnastics team formed in 1966. They competed as a club sport with no money for uniforms, travel, lodging or food. Consequently, they carpooled to competitions and slept on the floors of members' relatives whenever they could.

One of the earliest gymnasts was Elaine List Kent, BS Ed '70, M Ed '96. She fell in love with gymnastics during her senior year at Columbia's Hickman High School, too late to be a top competitor herself. But she threw herself into the sport at

GYMNASTICS PHOTOS COURTESY MARJORIE MEREDITH; LIST KENT; SHANE EPPING

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

Mizzou, practicing five days a week, and attended workshops and summer camps at Meredith's urging. Later, she made gymnastics the centerpiece of her physical education teaching career in Columbia Public Schools.

As a student, List Kent didn't live in the dorms and wasn't in a sorority. Her four years on campus centered on McKee Gym and the people there. It was her campus home.

"It's a building worth remembering," she says.

Today, Mizzou no longer segregates athletics facilities by gender, and McKee has been converted into offices and a fine-arts stage.

Meanwhile, decades of rising enrollment have put an ever-increasing demand on classroom space. That demand is especially strong for lab space, accelerated by a national focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

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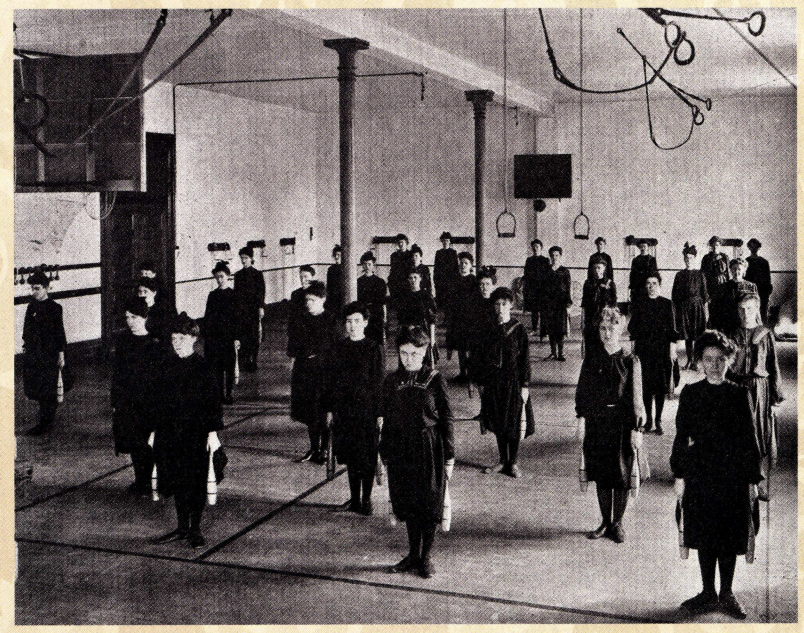
But even if that happens, McKee won't be forgotten. A student named Rachel who took classes in McKee was interviewed in 2011 as part of a campus project documenting the building. "I think it would be nice to have the history more widely known throughout campus," she said. "Jesse Hall and [Ellis] Library have a great history, and so does this building. I love to play softball, and I think it's pretty cool, as a girl, to know that I am in a building that started making girls' sports important." **M**



→ Archery was one of the sports launched in 1923 with the opening of McKee Gym; female students had been interested in forming a team before but lacked the space to do so. Women's physical education classes met in the "gymnasium" room in Jesse Hall prior to the construction of McKee. McKee Gym included a pool.

They Get Knocked Down — But Get Built Up Again

While replacement plans for McKee Gym have been put on hold, plenty of other projects have continued apace, including one important project: Shakespeare's Pizza.

After a yearlong stint on Eighth Street, the iconic hangout has retaken its rightful place at Ninth and Elm in a brand new building. The floor plan is the same. The green-brick exterior is the same. The biggest difference now is that every pizza comes topped with five stories of spiffy student apartments.

On campus, health-care expansion, student housing improvements and the constant need to update historic infrastructure are fueling a spate of other construction projects at Mizzou.

SOFTBALL STADIUM

Began: Spring 2016
Scheduled completion: Spring 2017
Estimated cost: $11 million
Details: The new stadium will feature about 1,800 seats and position Mizzou softball well in the ultra-competitive Southeastern Conference.

DOBBS GROUP REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PHASE 1)

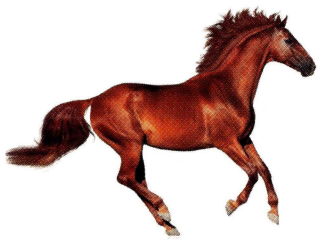
Began: Winter 2015
Scheduled completion: Summer 2017
Estimated cost: $71.2 million
Details: Two new residence halls and a dining facility will be built where an outdoor basketball court, Jones Hall, and Dobbs Pavilion used to be.

LAFFERRE HALL

Began: Summer 2015
Scheduled completion: Winter 2016
Estimated cost: $44.6 million
Details: The project will replace the 1935 and 1944 additions, about 69,000 square-feet of space. It will also reconfigure portions of the current structure to improve accessibility; increase space for instruction, research and collaboration; and make the building easier to navigate.

MISSOURI ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE

Began: Summer 2015
Scheduled completion: Summer 2017
Estimated cost: $40 million
Details: A four-story addition will add nearly 90,000 square feet, 19 outpatient exam rooms, 22 inpatient rooms and as many as five operating rooms to the Missouri Orthopaedic Institute. The top floor, funded by a $3 million gift from Bill Thompson, BS CiE '68, and Nancy Thompson, HES '67, will feature the Thompson Regenerative Orthopaedics Laboratory.



VETERINARY MEDICINE AMBULATORY TEACHING FACILITY

Began: Spring 2016
Scheduled completion: Fall 2016
Estimated cost: $2.8 million
Details: The new two-level facility along East Campus Drive, adjacent to Clydesdale Hall, will store large-animal ambulatory vehicles on the bottom level and offer classroom, presentation and office space on the second level.

PATIENT-CENTERED CARE LEARNING CENTER

Began: Fall 2015
Scheduled completion: Spring 2017
Estimated cost: $42.5 million
Details: The School of Medicine is adding a six-story, 99,000 square-feet building connected to the existing School of Medicine and Lottes Health Sciences Library as part of its expanded enrollment and new Springfield clinical campus in partnership with CoxHealth and Mercy health systems.

STEWART HALL

Begins: Summer 2016
Scheduled completion: Winter 2017
Estimated cost: $18 million
Details: The project will renovate Stewart Hall (44,582 square feet) to create a flexible STEM educational lab, increase the number of student stations available in the building, and eliminate $6.3 million in maintenance and improvement needs including to the fire suppression system; emergency exits; the heating, ventilation and air condition system; accessibility; and the building envelope.

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"Never refuse to do a kindness unless the act would work great injury to yourself, and never refuse to take a drink — under any circumstances."
— Mark Twain

TIGER SPIRITS

In the world of adult beverages, Tigers are making their mark: saving happy hour, saving vineyards and saving lives. Story by Erik Potter * Photos by Nicholas Benner

Grape Expectations

MEETING SOMEONE in a specific field in rural Missouri is nearly impossible, so Dean Volenberg drove to a gas station in rural Gasconade County, south of Hermann, to meet the local grape grower who had a strange case of black rot that was ruining his grapes.

Volenberg is director of the MU Grape and Wine Institute. Supported by the Missouri Wine and Grape Board, the institute researches the best winemaking and grape-growing practices for Missouri's unique soil and climate, and disseminates those findings.

Volenberg, whose other title is assistant extension professor of viticulture and winery operations, is an expert on the "pest complex" that attacks vineyards — the insects, fungi and even birds that combine to rob vineyard owners of a peaceful night's sleep.

Black rot is a common fungal disease that afflicts grapes, but it's easily prevented if you take the right steps, and the man he was meeting said he'd taken all of them.

So Volenberg followed him to his vineyard, traversing miles-long, poorly marked gravel roads that wandered the rolling countryside. They walked out among his trellises of Norton grapes. Sure enough, they found the telltale symptoms of black rot: shriveled fruit and a few fruiting structures that contained fungal spores. Volenberg asked the man again. Which fungicide did you spray? When did you spray it? How often?

Volenberg gives one-on-one consultations all the time. He also has an email listserv of 700 people; every seven to 10 days he reports on the current pest complex and how to identify and manage it. His network of subscribers and informants grapevines through Missouri and into surrounding states as far as Minnesota.

While Volenberg tends to these MU Extension-related activities, his colleagues focus more on research. Misha Kwasniewski, assistant research professor, leads the enology (winemaking) research team, and they're hiring an assistant research professor to lead the viticulture (grape growing) team.

The teams evaluate new grape cultivars (varieties), experiment with pairing one cultivar's vines onto another's rootstock, test the benefits of cork versus screw-cap bottle closures, and consult with winemakers about troubles they're experiencing.

They also work closely with Patty Hosack, who directs the MU Plant Diagnostic Clinic, which is where Volenberg sent the mysterious black rot. For $15 a sample, the clinic tests and identifies diseases affecting plants.

It turned out the sample in question wasn't a case of black rot after all but, rather, a fruit rot called *Pestalotiopsis*, a much less common disease and easily confused with black rot. Volenberg alerted growers to it in his next email and told them how to treat it.

"They're easy to disrupt," Volenberg says. There are sprays that can knock it right out. "No worries."

† Pete Kouba thins grape clusters at Mizzou's Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center in New Franklin, Missouri, for the Grape and Wine Institute.

Designated Driver

JOHNNY WANG is an accomplished attorney, a partner in a prestigious St. Louis law firm. His clients are companies you've heard of. He founded the city's Asian Chamber of Commerce. He has helped a lot of people in his career, which he's proud of. But if you ask him, he'll say he's most proud of the work he did as a student at Mizzou.

Fifteen years ago, the Yellow Cab Company's contract to provide students with safe rides home from bars was expiring. The Missouri Students Association (MSA) was contributing about $13,500 a year toward Safe Ride, which was free to students. But those who used it complained about slow response times and feeling intimidated about getting in a car with a stranger. Few used the service.

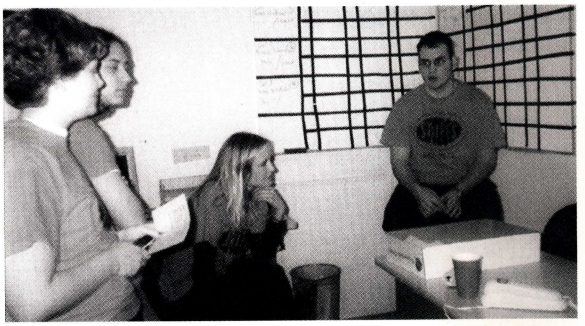
Wang, BA BA '02, then director of MSA's Department of Student Services, decided to find another way.

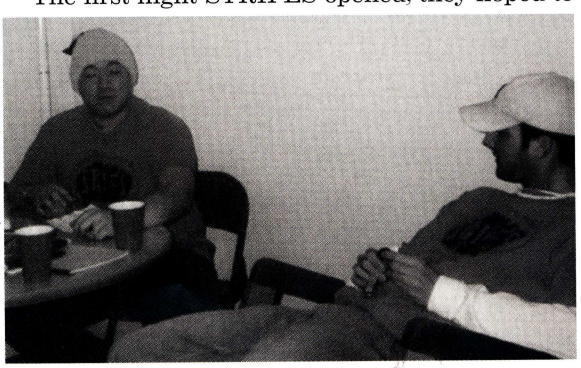
Research led Wang to a student-run program at Texas A&M, where volunteer drivers gave fellow students free rides home. And the students actually used it. Wang took four other MSA members with him to College Station to kick the tires. "It was just an amazing program," he says.

