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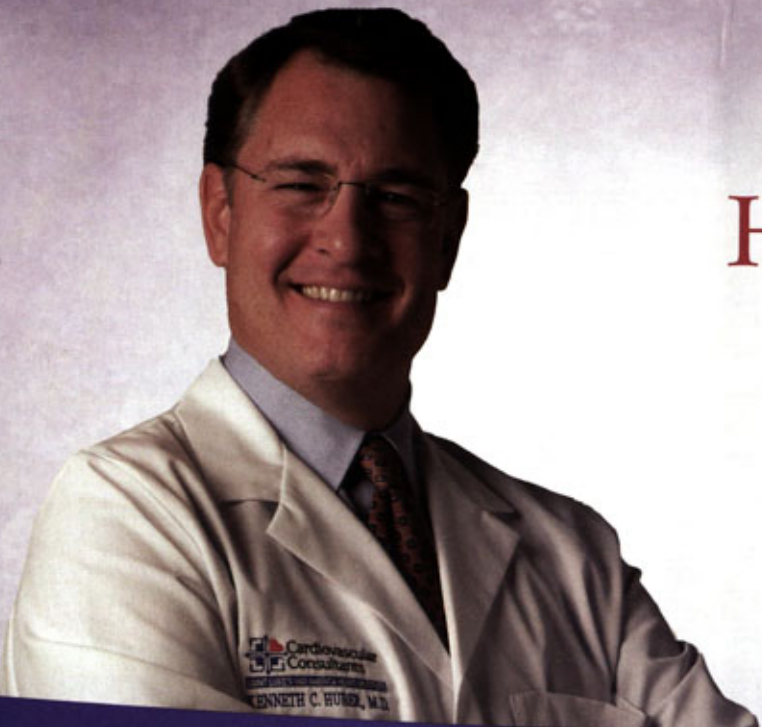
A man with a white beard and glasses, wearing a light-colored cowboy hat and a dark denim apron over a striped shirt, is seated and playing a fiddle. He is in a workshop or music store, with a wall of small drawers behind him. The lighting is warm and focused on the man and his instrument.

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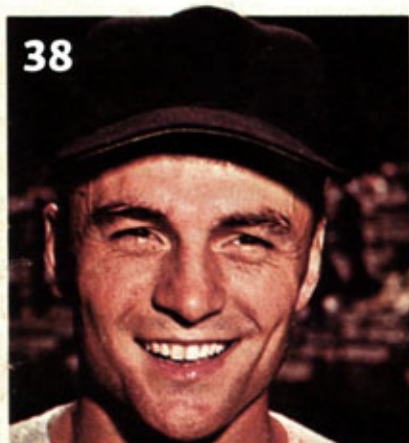
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Can one make a difference?

For high school, Camry Ivory wanted to attend an arts school because she loved to dance. But parents Anthony and Deidre Ivory thought a college-prep route would be better, so she attended Blue Valley West High School in her hometown of Overland Park, Kan.

After graduating, Ivory headed to the University of Missouri where she majored in linguistics and minored in leadership and public service. She sought help on a capstone project from Jeff Williams, MU's former director of access and urban outreach who now works for the Kauffman Foundation. Along the way Ivory learned Williams was hiring Missouri College Advising Corps guides to help youngsters see college as an attainable goal. One of the guides would work at Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts in Kansas City, Mo. The magnet school called her.

Ivory has completed Year 1 as a college guide and is eager to return to Paseo in 2009-10. She is one of nine guides in seven high schools and three community colleges across the state who work with low-income, high-achieving, often first-generation college student hopefuls. Missouri has a population of 5.9 million, but only 21.6 percent complete college.

The question is: Has Ivory made a difference?

There is a girl we'll call Brittany. Brittany lives with her grandparents because her mother is deceased and her father was abusive. Classmates tease her because she likes math. Spotty attendance caused her GPA to drop, but her ACT score was solid. Brittany focused only on community colleges, but Ivory believed she'd thrive at a university and convinced her to apply to three colleges. All three accepted her.

"They can make it," Ivory says of the students she counsels. "They just don't know how. Our biggest impact is doing little things, things that my parents did for me," Ivory says.

Missouri's future just got brighter. Read more on Page 22.

— Karen Flandermeyer Worley, BJ '73



Photo by Nicholas Benner
Camry Ivory, BA '08, age 23, is only 5 feet 2 inches tall, but she has a big job.



Substantial interest in sustainability

Wind turbines, food grinders and compost piqued reader interest in the spring issue of MIZZOU. The simple lifestyle of MU research associates Jill Lucht and Bill McKelvey piqued the interest of NBC's Today show, which came to Columbia and filmed them in March. Thanks for writing, and keep reading.

MIZZOU magazine staff

Corrections

Our list of elected officials ("Running the government," Spring 2009) failed to include Sue Allen, BHS '69, R-District 92, St. Louis County; and Tom Flanigan, BA '75, R-District 127, Jasper County. We incorrectly indicated that Jason Brown, R-District 30, Platte County, is an MU graduate.

Think about wildlife

As much as I'm in favor of promoting non-petroleum-based energy development, I'm afraid we will make the same mistake of moving too quickly and not considering the impacts on other resources, such as wildlife. The caption for the picture on Page 35 ["Trust in the wind," Spring 2009] says it all by not including wildlife in the kinds of data that are gathered: "Before building a wind farm, companies like Wind Capital Group gather data of all sorts — economic, social, political and geologic."

Bettina Flood Sparrowe, BS '73, MS '77
Daniel, Wyo.

Not a new idea

I was interested in reading the Spring 2009 article "Trust in the Wind." With all the attention and money given to this form of alternative energy, I am always reminded of way back in 1961. As a senior in mechanical engineering, I worked with a graduate student who designed and constructed a power-

producing windmill for his thesis. It was erected on University of Missouri property out near KOMU-TV Channel 8. Don't know the results and implications, but ol' Mizzou was looking at wind power long ago.

Alvin K. Rosenhan, BS ME '62
Mississippi State, Miss.

Cover contrast intrigues

On the cover ["Wind power changes Missouri's landscape," Spring 2009], it's not the ultra modern windmill that intrigues me, but rather the charm of the barn in the background.

John Harvey, BS Ag '57
Wilmington, Del.

Was photo doctored?

I'm a journalism grad (magazine sequence, then under Don Ranly) from '78. Love the wind farm cover photo that arrived today ["Wind power changes Missouri's landscape," Spring 2009], and I just showed it as an example of a great cover shot to a client. He said, "Oh, I bet that's Photoshopped." Is it?

Stan Hulén, BJ '78
Dallas



Photo by Nicholas Benner
Keepin' it real.

Editor's note: Good heavens, no! The late Cliff Edom, father of photojournalism, would "shutter" at the thought.

Aesthetic eyesores

"Trust in the wind" [Spring 2009] described the many advantages of using wind turbines

to provide a limitless amount of renewable energy. However, as the article pointed out, critics consider these 270-foot-tall behemoths with their 140-foot-long blades to be aesthetic eyesores. I agree.

Couldn't the turbines be made of a material — or be painted — a much less obtrusive color than white? Consider traditional telephone poles, trees and old-fashioned windmills. Their brown color allows them to blend into the landscape. Imagine how they would stand out if they were painted white.

Chuck Warzyn, BA '73
Somerville, Tenn.

Please come visit

Thank you for spreading the word in the last issue about Sustain Mizzou and the opportunities students have to get more involved with issues of sustainability.

On behalf of Sustain Mizzou, I would like to thank the many sponsors and partners that have made the Sustain Mizzou service learning class "Sustainable Development in Downtown Columbia, Mo." a reality ["Getting dirty with cafeteria leftovers," Spring 2009]. Thank you to both Mark Stevenson at REMI [see story about him on Page 52] and Les Wagner at Boone County Family Resources for providing land to build our gardens and composting bins. Thank you to our many grant providers, MU Information Technology Committee's Interdisciplinary Innovations Fund, MU Parents Association, Student Fee Capital Improvement Committee and Missouri Student Association. Thank you to our many advisers, Professor Jan Weaver of the Department of Environmental Studies, Pat Fowler of the Office of Service Learning and Ian Thomas of the PedNet Coalition. And finally, thank you to all the volunteers out in the garden getting their hands dirty and making this project possible.

We invite alumni to visit us at the Sustain Mizzou Research Farm on the corner

of Ash and St. Joseph streets in downtown Columbia to see the demonstration garden in full bloom. This garden will showcase the diversity of more than 100 varieties of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Please feel free to contact us at ColumbiaUrbanAg@gmail.com to let us know you are coming, and we'll give you a full tour.

Adam Saunders, BS '08
former president, Sustain Mizzou
Columbia

Put a mechanical engineer on it

It appears to me that the major holdup to this project is the \$20,000 cost of a food pulper ["Getting dirty with cafeteria leftovers," Spring 2009]. What is needed is some smart mechanical engineer to figure out how to make a \$2,000 pulper.

Thomas Burns, BS EE '56
Silver Spring, Md.

Editor's note: Director Julaine Kiehn reports that Campus Dining Services is investigating the possibility of installing another pulper in the new Student Center (formerly Brady Commons) in 2011.

Vet friendly, circa 1946

Just read "Making Mizzou 'veteran friendly'" [Spring 2009]. Took me back to October 1946 when 10,593 GIs and others returned to MU from World War II. Classes were delayed because our vet housing and many temporary classrooms were not ready.

When we arrived, we were treated very fairly and put into the rows of rebuilt housing south of campus. We ate two meals in the old stone building that I think was the former field house. I roomed with Bill White who had lost a leg in the war. For a short time, I stayed with a fellow who had been a ball-turret gunner over Europe and another fellow who was really jumpy from submarine duty. The streets at night were one big party, and you had to step carefully early in



In the late 1940s, Frank D. Floyd served in the University Senate and participated in the Savitar Frolics.

the morning to avoid the less sober ones who didn't make it home the night before.

I was lucky and made it through the freshman-year transition. Many did not. I was blessed to have had the old GI Bill and finished my degree — a bachelor's in public administration — early and started grad school. I was elected the Business School representative to the University Senate, participated in the Savitar Frolics and was pictured in the Savitar yearbook of 1948 or 1949. Dallas Pickett, BS Ag '50, [now of Stewartville, Mo.], and I signed up for Air Force ROTC and received training from a Maj. Johnson, I believe, who had been a survivor of the Bataan Death March. We did not look as sharp as those cadets pictured in the spring issue of MIZZOU magazine, but it did bring back great old memories of MU.

Frank D. Floyd, BS PA '50
Mesa, Ariz.

No sniveling

What a novel concept ["Making Mizzou 'veteran-friendly,'" Spring 2009]. This attitude toward returning veterans lost its way after World War II, so let's not shower

yourselves with garlands and shouts of "huzza, huzza."

As a returning U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran in 1969, the atmosphere on campus was less than civil. Am I sniveling or feeling sorry for myself? Of course not. I was glad to read about this program. But remember: All veterans from any war (police action, etc.) should have been treated in a similar manner.

Mike Lischko, BS Ag '72, MS '75
Robertsville, Mo.

Engineer works on Manhattan Project

As a student in chemistry from 1934–38, I can comment on what the economic crisis may portend for MU's budget and faculty salaries ["MU prepares for economic realities," Spring 2009]. Several of my professors told me that they had taken large cuts in their salaries (up to 60 percent, as I recall), but were glad they still had work. Many friends and classmates who had taken jobs in industry were unemployed.

In spring 1938, my good fortune was that Professor Allen Stearn [chemistry, 1920–63] recommended me to John Kirkwood at

Cornell. When I reached Ithaca, N.Y., in September, I quickly appreciated that my education in chemistry at MU was far superior to what Cornell was affording its undergraduates at that time. Without delay, I aced Cornell's qualifying exams for the doctoral program and, subsequently, I sailed through graduate study.

In spring 1942, when I landed a job at the M.W. Kellogg Co., I found myself an early participant in an effort that expanded greatly in 1943, becoming the Manhattan Project. This converted me from the theoretical chemistry that I had learned under Kirkwood to chemical engineering, which I learned piecemeal from handbooks.

Never looking back, I have enjoyed 25 years of service to industry and 28 years in academe, becoming a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. I turned 93 on March 21, 2009.

Arthur M. Squires, BA '38
University Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University, Blacksburg, Va.

Looking back and forward

The plot plan of the Mizzou Innovation Center at the Blue Springs Missouri Innovation Park ["MU joins in new research park," Spring 2009] brought back a few memories. I spent my early years on a farm near Blue Springs, about a half mile from the Adams Dairy, and I note the tract is on Adams Dairy Parkway. Later, Interstate 70 intersected our 80 acres, and our farmhouse

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was about where the MU site is positioned. Also, 60 or so years ago, I earned money working on Adams Dairy delivery trucks filling Safeway and Kroger dairy counters in Kansas City.

Of more note is the claim made in the article, "Trust in the Wind" [Spring 2009]. It says that Rock Port, Mo., is "the first city in the country to meet 100 percent of its energy demands with wind power." I would suggest that's not even close. The city probably has a few hundred autos, unlikely to be all electric, and most of the homes are probably heated by natural gas. Proponents of alternative energy seem too ready to overstate their case. Perhaps Carnahan can give us a balance of the kilowatt-hours generated by his Loess Hills Wind Farm, peak output rating, and electric power consumption in Rock Port.

Robert Baker, BS ChE '53
Darien, Conn.

Editor's note: Thanks for the dairy memories and chance to correct the energy statement. Writer Sonja Pai reports that the story should have said, "100 percent of its electricity demands."

Forever in my mind

Back in 1981, I had a brief summer romance with a man who remained in my mind and heart over the decades. Three years ago, he contacted me, we rendezvoused, and he gave me Willow Tree's "Together" figurine: "For those who have found their true partner in love and life." My long lost love and I are still together, cherishing each other and the beautiful figurine created by Susan Lordi Marker ["The fine art of giving," Spring 2009].

Thanks for the article about Lordi Marker, one of Mizzou's most artistically talented alumni!

Bobbie Carnevale Clough, BJ '85
Amherst, N.Y.

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A budget balancing act

As the economic downturn eats into states' tax revenues, some public colleges and universities around the country are being forced to increase tuition — students in states such as California, Arizona and Washington could see double-digit increases. Mizzou students won't see a tuition bump for the coming school year, thanks to an agreement between Gov. Jay Nixon and the state's public higher education institutions.