The students returned to Columbia and, over the summer, put together Student Tigers Riding In Pursuit of Ensuring Safety (STRIPES). To make it work they would need to raise money, negotiate a mountain of logistics, recruit a hundred student volunteers and spend nearly every weekend for the rest of their undergraduate careers operating and growing the program. They didn't blink.

"The way the five of us saw it, we had four incredible years at Mizzou, and it was our opportunity to give something back," says Wang, who directed STRIPES its first year.

The first night STRIPES opened, they hoped to give at least 20 rides. They gave more than 100. In the 15 years since, STRIPES has provided 190,000 free rides home to students.





The secret to its longevity is the dedication of its volunteers, Wang says. "It was definitely the strong friendships that were formed," he says. "It was fun. People wanted to be here."

Ever since, that lesson has guided Dan Reiter, one of the five students who made the Texas A&M trip and who directed the program during its second year.

"STRIPES leadership has better prepared me for my job than probably anything else at Mizzou," he says.

Reiter, BS BA '03, is vice president of sales and marketing for the Springfield Cardinals, the AA-affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. He leads a staff of more than 60 full- and part-time workers, but the principles are the same as when he was leading 200 STRIPES volunteers.

"You have to look at what their motivation is, not what your motivation is," he says. "Most people are motivated to do things they enjoy. When you're in charge, you're focused on the operations, the things we *have* to do. I try to bring to the job, for my employees, the idea that, hey, this is fun."

After 15 years and nearly 200,000 rides, Reiter has "an overwhelming sense of pride" in what he helped create.

Ever the builder, he emphasizes how much the program depends on private contributions. "This is one program that helps prevent loss for students; the longer it can be sustained, the more students it can help," he says. "This program doesn't happen without financial support."

† Dan Reiter, right, goes over the phone procedures for the night's dispatchers.

← Johnny Wang, left, and Matt Thompson visit while waiting for the phones to ring and the night's driving to start.

2001 SAVITAR

Toast of Town

BEING ABLE TO MAKE high-quality whiskey, bourbon, vodka and rum was not a good enough reason for Lisa Driskel Hawxby, M Ed '14, and husband Van Hawxby to open their own distillery.

"We had to discover our 'whys.' Why are we doing this?" Lisa says.

Van caught the distilling bug when he and Lisa lived in Portland, Oregon. When they moved back to Columbia a few years ago, they found a plethora of student-friendly watering holes with loud music and cheap drinks, but they didn't see many places for grownups to enjoy a well-mixed cocktail.

That was their opening. "We wanted to create a place where people felt comfortable and could have a good time without the need to overindulge," Lisa says. They see it as a kind of moral obligation. Be fun, yes, but also be wholesome, corny as that might sound.

So you won't see any $2 you-call-it specials. Closing time is 10 p.m. Van has been known to give regulars a ride after close rather than let them bike home in the dark.

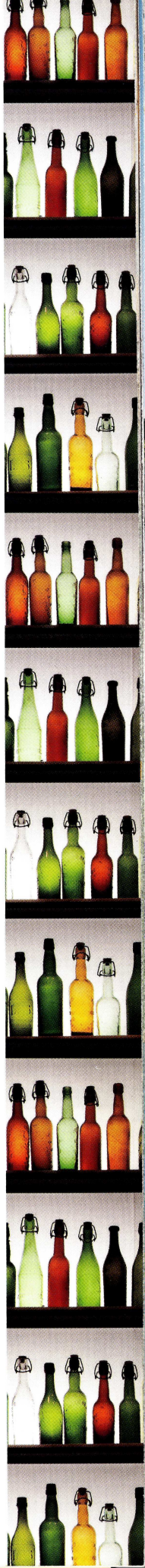
"For us, our brand is about people, about relationships," says Lisa, whose MU degree is in counseling. "We love the idea of offering a part of ourselves to other people."

Regulars from as far as Jefferson City travel to the DogMaster tasting room in Columbia's North Village Arts District. They've come to know one another. They've created a community. Of course, building a new business with a spouse can be stressful. "My biggest surprise is that we haven't killed each other yet," Lisa laughs. Still, "when we are on the same page, we can make great things happen."

Two years in, with a growing business and loyal following, they've been rewarded.

"I get to make something, serve it to people, and they smile," Van says. "That's instant validation." **M**

↓ Lisa Driskel Hawxby, M Ed '14, serves community spirit with distilled spirits at DogMaster in Columbia's North Village Arts District.



MISSOURI TIGERS

ODOMATIC PILOT

A football star reared on the plains of Oklahoma to value toughness, hard work and competitiveness, True Son Barry Odom takes over the controls at Mizzou. Story by Marcus Wilkins • Photo by Rob Hill

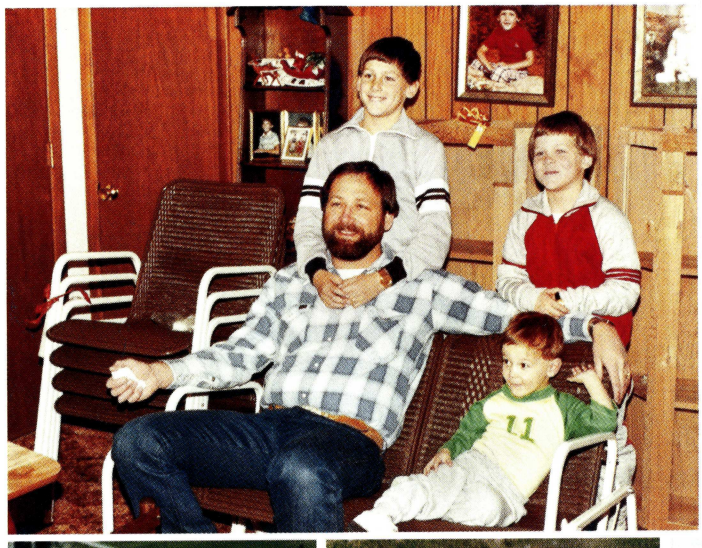
ACT LIKE YOU'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE.

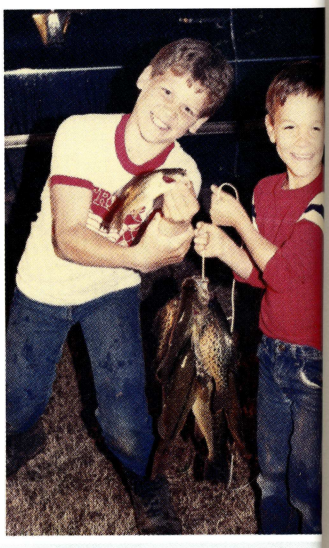
It's practically football scripture for fans of a workmanlike, humble approach to the game. The expression's origin is hazy — some attribute it to Alabama coaching legend Bear Bryant, others to his NFL contemporary Vince Lombardi. Regardless, the ethic might seem old fashioned in this selfie-obsessed era of Snapchat, signing days and scoring celebrations.

As Barry Odom, BS '99, M Ed '04, took the podium July 13, 2016, at SEC Media Days in Hoover, Alabama, he most certainly had *not* been there before. Mizzou's rookie head coach was promoted from defensive coordinator Dec. 4, 2015, following his mentor Gary Pinkel's announcement a month earlier that he would retire due to a lymphoma diagnosis. Odom's moment at the annual press event took place mere hours after Odom learned his boss, Mack Rhoades, would leave his post as director of athletics at MU for the same position at Baylor University.

It was SEC fandom's first chance to witness Odom's enthusiasm, confidence and unflappability. In the topsy-turvy world of college athletics, it's a rare occasion when a 39-year-old first-year coach engenders a sense of stability throughout the program.

"I absolutely know we'll get a great director of athletics, and the things we've done in the past eight months are going to set us up for the next





20 years," Odom said. "The University of Missouri has been around since 1839, and it's going to be around a long time. I'm really, really excited about the direction our football program is going."

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TAKING FLIGHT

Barry Stephen Odom grew up in Maysville, Oklahoma, a small farming community known for being the childhood home of aviator Wiley Post, who in 1933 became the first person to fly solo around the world.

When Odom was a child, his mother, Cheryl, was a public school teacher and principal, and his father, Bob, was about as Oklahoman as a person can be — an oilman, cattle farmer and football coach.

Barry and his brothers, the younger Brian and older Brad, played sports nonstop on the family farm, whether it was basketball on the concrete-slab court or football on the homemade gridiron.

"We strung up lights around the basketball goal, and we fenced off the pasture away from the cattle where there was a stand of Bermuda grass that served as a pretty level football field," Bob says. "The boys were always either playing or working."

They also attended OU games with their grandfather and watched Sooners stars Troy Aikman, Keith Jackson and Brian Bosworth, whom Brad and Barry tried to emulate by smashing into dead trees.

When Barry wasn't living and breathing athletics, he was fishing. During one excursion, he and some buddies encountered a man engulfed in a brushfire. They pulled him to safety, and the story landed in the local paper.

"Barry's not a look-at-me guy," Brad says. "Today, kids would probably take out their phone and Facebook it or tweet it. It would have been a much bigger deal if Barry *hadn't* helped him."

As Barry grew, his superior athleticism was undeniable. As early as age 5, he was dominating his T-ball league. By 10 he was an elite sprinter in his age group and competed in regional track meets. At Maysville High School, he took two state titles in the 400-meter dash. And of course, on the football field, he torched defenses as a tailback and crushed ball carriers as a linebacker.

When Brad went off to college about an hour west at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, he encouraged the family to relocate so Barry and Brian could pursue a more promising football future at Ada High School, home of the reigning state champions.

"Barry was getting a little bit of recruiting attention but not as much as I thought he should," Brad says. "I was surprised the family was open to moving. I mean, our grandad was born in Maysville in 1912."

The tepid recruiting was likely due to the ACL tear Barry had suffered as a freshman, an injury doctors waited until after high school to surgically repair because he was still growing. But it didn't slow down Odom, who in 1994 set a school single-season record for touchdowns (39) and once scored five in a single quarter. In his only season at Ada, Odom helped the Cougars win the second of four consecutive state championships.

"When he came to Ada from Maysville, it didn't take us but one practice to realize what we had," says Larry McBroom, Ada's football coach from 1980 to 1995 and again from 2000 to 2003. "It was amazing how hard he worked. It was contagious. The guys around him had to pick up their tempo to stay with him."

Oklahoma State coach Pat Jones recruited Odom, but when Jones was fired and the new Cowboys coach brought along a different tailback, Odom was left twisting in the prairie wind.

"That's the way it goes, so I visited Tulsa, Arkansas and Missouri," says Odom, who was hosted during his campus stay by Faurot Field wall-of-fame running back Brock Olivo, BA '01. "I really enjoyed (Mizzou coach) Larry Smith. I liked his vision and his plan, and I saw it as an opportunity to get a great education."

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TEST OF TOUGHNESS

The 6-foot-1-inch Odom moved to linebacker at Mizzou, started all four seasons and developed a reputation as a physical defender who could play through virtually any injury. Before his sophomore season, he tore his other ACL and later retore the first one. He once slipped on the locker room tile and cut the skin near his eye, requiring stitches before kickoff. During his senior season, he played with a cast to protect torn ligaments in his right hand. He was even hospitalized after a spider bite but still made it onto the field.

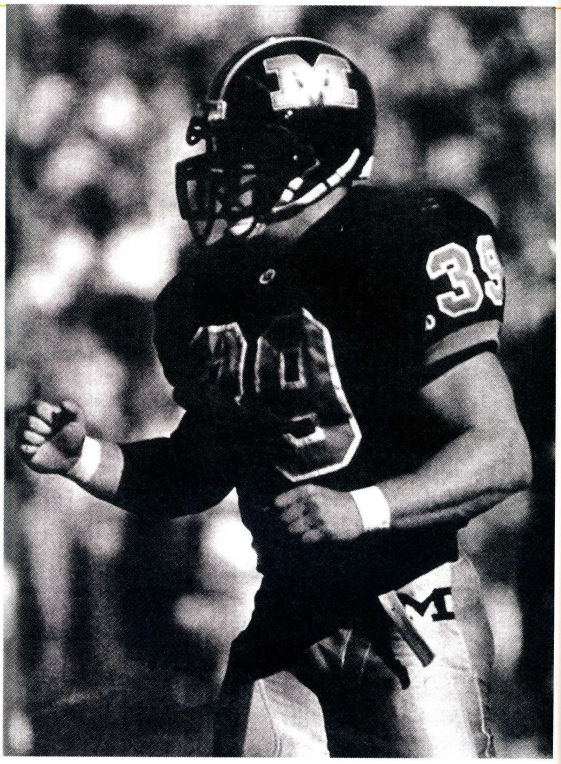
"Maybe my body wasn't meant to play linebacker at this level," says Odom, laughing. "I had the attitude that I've been awarded an opportunity. I had one shot to go be as good as I could be. If it takes toughness, then let's be tougher than the next guy. That's still a large part of my approach today. When I come into the office, I want to outwork my opponents."

Odom graduated with 362 career tackles, currently seventh in program history. Sitting five spots ahead of him on that list with 415 is Demontie Cross, who rejoins his former teammate this season as Mizzou's defensive coordinator.

"Barry was kind of quiet and very businesslike

← Clockwise from left: Even on the dirt basketball court, the Odom boys' lives revolved around sports in Maysville and Ada, Oklahoma. Father Bob Odom coached football, eldest son Brad played quarterback, Barry played linebacker and running back, and youngest son, Brian, was also a running back. Barry (left) and Brian show off their haul after a successful fishing trip. Farm equipment was a mainstay on the Odom cattle farm. All three Odoms played college football: Brad at East Central University in Ada, Brian at the University of Oklahoma and later Southeast Oklahoma State, and Barry at Mizzou. Barry was a fleet-footed youngster who ran track through high school.

COURTESY BOB ODOM



→ Barry Odom, who is 39 years old, wore jersey No. 39 for the University of Missouri, which was founded in 1839.

when I first met him," says Cross, BS BA '97, a former safety who was most recently co-defensive coordinator at Texas Christian University. "You'd think a freshman wouldn't be able to play in the Big 12, but he took the bull by the horns."

Small by NFL standards and worn down by college injuries, Odom knew his future would be not in playing professional football but in coaching. After a brief stint as an assistant at Ada High School, he returned to Columbia to take over the Rock Bridge High School head coaching job from Dan Devine Jr. Odom hired former teammate and NFL veteran A.J. Ofodile, BGS '01, as an assistant.

"One of the things he has always had is a great feel for people," says Ofodile, whom Odom hired again in May 2016, this time as Mizzou's director of football recruiting operations. "Even as a kid coming up through the program, he has commanded the utmost respect from the people around him."

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ALWAYS A TIGER

In 2003, Odom returned to Mizzou as a graduate assistant and held various positions — including director of recruiting and safeties coach — for nearly a decade. He took a calculated risk in 2012 and joined the staff at Memphis University where, as defensive coordinator, he improved a squad ranked 117th nationally in total defense to 50th. When Mizzou's defensive coordinator Dave Steckel left before the 2015 season to take the head coaching job at Missouri State, Pinkel tapped his star pupil.

"Barry is a person of great integrity who treats people the right way," Pinkel says. "He has exceptional leadership skills and people skills, and he will run a tough, disciplined program. At the same time, he cares very much for his players, and it will show."

The players care for him right back, as evidenced by the viral video of the moment Odom was revealed as the new coach in December 2015. The team erupted in a show of joy, mobbing the young coach, jumping in unison and chanting his name.

"I was really happy to have him back," says former Mizzou safety Ian Simon. "He always stayed in contact with me throughout the years. He'd always send me a happy birthday text and check to see how I was doing, so it felt like that connection never really went away."

Staying connected is paramount to Odom, whether it's with family back in Oklahoma, assistant coaches and student-athletes on the sideline or high school prospects on the recruiting trail.

As alumni, Odom and his wife, Tia, BS Ed '99, are deeply connected to their alma mater. So much so that when Odom is recruiting for Mizzou, his approach is less a sales pitch than a trip down memory lane.

"I knew when I went in to interview for this job I was going to know more about the University of Missouri — our athletic program, the state of our football team and the institution — than anybody sitting behind the door," Odom says. "I'm able to point out the great things about our business school or walk through the J-School and point out a couple of the professors I know who are still there. In Jesse Hall, I mention that I was in that provost's office one time because I didn't act right in the classroom.

"Recruiting is fun for me because I give the campus tour."

And why shouldn't he? After all, he's been here before. **M**

A Celebration of Different Stripes

Meet the leaders committed to bringing the community together for the 105th Homecoming | **Story by Brittany King**

Just weeks after Homecoming 2015 ended, the Mizzou Alumni Association chose three students to take the helm of the 2016 Homecoming Steering Committee. Together, these tri-directors, all Missourians, have led 35 student volunteers in planning what they hope is the most inclusive Homecoming campus has seen. Knowing their peers and alumni love to reminisce about the good old days, the committee thought the theme "A Tail of Tradition" would bridge the gaps among Mizzou generations, encouraging all Tigers to come together and show their stripes.

Elle Miller

California, Missouri
Biochemistry
Senior
Committees: Parade, Traditions, Merchandise and Special Events

Why Mizzou: I have grown up loving the University of Missouri. I have attended basketball camps and sporting events since I was young and always knew Mizzou would become my home.

Favorite HoCo memory: Attending the parade nearly every year. When I was little, the parade meant seeing cool floats and receiving candy, but as I grew older, I saw the parade as a display of what Mizzou would become to me as a student and alumna.

Hardest part about planning HoCo: Being one step ahead. There are a lot of moving parts, so staying on top of everything can be challenging.

Favorite Mizzou memory: Going to Pensacola, Florida, to play in the National Co-Rec Flag Football tournament my sophomore year. That trip is what inspired me to establish a women's team. So, I formed the team, and with the help of Joe Sloan, the senior rec sports coordinator, we attended the regional tournament at the University of Nebraska. We won and were the first women's flag football team to represent Mizzou at the national tournament.

What I'll miss most about Mizzou: Everything about our beautiful campus, especially the rec center and rec sports. I have made so many incredible friends.

Guilty pleasure: I eat ice cream every day (although I'm not that "guilty" about it).

Dream job: Pediatric dentist. I love interacting with kids, and for the most part, they love me.

Next vacation destination: Australia, to watch the Australian Open

Inspiration: Lori Henderson, a pediatric dentist in Columbia. I have been a patient of hers since I was a child and she has inspired me to choose dentistry as a career.

Best place to eat in CoMo: Murry's

Hidden talents: I used to show livestock — pigs and steers.

What I miss most about home: My 10-year-old sister, Mari

Katelyn Entzeroth

St. Louis, Missouri
Business administration
Senior
Committees: Blood Drive, Public Relations and Talent

Favorite HoCo memory: Spending hours and hours at Hearnes for the 2015 Homecoming Blood Drive. After working on the drive for several months, it was fun to see it all come together and receive support not only from students but also from the Columbia community.

Best class taken at MU: An honors writing-intensive called Business and Society. We discussed a variety of social and business issues and used the Steve Jobs biography as our textbook. Very insightful and engaging course.

Guilty pleasure: *The Office* (especially "Threat Level Midnight")

Dream job: I would love to work on microfinance and economic development at the World Bank someday.

Why tri-director: Homecoming has the power to bring people together over a common love for Mizzou. I absolutely loved being a member of the committee last year, and I observed many opportunities for growth and change that I wanted to help lead. Not to mention I get to work with our incredible adviser, Aly Friend.

What I'll miss most about MU: The people. From phenomenal teachers and mentors to my inspiring peers, not a day goes by at MU without my perspective being challenged. There are quite a few world changers at this campus.

Who inspires me: Marianne Lake, CFO of JPMorgan Chase, is a huge source of inspiration. Lake genuinely supports other women in the industry and has led a very impressive career while also raising her children single-handedly. She makes me believe anything is possible.

Celeb I'd love to spend the day with: Barack Obama. I would just love to pick the brain of the President of the United States.

Proudest MU moment: Standing on Jesse's stage on Tap Day next to some of the coolest, most impressive people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting.

What I miss most about home: Family. I have 13 nieces and nephews, and I wish I could spend more time with them.

Ryan Eisenbath

Silex, Missouri
Accounting
Senior
Committees: Campus Decorations, Service and Campus Outreach

Why Mizzou: There was never a doubt in my mind that I would be a Tiger. My two older brothers attended Mizzou, and I fell in love with it at an early age. I knew Mizzou offered the large university opportunities that I sought while also offering the tradition and family atmosphere that could make Columbia my home away from home.

Hardest part about planning HoCo: Finding the balance between the interests and wants of current students, faculty and alumni.

Favorite HoCo memory: Walking on the field with the rest of the Homecoming Steering Committee

Favorite Mizzou memory: Rushing the field at the conclusion of the football game against Texas A&M my freshman year

Best class taken at MU: Thanks to a great professor, Chris Prestigiacomo, my Accounting 2 class convinced me to change my major to accounting.

Proudest MU moment: When I learned that I got tri-director

Go-to study spot on campus: I like to bounce between Ellis Library, the Student Center and Reynolds Alumni Center during test weeks.

Dream job: General manager of the St. Louis Cardinals

Post grad plans: Earn a CPA and work for a public accounting firm

Next vacation destination: Australia. One cannot go through life without holding a koala.

Who inspires me: Anyone with great work ethic, so I'm often inspired by my colleagues, professors and parents.

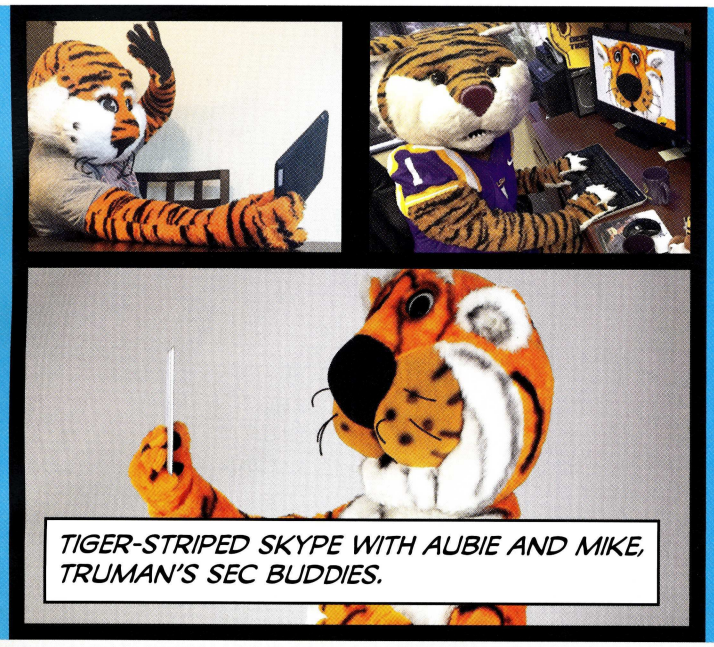
Best place to eat in CoMo: CC's City Broiler

SHANE EPPING

TRUMAN TURNS 30

AFTER THREE DECADES, IT'S TIME FOR MIZZOU'S LOVABLE MASCOT TO EMBRACE GROWNUP LIFE PHOTOS BY ROB HILL

The big 3-0 is a major milestone for any Tiger. For Truman the Tiger, "born" in September 1986, the birthday warrants a massive Mizzou celebration. ¶ As he prepares for the big day and the fall semester, Truman is doing some serious adulting. He's embracing a healthy lifestyle. He's setting career goals. And, of course, he's taking on a little party planning. (Spoiler: Lots of black and gold balloons.) ¶ All Tigers are invited to a special halftime birthday celebration at the first home game of the season, Sept. 10. Follow the weekend's festivities in social media: #Truman30. ¶ Here's a peek at a typical day on campus as Truman gets ready for a new year.