Nixon, BA '78, JD '81, promised not to cut higher education funding in 2009–10 if schools agreed not to raise tuition. State lawmakers passed a higher education spending bill May 8 that includes \$451 million in operating funds for the University of Missouri System. MU will receive about \$194 million of that — the same as last fiscal year. The amount MU will actually receive is \$189 million, also the same as last year, due to the 3 percent statutory withholding by the state. The state also will provide an additional \$31.2 million to move Ellis Fischel Cancer Center's outpatient services from northern Columbia to campus. At press time, the spending bills were awaiting the governor's signature.

But Mizzou has not been waiting for the dust to clear around the state budget before taking action. On top of a hiring freeze announced in December 2008, campus leaders launched an initiative in January 2009 to reduce non-salary expenses.

Strict spending guidelines on travel, equipment purchases, maintenance and repair, and entertainment expenses were projected to net the university \$9 million by June 30. That money will be available to help MU patch budget shortfalls or, if the economic outlook brightens, to make strategic investments.

Getting over the barrel

On the Jesse Hall stage April 22, oilman T. Boone Pickens' keynote speech at the Missouri Energy Summit offered some homespun wisdom for a national problem:

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. And just in case you didn't plant 20 years ago, the second best time is today." Translation: For decades, the United States has needed a plan for affordable energy, Pickens told the capacity crowd. Without one, the cost of U.S. dependence on foreign oil will soon steal dollars from budgets for health care, education and other priorities.

Pickens' ideas to jump-start U.S. energy independence — increase domestic solar, wind and natural gas energy while other technologies develop — launched the two-day gathering. The summit, presented by the four campuses of the University of Missouri System, was designed to foster collaboration on solving energy problems. Researchers, business and government leaders, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists explored energy issues and showcased possible solutions, including renewable energy, conservation, new technologies, alternative fuel sources and the electrical grid.

Several Mizzou alumni were among the national figures who presented ideas at the summit. They included Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon; Robert Dixon, BS '77, MS '79, PhD '82, leader, Climate Change and Chemicals Team for the Global Environment Facility in Washington, D.C.; Himadri Pakrasi, PhD '84, director, International Center for Advanced Renewable Energy and Sustainability at Washington University in St. Louis; and Dale Klein, BS ME '70, MS '71, PhD '77, chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in Washington, D.C.

Klein is presiding over the NRC as it



reviews the first new applications for nuclear plants in decades. He expects that, by the end of 2009, applications for 31 new plants will be in the pipeline. The facilities each cost \$5 billion to \$7 billion to build, and he expects them to last more than 40 years. By then the world's energy landscape may



Photos by ROB HILL

Oilman T. Boone Pickens, left, spoke at the Missouri Energy Summit April 22. MU's hydrogen-powered car, above, was among the high-tech exhibits that graced Jesse Hall lawn.

look quite different.

Klein advocates looking at all kinds of energy, but he's understandably partial to

electricity. Growing up in rural Missouri, he saw the coming of "organized lightning" transform life on the farm.

More: umsystem.edu/summits/

Therapeutic pooch

Three years ago, on the first day Corey Hale spent with his golden retriever, Alma (then a puppy), they drove through a Colorado snowstorm on the 15-hour trip to Columbia. Hale was starting a master's program in speech pathology at Mizzou. He figured the trip would be tough with a pup, but they made it without incident. "I knew then that we were a good match," says Hale, who graduated in May 2009.

Alma was Hale's pick of the litter to become not only a pet but also a therapy dog. "She was laid back, seemed easy to train, and she appeared to be a very trusting animal," he says. "I thought that with the therapy dog training, she could join me in a work setting once I graduated."

But first, Alma had to prepare for a graduation of her own. Hale trained her thoroughly for certification by Therapy Dogs International (TDI). The group tests and registers dogs and handlers that visit hospitals and nursing homes. "Some people laugh now that Alma even goes to the bathroom on command. But that will make therapy visits a great deal easier for both of us," he says. In 2007, Alma passed TDI's tests of temperament and obedience to become one of more than 18,000 dogs the organization has registered since 1976.

Hale completed two internships for his degree, including one at Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon, Mo., where he worked with patients who have traumatic brain injuries. Alma got in on the act, too.

"It was great to see patients' reactions to a dog in the rehab unit of the hospital. I observed patients who were often difficult to engage in therapy light up at the sight of Alma and reach out to her," Hale says.

Briefly

MU has announced Missouri Flagship Scholars for 2009–10.

The scholarship program

— worth up to \$15,000 a year for tuition, fees and other educational expenses at MU — aims to provide a four-year scholarship to at least one student in every Missouri county. The recipients are Sean Frankenbach, a sophomore agricultural education major from Marion County, and three students who will enter MU in fall 2009: Brooke Evans of Audrain County, Spencer Snodgrass of Ray County and Angela Suter of Clark County.

BusinessWeek has named Columbia one of the top 50 small cities in the United States to locate a startup company. "In many small or midsize cities, universities provided the resources of talent and infrastructure that helped them compete with metropolitan centers," wrote author John Tozzi in the March 27 article. Universities such as MU are often connected to startup incubators that commercialize technology developed in academic research.

The University of Missouri Board of Curators honored three MU faculty members with curators' professorships for their exemplary service, research and contributions to the university. They are James Birchler, professor of biological sciences; Lynne Cooper, professor of psychology; and Kattesh Katti, professor of physics and radiology. The appointments include a \$5,000 annual stipend.

Gov. Jay Nixon appointed Don Downing, BS BA '79, JD '80, of Webster Groves, Mo., to the University of Missouri Board of Curators, which governs the four-campus University of Missouri System. Downing is an officer and shareholder at Gray, Ritter and Graham PC in St. Louis.



A lesson in history's closet

MU's historic costume collection in Gwynn Hall contains more than 5,500 donated garments, some from as far back as the 16th century. Much of the collection is used for classroom learning and the occasional museum display, but about 75 items saw the light of day on March 7 as MU textile and apparel management (TAM) students arranged exhibits for History's Closet, an exclusive viewing and fundraising event at the Club at Old Hawthorne, 6221 E. Broadway.

As part of Professor Laurel Wilson's class, TAM 4510: 19th and 20th Century Western Dress, "each student did in-depth research about a particular costume," Wilson says. "Together they designed the look of each exhibit, wrote the copy, set up the displays, assisted with photography and answered questions during the event."

Exhibits in which students were involved featured wedding, military and evening attire, 19th- and 20th-century children's clothing, and a display dedicated to garments made in Missouri.

"At the event, some of the students even learned from the attendees, particularly those students who worked on the military exhibit," Wilson says. "People were able to share their experiences and were able to give the students feedback. In a sense, it

Textile and apparel management students arranged garments, such as this 1991 U.S. Marine Corps dress uniform, for display at History's Closet, a fundraising event for the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

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really is an applied history project."

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Focused on President Ford

As an assistant professor of art who teaches drawing and painting at MU, Brett Grill has spent more of his professional career working with charcoal and oil paints than with clay and bronze. But as a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., who did his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, Grill was a fitting choice to create a sculpture of President Gerald Ford.

Grill was chosen out of four finalists for the project. At 29, he was also the youngest.

"When you make a sculpture like this, it's obviously less

about the artist than the subject,"

Grill says of Ford, who lived in Grand Rapids and was a football star for the University of Michigan Wolverines.

The 7-foot, full-body, bronze statue, commissioned by the Gerald R. Ford Foundation, will become part of the national statuary collection in the U.S. Capitol rotunda in Washington. The sculpture will be composed of more

than 400 pounds of clay, molded with rubber and fiberglass resin and cast in bronze.

In the summer of 2008, Grill sculpted a bust of Ford for the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Desert, Calif., where the 38th president retired. But designing the full-body pose was something about which Grill deliberated.

"It wouldn't have been palatable if it would have been too formal," Grill says. "As president, he was remarkably accessible."

Although history is a subject Grill has explored through his work, presidential history is not. To hone his representation of Ford, the artist has researched books, videos, photographs and eulogies.

"He was a man who wasn't — at least initially — ambitious about seeking the presidency," Grill says. "But when his

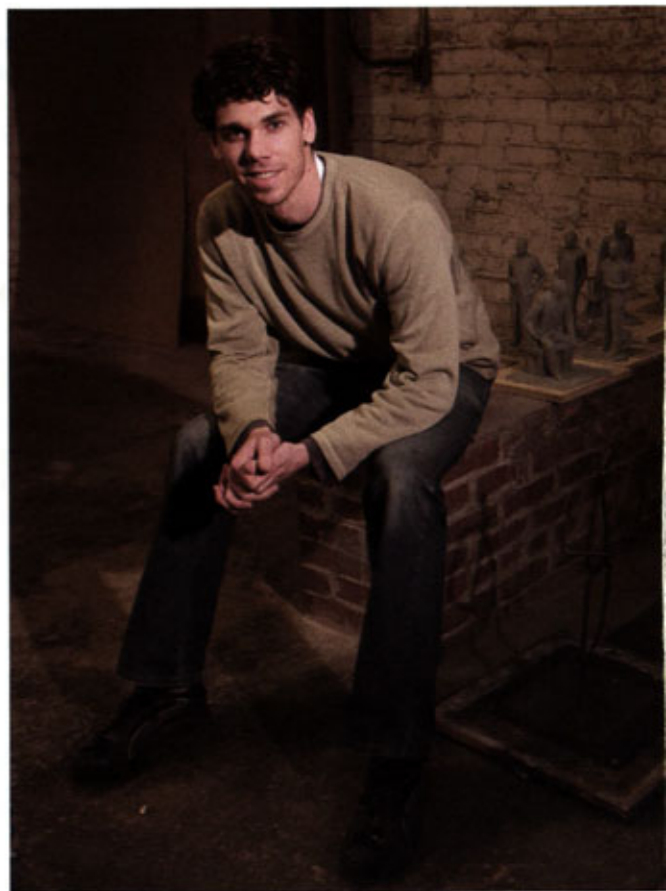


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Photo by Rob Hill

Brett Grill, assistant professor of art, is sculpting a bronze statue of 38th president Gerald Ford for the Gerald R. Ford Foundation. The statue will sit in the U.S. Capitol rotunda in Washington.

country called on him, he was more than willing to stand up and take on that role."

Grill hopes to complete the project by fall 2009.

New Web site provides context with convenience

Key words: new media, economic development

Who: Jim Spencer, MA '91, president and founder. He was also vice president of content at Ask Jeeves (Ask.com) during the early days of search engines.



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George Schellenger, MA '87, right, works with J-School students in the Newsy.com office.

George Schellenger, MA '87, vice president of content and production.

Max Carratura, vice president of finance and business operations.

Alexandra Wharton, vice president of marketing and community.

What: Newsy.com monitors international news outlets, then summarizes the reports in video format using multiple viewpoints — anything from *The New York Times* to Al Jazeera. Target audience: Ages 25–54.

When: The startup went live September 2008. It is financed through content licensing fees and online video advertising revenue.

Where: One block east of the journalism school at 904 Elm St.

Why: Spencer thinks old business models for the delivery of news no longer work. "Consumers are demanding their news in new and convenient ways. We are here to deliver to their needs and the demands of the marketplace," he says.

How: It's a win-win-win. Win No. 1: Newsy.com provides two professors and two classes — Advanced Global Converged News and Global Online Audience Development — to the J-School and the University of

Missouri for a total of 40 students at no charge. The university gets equity in the company at no cost. Win No. 2: Newsy.com benefits from the global talent magnet of the J-School. Win No. 3: Students get credit and experience.

"We're creating jobs in a down economy," Spencer says. The business launched with \$1.1 million in angel financing from Centennial Investors of Columbia and other Missouri-based investors. The city of Columbia gave Newsy.com a \$25,000 Regional Economic Development Inc. grant, and the state of Missouri provided it with 40-cents-on-the-dollar tax credits. Spencer hopes to raise an additional \$2 million this summer.

"Missouri is open for business," Spencer says. "You can move your company and create economic development. Silicon Valley does not have a lock on innovation. Our expenses are 20 percent of our competitors'. Rent in San Francisco costs more than our total monthly expenses."

Does Spencer have all the answers? No. "We're making this up as we go," he says. Visit Newsy.com and tell Spencer what you think. He wants your feedback.

Music to the ear

The musical cacophony of more than a hundred seventh- through 12th-graders enlivens campus in June and July. They're at Mizzou to attend one of the School of Music's six summer camps in piano, band, choir, composition, chamber music (strings) and youth orchestra.

Participants in the Creating Original Music Project (COMP) camp are already making a name for themselves in the award-winning documentary "Genius Among Us: Young Composers in Missouri," directed by Randolph "Randy" Sinquefield, BA '01. Randy's parents, Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield of Folk, Mo., and the Sinquefield Charitable Foundation fund the camp.

"There are so many talented young composers, but there is a lack of public funding for programs and scholarships to support them," says Jeanne, who plays the double bass in three area orchestras and is a longtime supporter of the arts. "I have heard young composers say that they actually hear their music before they write it. That kind of talent is incredible and should be encouraged and supported."

On March 9, 2009, the Sinquefields gave \$1 million to the School of Music to increase support for college-level composers.

"The Sinquefields believe that new music should be a part of everyone's life," said Robert Shay, director of the MU School of Music. "This gift will establish the School of Music as a center for new music — a place where young composers can pursue their craft in a uniquely supportive environment."

Recent major donations to the university also include:

- Catherine Allen, BS HE '68, LHD '05, of Santa Fe, N.M., committed \$1 million of her estate to the College of Human Environmental Sciences April 22, 2009. Her gift will support the Office for Financial Success, the textile and apparel management department and the dean's unrestricted fund.

- The late Florene Briscoe Fratcher of



Candler, N.C. — a longtime resident of Columbia — donated \$1.8 million of her estate to the School of Law in memory of her husband, the late Professor William Fratcher, who was a distinguished faculty member from 1947 until his death in 1992. Half of her donation supports the Law School Foundation (LSF) William Franklin Fratcher Professorship in Property and Trust Law, and the other half supports the LSF William Franklin Fratcher and Florence Briscoe Fratcher School of Law Library Fund.

- F. Robert Naka, BS '45, ScD '08, of Concord, Mass., committed \$1 million of his estate to the College of Engineering. His gift will support the dean's unrestricted fund.