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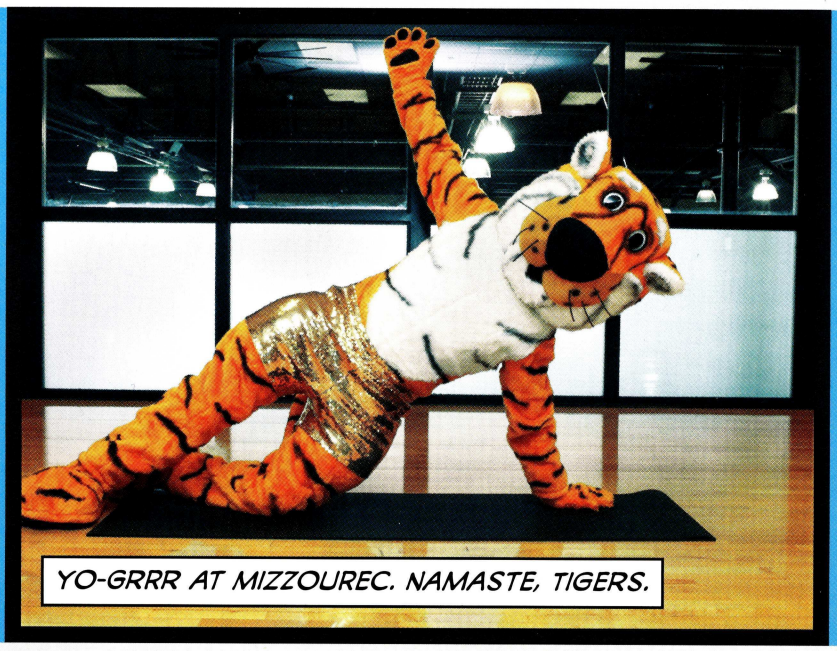

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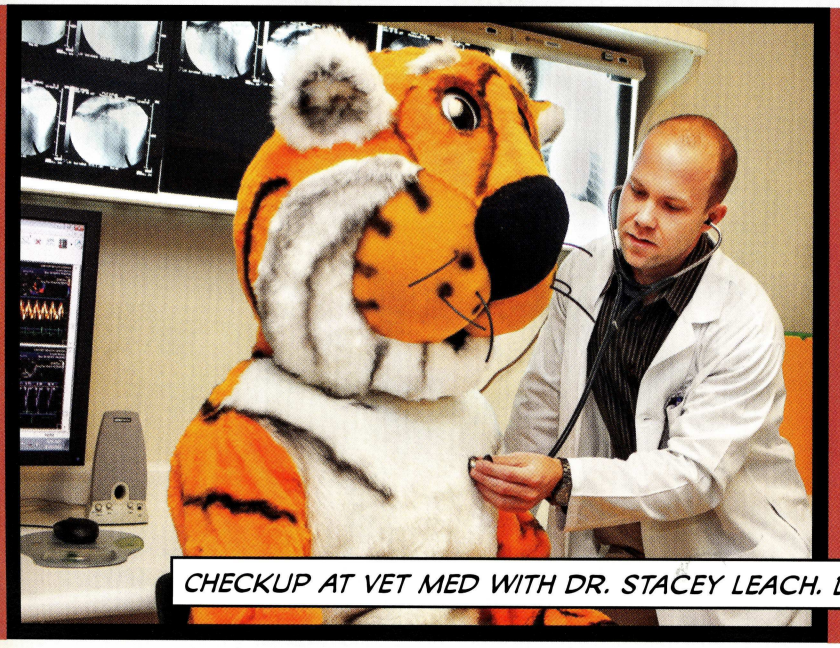
WALKIES WITH TRUMAN'S BEST FRIEND.



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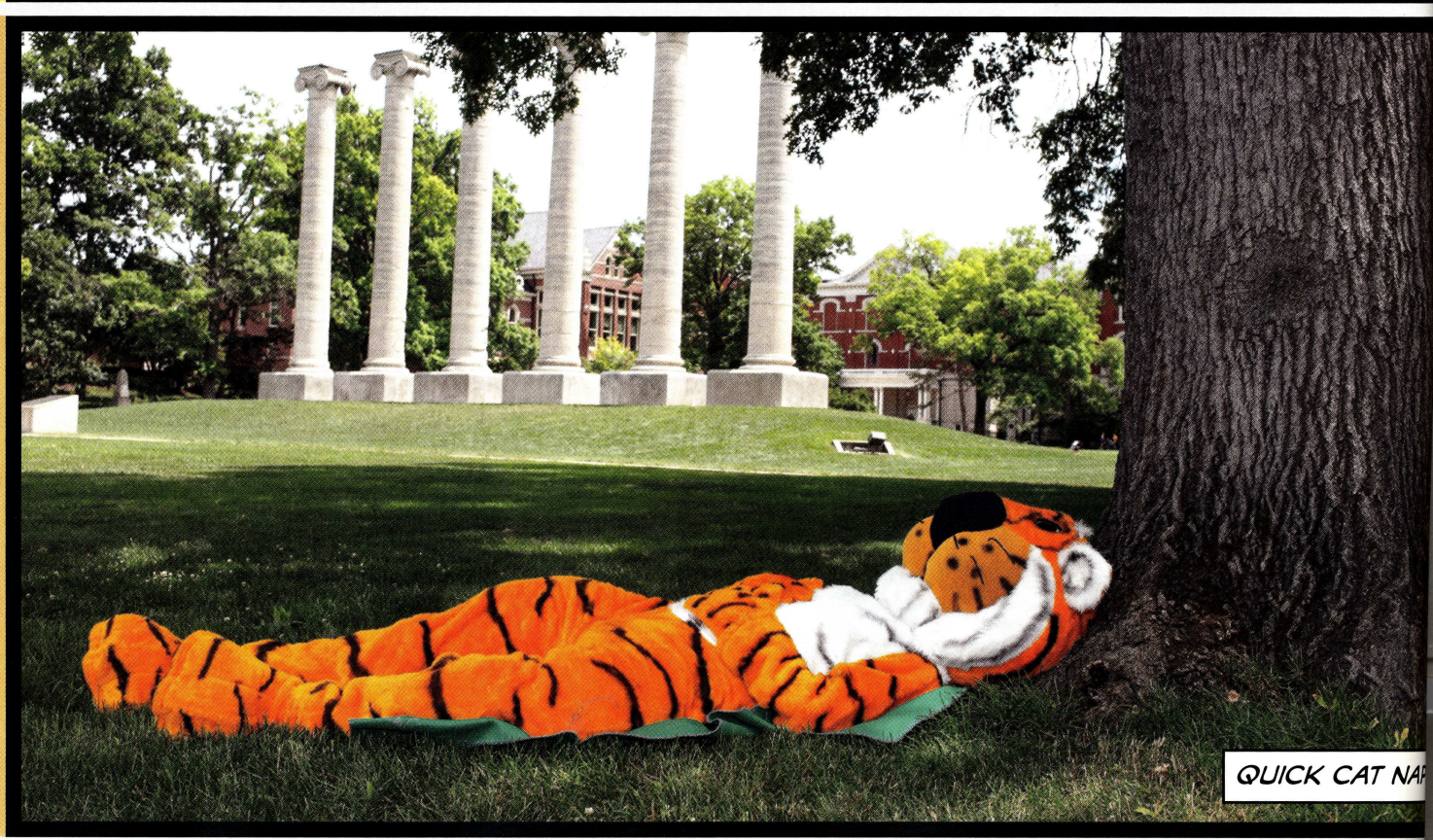
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CELEBRATING HOME SWEET HOMEOWNERSHIP! BEST FEATURE: IT'S CLOSE TO CAMPUS.

VISITING TRUMAN'S CLOSET FOR A SUIT FITTING. DOES THIS COME IN MIZZOU GOLD?

TRAINING HARD FOR FOOTBALL SEASON.

REFLECTING ON SOME CAREER HIGHLIGHTS AND PLANNING MORE WINS.

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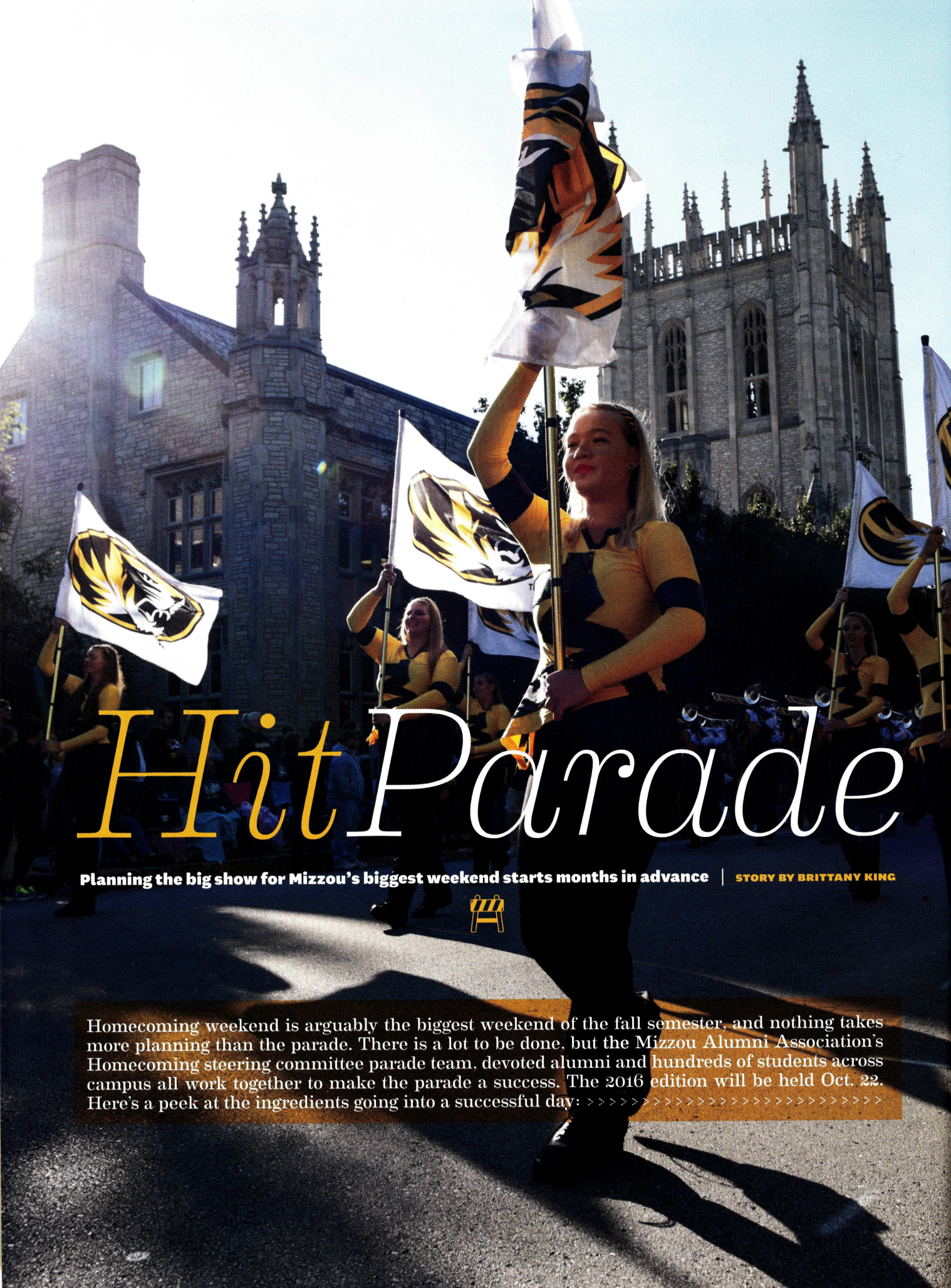


Hit Parade

Planning the big show for Mizzou's biggest weekend starts months in advance | STORY BY BRITTANY KING

Homecoming weekend is arguably the biggest weekend of the fall semester, and nothing takes more planning than the parade. There is a lot to be done, but the Mizzou Alumni Association's Homecoming steering committee parade team, devoted alumni and hundreds of students across campus all work together to make the parade a success. The 2016 edition will be held Oct. 22. Here's a peek at the ingredients going into a successful day: >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

3 Homecoming hall of fame inductees

To honor multiple deserving members of the Mizzou family, the alumni association selected three grand marshals this year. They will become the first inducted into a new tradition, the Homecoming hall of fame.

15 dignitaries

Dignitaries are distinguished people from the Mizzou community. They include award-winning professors, Homecoming king and queen nominees, Columbia's mayor and many more. Each dignitary sits in a convertible driven by a Mizzou graduate. Alumni from all over the country lend their convertibles and donate their time for the event.

For the past two years, Hattie Francis, BS '77, MS '85, JD '95, has chauffeured dignitaries in the parade. She is a member of the Old Wheels Collector Car Club, an organization for car lovers in Columbia. "I love the parade because it touches so many people," she says. Last year, "the gentleman I drove was on a cloud; it meant so much for him to be riding in the parade. It was a very special day."

15 marching bands

What's a parade without marching bands? This year, groups include Marching Mizzou and bands from Columbia's Rock Bridge, Hickman and Battle high schools.

39 unique floats

Students get their creative juices flowing as they design and build floats, some of which boast moving parts, tell stories, bedazzle viewers with glitter — the sky is the limit. This year, the steering committee is encouraging diversity by opening competition beyond Greek organizations, which traditionally have built the floats. Homecoming tri-director Elle Miller wants as many people as possible to get involved. "We really want to make sure that the parade entries reflect the diversity of our campus and the community," she says. "We're hoping it gives organizations who might not have considered participating before a chance to get involved in any way they see fit."

70 hands on deck

In addition to Homecoming Steering Committee, the entire Mizzou Alumni Association's professional staff pitches in on the morning of the parade. People walking in the parade arrive at their spots an hour and a half before the parade kicks off, but by then the staff have been at work for almost four hours.

100 hours planning the parade

Serving on the Steering Committee is a huge commitment, which begins during the spring semester. "During the fall semester we're making sure the parade lineup makes sense, meeting with different Greek pairings to see how their floats are coming along and answering any questions they may have," Miller says. "We're fortunate to have a group of people who are well versed in all the skills it takes to put on a parade."

150 parade entries

Entries include Mizzou campus organizations, Greek life, government officials and local businesses. This year, all parade participants are tying their float themes to Mizzou to show spectators their Tiger spirit.

4,000 pounds of pomp

Each year sororities and fraternities are paired together to make floats and door decorations for Homecoming. Creating these pieces requires months of preparation and tons (literally) of pomp.

30,000 spectators

On average, about 30,000 people line the streets of downtown CoMo to watch the parade. The largest crowd occurred in 2012 when ESPN's *College GameDay* broadcast from the Quad. That year, the crowd was estimated at 50,000. **M**

1913 The parade has been a Homecoming tradition for more than a century. After this 1913 parade, Mizzou played Kansas.

KEVIN MATHEIN; UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES C0/3/7

Homecoming Events

Oct. 10-13
Homecoming Blood Drive
11 a.m.–7 p.m.,
Hearnes Center
This event has become one of the largest college-based blood drives in the nation. Donate at Mizzou in October, or visit mizzou.com to donate at a partnering location.

Oct. 17-19
Talent Show
6:30 p.m.,
Jesse Auditorium
Mizzou's got talent! Watch students sing, dance and joke on stage. And if you can't make it to the show, watch live at mizzou.com.

Oct. 20
Legion of Black Collegians Homecoming Ball
Kimball Ballroom,
Stephens College
Witness a tradition that dates back to the 1980s. Enjoy food and fellowship as the 2016 Legion of Black Collegians Homecoming Court is revealed.

Oct. 21
Spirit Rally
8 p.m., Traditions Plaza
Rev up for the big game with Truman the Tiger, the Mizzou Spirit Squads and Marching Mizzou.

Campus Decorations
6–9 p.m., Greektown
Stroll through Greektown to see fraternities' and sororities' take on the Homecoming theme, Truman's Tall Tails.

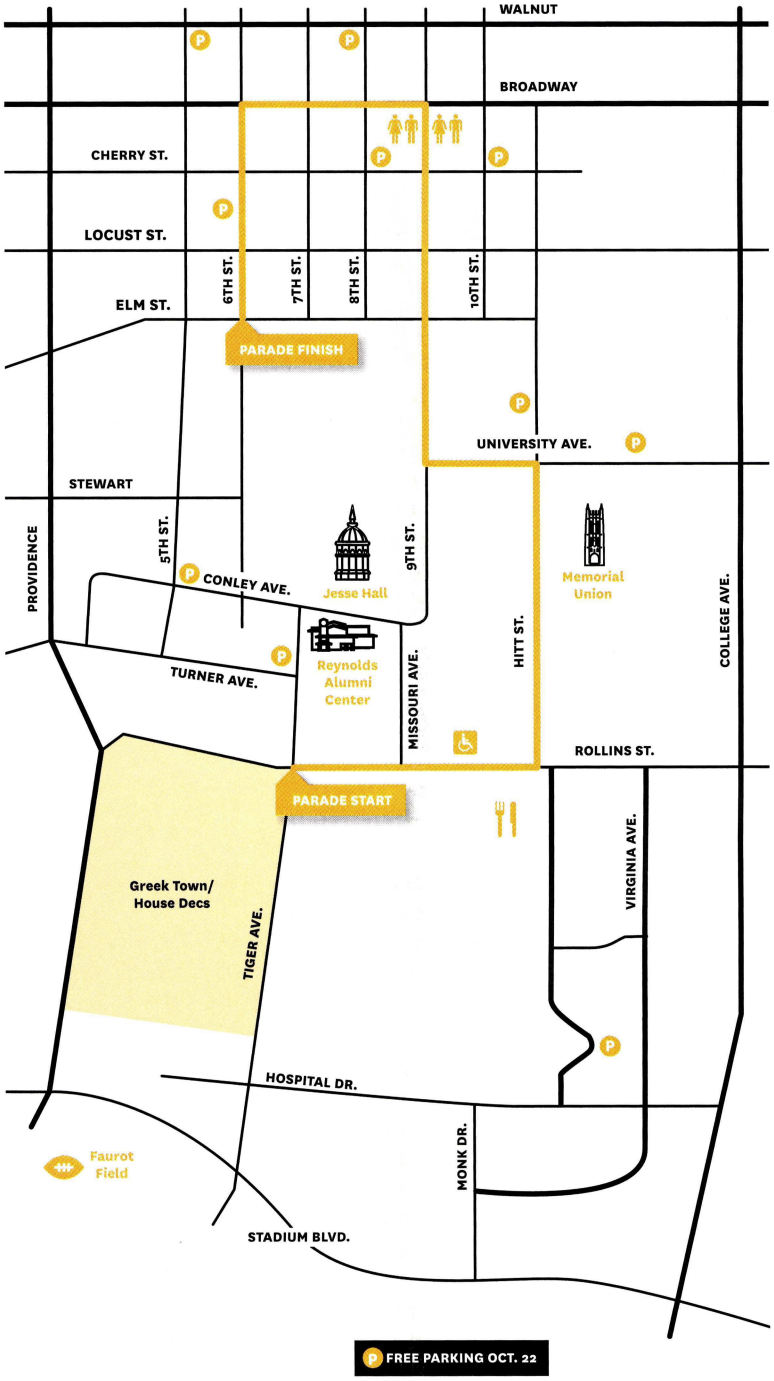
Stroll Off
8 p.m., Jesse Auditorium
Each year National Panhellenic Council organizations face off in a battle to see who can stroll and step the best.

Oct. 22
Parade
Campus and Downtown Columbia
Get pumped up and show your Tiger pride as the parade procession tramps through campus and downtown Columbia. The parade features floats, bands from all across the state and lots of candy for the little ones.

Football Game
Memorial Stadium
Cheer on your Tigers as they take on the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders and stick around during half-time to see who will become the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen.

Check **mizzou.com/homecoming** for details and updates.

2016 Parade Route



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Bidding Adieu to Auction Obstacles

† At the 2016 Tiger Ball, the Kansas City chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association raised a record $80,000 for MU student scholarships. The use of web-based bidding software streamlined the auction process and expanded shopping time.

Alumni volunteers spend untold hours making thousands of details sparkle at a fundraising event such as the Kansas City alumni chapter's annual Tiger Ball. There are the relationships with businesses and alumni that donate prizes such as vacations and spa packages for live and silent auctions. Not to mention the trappings of an attractive venue, the dinner, the program, the entertainment and emcees to whip up the crowd. But the Tiger Ball shattered its fundraising record April 9 in part because of what took place behind the scenes and beyond the glitz: a web-based mobile bidding program.

The chapter, part of the Mizzou Alumni Association, raised a net profit of $80,000, besting by one-third its previous record, set in 2015, of $60,000. The fruits of volunteers' labor go toward scholarships that help keep college costs down. All told, the association and its affiliated organizations awarded more than $567,000 in scholarships for 2016–17.

Using software from vendor Gesture, attendees could for the first time bid on silent-auction items with a few taps on their phone touchscreens. "I was worried about how it would work," says Whitney Miller, JD '11, an event co-chair. "I kept picturing my dad; every time he downloads a new app, he's always saying, 'I can't remember my password.' But it worked great."

The software erased logistical challenges on site, too. For starters, the silent auction of donated items became not only physical but also virtual. "Usually, we lay items out on tables with sheets of paper, people walk around through the crowd, write their bids and move on to the next table," says co-chair Ashley Hutcheson, BS CiE '01. This year, the website empowered revelers to tap in bids on, say, a nice bottle of wine and tickets to a Sporting Kansas City soccer match, regardless of whether they ever reached that table.

In previous years, logistical challenges dictated that the silent auction end before the dinner, the program and the big finish of the live auction. That changed, too, Hutcheson says. People could track on their phones all items they'd bid on, as well as a running total of their spending. "So, during the live auction, people who didn't win items they wanted could spend that money on silent-auction items. When we announced toward the end of the live auction that the silent auction was closing, we saw a crazy increase in bids as people swooped in to win items. So the software really helped maximize silent-auction proceeds this time around."

And at the end of the evening, online auctioning did away with that anticlimactic half-hour when winning bidders stood in line to pay for their booty. Instead, Miller says, "Payment information loaded into the software earlier let people hit a 'pay-now' button." And then, she says, they hit the dance floor. — *Dale Smith*

Class Notes

1960

★★**Douglas DeLisle, BA '64,** of Pembroke Pines, Fla., a senior analyst, retired from Spirit Airlines. As an actor, he has appeared in movies including *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip*, *Ride Along 2* and *Old Friends*.

★★**Nancy Woods DeLisle, BS Ed '64,** of Pembroke Pines, Fla., a language arts teacher, retired from Pines Middle School.

1970

★**Guy Conway, BA '73, M Ed '75,** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., retired after 41 years in higher education.

★★**John Triplett, BS Ed '74,** of Salina, Kan., is the librarian at Brown Mackie College–Salina.

★**Michael Weiser, BJ '74,** of Miami is chair of the board of trustees for the HistoryMiami Museum.