- The late William Wilcher, BA '71, MA '73, of St. Paul, Minn., donated \$1.02 million of his estate to the history department in the College of Arts and Science. The gift establishes an endowment to support graduate students.

Engineering's upgrade is all about flexibility

The College of Engineering's new Laffer Hall addition gives the unit modern forms and functions, updating a structure that in some places had changed little during the past 87 years. Using an \$18.9 million bond and \$2 million in U.S. Department of Transportation funding, the structure replaces a 24,000-square-foot one-story addition built in 1922 with 60,000 square feet of new space for labs, offices and classrooms. The new addition's four levels, scheduled for completion in June 2009, fit on the historic footprint and preserve Francis Quadrangle's traditional look.

Out with the old: Back when the original 1922 addition opened — the second of nine — it included a 100,000-gallon tank where students got a firsthand look at the power of water to erode soil and pummel bridge



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The original engineering building, left, was built in 1892 and burned in 1910. It was rebuilt, and the college has continued to grow ever since. A new Lafferre Hall addition, above, is scheduled to open in June.

everything from concrete canoes to hydrogen cars for competitions. Walker says this and the college's other group-work spaces help train students for work in industry. "They have to learn to work in teams and experience the ebb and flow, the give and take," he says.

Honing their craft

In these modern times, most people find that traditional skills such as knitting, woodworking and pottery are hardly essential to everyday life. Previously homespun necessities such as socks, furniture and ceramics generally are bought, not made. The change has prompted a community of crafty citizens to take matters into their own hands.

Previously located in Brady Commons, the Craft Studio's new facility at N12 Memorial Union opened in September 2008. "This is our permanent location, and we really lucked out," says Kelsey Hammond, studio coordinator. "It's larger and it was designed for us. We did a lot of research to make a space people would want to use."

The new site includes a gallery, wood-

working shop, glass and jewelry facility, pottery studio, darkroom for photography and screenprinting, and a room for classes and meetings.

For a fee, the studio regularly offers classes on knitting, sewing, jewelry making and ceramics. But it has recently implemented free "crafternoons" — once-a-week, four-hour, come-when-you-can craft lessons. Sponsored by the Missouri Students Association and the Graduate Professional Council, the Craft Studio is open primarily to students, but welcomes staff, faculty, alumni and the general public. Class and membership prices vary accordingly.

"We realized a lot of students weren't using the studio because they couldn't afford the classes," Hammond says. "So, in September 2008, we decided to address the problem with one month of free Friday crafts, and we saw a 400 percent increase in the use of the studio. Now, the free crafternoons are our way of serving more students."

To offset the cost of free sessions, the studio uses materials donated through its Clean Out Your Closet supply drive. "So many people have unused craft materials sitting in their closets, and we'll take them off their hands," Hammond says. To donate items or to learn more, stop by the studio or visit craftstudio.org.



Photo by Rob Hill

MU students Hannah Epstein, left, and Amanda Rolwes make Valentine's Day goody boxes at the Craft Studio's Feb. 13 free "crafternoon."

abutments, says Marty Walker, director of administrative services at the college. "That hydrology lab was built right into the structure," Walker says. Other built-ins included a blacksmith shop, wind tunnel and working steam engines.

In with the new: Flexibility is Lafferre Hall's main built-in feature. Now students learn hydrology lessons using computer-enhanced equipment on a rolling cart. The traditional tanklike laboratory tables bolted to the floor have given way to movable work stations. Similarly, wide-open instructional spaces sport rolling carts with equipment specific to students' assignments. These spaces feature large windows where prospective students and other visitors can observe the work. Six of the college's departments share this instructional space, rather than supplying their own, as in the past.

The ground floor includes space for the college's many teams to design and make

Roots and blues revival

Blues, reggae, jazz, African and Romanian folk, gospel and rock: It's a kaleidoscopic cross-section of cultural creativity, and every genre influences the music of Anand Prahlad.

The well-traveled English professor's new album *Hover Near* is an extension of those sounds and sensations, but it's also a personal journey.

Prahlad recorded the entire album on his computer, layering instrumental and vocal tracks with recording equipment at home. But that wasn't the original intention.

"My first idea was a folk album with just me and the guitar," Prahlad says. "I started playing around with some accompaniment and I liked the results, so I ended up with sometimes nine or 10 tracks on a song."

With firm roots in music — piano as a child in a rural Virginia church and blues guitar as an undergraduate at Virginia Commonwealth University — Prahlad has juggled many styles.

When he arrived at Mizzou in 1990, his work revolved around writing, publishing and teaching poetry, but eventually he focused on his scholarship. Prahlad has written several books, including *African American Proverbs in Context* (University Press of Mississippi, 1996) and *Reggae Wisdom: Proverbs in Jamaican Music* (University Press of Mississippi, 2001) and is editor of *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of African American Folklore* (Greenwood Press, 2006). He is also the author of *Hear My Story and Other Poems* (Berkeley Poets Workshop and Press, 1982).

Prahlad took a 16-year hiatus from playing music while his studies occupied his time, until one of his students convinced him to resume his relationship with the guitar.

"When I started playing again, I didn't know if I could still do it," Prahlad says. "Once I started writing music, there was a flood of songs. It was encouraging."

The CD shares a title with the final song on the disk.

"'Hover Near' has to do with the way things are getting in the world," Prahlad says. "It's a good idea for people to sink roots and start building community."

More: www.prahladspace.com

Mizzou Greeks celebrate as chapters turn 100

If Willard Scott were to visit Columbia in 2009, the famous TV weatherman could fill his centenarian birthday segment with Mizzou fraternities and sororities.

Three MU chapters celebrate 100th anniversaries on campus this year — Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Kappa Alpha. For the 22 percent of current undergraduates and legions of alumni who are members of a house, the college experience and Greek life are one and the same.

Delta Gamma

There were 16 charter members in the Mu chapter of Delta Gamma, which was established April 15, 1909. Fire destroyed the chapter's first house during the Great



Above photo courtesy of Delta Gamma/Paddle photo by Rob Hill

This 1909 photo of the 16 charter members of Delta Gamma graces the main floor of the sorority house at 900 S. Providence Road. During a recent renovation of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house, workers discovered a pledge paddle, right, within the walls. Both organizations celebrate centennials in 2009.

Depression, and the current house on the corner of Burnham Avenue and Providence Road was built in 1937 for \$50,000.

The anchor, a symbol of hope that adorns most everything associated with the sisterhood, even forms the footprint of the house.

Famous alumnae include the late Kathy Higdon Wilson, BS Ed '73, former president of the National Organization for Women;





Photo by Nicholas Benner

English Professor Anand Prahlad performs on the mbira, an African instrument with metal keys mounted on a gwariva (wood soundboard). He sang and played during the True/False Film Festival at the Ragtag Cinema in Columbia in February. In 2008, Prahlad released *Hover Near*, an album of his acoustic folk-, blues- and reggae-inspired music.

BA '76, JD '77, became the first woman elected by Missourians to the U.S. Senate in 2006.

Other famous alumnae include singer Sheryl Crow, BS Ed '84; NBC News correspondent Lisa Myers, BJ '73; and the first female president of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, Avis Green Tucker, BA '37, LHD '89.

Pi Kappa Alpha

Generations of men in the Alpha Nu chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha (established Dec. 15, 1909) have lived in the same house at 916 Providence Road since 1929. The PiKA centennial campaign has raised more than \$800,000 for residence renovation, which is in progress.

While demolishing the interior walls, workers discovered a pledge paddle from the 1940s with signatures handwritten on the surface. The piece of history is now framed and will be displayed when the remodeling is complete.

Famous alumni include Donrey Media founder, the late Donald W. Reynolds, BJ '27; ESPN anchor Matt Winer, BJ '91; former Mizzou football Coach Woody Widenhofer, BS Ed '65; and former University of Colorado football Coach Bill McCartney, BS Ed '63.

the late Inez Calloway Robb, BJ '24, war correspondent for the International News Service; and the late Mary Brown James, BS Ed '71, former University of Missouri Board of Curators president.

Kappa Alpha Theta

On Feb. 12, 1909, 13 charter members founded the Alpha Mu chapter of

Kappa Alpha Theta, currently located at 603 Kentucky Blvd. The national organization, founded in 1870, was the first Greek letter fraternity for women.

During the 1910s, Thetas were active in the women's suffrage movement at MU. More than 80 years after women received the right to vote in 1920, Theta Claire McCaskill,



Mizzou's newest champion

Junior Mark Ellis conquered the heavy-weight division to win the third individual NCAA championship in Mizzou wrestling history March 21. The thrilling 3-2 victory in overtime electrified the crowd at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis as he traded shots with Duke's Konrad Dudziak.

Then, he traded in his singlet for shoulder pads. "Winning the national title freed me up to try out for football," says Ellis, who grew up playing on the same football teams as newly drafted Cincinnati Bengals tight end Chase Coffman in their hometown of Peculiar, Mo. "But it hasn't changed my approach. I still want to win another national [wrestling] title."

Ellis tried out for the football team once before in August 2005, but he opted for the mat over the gridiron. Later that semester, he almost left MU. Struggling to juggle school, athletics and his personal life, he walked into wrestling Coach Brian Smith's office prepared to quit.

"He wanted everything to happen right now, and I told him it takes time," Smith says. "You've got to get serious about school and study hall, about putting in the practice time, and if you put on 10 or 15 pounds, you'll be better."

Ellis bulked up from 210 pounds in 2005 to his current weight of 260, retained the starting spot this season and amassed a 31-3 record. He also roomed with two-time NCAA wrestling champion and 2008

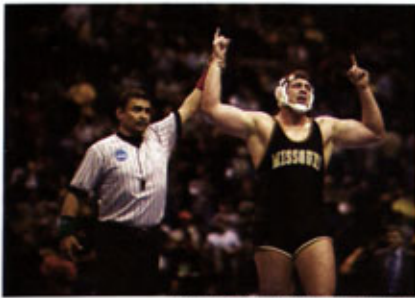


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Mark Ellis celebrates March 21 after winning the NCAA wrestling championship in the heavyweight division at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

Olympian Ben Askren, and Coffman, who influenced his athletic development.

"Chase always felt like he was the best at everything, and he's not afraid to tell you that," Ellis says of his childhood friend. "Ben's a little like that too. I think it's been contagious."

Ellis' football future is uncertain, but Smith knows his returning champ will be ready for another run at the title.

"I just believe that I train harder than any other heavyweight," Ellis says.

Bracket fever strikes

The basketball Tigers arrived at Mizzou Arena aboard a shimmering tour bus, but it may as well have been a bandwagon.

Ecstatic black-and-gold-clad MU fans held aloft signs, index fingers and toddlers as the team returned from Glendale, Ariz., after a season-ending 82-75 loss to the University of Connecticut in the NCAA Tournament March 28. The players — including seniors Michael Anderson Jr., DeMarre Carroll, Matt Lawrence and Leo Lyons — emerged from the vehicle smiling.

"We love you," shouted an enthusiastic mom. "We're so proud of you guys!"

Head Coach Mike Anderson's team surpassed almost everyone's expectations. With a school best 31-7 record, a Big 12 Conference Tournament Championship and three wins as a No. 3 seed in the West region of the national tournament, the 2008-09 team etched itself in MU athletic history. Victories over Cornell, Marquette and Memphis took the Tigers to the fourth Elite Eight appearance in school history and the brink of their first Final Four.

The season earned Anderson a National Association of Basketball Coaches Co-Coach of the Year award and a new seven-year contract.

"I can sense a resurgence of Tiger pride," Anderson told the crowd. "It was an opportunity for us to win a national championship, and we were knocking on that door. They'd better watch out because it's coming."



The Tigers were picked to finish seventh in the Big 12 preseason coaches' poll, but with an undefeated home record (18-0), road victories over Oklahoma State and Texas, and inspiring wins over powerhouses Kansas and Oklahoma, they surprised many critics.

Anderson's high-energy style of play, known as the "fastest 40 minutes in basketball," caught fire and revived fan interest; Mizzou posted four home sellouts this season.

"They say once you're a Tiger, you're always a Tiger," said an emotional Lyons. "That's how I feel."

A legacy of service

At first glance, it looked like a regular track meet between Mizzou and the University of Virginia (UVA) April 3 at Audrey J. Walton Stadium. But unusual details seemed to pop up every few minutes:

Over the public address system, the announcer called out the names of events such as the Monticello Mile and the Continental Congress Steeplechase. As the announcer introduced events, he also delivered mini-lectures about Thomas Jefferson.



Arena photo by Rob Hill/photo of players by Nicholas Benner

Above: Senior forwards Leo Lyons, right, and DeMarre Carroll led Mizzou in scoring during the 2008–09 season, averaging 14.6 and 16.6 points-per-game, respectively. **Left:** The Tigers never lost at Mizzou Arena during this season, posting an immaculate 18-0 home record.

his delight on arriving at MU that Jefferson's presence was strong here as well. The first MU–UVA meet took place at UVA in 2008, complete with a tour of Jefferson's campus and a talk by a Jefferson scholar. McGuire wanted give his athletes an experience they'd never forget. Sure enough, that meet ended with both teams sharing a victory lap.

This event at Mizzou was part two. The evening became even more curious when Patrick Lee, an actor portraying Thomas Jefferson, took the stage. The take-home message was not only pure Jefferson, it was also pure McGuire, who is famous for cultivating nurturing relationships that help his athletes succeed on and off the track: Jefferson did not wish to be remembered as a president, because that was an honor given to him by others. Instead, he preferred to be remembered for what he had given to others as an architect of political, intellectual and spiritual freedom in the United States. "A legacy resting on awards will not last," Jefferson told the athletes, "But a legacy built on service to others will last generations."

McGuire later told the athletes that the two-day track meet was "a celebration, not a war. These two teams represent the best of what NCAA athletics is about," he said. "You are great students and great people."

This was no ordinary track meet. It was the Jefferson Cup, and it sounded as though there may be a quiz at the end.

Rather than heading off to separate quarters after the events, both teams gathered at the statue of Jefferson on Francis Quadrangle. Chancellor Brady Deaton greeted them, said a few words about Jefferson, and all adjourned to dinner together at the athletics dining hall.

After dinner, Deaton spoke to the athletes about the third president's ties to MU. "Mizzou and the University of Virginia are wedded in history," he said. Jefferson was the founder not only of UVA but also of public education in the United States. MU's constitutional charter even describes the institution as a Jeffersonian university. Jefferson's big idea, Deaton said, is that knowledge should serve society.