Benjamin Sharda, BS '76, of Kansas City, Mo., executive director of Kansas City Community Gardens, launched BeanstalkSeeds, an online seed and gardening business.

★★**Gene Twellman, BS BA '78, JD '84,** of Omaha, Neb., is general counsel of Mutual of Omaha Bank and associate general counsel for Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company.

Cathy Reiman, BA '79, of Naples, Fla., has been named a rising star in Florida by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

★**Sandra Etz Wysocki, BJ '79,** of Pewaukee, Wis., is chief development officer at the United Performing Arts Fund.

1980

★**Heather Heidelbaugh, BA '81, JD '84,** of Pittsburgh was named one of the Top 50 Females in Pennsylvania and Top 50 Attorneys in Pittsburgh by *Super Lawyers*.

Victoria Fraser, MD '83, of St. Louis received the citation of merit from MU School of Medicine.

Susan L. Thomas, MA '86, PhD '88, of St. Louis is president of Truman State University.

Joseph Anthony Gulino, M Ed '87, PhD '97, of Hartsburg, Mo., published *Principles of Fearless Leadership* (Nathan Levy Books, LLC, 2012).

Robert Kohlman, BJ '87, of Miami was named one of the top 100 lawyers in the state by *Super Lawyers*.

Matthew Waller, BS BA '88, of Fayetteville, Ark., is dean of the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas.

★**Teresa Schmedding, BJ '89, MA '09,** of Chicago is managing editor of Rotary International.

1990

★★**Mark Woods, MA '90,** of Jacksonville, Fla., wrote *Lassoing the Sun: A Year in America's National Parks* (St. Martin's Press, 2016).

★★**Charles M. Stucke, BA '93, MBA '95,** of Webster Groves, Mo., is CEO at Lepercq de Neuflize Asset Management.

★★**Rob Binney, BA, BA '97,** of Lee's Summit, Mo., is mayor pro tempore and a city council member of Lee's Summit.

Todd Artz, BS CiE '99, of St. Peters, Mo., is a traffic engineer at Hanson Professional Services Inc.

Laura Staley, BA '99, JD '02, of Ellisville, Mo., is employment counsel at Enterprise Holdings Inc.

2000

Jeffrey St. Omer, JD '01, MA '01, of St. Louis, an attorney at Mickes O'Toole LLC, is a member of the Council of School Attorneys for the National School Board Association and a member of the St. Louis Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity.

Andre Roberson, BS CoE '01, of Pearland, Texas, is principal of Stafford Middle School.

Nicole Casaletto, BS BA '02, of Chicago is director of sales and marketing of the AC Hotel Marriott.

★★**David Moss, BS '04, MBA '14,** of Overland Park, Kan., is national account manager for GRIFOLS Bioscience.

Derek Vap, BS CiE '06, MS '07, of Kansas City, Mo., is president of the western chapter of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers.

★★**Stephanie Kleyman Gernant, BS '07,** of Plantation, Fla., is the new practitioner officer of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Pharmacy Practice Management Executive Committee.

Alison Powers, BJ '07, of Jacksonville, Fla., is a cheerleader with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars.

2010

Dustin Renwick, MA '12, of Monmouth, Ill., wrote *Beyond the Gray Leaf: The Life and Poems of J.P. Irvine* (Fleetwing Books, 2016).

Sara Weidinger, BS '12, of Vienna, Mo., is an agriculture education teacher at

Circulation changes for MIZZOU magazine

Since the 1980s, the Mizzou Alumni Association has partnered with MU to send this magazine quarterly to all graduates. As our alumni base has grown to more than 300,000, printing and mailing costs also have risen. For the 2016–17 academic year, we will mail three issues of the magazine, arriving in August, December and April. This issue has been sent to all graduates. Winter and spring issues will go only to Mizzou Alumni Association members.

Before making this change, MAA's staff and Governing Board considered budget concerns, value for members, practices at peer institutions and other MU communications options. Mizzou offers many media channels so that Tigers can be more informed than ever. These include MAA's website (Mizzou.com), social media (@MizzouAlumni) and the @Mizzou e-newsletter, in addition to other university channels.

Many alumni have assumed they were MAA members because they received the magazine, perhaps because many universities send magazines only to alumni association members. For decades, Mizzou has been an exception. Today, I invite nonmembers to join MAA to receive future issues of MIZZOU. See the cover wrap and envelope for membership information. I have heard from thousands of you in the past year who want to make Mizzou stronger. I hope you will consider membership as your next step.

Until next time, I look forward to sharing thoughts with you through our new Making Mizzou Stronger blog at www.makingmizzoustronger.com.

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† Calvin Hughes, BJ '00, reports from Havana, Cuba.

Calvin Goes to Cuba

Imagine boarding a time machine in South Florida and, 40 minutes later, stepping into the year 1960. That's what it's like to visit modern-day Havana, according to Calvin Hughes, news anchor for ABC's WPLG-TV in Miami. Hughes, BJ '00, was the first American journalist in 50 years to broadcast live from the grounds of the new U.S. Embassy in Cuba Aug. 14, 2015.

"The last time an American car was shipped over there was in the 1960s, before the embargo in 1961," says Hughes, remarking on the time warp — and Cuban ingenuity. "They have found a way to keep those cars going all this time."

For Americans of a certain age, Cuba conjures Cold War images of dictator Fidel Castro, the 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion and the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. When President Barack Obama announced in December 2014 that the U.S. would begin to normalize relations with Cuba, Hughes already had made multiple trips to nearby Haiti to cover the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake. The Emmy Award-winning journalist was a natural choice for the historic first.

"I remember saying to my boss, 'but *no hablo Español*,' " Hughes says. "He said, 'I'm sure you'll find a way.' "

Hughes credits his former J-school mentors — including the late Ron Naeger, BA '76, MA '88, and Stacy Woelfel, BJ '91, MA '90, PhD '06, current director of the Jonathan B. Murray Center for Documentary Journalism — for instilling confidence. Born in Cleveland and raised in East St. Louis, Hughes got his start at KMIZ-TV, where he affixed script pages to the conveyor belt in the old-fashioned teleprompter.

As a TV anchor in Florida, home to more than 1.2 million Cuban-Americans, Hughes grasped the gravity of the historic broadcast. But you wouldn't know it from his smooth delivery and charismatic on-camera presence.

"While we were in it, I wasn't caught up in it," Hughes says. "I once heard someone say people don't fully capture a moment until it becomes a memory."— *Marcus Wilkins*

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★Hamid Seyf, MS '13, of Atlanta wrote *Thermo-photovoltaics: A Potential Pathway to High Efficiency Concentrated Solar Power* (Energy Environ, Sci., 2016).

Gregory Chandler, MA '15, of Cincinnati is an analyst at the business development company 84.51°.

★Matt Sakow, MA '16, of Vancouver, Wash., is a fellow for the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation.

Weddings

Jessica Sees, M Ed '14, and Jake Schirmer BS Ed '13, of Kansas City, Mo. Jan. 2, 2016.

Jim Wren, BS CiE '79, and Denise A. Taylor BS CiE '79, of Granbury, Texas, March 4, 2016.

Births

★Chris Long, BJ '96, and Sarina Long, of Roseville, Minn., announce the birth of Evelyn Martha Nov. 18, 2015.

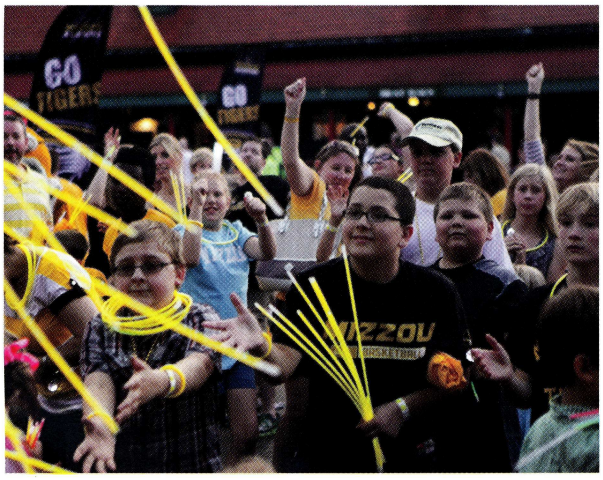
★Brian O'Rourke, BS '03, and Tricia O'Rourke of St. Louis announce the birth of Quinn Timothy Nov. 19, 2015.

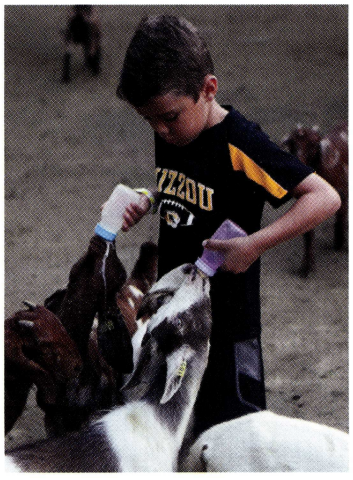
Faculty Deaths

Ruth Briggs Bratek, BJ '45, MA '64, of Bloomington, Ind., May 1, 2016, at 92. She was a journalism professor.

★★H. Kent Shelton, BS BA '51, of Columbia May 30, 2016, at 88. A U.S. Army World War II veteran, he was MU's assistant vice president for financial services.

Robert Yeck, MS '53, PhD '60, of Silver Springs, Md., March 18, 2016, at 96. A U.S. Army Air Corps World War II veteran, he was





Black and Glow

More than 600 people attended Black and Glow, the largest Mizzou Alumni Association-sponsored event in St. Louis since the Mizzou-Illinois football game in 2011. The event, held June 4 at Grant's Farm, was a family-friendly offering that included a carrousel, music, dancing and a photo booth, along with appearances by Truman, the Golden Girls and the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale horses. At dusk, a spirit rally lit up the night with glow sticks.

† Top: Truman dances in the beer garden during the 2016 Black and Glow event at Grant's Farm in St. Louis. Bottom, from left: Young Tigers grab glow sticks as fast as they can. Jack Stanek, 6, feeds goats. Quincy, 4, and Norah Bingham, 2, get their groove on.

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Sample Rate Chart based on a gift of $10,000

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Deduction	$2,582	$3,231	$3,901	$4,426	$4,908	$5,582	$6,243
Tax-free Income	$308	$340	$384	$450	$542	$650	$767

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TRUE DAUGHTER Jeana Lyle, BS HES '06, and Tom Lyle of Reno, Nev., announce the birth of their daughter Gwynn Stanley, named after the Textile and Apparel Management buildings where J. Lyle earned her degree.

research director for the USDA at MU.

★**Marjorie Roberts, BS Ed '54, M Ed '56,** of Columbia June 18, 2016, at 92. She was a professor of English education.

Deaths

★★**Marjorie Rich Bordner, M Ed '40,** of Canton, Ill., May 1, 2016, at 101. A pilot with the Illinois Civil Air Patrol during World War II, she was a professor of chemistry and physics at Western Illinois University.

★**Victor Guethlen, BS EE '41,** of Sudbury, Mass., March 28, 2016, at 98. A U.S. Navy World War II veteran, he worked as a missile defense group leader at MIT Lincoln Laboratory.

★★**Harriet Rex Feeney, BJ '43,** of New York Feb. 1, 2016, at 93.

★★**M. Joanne Hoops McGregor, BA '46,** of Prairie Village, Kan., Nov. 30, 2015, at 91.

★**Allen Hawkins, BJ '47,** of Advance, Mo., April 8, 2016, at 90. A U.S. Army Korean War veteran, he worked at the *Russell County News*.

★**J. Whitfield Moody, BS BA '48,** of Liberty, Mo., March. 23, 2016, at 92. A U.S. Navy World War II veteran, he was a prosecuting attorney in Daviess County.