The brainchild of this event was track Coach Rick McGuire, who in his 26 years at MU has coached 125 All-Americans, 101 conference champions and 45 Olympics trials qualifiers. He earned his doctorate in sport psychology at UVA where he became enamored of Jefferson's ideas, and he found to

Scoreboard



3.7: Senior forward DeMarre Carroll's GPA as a graduate student in human development and family studies. He was the first basketball Tiger named to both the All-Big 12 First Team and the Academic All-Big 12 Team.

6: Tigers drafted by NFL teams April 25 and 26 — the most from any team in the Big 12 Conference. Selections were wideout Jeremy Maclin (Eagles) and defensive lineman Ziggy Hood (Steelers), first round; safety William Moore (Falcons), second round; tight end Chase Coffman (Bengals), third round; offensive lineman Colin Brown (Chiefs), fifth round; and defensive end Stryker Sulak (Raiders), sixth round.

9: Shutouts in 2009 by freshman Chelsea Thomas, the winning pitcher in Mizzou's 5-0 victory over Oklahoma to claim the Big 12 Softball Tournament Championship May 10 in Oklahoma City. Thomas was the first MU freshman to start in a Big 12 Championship game. It was the Tigers' (45-9) seventh title since the formation of the Big 12 in 1996.

482: Wins for Missouri head baseball Coach Tim Jamieson, moving him into second place on Mizzou's career wins list and past the legendary Coach John "Hi" Simmons, after MU defeated then No. 6 Arizona State 5-2 on March 1.

\$250,000: Scholarship endowment to be created in memory of football Tiger Aaron O'Neal, who collapsed in July 2005 during a voluntary workout and later died. In March, the University of Missouri System and its insurer agreed to pay O'Neal's parents \$2 million to settle a suit before trial. "From the moment we lost Aaron," Coach Gary Pinkel said, "our primary concern was always for his family and for us to do what's right for them."





GETTING A LEG UP

An MU veterinarian has invented a device that could become part of standard care in the multibillion-dollar equine industry. The device helps diagnose subtle injuries that are hard to pinpoint. Along the way, he bruised a few egos (human ones) and jumped more than a few fences. Story by Dale Smith | Photos by Rob Hill



WHEN ONE OF US two-legged patients goes to the doctor with, say, a sore elbow, we give our clinicians some critical, if basic, information. We point to the joint. We say, "It's this one, doc."

But horses, with the possible exception of Mister Ed, are less forthcoming. That leaves veterinarians to figure out the problem using their own two eyes and whatever training and intuition they can muster. Diagnosing and treating subtle lameness is the most common task equine vets face day in, day out. "Even small injuries really affect how well horses can do their work," says Kevin Keegan, BS Ag '78, DVM '83, who directs MU's E. Paige Laurie Equine Lameness Program.

Horses in the 21st century likely work as one of the nation's 3.9 million mounts for pleasure riding or 2.7 million animals that compete in shows. The economic impact of recreational riding and showing horses is \$60.6 billion a year, according to the American Horse Council. If you throw in horses employed in racing and other pursuits such as workers on farms, ranches and police beats, the impact could be as high as \$102 billion.

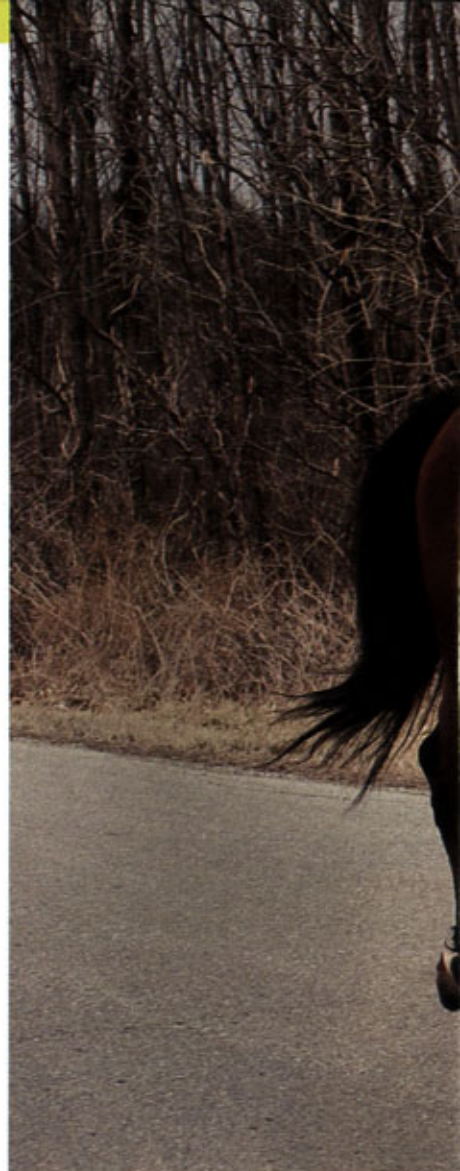
With stakes that high, horse owners have their own lobby in Washington, D.C., and equine vets spend lots of time watching lame horses trot back and forth to gather

clues about which joint or muscle or tendon or ligament is the culprit.

But there's a fatal flaw with this scenario, Keegan says: Focusing a trained eye on a horse with subtle lameness isn't always a reliable way to start the diagnostic process. Keegan noticed the problem long ago and, with colleagues, has been conducting research on it since joining the College of Veterinary Medicine faculty in 1990. Keegan recently went to market with diagnostic hardware and accompanying software that could be a boon to equine practitioners (Equinosis.com). More on the new technology shortly.

In the meantime, it's worth sketching the path Keegan has broken over the past 19 years in turning his observation into research questions and then turning his research results into a useful and marketable product. More and more faculty members at MU are breaking their own trails in markets ranging from nanotechnology to antacids. When startup companies do well, the researchers, their investors and the university make money. Plus, society benefits from new products and services — many of which improve quality of life. In fiscal 2008 alone, MU brought in \$6.2 million in licensing fees from projects like Keegan's.

It all started with an observation: It's tough to pick up subtle lameness. "I have always noticed that, in horses with mild



to even moderate lameness, there is a significant amount of disagreement between veterinarians about whether a horse is lame and in which leg, and I always thought it would be better to have a more objective system." The next step was to confirm this observation and get some idea of how unreliable the human eye is for this task.

Keegan started by conducting one of the field's first big studies. He made videotapes of lame and healthy horses running on a treadmill, and he sent them to experienced vets and vets fresh out of school. None of the respondents knew ahead of time which horses were supposed to be injured and which were supposed to be sound, and none knew that Keegan repeated horses on the tape. It turned out that experts agreed with



themselves very well, better than vets fresh out of school. But they did not agree with each other — “well below what is acceptable,” Keegan says. “That didn’t sit well in the veterinary community.”

Vets pointed out that, in practice, they don’t diagnose videotaped horses running in a straight line on treadmills. Plus, there’s more to assessing an injury than watching horses run. Fair enough. In response, Keegan and colleagues designed a more robust study, this time not using videotape but live horses. This study also included more horses and a fuller assessment of lameness. For instance, horses trotted not only straight but also in a circle, and vets put them through other standard examinations. Even when performing full, live lameness evaluations,

there was still significant disagreement among experts. When asked which leg was not lame, vets agreed about half of the time, Keegan says. But strictly by chance they would have agreed 20 percent of the time anyway. In the end, the message was the same as in the first study: The standard procedure doesn’t cut it.

Now Keegan and his colleagues were ready to start looking in earnest for a better way. “In 1993, we moved into a new facility [MU’s Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital], and the college purchased state-of-the-art motion analysis equipment.” Keegan put reflective spheres on various parts of horses and filmed them with high-speed cameras as they ran on the treadmill. The cameras picked up how the spheres moved

Previous spread: Veterinary medicine student Emily Bond tapes a gyroscope to Gunner’s ankle. The device measures changes in orientation and radios them to a computer for analysis.

Above: Bond jogs with Gunner, who wears two accelerometers and a gyroscope to diagnose lameness. As Gunner runs, the lightweight devices on his head, rump and right front foot transmit information to a computer with software that helps pinpoint the problem.

and fed the data into software that created moving 3-D images of the horses’ strides. “The human eye samples about 15 times a second, but the cameras captured 120 frames a second. We just started filming many different horses, some we knew were sound and some we knew were lame.”

This exercise gave Keegan a wealth of

A1/A2 Ratio = 1.0479

Strides = 81200

Left Hind

Right Hind

80

60

KEEGAN COULD QUICKLY STRAP THE SENSORS ON A HORSE, SET THE CREATURE TROTTING, AND THE SENSORS WOULD RADIO THE DATA TO HIS COMPUTER.

data — everything from stride length to joint angles. “But I realized that I still didn’t know the best thing to measure,” he says. So he called on Marjorie Skubic, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering. She helped him sift through the mountains of data and look for useful patterns. This data-mining unearthed what turned out to be a breakthrough finding.

Some veterinarians look for clues by observing the distance a certain leg swings to the side or how much a joint flexes. But Keegan’s data pointed elsewhere. “We found that the pattern of how the torso moves up and down was key,” he says. Not surprisingly, the general pattern of vertical movement is tied to how much other parts of the horse rise and fall as well.

This new factor — vertical movement — was important but still too general to be useful to practicing veterinarians. So, Keegan then enlisted the expertise of another engineer, Frank Pai, C.W. LaPierre Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of Missouri. Pai took data analysis methods he had developed for finding cracks in airplanes and adapted them for the stride data. Pai’s analysis gave Keegan the ability to use motion analysis to objectively measure lameness in horses.

Even though Keegan and Pai had succeeded with this finer-grained analysis, the results only helped diagnose horses that could be brought to the college, trained to run on a treadmill, decked out with reflective spheres, filmed with high-speed cameras and then analyzed. That’s too costly, time consuming and cumbersome. Keegan needed a quick, easy and affordable way

to get the data, but he wasn’t sure what to do next.

Then in the winter of 2000, Keegan went to a conference and presented the latest work he had done with Pai. “It was a bioengineering conference. I believe I was the only equine veterinarian there,” he says. “After the talk, a Japanese engineer, Yoshiharu Yonezawa, came up to me and said he had an idea for how to get the data without a treadmill. We had a little trouble communicating. There was a slight language barrier. So, we just sat down and tried to communicate, mostly by drawing on the hotel’s napkins. About six months later, he sent me a package of electronics — two sensors for feet, one for the head and another cell phone-like device that sat on the horse’s back.”

It worked! Keegan could quickly strap the sensors on a horse, set the creature trotting, and the sensors would radio data to his computer. Since then, he has refined the device. For instance, one of the foot sensors turned out to be unnecessary; all the sensors have gotten smaller and the software for picking up lameness has improved. The device was an excellent aid for live evaluation of lameness in horses.

Then in 2006, Keegan hit another roadblock: money. Until then, he had been funding his project with small grants from foundations, MU and the College of Veterinary Medicine. This sort of seed money is available for research, but once the device worked and he started refining it as a commercial product, all Keegan’s labors came under the heading of development. The seed money for research dried up, and he had to look elsewhere.

Enter Jake Halliday, director of the Missouri Innovation Center, an affiliate of

MU that has provided business assistance to faculty entrepreneurs since 1986. The center helps faculty members move their ideas from lab (or barn) to market. Halliday’s MBA class in the Trulaske College of Business worked up a market analysis and business plan for Keegan’s company, Equinosis, and helped him present it to Centennial Investors, a Columbia-based group that ventures capital on startup companies. Centennial put up \$330,000 to sustain the company through its startup phase. The money goes toward manufacturing the hardware, developing software, patent expenses, license payments to MU and general corporate purposes. Halliday also hooked Keegan up with The Incubation Factory in St. Louis, which provides management experience and other support to accelerate a product’s path to the marketplace.

Ownership of Equinosis is shared roughly equally by three groups — the inventors, Centennial Investors and The Incubation Factory. The Missouri Innovation Center also has a minor ownership stake.

A licensing agreement gives MU an up-front fee and reimbursement for its investment to patent the technology. MU receives product sales royalties, one-third of which go to the inventors.

“The process of technology transfer and product commercialization can be win-win for all involved,” Halliday says. “The inventors are rewarded for their innovation; the university and the public obtain a return on their investment in research infrastructure; investors are rewarded for supporting high-risk startup companies; and the community gains a new company that over time will create high paying jobs and contribute to the tax base and quality



of life in the area."

The Lameness Locator system is priced in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range, roughly the cost of an ultrasound machine, which is standard in veterinary practices.

And the prospects? The company's business plan projects worldwide sales of around \$30 million. If that pans out, the company could be valued at about

\$90 million after five years.

Of course, it's the big if that keeps inventors and investors up at night. "A lot of private practitioners, especially the old timers, are skeptical of what comes out of universities," Keegan says. "But word is getting out. And students will grow up with this in veterinary school; they'll want to have it in their practices." ■

Equinosis hardware includes an accelerometer attached to a beanie-like hat and a gyroscope taped to the horse's ankle. Vet researcher Kevin Keegan, left, and student Kevin Finn check out Lameness Locator data. The computer screen displays the stride data in graphic and numerical form.

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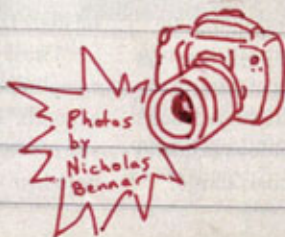
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Some Missouri high school graduates don't see college as an attainable goal.

Adam Higgins, through his work with the Missouri College Advising Corps, is trying to turn that around.



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WITHIN THE CAVERNOUS WALLS of Van Horn High School in Independence, Mo., waxed floors glisten down the length of an unused hallway. Lined with empty lockers and classrooms the Kansas City School District now uses for storage, the darkened corridor recedes toward a window bursting with sunlight.

"The building can hold about 1,300 students, but we've only got about 600 right now," says Adam Higgins, BA '08, as he gives a tour of a school in transition.

Higgins is one of nine MU graduates serving in the Missouri College Advising Corps, and he embraces the task of guiding people toward a brighter future.

"Come this way," he says.

Corps values

The Missouri College Advising Corps places recent MU graduates in mostly low-income high schools and community colleges around the state. The goal: help high school students into college and community college students into four-year schools. With a \$1 million startup grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation and a matching \$1 million from MU, the corps strives to cultivate the concept of going to college in areas where many high schoolers don't.