★**Raymond H. Owings, BS '48, MA '49** of Edmonds, Wa., April 23, 2016, at 93.

★**John Greenwood, BS BA '49,** of Alton, Ill., April 11, 2016, at 93. A World War II veteran, he was a stockbroker.

★**Ronald Mills, BS BA '49,** of Scottsdale, Ariz., April 16, 2016, at 87. A Sigma Chi member and a U.S. Navy veteran, he helped his father found the Cole Harford Co.

★**Walter Reed, BJ '49,** of Wilmette, Ill., Jan. 13, 2016, at 91. A U.S. Army veteran, he was director of public relations for the National Automatic Merchandising Association.

★**Don Anderson BA '50,** of Durham, N.C., March 28, 2016, at 87. A U.S. Navy veteran, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 35 years.

★**Bill Brigance, BS Ag '50,** of Kennett, Mo., Nov. 4, 2015, at 87. A U.S. Army Korean War veteran, he was a farm mortgage consultant with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

★★**Drury Callahan, BS BA '50,** of Plano, Texas, Feb. 25, 2016, at 86. A U.S. Air Force colonel and a Korean War and Vietnam War veteran, he was an instructor and an administrator at Texas Aero Tech.

★**Nelson Klaus Sr., BS Ed '50,** of De Soto, Mo., April 25, 2016, at 92. He was a U.S. Marine Corps World War II veteran.

★★**Jack Krumme BS '50,** of Overland Park, Kan., April 3, 2016, at 88. A U.S. Army veteran, he owned Cam-Dex Security Co.

★**Robert Miller, BS CiE '50,** of Jefferson City, Mo., March 16, 2016, at 93. A U.S. Army World War II veteran, he worked at the Missouri Division of Health.

★**Ireland Young, BS Ag '50, M Ed '55,** of Marshfield, Mo., March 13, 2016, at 94.

★★**Daniel Goetz, BS Ag '51,** of North Manchester, Ind., June 5, 2016, at 87. He was a U.S. Navy Reserve veteran.

★★**Stanley Hoit, BS Ag '51, MS '60,** of Denton, Texas, April 14, 2016, at 88. A U.S. Army and U.S. National Guard veteran, he worked for Farmland Industries.

★**John Renbrook, BJ '51,** of Las Vegas April 24, 2016, at 92. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he was vice president of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

★**Richard Boehme, BS ME '52,** of Carmel, Ind., March 3, 2016, at 86. He was a U.S. Air Force engineer.

★**Warren Hunter, BS Ag '52,** of Garrison, Texas, April 18, 2016, at 86. A U.S. Army Korean War veteran, he taught photography at Stephen F. Austin State University.

★★**F. James Marston, BA '52, BS Med '53,** of St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 24, 2016, at 84. A U.S. Army veteran, he co-founded St Joseph Women's Health.

★★**Guy Orville Olson, BS Ag '52,** of Northwood,

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Steel Driver, Grammy Winner

† Grammy-winning band The SteelDrivers, from left: Brent Truitt on mandolin, Richard Bailey on banjo, Tammy Rogers on fiddle and vocals, Gary Nichols on guitar and vocals and Mike Fleming, BA '73, on bass and vocals.

When Mike Fleming, BA '73, saw The Beatles for the first time as a kid, he fell in love with the guitar. So he bought one and quickly discovered he had a talent — and drive. "When I started, I just couldn't stop," Fleming says. "It was just in the blood."

Fleming attended Mizzou on a tennis scholarship. He joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity and studied social work, as did his wife, Lois (Hall) Fleming, BA '74. After graduating, he played banjo and bass with Columbia's Mid-Missouri Hell Band.

In 1989, Fleming moved to Nashville to make music a full-time career. He was working day jobs and touring with country musicians when his old bandmate Mike Henderson called, looking to put a new group together. Fleming jumped at the chance.

Taking inspiration from country blues musician Furry Lewis's song about the steel-driving folk hero John Henry, the band chose a name. They reworked a cache of rejected music Henderson and Grammy winner Chris Stapleton had written for other artists. Then in 2008, as the SteelDrivers, Fleming, Stapleton, Henderson, Tammy Rogers and Richard Bailey released a self-titled album with Rounder Records. It was nominated for a Grammy, as was *Reckless* in 2010.

The third time was the charm. With new members Gary Nichols and Brent Truitt, the SteelDrivers released their next album, *The Muscle Shoals Recordings*, in 2015. On Feb. 15, 2016, it won a Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album of the Year.

"Within a matter of a few seconds, all the playing in bars, road traveling and time away from family seemed worth the effort," Fleming says. "It's validation. It was a pretty magical day, one of the best days of my life besides the birth of my children."

The SteelDrivers' 40-city tour kicked off in June and runs through December. It's hard work. Most days, the band puts in eight hours before even taking the stage.

"The most rewarding part of the day is performing," Fleming says. "If you're sick or weary, you know once you step on that stage ... BOOM, it's show time."— *Brittany King*

Iowa, May 21, 2016, at 95. He founded Guy Olson Construction and worked in real estate.

★**T. Robert Castle, BA '53,** of Sarasota, Fla., April 30, 2016, at 84. A Sigma Nu member and a U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran, he worked for SBC Corp.

★**Allan Paro, BJ '54,** of Woolbridge, Va., July 29, 2015, at 83. A U.S. Army veteran, he worked in advertising, product management and communications.

★★**David Wyrick, BS EE '55,** of Dayton, Ohio, April 10, 2016, at 83. He worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

★**William Gaddis, BS CiE '57,** of St. Louis April 22, 2016, at 80.

★★**William Riggs, BS AgE '58,** of Lenexa, Kan.,

FINDING OLD FRIENDS In the hustle and bustle of work and family life after college, we too often lose track of school friends. Fortunately, you can reconnect through the Mizzou Alumni Association's Tiger Locator service. Your gateway to nostalgia is at the association's website, mizzou.com. If you aren't an MAA member, fill out a form, and association staffer Ann Carter will send a letter or email to the person you're seeking, who can respond directly to you. If you are an MAA member, you have access to a searchable database of contact information, Carter says. "Members can locate other alumni and, if they are members, email them directly from the website." So, what are you waiting for? Check out Tiger Locator to find the one who got away, your old tennis partner, or the study-buddy from Econ 51 you'd love to see at the next reunion. — *Dale Smith*

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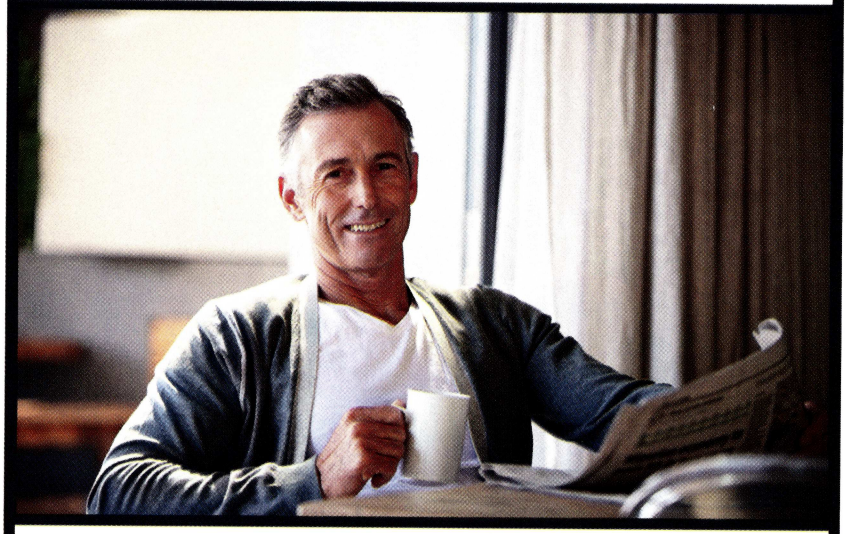

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Mizzou Women Give

Four years ago, professor and former Mizzou first lady Anne Deaton was sitting in a meeting with fellow spouses of university presidents and chancellors when the topic of women and giving came up. At the time, the University of Missouri had many groups dedicated to giving but none focused on women as donors and fundraisers. So Deaton pitched a philanthropic outreach plan targeting women to Mizzou Advancement. After a few tweaks, Mizzou Women Give (MWG) was born.

MWG is a group of women all across the United States who share a connection to the university. Together, they commit their time, talent and treasure to bettering Mizzou.

"Mizzou Women Give is perfect for anyone who isn't able to travel back to the university as often as they'd like to but still wants to actively engage with Mizzou," says Deborah Jones, BA '74, the group's initial chair. "It's also great for those interested in mentoring young women through Griffiths Leadership Society or for those who would like to donate in a hands-on way."

The group raises most of its money through a giving circle, which anyone can join. Current leader Debbie Starke, BJ '77, says members are able to make a big impact once their contributions have been pooled.

"It's empowering to be able to vote on how the funds are spent and then hear about the results from our grants," she says.

Each year, MWG solicits proposals from all over campus. Volunteers read the proposals and narrow the field to five finalists, who present to the group in April. Recipients are selected by voting members.

In 2013, the women gave their first gift of nearly $18,500 to MedZou, a health clinic run by Mizzou students, to provide services for women who need follow-up on abnormal test results. They also helped Tiger Pantry, Mizzou's student-run food bank, secure a van. Last year MWG supported three projects: Camp Salsa, a nutrition and business venture for teens; the School of Social Work's integrative behavioral health clinic; and QuEST, a science camp for children.

This year, MWG had a record number of donors: 29 women whose gifts totaled $16,444.73. In June, they donated to Green Dot Mizzou and the Breastfeeding Support Project. Get involved at mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu. — *Brittany King*

June 6, 2016, at 80. A U.S. Army veteran, he was an agricultural engineer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

★★Martha Kruse Schmidt, BS Ed '58, of Carrollton, Mo., April 18, 2016, at 79. She was an elementary school teacher and also taught at Carrollton Career Center.

★Ralph Hochgrebe, BS Ed '59, of St. Louis Feb. 11, 2016, at 78. He worked for Wozniak Industries.

★★Barbara Mudd Ritchey, BJ '59, of St. Louis June 5, 2016, at 79.

★Everett Boydston, BS Ag '60, of Camden Point, Mo., May 23, 2016, at 78. He was a farmer.

★★Donald Mueller, BS IE '60, of O'Fallon, Mo., May 20, 2016, at 81.

★★Mary Gutermuth, MA '61, PhD '65, of Huntsville, Texas, May 30, 2016, at 78. She taught French and Spanish renaissance literature at Loyola University of Chicago and Sam Houston State.

★Judy Reed Guyot, BS '61, of Overland Park, Kan., April 4, 2016, at 76. She was a Delta Gamma member.

★★Judith Mantell Kirk, BS '62, BA '61 of Jacksonville, Fla., April. 11, 2016, at 84.

★Thomas O'Connor, BS ME '61, of Fairway, Kan., Jan. 11, 2016, at 82. A U.S. Navy veteran, he was an engineer for AT&T and Lucent.

★Antonette Sullivan Thornton, BS Ed '61, of Independence, Mo., April 2, 2016, at 76.

★★Eldo Throckmorton, BS ChE '61, of Loveland, Colo., Dec. 6, 2015, at 77. A member of the U.S. Navy for 43 years.

★Thomas Gray, BA '62, of Columbia, March 31, 2016, at 76. A Sigma Nu member, he was general manager of KOMU-TV.

★Gary Miller, BS BA '62, of Medway, Mass., March 17, 2016, at 74. He worked at Ford Motor Co. before moving to a career in banking.

★★Marilyn Hardy Scheffel, BS Ed '62, of Raleigh, N.C., May 22, 2016, at 78. She was an Alpha Chi Omega member.