Mizzou is one of 12 institutions to qualify for participation in the National College

Advising Corps. According to the organization, nearly 25 percent of low-income students who score in the top quartile on standardized tests never go to college. Van Horn has its share of such students. Last November, citizens in western Independence voted for a school district boundary change to move Van Horn from the Kansas City district to the Independence School District for academic and geographic reasons.

Relating to the students

The hire of fresh college graduates such as Higgins is key to the advising corps program. These "near-peer" advisers can better relate to students and serve as role models for the path from enrollment to diploma.

"My family situation was pretty similar to a lot of kids here," says Higgins, who lived in Independence as a child and grew up in nearby Raytown. "I was raised in a single-parent home, and my mom worked a couple of jobs to help get us by." In the working-class community that surrounds Van Horn, the need for financial aid is practically universal.

As the college guide at Van Horn, Higgins helps students schedule and prepare for the ACT, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, apply for scholarships, grants and loans, and narrow down college options.

"He has a keen analytic mind, and his writing was always very methodical and clear," says Richard Foley, assistant professor of classical studies, who taught Higgins at MU. "He's got exactly the right kind of gift for this kind of job."

Higgins has close contact with juniors and seniors, but he has expanded his focus to underclassmen as well. His easygoing style is a natural fit at Van Horn, earning him the respect of the students and faculty.

When he first arrived, some of the staff mistook Higgins for a student.

"I tried to go into the library to use a computer because I didn't have an office for a month," Higgins says. "A staff member saw me and said, 'Excuse me son, you can't be in here right now.'"



Van Horn's principal acknowledges that Higgins fits right in. "The kids like him," Greg Netzer says. "And his youthful appearance doesn't hurt."

Breaking the pattern

Students such as Ray Hernandez benefit from Higgins' mentorship. Struggling with grades, Hernandez wasn't sure of his plans after high school.

"Mr. Higgins really helped me with the ACT and getting through to me that you don't need all the money to go to college," Hernandez says.

"In some disadvantaged schools, if you even talk about going to college, you're seen as 'other' or often ridiculed," says Elizabeth Cogswell, director of development and foundation relations at MU, who wrote the



On the bus ride from Independence, Mo., to Columbia for a tour of Mizzou, Higgins explains to 24 Van Horn High School students the importance of investigating prospective colleges. "Getting these kids to visit different campuses around the state really opens their eyes to the possibility of college," he says.

program's grant request. The \$1 million grant will partially pay for Mizzou's corps through the 2010–11 academic year, and the university is already seeking funding to continue the program thereafter. "Ultimately we're hoping that it will benefit the country and the economy to have more students completing college," she says.

At Van Horn, only 23.6 percent of all graduates went on to a two- or four-year college between 2005 and 2007, compared with a statewide rate of 65.2 percent, according to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

With a college diploma, the difference in earning potential is dramatic. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, workers ages 18 and older with a bachelor's degree earn an average annual salary of \$51,206, compared with \$27,915 for those without.



Higgins hosts "College Jeopardy" with a class of freshmen to familiarize them with college requirements. For Higgins, the earlier he can prepare students for the enrollment process, the better.

Hernandez worked to improve his grade point average, and his acceptance letter to Northwest Missouri State University proudly hangs on the bulletin board in Higgins' office.

A rewarding career

Higgins' office door is always open, and one-on-one time with students is central to his approach. But he is always looking



Higgins makes himself available to students. They pop in with general questions or to submit test scores and scholarship applications. The school day ends at 2:30 p.m. for the students, but Higgins usually doesn't leave the building until 5 p.m.

Every chance he gets, Higgins visits his mother, Beth Higgins, in Lyndon, Kan. He is a first-generation college graduate who attributes most of his success to the values instilled by his mom.

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for new and interesting ways to present information. Higgins recently orchestrated a Socratic seminar in which the instructor assigns the class a controversial text and then asks them open-ended questions.

"I totally bombed it," Higgins says with a sheepish grin. "I don't think the article was controversial enough. It was about the value of a college education, and there's not much to argue about. They were pretty quiet."

Despite some trial and error, there's no doubt Higgins is having success. With a student-to-guidance-counselor ratio of 289-to-1 in the state of Missouri, the college guides help counselors with a crucial duty.

Top: With more than 600 students to advise, Higgins often eats lunch at his desk while catching up on e-mail or paperwork. **Bottom:** Semone Yang, 17, talks to Higgins after school about his plans to attend Missouri Western State University in fall 2009.

"Adam spends his entire day thinking about how to get kids to college," Principal Netzer says. "It really has impacted their lives."

Case in point: Higgins hand-delivered a card and a McDonald's milkshake to one Van Horn senior after she had a baby boy at Center Point Medical Center. Undeterred by motherhood, the student hopes to enroll at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., this fall.

"One of the premises of our program is to be proactive," Higgins says. "Often, the kids

that aren't seeking help are the ones who get ignored."

So does he see a future for himself in education?

"I'm still considering law school, but I've thought about teaching," Higgins says. "I've learned a lot about myself and about communication. I always knew I wanted to work with kids in some facet after I graduated."

"This job teaches you about hard work. You've really got to work hard here to make a difference." ■



EMR STAT

Long before the current government stimulus package, Mizzou started building a system of electronic medical records. Story by Dale Smith
Photo illustration by Nicholas Benner

MICHAEL LEFEVRE VIVIDLY RECALLS the portable information technology of his days as a family medicine resident at MU. "We used to have what we called our peripheral brains. The pockets of our white coats were stuffed with reference books and cheat sheets," says the professor of family and community medicine and chief medical information officer for MU Health Care. "But now electronic medical records connect us to the world." LeFevre, BS EE '75, MD '79, MS '84, has seen MU's electronic medical records (EMR) system start from scratch 10 years ago and grow to cover MU's University Hospital as well as its Columbia Regional Hospital.

Although national political debates paint electronic records as the wave of the very near future, at MU, the world of EMRs is now. The university's system includes records generated by all of its

◀ Electronic medical records can help physicians such as Karl Kochendorfer cut down on paperwork, offer better treatment to patients and save money. Kochendorfer studies EMRs as a faculty member in MU's Department of Family and Community Medicine.


physicians and covers diagnoses, test results, prescriptions and other treatments. It offers chronic-disease summaries that display many pieces of key information to help providers work more efficiently. It points providers toward guidelines for recommended care to help them choose the next step wisely. EMRs may already be nudging providers toward achieving recommended care by showing them how they compare to colleagues on important patient-care indicators.

MU built its EMR system to improve patient care and the bottom line, and to make providers' lives easier, LeFevre says. The goals are not just laudable; they're critical to individual patients' health and to the nation's long-term economic well-being. With that much at stake, it can't be simple.

For starters, LeFevre says, EMRs can save money. But whose? "There's a disconnect between who pays for the system and who benefits," he says. "Patients and insurance companies [payers] save money, but the cost of installing EMRs is borne by providers." For example: A doctor orders a blood test for a patient on Tuesday and the patient sees a second physician on Thursday. With paper records, doctor No. 2 can't see the test results and orders the test again, causing patients and payors to pay twice. But if the second doctor sees the test results in an EMR, then that one test informs both physicians. Despite the clear potential for savings, payors don't give discounts to providers with EMRs, LeFevre says.

Not surprisingly, few doctors have invested in the new technology. Nationwide, about 17 percent of physicians use EMRs, which cost about \$40,000 per physician and roughly \$5 million to \$10 million for an average-sized hospital. Government funding is a must, LeFevre says, to help providers afford EMRs. The federal government's stimulus package included \$19.2 billion to do just that. "The money will come back to them," LeFevre says. But not right away.

According to researcher Richard Hillestad's July 2008 testimony to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, during a 15-year

Once 90 percent of hospitals and physicians adopt the [EMR] technology, savings could be about \$80 billion a year. 

adoption period from 2005–20, savings from implementing EMRs would be about \$510 billion, or approximately \$34 billion a year. However, once 90 percent of hospitals and physicians adopt the technology, savings could be about \$80 billion a year, or 4 percent of the annual cost of health care in the United States.

Meanwhile, back at Mizzou, EMRs are already paying off in other ways. For instance, university providers have worked with their vendor, Cerner, to develop ways of displaying on a single screen the many critical bits of information that providers need to treat patients with chronic diseases. In the days of paper records, doctors treating diabetes patients would have to spend several minutes thumbing through charts to collect data about weight, blood pressure, blood sugar, foot exams, eye exams and so on. Even in the early days of EMRs, it would take doctors two to five minutes and 50 clicks to collect all the pertinent data. The new summary screens gather and display the data automatically. Over the course of a day in clinic, saving even two minutes a patient gives doctors almost an hour they can use to take care of patients, rather than hunt for information, LeFevre says.

Working with Cerner, MU has developed 12 chronic-disease summary screens. These also include links to care algorithms — the next logical drug, test or advice for patients — reminders to schedule important tests, red flags signaling problems with drug interactions, and much more.

Researcher David Mehr, also a family medicine faculty member, and colleagues study what more EMRs might do to improve the quality of chronic-disease care. Researchers have looked at how EMRs can help individual patients, Mehr says, but few have investigated how they can use group-

level data to improve care.

One of Mehr's projects evaluates the use of EMRs to extend the medical profession's traditional practice in which individual physicians review their performance on particular cases face-to-face with peers to get feedback. Family medicine faculty have collaborated with Cerner to create a way to gather selected EMR data for patients of a group of physicians and to generate lists that compare doctors' performance on quality-of-care measures. One list could display the percentage of each physician's diabetes patients whose blood sugar and blood pressure are under control.

"On the screens we've created, you can see those data not only for your patients, but also for other physicians at MU and national norms," Mehr says. He thinks showing physicians the data will prompt self-examination and start a lot of conversations about how they do their work. "Most physicians want to do a good job," he says, "and this sort of tool can help them give better care." Mehr is studying whether these new tools will create changes in physician performance.

But using EMRs to push doctors toward compliance with national norms troubles some physicians, LeFevre says. "Some call that cookbook medicine and say, 'I know what's best.'" As a result, care sometimes varies enormously from doctor to doctor, but the variations don't seem to improve their patients' health. There is some value in following a proven recipe, LeFevre says. "It's much safer to fly than to go to the doctor. That's because the airline industry has rigorously standardized its work." The procedures minimize human error. Still, he says, when the situation warrants it, you want a doctor who can turn off the autopilot and land the plane in the Hudson River. ■



MISSOURI'S FINEST FIDDLERS

Howard Marshall, an expert in the traditional musical culture of Missouri, recently re-released a book and CDs tracing the history of old-time fiddling in the Show-Me State.

Story by Dale Smith * Photography by Nicholas Benner





Twenty years ago, Mizzou was under a national spotlight of sorts at, of all places, the Grammy Awards. In 1989, the university's now-defunct Cultural Heritage Center had put together a collection of 52 field recordings called *Now That's a Good Tune: Masters of Traditional Missouri Fiddling*.

THE ALBUM WAS A FINALIST in two categories but didn't win a Grammy. Nevertheless, the collection highlighting Missouri's finest fiddle players sold out quickly. It was out of print until 2008, when Voyager Recordings and Publications reissued both the recordings and the accompanying 97-page book by Howard Marshall, professor emeritus of art history. Other contributors to the book were Amy Skillman, Charlie Walden and Julie Youmans.

Marshall had (and still has) the academic chops to write the book and help pick the tunes, but his ability on the fiddle is remarkable as well. "Ever since my family moved to Randolph County in 1830, there's been a fiddler in every generation," says Marshall, BA '70. Now he is keeper of the flame. Just as it does in Marshall's family, traditional fiddling goes way back in Missouri. The instrument was common to countless settlers from Kentucky, Virginia, the Carolinas and other eastern states who flowed into the state during the pioneer era.

Over the past two centuries in Missouri, Marshall says, traditional fiddlers have played in four main venues: jam sessions, religious services, contests and dances. Jam sessions are informal gatherings during which musicians play together and swap tunes. These sessions are critical to passing along traditional music because inexperienced fiddlers can join in with the masters to learn tunes and techniques. "Sacred tunes are as much a part of the fid-



ler's repertoire as hoedowns and waltzes," despite the fact that some religions consider it "the devil's instrument," Marshall says. Contest participants can gain attention for flashy renditions of hot tunes, but the pressures of this venue favor sizzle more than substantial songs that capture regional identity. Although contests claim press atten-



tion, old-time dances take place in Missouri most every weekend of the year. "Few house dances or 'kitchen sweats' are held these days, but dances remain important in the social and musical life of many communities in Missouri," Marshall says.

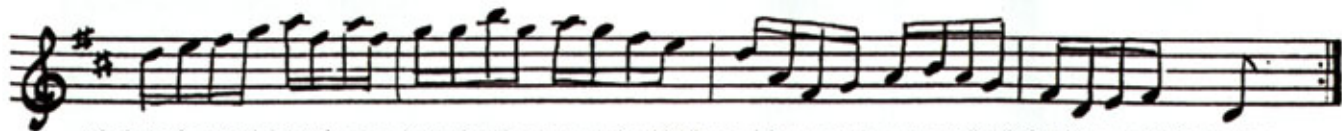
All in all, the violin is a versatile and occasionally volatile instrument. "It is a musical instrument welcome in the orchestra pit, the juke joint, the dance hall, parlor, kitchen and chapel," Marshall writes. "The

violin is, perhaps more than any other instrument, able to fire the emotions and to inculcate solemn repose." What's more, fiddling remains an important thread in Missouri life. "It's still there, if we just scratch the surface. Ninety percent of fiddlers are just people having fun around the kitchen table, and they don't care if anybody knows that they play."

Alan Jabbour, founding director of the American Folklife Center at the Library of

Congress in Washington, D.C., wrote the foreword to the first edition of Marshall's book. He described Missouri as an essence of America when it comes to fiddling. "As for me," he wrote, "having spent some happy days and nights in the midst of Missouri fiddlers, I rest easy knowing that, if fiddling ever ebbs in other parts of America, Missouri will hold fast till the tide turns again." ■

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Clockwise from top left: On the second Saturday of each month, local fiddlers and dancers gather at the Hallsville (Mo.) Community Center for a potluck dinner, followed by traditional music and dance. • Guitar accompanist Kenny Applebee plays at the Hallsville fiddle and dance gathering. • Richard Shewmaker, a student of Howard Marshall, warms up for the annual Boonville, Mo., fiddle contest, held at the Laura Speed Elliot School.