★Joe Coleman, BS BA '64, JD '68, of Kansas City, Mo., April 26, 2016, at 74. A Delta Upsilon member and a U.S. Army Korean War veteran, he was a lawyer.

★★Rebecca Bankston Schnakenberg, BA '65, of Washington, D.C., Feb. 29, 2016, at 74.

Devon F Sherwood, BA '65, JD '68, of Springfield, Mo., March 23, 2016, at 72.

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Rebecca Wates, PhD '12, understands the value of early diagnosis and innovative treatment when it comes to cancer. She lost her aunt, a nurse, to ovarian cancer that initially was undetected by physicians. Armed with a doctorate in medical pharmacology from Mizzou, Wates has been working at the University of Kansas Medical Center to develop targeted therapeutics for treating recurrent and drug-resistant serous ovarian carcinoma. Through the kindness of strangers, she just got a big boost. Earlier this year the American Cancer Society launched a campaign to crowd-fund an early-career researcher using the platform Crowdrise. Hundreds of people contributed, and in June the society gave Wates a grant to pursue her work.

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★★Linda Nutter Logan, BS Ed '70, of Fulton, Mo., Mar. 25, 2016, at 67. She taught business education at North Callaway High School in Kingdom City, Mo., and later worked as an executive assistant at Westminster College.

★★Stephen Cole, BS Ed '71, of Kansas City, Mo., May 20, 2016, at 66. A U.S. Army veteran, he was an Overland Park police officer.

★★Joe Oberman, JD '71, of Waterloo, Iowa, April 17, 2016, at 71. He was a partner at the Swisher and Cohrt Law Firm.

★★Linda Jeffers McEwen, BSN '72, of Raytown, Mo., Mar. 12, 2016, at 65. She was a nurse at the VA Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo.

★★Janet Young Miranda, BS Ed '72, of Mountain Grove, Mo., May 1, 2016, at 68.

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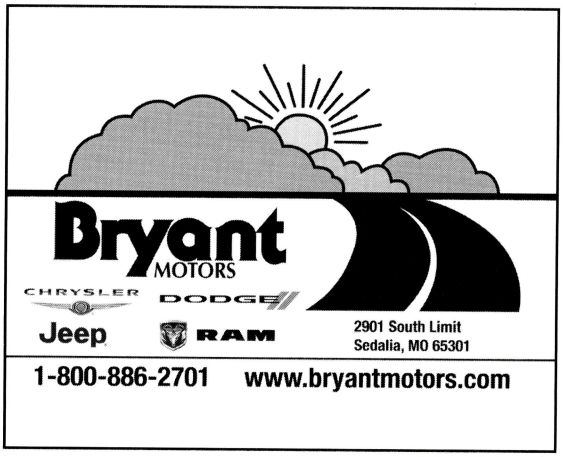

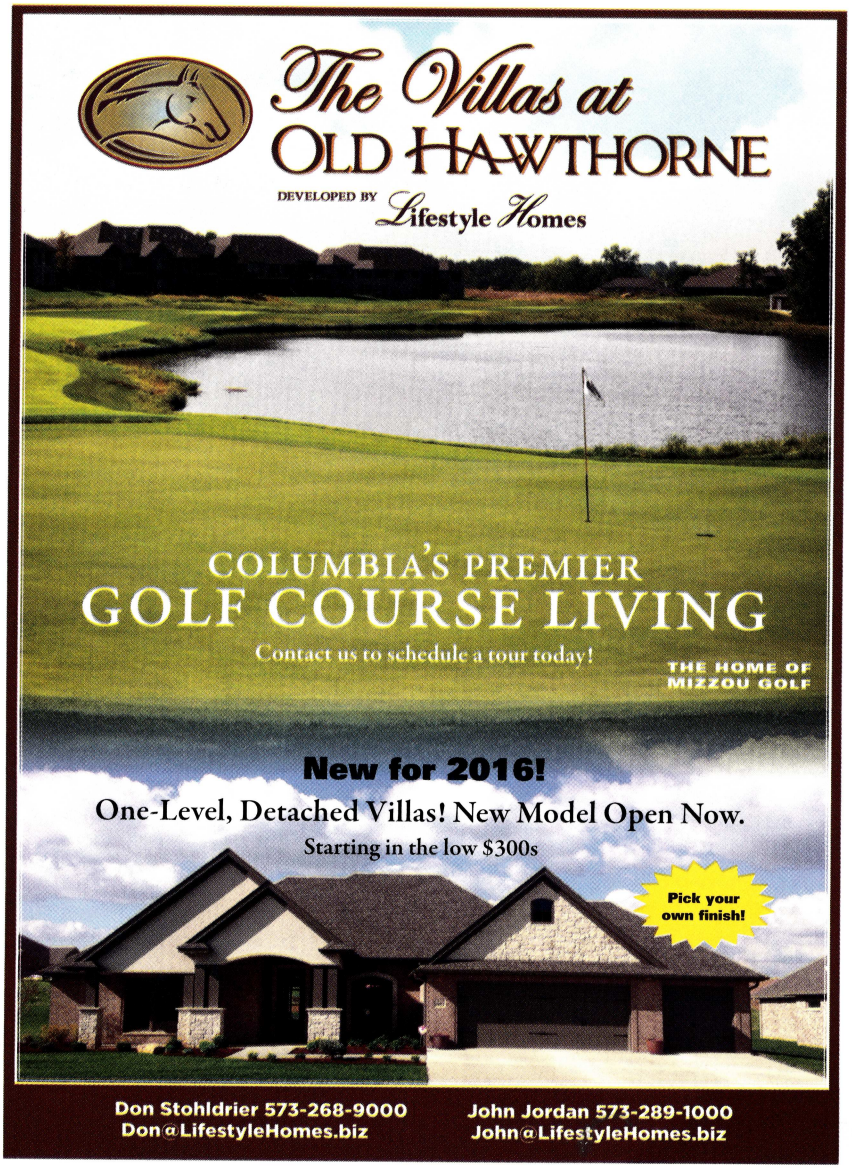

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was a U.S. Army Air guard veteran.

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★**Robert Stephens, BS BA '77,** of Chillicothe, Mo., March 30, 2016, at 61. A Beta Theta Pi member, he was a certified public accountant.

★**Stephen Coffelt, MPA '90,** of Russellville, Mo., April 27, 2016, at 53.

★**Tyrone Allen, MA '94,** of Jefferson City, Mo., April 23, 2016, at 68. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was director of the Missouri Supreme Court Library.

★**Paul Reilly, MA '13,** of Yonkers, N.Y., May 1, 2016, at 57. He was director of media strategy, marketing and communication for Northwestern University in Doha, Qatar.

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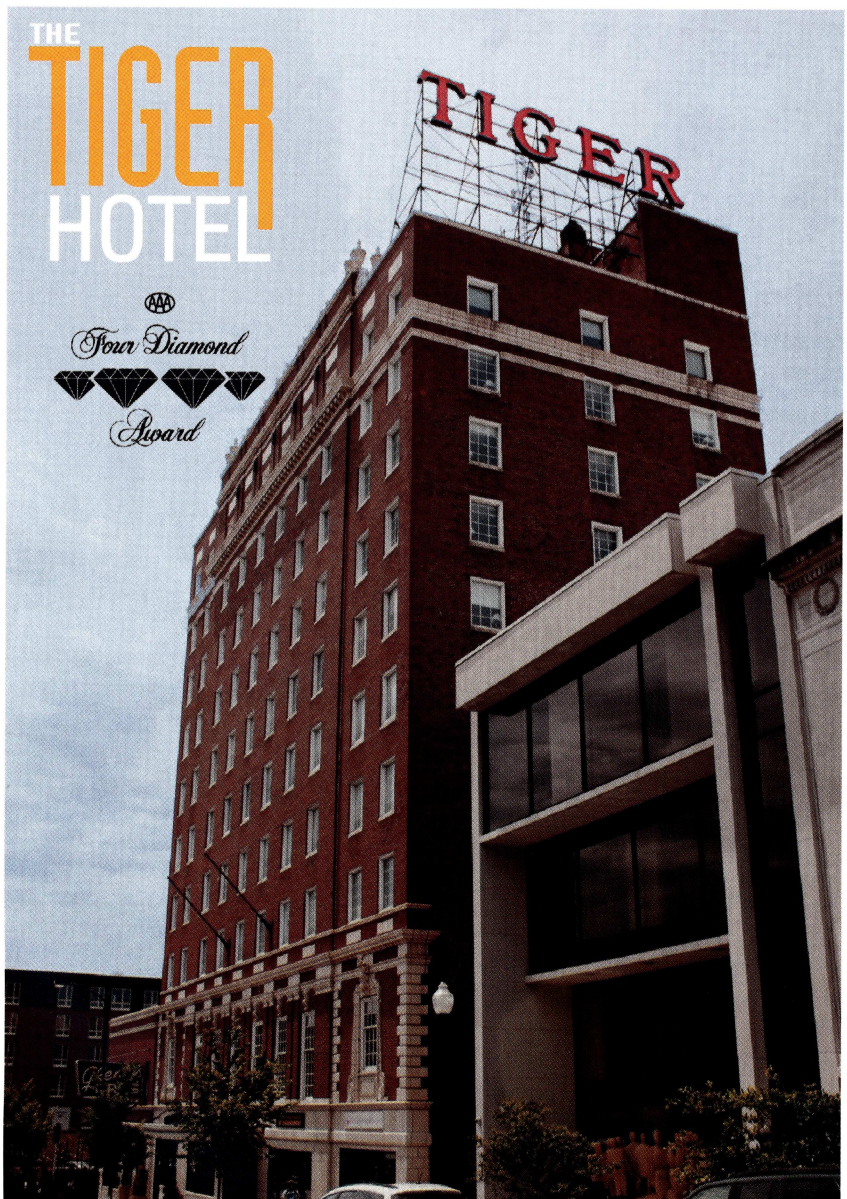

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† Mizzou alumni Cole and Elizabeth Donelson at the Grand Canyon, one of the 59 national parks the couple visited during a year-long adventure.

As baby boomer bucket lists go, visiting all 59 U.S. national parks sounds like a solid long-term goal that outdoorsy types might fit in around a lifetime of career aspirations and family plans.

But in 2016, at least two members of the younger millennial generation decided to cut to the chase, quitting their jobs, packing a tent and refueling the Ford Escape for a 12-month mission to visit all the parks during National Park Service's centennial. The Donelsons — Cole, BS BA, BJ '12, and Elizabeth, BS Ed '12 — narrated their adventure on the switchbackkids.com blog. The journey was scheduled to end Aug. 25 among family and friends in their hometown of St. Louis at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (aka The Arch).

The peregrination commenced when Cole and Elizabeth, then living in Kansas City, resigned from jobs in information technology and teaching, respectively. Ever since, they've hiked, snowshoed, cross-country skied, canoed and kayaked their way through nature's passing show in 27 states, tenting roughly four nights per park. They've collected rare moments.

During a hike in Yellowstone Park, they came upon a family whose hobby it is to observe wolves from afar and monitor their numbers. "They had a telescope trained on a den, and it was cool to see pups emerge when the mom came back," Cole says. "I had never seen a wolf in the wild before, and it's a very unusual thing."

In Maine, the couple marveled at the mountainous deciduous forest of Acadia National Park, which is set along the ocean. "We were there in fall, and being from Missouri, we weren't expecting much. But there were trees everywhere, and the colors were so vivid. The interplay of trees bursting with reds, oranges and yellows contrasted with the dark rock and blue water was just wonderful," Cole says.

The trip has been life-changing, life-affirming, Cole says. The couple has decided to move back home to St. Louis and pursue education for new careers — he in business, she in graphic design. Their priorities are clear: "We know now after living out of the car and still using just a fraction of the things we carried that experiences are far more important than possessions," Cole says. From now on, pursuing their passions will be the focus of their lives together. — *Dale Smith*

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