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Some go on to high-profile professional athletic careers — such as *Linas Kleiza, AFNR '05, of the NBA's Denver Nuggets or **Justin Gage, AFNR '03, of the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

Many, however, spend a majority of their careers involved in non-athletic endeavors. For five Tigers spread across five decades, their career paths could not be more diverse.

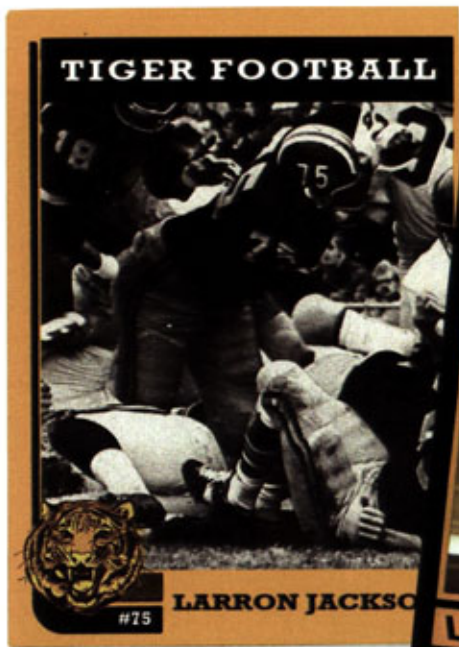
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LINAS KLEIZA AVERAGED 31.3 POINTS FOR DENVER IN 2007-08.

JUSTIN GAGE CAUGHT 34 PASSES FOR 651 YARDS FOR TENNESSEE IN 2008.





Gridiron disciple

In his playing days, Larron Jackson was a 6-foot-3, 257-pound behemoth who opened space for Mizzou running backs. Almost 40 years later, he still leads with his strength.

After graduating from MU, Jackson went on to earn his doctorate at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He founded International Agape Ministry in 1992. It helps churches optimize resources toward assisting the community, or what he calls "strategic planning." In May 2007, Jackson joined Touro Infirmary to put those strategies to the test in post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans.

"We would address any number of issues, from people not getting proper health care to creating access to health care and dealing with violence, drug addiction and school dropouts," Jackson explains.

Touro is the city's only nonprofit, faith-based hospital.

"Since I had a heart for the city, the question for me was, 'How do you begin to effect change in some of the most difficult environments around the country?'" says Jackson, who grew up in inner-city St. Louis.

In 17 years, Jackson's ministry has taken him from Camden, N.J., to Denver, where he spent most of his NFL career playing for the Broncos. Because of the struggling economy, funding for his work in New Orleans was cut, but Jackson is using the time to work on a book, *The Ghetto, the Gridiron and the Gospel: A Journey in God's Grace*.

In the book's "Gridiron" section, Jackson tells the story of his time playing for MU Coach Dan Devine.

Jackson appreciated the way Devine coached players of different backgrounds.

"He was a steadfast man of character," Jackson says.

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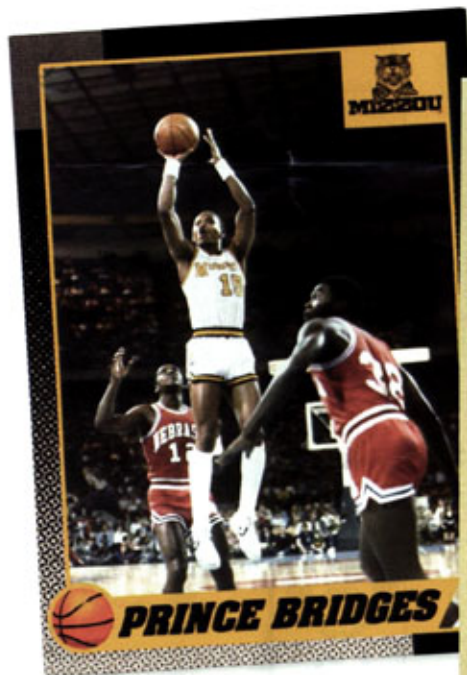
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Bridges to success

Tiger fans remember Prince Bridges as the slick-passing, athletic point guard who transferred from Tyler [Texas] Junior College to Mizzou in 1982. Missouri soared all the way to No. 1 in the polls that season, while Bridges dished assists to scoring legends Steve Stipanovich, BES '89, and Jon Sunvold, BS BA '83.

Bridges now owns the basketball training company Bridging the Gap in Oklahoma City, where amateur hoopsters learn the finer points of the game. Through camps, clinics, team consultations and personalized training sessions, Bridges has helped more than 30 players make the transition from high school to college basketball.

"The most important part is finding a place where you fit because the experience of playing is great," Bridges says. "I think we've started to miss that in college athletics today. I just want to make sure the experience is good for them."

Bridges was the 103rd choice in the 1984 NBA draft by the Denver Nuggets and played for the Louisville Catbirds of the Continental Basketball League for one season. But he feels like he's found his calling.

"I tell people I have about 50 kids," Bridges jokes. "They're always texting and calling me, but I have the benefit of sending them back to Mom and Dad, so I get the easy part."



PRINCE BRIDGES

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Thole's goals




As Mizzou soccer's all-time leading scorer, Nikki Thole has ample experience pursuing goals. Now she spends much of her time helping St. Louis youngsters achieve theirs. As sports supervisor for the city of Des Peres, Mo., since 2005, Thole runs youth sports leagues and clinics, and some adult kickball, basketball, dodgeball and volleyball programs. "After college, I took more of an interest in outdoor recreation and just recreation in general," Thole says. "This is a perfect match for me."

In fall 2008, Thole helped coach a 9- and 10-year-old boys-and-girls soccer team in Rolla, Mo. Thole stays active herself, but has had to overcome several injuries to do so. After four knee surgeries, one on her ankle, and another on her shoulder, she's had her share of pain. But the born athlete put it behind her for the Go! St. Louis Marathon on April 19, running and walking to complete the race.

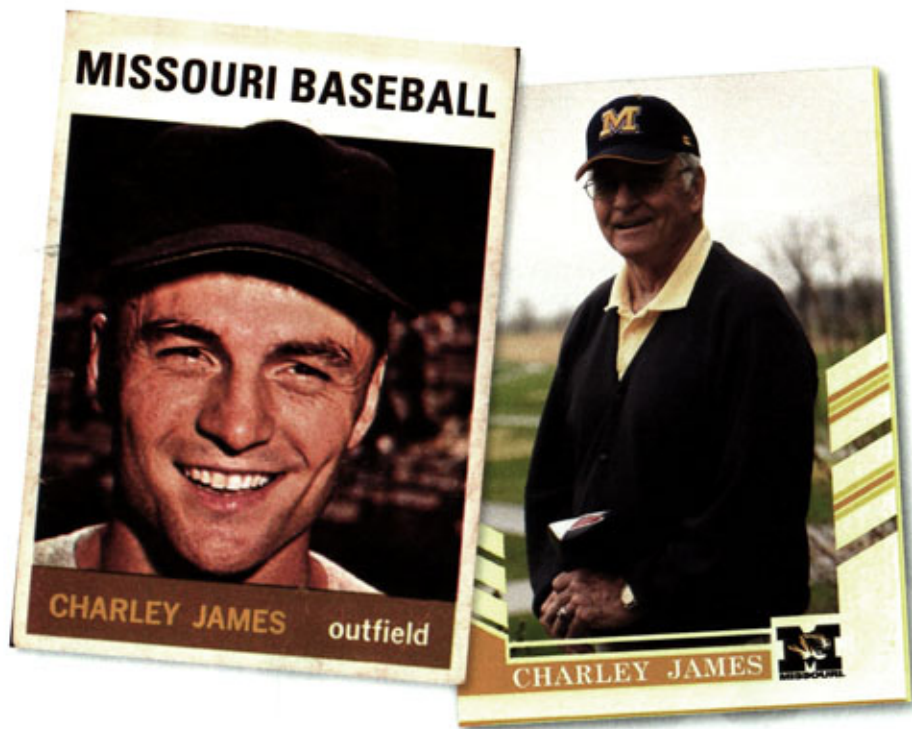
"I did karate for four or five years after I got out of college — and coached the little guys, too — but recently stopped because of my shoulder," Thole says. "I'll eventually pick it back up."

Thole, the only All-American in MU soccer history, also enjoys globetrotting vacations. She went to Alaska in July 2008 and returned from New Zealand in December.

"I ran while I was there, but between hiking, river boarding, bungee jumping, skydiving and Zorbing (rolling down hills inside of a plastic globe), we did not have a lot of time for athletic activities," Thole jokes. "New Zealand was a blast full of stunning scenery that I will never forget."

	
	
NIKKI THOLE	<p>THEN BS '01, SOCCER 1997-2000</p> <p>NOW SPORTS SUPERVISOR ST. LOUIS</p>
	

FAVORITE TIGER MOMENT: GETTING TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO WATCH THE NCAA TOURNAMENT SELECTION MY JUNIOR YEAR



Charley the champion

Charles Wesley James was a two-sport standout during his playing days at MU, but most people remember a more glamorous highlight on his athletic résumé — a World Series championship.

After an injury forced James to pursue baseball instead of football, the hard-hitting outfielder signed a minor-league contract with the Houston Buffaloes in the spring of 1958. He was playing for Charleston, W.Va., in the American Association when he received a call from the St. Louis Cardinals in 1960.

“Charleston was actually a Washington Senators affiliate, but the Cardinals lent me to them because they knew the manager,” James says. “I was only there about a month before I got real hot, and they called me up to St. Louis.”

The Cardinals’ 1964 roster featured Hall of Famers Lou Brock and Bob Gibson. James and the Redbirds beat the New York Mets on the final day of the 1964 regular season to win the National League pennant and went on to defeat the New York Yankees in a seven-game World Series.

James, 71, played for MU football coaching legend Don Faurot and his baseball counterpart, Hi Simmons. Both left an impression on the Missouri native from Webster Groves.

James currently lives in Fulton, Mo., and he enjoys golf, fishing and hunting. His World Series ring still occasionally glistens in the stands at Fulton Hornet games, where his granddaughter and grandsons played high school baseball, basketball, softball and tennis.

“The MU baseball fellows and I still get together once a year for a golf outing in Fulton,” James says.

CHARLEY JAMES

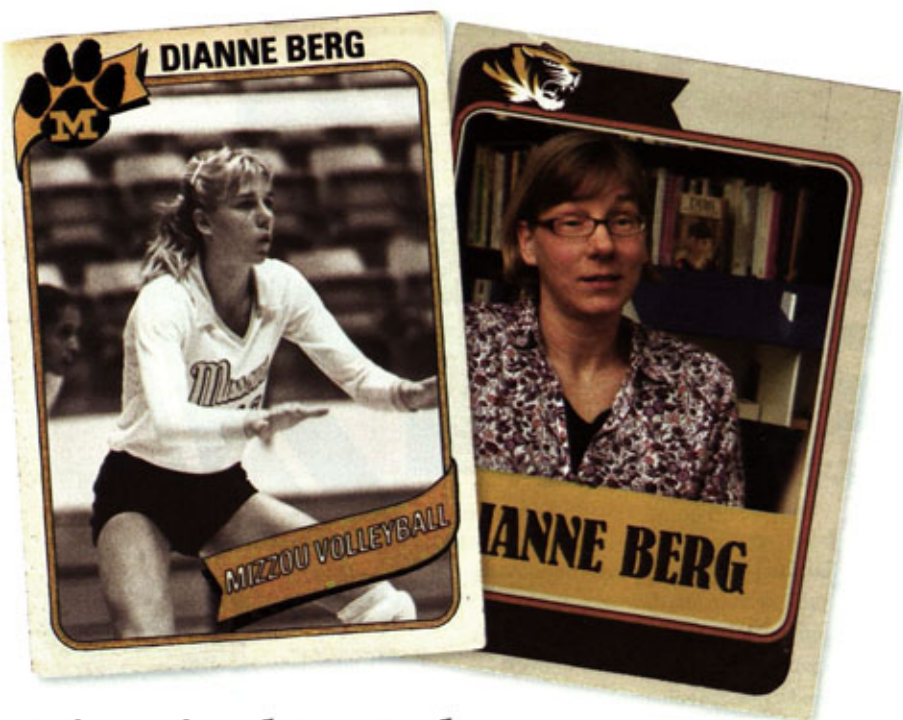
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FAVORITE TIGER MOMENT: LEARNING I HAD SET A SINGLE-SEASON RECORD AT MU FOR THE MOST PASS RECEPTIONS BY A HALFBACK



Tiger in the tundra

Originally from rural Moose Lake, Minn., Dianne Berg was inducted into the MU Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.

After earning her doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Illinois, Berg joined the Program in Human Sexuality at the University of Minnesota in 2001. It is an outpatient specialty clinic for people dealing with compulsive sexual behavior, transgender transitioning, sex-offender treatment or other sexual issues.

In the program, Berg works with some of the leading researchers in the field.

"The conversations I have with my co-workers are conversations most people would never have in their lifetime," Berg says. "But the coolest part of it is that when you strip it all away, it's all just human stuff."

Berg says she was recruited to MU on "potential" by the late Mike English, who coached the 1982 Tigers to the program's first national ranking in school history. Berg is tied with five other players for the Mizzou single season matches-played record of 37.

"I was very confused for the first several weeks," Berg says of her early days on the court at MU. "Mike finally taped an 'X' on the floor just for me. 'Go there when the ball is served,' he said."

Berg and her partner, Suzy Messerole, have a 4-year-old daughter named Solvei.

"She's very into art. She gets her scissors and paper, makes collages and then tells us what she's made," Berg says. "She goes through tape like you wouldn't believe." ■

<h1>DIANNE BERG</h1>	<p>THEN BA '87, VOLLEYBALL 1982-85</p> <p>NOW ASSISTANT PROFESSOR MINNEAPOLIS</p>

FAVORITE TIGER MOMENT: A SPRING BREAK TRIP WITH MY TEAMMATES TO MIAMI FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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The alumni association is always looking for the best ways to serve the specific needs of our members. That is why we are developing targeted programs, services and special offers just for young alumni 1-10 years from graduation. And to support our most-recent graduates a few additional special offers are available for recent grads 1-3 years from graduation.

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Using the Mizzou Alumni network

Mizzou alumni share a lot in common. We come to Columbia for an education, and we left with so much more. We developed memories, friends, and a sense of purpose, and possibly, an unrepentant passion for Mizzou pride.

As a MU graduate, your degree was just the beginning of life after Mizzou. At the Mizzou Alumni Association we work hard every day to keep the value of your MU degree among the best in the nation and to remind you whenever you live or travel that there are other Mizzou Tigers nearby.

No matter when you earned your degree, we hope you have utilized the global network of Mizzou alumni. The Association helps you keep connected to this network through our online membership directory, online social community pages, career services and alumni leader services.

We also help alumni keep connected through events like Homecoming Banquets in Columbia or local chapter events throughout the country. A full list of networking options are displayed below.

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Clicking to MU connections



New feature-length stories in the Highlights section give readers in-depth information on association programs and services.

Specialized pages for a variety of topics and lifestyle groups give users easy access to information and greater power to navigate the site.

The new site's emphasis on connecting alumni to each other as individuals and as groups will help create a virtual community online.

The site has lots of information about Mizzou traditions, myths, legends, notable alumni and plenty of campus nostalgia.

The Mizzou Alumni Association officially unveiled its new Web site April 30. The former site, launched in 2002, was a model for its time, says David Roloff, director of membership and marketing. But when it comes to electronic communications, time passes faster than dog years. "The design had gotten stale," he says, "and it was hard for staff and members to post content."

The new site obliterates those problems and opens up new possibilities. "We wanted to meet the demand for more and fresher content, including more opportunities for social networking," Roloff says. For instance, now it's easy to join groups based on a common interest, such as being a former *Maneater* staffer, or keeping in touch with a certain professor.

The association's pages for each chapter got a facelift as well. "They are more dynamic," Roloff says. "Members can easily post documents, photo albums, contacts and information about events."

Roloff says the site is inclusive. All MU graduates may register for the site and access a variety of online services and resources. The new site is a portal to all sorts of pages. It includes links to anything from MU-related videos posted on YouTube to other Web sites about campus and Columbia.

"We see the site as a resource for

information, a portal to take you places you want to go, and a way to offer relevant information to alumni," Roloff says. "It's an online community."



Let's make a movie!

Enter the association's one-minute movie contest in one of two topics: "How I'm true to MU" or "What MU means to me." Winners will receive prizes, and their movies will appear on the association's Web site. To learn more about the contest, visit mizzou.com.

A better bundle

The Mizzou Alumni Association is making a special membership offer to the class of 2009. Graduating students who buy their cap and gown at University Bookstore will also get an MU alumni-themed T-shirt and a one-year recent-graduate membership for \$54.95. This bundle of items, if bought individually, would cost \$74.95. "About 80 percent of each year's graduating class gets caps and gowns and goes through the graduation ceremony," says David Roloff, the association's director of membership and marketing. The new program could bring in thousands of new members.

"Membership overall is looking really good," Roloff says. As of April 24, the association had a record 38,933 members. That figure is due in part to a recent telephone campaign, during which the association called 60,000 alumni and netted about 2,000 new members. Along with the cap-and-gown program, recruitment efforts may nudge the membership tally past 40,000.

To see membership not just remain strong but rather increase during tough economic times is heartening, Roloff says. "Membership at peer institutions is generally flat or decreasing," he says. "It shows the loyalty of MU alumni and the value they see in association membership." Dues support the entire university through a wide variety of programs, he says. "It's a great overall way to support Mizzou."

Speaking of dues, here are the new rates, effective July 1:

Annual Individual, \$45

Annual Dual, \$65

Annual Senior, 65 or older, \$35

Senior Dual, 65 or older, \$50

MU Faculty or Staff, \$35

Faculty or Staff Dual, \$50

Recent Graduate (special offer for graduates



1–3 years from their commencement date), \$35

Recent Graduate Dual, \$50

TrueTiger (MU student), \$25 (effective May 27)

MU Student Dual, \$35

To join or renew: www.mizzou.com.

Year in review

Serving as volunteer president of the Mizzou Alumni Association (MAA) is always a busy job, but Craig Lalumandier may be setting a new pace for planning and organization. During his one-year stint as president, Lalumandier, BS CE, BS EE '89, has spent a lot of time working with other volunteers and MU staff on the association's long-range plan and on helping association volunteer committees set clear goals.

To kick off the long-range planning in January 2009, MU Chancellor Brady Deaton and University of Missouri System President Gary Forsee joined MAA staff and volunteers

Recent graduates are the Mizzou Alumni Association's fastest growing member group.

to outline broad institutional goals. Getting up to speed on those issues was a great way to start, Lalumandier says, because, "our mission is to support the best interests of the university."

The long-range plan is still a work in progress, Lalumandier says. But it will include goals to increase both the number of members and their level of advocacy for MU. "We want our alumni to be as informed as they can be about MU. If people know what MU has to offer, they can be advocates to prospective students and their parents, legislators and curators. The list of stakeholders is long, and we need to figure out how to maximize use of our people and resources." (For more on advocacy, see the story on opposite page.)

The long-range plan also emphasizes

communication. For instance, "We're finding that students don't really understand aspects of the association and MU as well as we would like. We want them to have such a tight bond with the university that they never lose that," Lalumandier says. The association also will work harder to communicate with faculty. For the first time, the association's planning group includes a faculty member, Jim Spain, vice provost for undergraduate studies. "We have a few faculty involved in the association, and we want more. We want them to think of us as a resource."

Leadership development continues as a priority, Lalumandier says. The association's leadership development committee helps identify and nurture future leaders of the association. It also sponsors Leadership Mizzou, a one-day session each fall that educates the 25 attendees about the university and the association.

Lalumandier is vice president for information technology at Charter Communications in St. Louis, and he has a goal-oriented leadership style. "The association has seven standing committees. This year, I asked each committee chair to come up with concrete, measurable goals and objectives." Lalumandier says the goals are a way of helping volunteers be as productive as possible.

Although Lalumandier has dedicated many hours to this volunteer position, he gets a lot in return. "You get an appreciation for how dedicated the faculty, staff and the chancellor are at Mizzou. As president, you get to meet a lot of people, and that has been very rewarding. The same goes for my family. We all got to participate in numerous events, including Tiger Walk and the Homecoming parade, and we attended several football games including our Alamo Bowl victory in San Antonio."

The association offers many ways for alumni to get involved in MU, Lalumandier says. "Once people get involved, they're hooked."

Advocacy in action

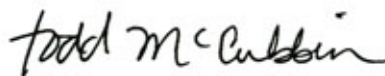
Growing up in rural northeast Missouri, I was a proud member of the Perche Creek 4-H Club. The group was a small but enriching learning opportunity, filled with experiences I still carry with me. I remember fondly how the volunteers and county extension youth specialists took such a great interest in us. I didn't know then that my 4-H membership made me a participant in one of MU Extension's many programs.

Along with many others, I was alarmed when Gov. Jay Nixon's proposed state budget included a 50 percent cut to MU Extension. However, after thousands of phone calls, e-mails and an impressive ground attack by extension supporters and alumni, it appears the budget cut will be avoided. In fact, the governor's philosophy regarding higher education, including MU Extension, is supportive. You see, MU Extension embodies one of MU's missions as a land-grant institution. Simply put, extension takes knowledge and discoveries from our campus and spreads them to every Missouri county.

Like the University of Missouri, extension plays a vital role in the state's economy. Its educational offerings help build a stronger workforce, its local agents help bring new technologies to market, and its business development program provides much-needed resources for small-business owners. Although extension's role is vital to Missouri, many — including some in our state legislature — are

not aware of the nuances of today's operation.

This episode reminds us of MU Extension's value and shows how alumni can rally around a cause and become a force in Jefferson City. But politics is just one avenue for alumni advocacy. Alumni can help MU by encouraging good students to attend Mizzou, educating co-workers around the water cooler about the university and making sure legislators know that supporting MU is important. This sort of grass-roots advocacy is a cornerstone of your alumni association. Thank you! If I can help you explore ways of becoming involved in the association or as an advocate for MU, please get in touch.



Todd McCubbin, executive director
Mizzou Alumni Association
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Photo by Nicholas Benner

This episode reminds us of MU Extension's value and shows how alumni can rally around a cause and become a force in Jefferson City.

Students new to Mizzou

Each summer, Mizzou Alumni Association chapters around the country give new MU students special send-offs before they make tracks to Columbia. These chapters provide a local network for students and their parents. This year, events are planned in Houston, Dallas, Chicago, Springfield, Mo., West Plains, Mo., and elsewhere. *More: mizzou.com*

Get involved, volunteer

More than a thousand Tigers are part of the association's global volunteer network. If you are looking for ways to serve the university, opportunities abound for becoming active in your local chapter, school or college organizations and national committees.

More: Visit mizzou.com or e-mail Jayson Meyer at meyerjay@missouri.edu.

Enter the member photo contest

Got a great snapshot of Mizzou? The association is accepting entries for the 2010 Member Calendar Photo Contest.

The deadline is June 30, 2009.

More: mizzou.com

Cruise the Greek Isles

This fall, join fellow Tigers and experience the legendary lands of the Eastern Mediterranean aboard the elegant Oceania Insignia. The cruise begins

in the Greek Isles and moves on to Turkey, including stops in Delos, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Santorini, Crete and Corfu. This 13-day odyssey (Oct. 21–Nov. 3) concludes in Venice. Pricing begins at \$2,599 per person (double occupancy).

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In fall 2009, Tourin' Tigers will visit Santorini and other sites in the Greek Isles.

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JUNE 26 Second Annual Entsminger Classic Golf Tournament (Columbia)		JULY 19 Tourin' Tigers: Land Tour of Scotland		JULY 21 Greater Ozarks Student Send-Off	JULY 25 St. Louis Chapter Soiree in Stripes		AUG. 6 Bates County Picnic	
		AUG. 21 Kansas City Chapter Picnic				AUG. 23 Tiger Walk, Francis Quadrangle		SEPT. 5 Mizzou vs. Illinois Football (St. Louis) and Mizzou HQ Presented by Bud Light

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On cue for tricks

Next time you find yourself in a pool hall, try for a moment to forget everything you know about billiards. Just pick up a cue ball, put it in your mouth, spit it onto the table and try to make a shot.

The results probably won't be pretty — if you can even fit the thing in your mouth. But rest assured, one among us makes the trick look good, not to mention easy. Charles Darling has made a name for himself — “Spitball Charlie” — as an entertainer in trick-shot billiards, and it all started during his student days at MU.

As the only member of MU's now-defunct billiards team, “I spent a good part of my time in two pool halls — the Columbia Billiards Center and Booche's — and I beat everybody in town,” says Darling, BS Ed '73, of Washington, Mo.

Although already an advanced player, an encounter with legendary billiards character Minnesota Fats encouraged Darling to up his game. “When Fats stopped in Columbia, I got interested in watching him play pool, entertain the crowd and do trick shots,” Darling says. “About the same time, I saw a guy come to



Charles Darling, aka “Spitball Charlie,” puts a whole new spin on “behind the eight ball.”

town, spit a cue ball out of his mouth and make shots on a pool table. I wondered if I could do that, so I stuck a ball in my mouth and found out I was real good at it. ‘Spitball Charlie’ became my nickname, and it has been my moniker ever since.”

The name and the act behind it have served him well. In 1998, Darling competed in his first U.S. artistic pool competition in Las Vegas and placed third. The next year, he placed second behind Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman, before taking his act worldwide. “I played in the world championship in 2001 after just three years of competing and won, beating Hall of Fame player Mike Massey by just one point,” Darling says. He followed up his world championship title with North American championship wins in 2003 and 2004, and he opened his own billiards supply and game room in Washington in 2007.

You can still catch him on television stations' trick billiards coverage, but Darling is just as happy putting on a show at charity events or for the people who stop by his shop. “I traveled to all different places,” he says, “but my roots are right here.” — Sarah Garber

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The Thirties

Abbott Ferriss, BJ '37, of Gainesville, Ga., retired sociology professor at Emory University in Atlanta, has been writing on social indicators and quality of life studies. He is scheduled to publish a book in 2009 on improving the quality of life.

The Forties

Vernon Lightfoot, BA, BS '43, of Santa Rosa, Calif., represented the 1941 Tiger football team at the induction ceremony for the University of Missouri Athletic Hall of Fame Jan. 30, 2009, in Columbia. He played from 1939–41 on the Don Faurot-coached team, which went 8-2 but lost the 1942 Sugar Bowl to Fordham 2-0.

Lt. Col. Bobb Glenn, BS BA '48, of Chula Vista, Calif., wrote “The Java Mission and the Bombing of Darwin,” his recounting of the bombing of Darwin, Australia, during World War II while he served in the U.S. Army. The story appeared in the *Historical Society of the Northern Territory Occasional Paper Series* (Historical Society of the Northern Territory, 2008). The Darwin bombing raid was recreated in the 2008 movie *Australia*.

The Fifties

☆ **Perry Proffitt**, BS Ag '50, and ☆ **Gwen Vaughn Proffitt**, BS Ed '53, M Ed '58, of West Plains, Mo., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 29, 2009.
Jerome Gilson, BA '52, of Wilmette, Ill., is a

senior shareholder in trademark and unfair competition practices at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione.

☆ **Elma Ellis Hess**, BS Ed '54, and ☆ **John Hess**, BS '57, of Leawood, Kan., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 30, 2008.

☆☆ **Wilbur Miller**, BS Ed '54, M Ed '55, EdD '60, of Auburn, Ala., was named Player of the Year for the Alabama region of the Golf Channel Amateur Tour, placing in the top four of 20 tournaments with seven first-place finishes in the Jones Flight.

John Mozier, BS Ag '59, DVM '59, of Louisburg, Kan., received the 2008 Distinguished Service Award from the American Guernsey Association at its annual national convention.

Bullish on Missouri

The global financial meltdown has reached into the heart of Missouri, closing businesses and factories, and throwing thousands of people out of work. With job creation a top priority, Gov. Jay Nixon, BA '78, JD '81, appointed veteran St. Louis attorney Linda Martinez as the state's director of economic development.

After nearly 25 years as a partner with the international megafirm Bryan Cave LLP, and with a reputation as a dedicated business and civic leader, Martinez, BA '76, has the credentials to tackle her new assignment. She says there's a somewhat brighter lining to the current black cloud of financial despair. "The wonderful thing is that everyone right now seems to want to do something to help with the economic recovery," she says.

That desire to pitch in helped steer Martinez to her new job. "I was thinking about what to do when I retired," she says. "I've always had a tremendous respect for people in public service, and I thought I shouldn't wait until I retire to do my public service. I wanted to help address this troubled time in the economy."

As an attorney, she specialized in using tax credits to help create incentives for business expansion and job creation. Martinez also helped her clients craft private and

public partnerships to develop large projects. Now, when she's not working in the state capital, Martinez lives in a building in St. Louis' Washington Avenue loft district that she developed and co-owns.

The challenge in shoring up Missouri's wobbly economy involves not just what tools to use, such as tax credits, but also how to nurture public and private partnerships, Martinez says. She also will look to another bright spot in the Show-Me State. "I think about the people of Missouri," she says. "They are our primary asset. Missourians are not afraid of hard work; they're resilient."

For example, in the early 1990s an economic downturn forced aircraft maker McDonnell-Douglas to lay off thousands of its St. Louis workers. "There was a huge resurgence in entrepreneurial activity. Many of those people picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and started a business," she says. "With this current economy, there's a potential for thousands and thousands of new entrepreneurs in Missouri."

Martinez didn't have her sights set on a legal career when she came to Mizzou. She was sure she would become a doctor just like her late father, who came from Mexico for a residency at Barnes Hospital and met and married her mother, a nursing student. Three of her uncles and her



Linda Martinez, Missouri's new director of economic development, says hard-working, resilient citizens are the Show-Me State's primary asset.

paternal grandfather were physicians.

But an interest in public policy has long been part of Martinez's makeup. "I was very involved in student government when I was at Mizzou. I think everybody — to a person — assumed I was pre-law," she recalls. "I would say, 'No, no, no. I'm pre-med.' I went to Mizzou with a lot of people who were smarter than me, and maybe they knew me better than I knew myself." — John Beahler

The Sixties

☆**Ron McCanless**, BS PA '60, and Arlene McCanless of Independence, Mo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 7, 2009.

☆☆**Bruce Loewenberg**, BSF '61, of Clark, Mo., is president of the American Sales Association.

☆☆**Thelbert Childers**, BS Ag '65, DVM '67, of Dallas received the Community Leadership Award and was co-recipient of the Texas Lifetime Achievement Award at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty



Giving for gardening

As the founder of Real Estate Management Inc. (REMI), Mark Stevenson owns much land in Columbia, but he doesn't own it.

"I'm part Cherokee," says Stevenson, BGS '90, JD '00. "Cherokees don't believe that you can really own land. You can live on it and you can use it, but you have a responsibility to it."

To fulfill his responsibility and help preserve the earth, Stevenson donates vacant plots to the local Community Garden Coalition and to Sustain Mizzou, a student organization that promotes sustainability on campus and in the community. His donations have provided land for four community gardens — the Ash Street, Benton-Stephens, Circus-Lyons and Ninth Street gardens — and the Sustain Mizzou Research Farm, located on the corner of St. Joseph and Ash streets.

"So often now we separate ourselves from other people and from nature, both to our detriment," Stevenson says. "When people come out to garden in these areas, they get to know each other,



Mark Stevenson donates vacant plots of land to community gardens in Columbia.

and pretty soon it's a safer, healthier community."

A number of studies from the past 10 years cite the positive effects of community gardening, which include the opportunity to connect with neighbors, to organize with the purpose of addressing local problems such as crime, and to promote health, nutrition and physical activity.

"I think it's important for everyone to do what they can," Stevenson says. "Everybody can contribute something, even if it's time or picking up litter. People are hungry for healthy activities."

— Sarah Garber

to Animals of Texas' annual Fur Ball Gala Sept. 27, 2008.

☆☆**Leonard Komen**, BA '65, JD '70, of St. Louis is board chair and president of The Wellness Community of Greater St. Louis, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping cancer patients.

☆☆**Joe Dillsaver**, MA '68, PhD '75, of Tulsa, Okla., wrote *These Bones Shall Rise* (Tate Publishing & Enterprises LLC, 2009).

☆☆**Larry Moore**, MA '68, of Belton, Mo., 10 p.m. news anchor for KMBC-TV in Kansas City, Mo., received the Bridge of Friendship Award from the Society for Friendship with China in Kansas City.

☆☆**Stephen Rivkin**, BJ '68, of Glen Rock, N.J., is a board member for Volunteers in Medicine, a national network that establish-

es free community-based health care clinics for the uninsured.

☆☆**James Etling**, MA '69, of St. Louis has retired as founder, CEO and president of Etling Printing Co.

The Seventies

Stephanie Finkelstein Knepper, BA '70, MS '72, of St. Charles, Mo., was named Missouri 2007 Social Worker of the Year. She retired in 2007 after spending her career in the St. Louis Public Schools.

☆☆**Charles Gioia Jr.**, BS BA '73, of St. Louis has retired from Anheuser-Busch InBev (formerly Anheuser-Busch Inc.) after 36 years of service, most recently as an analyst in quality assurance.

James Furkin, BS BA '74, of St. Louis wrote

Finish Line (Xlibris Corp., 2008) and *Tuey's Course* (Xlibris Corp., 2009), under the name James Ross.

John Lord, BJ '74, of St. Louis is a partner at Williams Venker & Sanders LLC.

☆☆**Daniel Schwartz**, BA '74, of St. Louis practices in the field of employee benefits at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale PC and was named in the 2008 issue of *Missouri Super Lawyers*.

Don Stankovich, BJ '75, of Richmond, Va., is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and is the senior human resources officer for the 80th Training Command.

☆☆**Lawrence Meyer**, BJ '76, of Miami retired after 14 years as a communications executive and officer with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

☆☆**Daniel Godar**, BS BA '77, JD '80, of St. Louis, a partner of Armstrong Teasdale LLP, is a member of BTI Consulting Group's Client Service All-Star Team.

Irene Hannon, MA '77, of St. Louis wrote *Against All Odds* (Revell, 2009).

☆☆**Jan Gillette Sartain**, BS Ed '77, of Austin, Texas, is chair of the Special Olympics Texas Board of Directors.

James Jordan, BJ '78, of Coppell, Texas, wrote *Forsaken* (B&H Publishing Group, 2008).

Ginger Holmes Robinson, BA '78, BSN '81, and husband **Randy Robinson**, BA '80, of Centennial, Colo., manage Face the Challenge, a nonprofit organization that sends surgical teams to provide free facial surgeries in Bolivia, Vietnam and China. Teams have provided more than 1,031 surgeries since 1993.

James Thomas, M Ed '78, of Aliquippa, Pa., is assistant dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

The Eighties

Tim Travers, M Ed '80, EdSp '96, of Hartsburg, Mo., is the director of the Yangoon International Educare Center in Myanmar. He, wife Ann and daughter Katie survived Cyclone Nargis in May 2008, but they were



forced to close the school several weeks earlier than scheduled.

☆☆**Jeffrey Burden**, BJ '82, of Richmond, Va., edited *Vanishing Footprints: The Twenty-Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War* (Press of the Camp Pope Bookshop, 2008) by Samuel Pryce.

Robert Picard, PhD '83, of Jönköping, Sweden, director of the Media Management and Transformation Center at Jönköping International Business School, was named a 2009 visiting fellow at the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

David Marcou, BJ '84, of LaCrosse, Wis., is editor and director of America Groupbooks. He published *Spirit of America, The Second Volume: Reading the Resilience of a Nation's Mosaic/Melting Pot Via Photographs* (Speranza LLC, 2008), part of a series featuring the work of photographers including Annie Leibovitz, John Loengard and Harry Benson. Marcou contributed several of his photos from the 2008 presidential campaign to the Smithsonian Institution and edited *America's Heartland Remembers: Words and Pictures Before, During and After September 11, 2001* (The Writer's Collective, 2002).

Nancy Beck, BSN '86, of Ashland, Mo., wrote *Pillow Talk: Loving Affirmations to Encourage and Guide your Children* (Beck Global Publishing Inc., 2008).

Kevin Fritz, BS BA '89, JD '93, of St. Louis, partner with Lashly & Baer PC, is an officer of the USLAW Network Inc.'s Transportation Practice Group.

☆☆**Sandra Straetker**, BJ '89, of Mason, Ohio, received the 2008 Silver Anvil Award of Excellence from the Public Relations Society of America, which honors the most outstanding public relations programs in the United States.

The Nineties

Lana Kramme Cooper, BJ '90, of Ballwin, Mo., practice area leader for creative services at

The Vandiver Group Inc., received the firm's 2008 Employee of the Year award.

Patrick Huber, BA '90, MA '92, of Rolla, Mo., wrote *Linthead Stomp: The Creation of Country Music in the Piedmont South* (The University of North Carolina Press, 2008).

Chris Clayton, BJ '93, of Omaha, Neb., received the National Farmer's Union Milt Hakel Award for excellence in agriculture communications at the organization's 107th annual convention in Washington, D.C., March 10, 2009.

☆☆**Thomas Hancock**, BS Acc '93, and Celia Hancock of Gladstone, Mo., announce the birth of Amelia Joy Jan. 28, 2009.

Michael Hunter, BA '93, JD '96, of St. Louis, a partner at Williams Venker & Sanders LLC, has been admitted to the American Board of Trial Advocates.

☆☆**Lindsay Young Lopez**, BA '93, of Columbia, senior director of development for Columbia College, was named one of the *Columbia Business Times*' "20 under 40."

Mei-Ling Hopgood, BJ '94, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, wrote *Lucky Girl* (Algonquin Books, 2009), a memoir of her experience as an Asian-American adoptee.

Gina Cossarini Cunningham, BS BA '95, and Jay Cunningham of Chesterfield, Mo., announce the birth of Natalie Sarah Aug. 7, 2008.

☆☆**Erik Erickson**, BS ChE '97, and

☆☆**Heather Starek**, BJ '97, of Alexandria, Va., announce the birth of Katharine Elene Erickson Jan. 14, 2009.

Jovita Foster, BA '97, of St. Louis practices in the area of employment and labor law litigation at Armstrong Teasdale LLP.

☆☆**Marcia Machens**, M Acc '97, and David Machens of Columbia announce the birth of Kathryn Marcella Aug. 13, 2008.

☆☆**Jeffrey Moore**, BS '97, and ☆**Sally Powers Moore**, BS HES '98, MPT '04, of Jefferson City, Mo., announce the birth of Grayson Powers March 1, 2008.

☆☆**Jennifer Orr French**, BS BA '98, MBA, MHA '00, and Nick French of Brazil, Ind., announce the birth of Kaden Donald

Sept. 11, 2008.

Timothy Muehleisen, BS BA '98, of St. Louis was elected principal at Moser & Marsalek PC.

Sona Pai, BA, BJ '99, of Portland, Ore., contributor to MIZZOU magazine, is featured in *Best Food Writing 2008* (Da Capo Press, 2008) for her article, "Mangoes, memories — and motorcycles," originally published on Culinate.com.

Kelly Stange, BS '99, MS '01, of Brussels, Belgium, is a U.S. diplomat to the European Union.

☆☆**Garrett Taylor**, BS BA '99, JD '02, and

☆☆**Trisha Taylor**, BS '99, MD '03, of Columbia announce the birth of Olivia Kathleen March 24, 2009.

Carolyn Weber, BS '99, of Fairfax, Va., is recruiting and activities coordinator at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C.

The 2000s

Lauren Perkins Allen, JD '00, of Mission Hills, Kan., was named young lawyer of the year by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

☆☆**Jay Marshall**, BS ME '00, of Lenexa, Kan., is a mechanical engineer and project manager at Henderson Engineers Inc.

Justin Roach, DVM '00, and Jennifer Roach of Kansas City, Mo., announce the birth of Addison Carlee June 26, 2008.

Shannon Zmud, BJ '01, of Dallas practices in the area of intellectual property, media law, gaming law and business litigation at Jackson Walker LLP and was named a rising star in the 2009 issue of *Texas Super Lawyers*.

Victoria Monti, BS '02, of Chesterfield, Mo., launched a cooking Web site, FunnySpoon.com.

Kevin Carlson, BJ '03, and Meredith Brown of Columbia announce the birth of Jacob Adam Carlson Jan. 21, 2009.

Andrew Bailey, BA '04, of Columbia, a captain with the U.S. Army's Third Armored Cavalry Regiment, returned in January 2009 from his second tour of duty in Iraq.

☆☆**Jane Loudermilk Butt**, AFNR '04, adminis-

By chance and by choice

It was more or less an accident in early 2007 when Jamille Fields, BJ '08, stumbled upon an application for an internship in the office of Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan. "I was just randomly searching the Web. I knew I wanted to do something that helps people, but I had never really thought about working in government."

That was then. During her summer 2007 stint in Carnahan's office, she found that she liked seeing government from the inside. Fields, then a journalism student, also enjoyed being part of an office that looks out for citizens.

In fall 2007, she headed to Washington, D.C., for an internship in the office of then U.S. Sen. Barack Obama — which also came as a bit of luck. When she was applying, she hadn't decided whether she would support Obama or then U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton for president, so she applied for internships in both offices. By chance, the Obama deadline came first, and she got the spot. "His staff was really passionate about the projects they worked on, and many of them were overqualified for what they were doing," Fields says. "After seeing all that, I was totally impressed by him."

Fields met Obama a few times. "When I worked there, he was a long shot for the presidency. He was newly thrust into the limelight. He was always really nice and seemed unaware he was a big deal. Some people in Washington carry this way about them, like 'I know I am who I am,' but he always chilled."

An incident during the Obama internship helped Fields realize what would be her next career step. At a regular meeting with interns and staffers at a Capitol Hill coffee shop, the group greeted an unex-



In fall 2007, Jamille Fields was an intern in the office of then Sen. Barack Obama. She now works in St. Louis at Carnahan for Senate.

pected visitor. "We were there in our suits brainstorming, theorizing about what to do, and a guy comes up in a wheelchair and asks if we know anywhere a veteran can get some help. He looks like he may be homeless, and he's missing a leg. He says, 'I moved here because my hometown doesn't have an office of veterans' affairs, but I still can't get any help here.' That really stuck in my mind. What good is all the talking and theorizing if you don't put a plan in motion to help that man get health care or food?"

Ever since attending McCluer High School in her hometown of St. Louis, Fields had considered going to law school. That moment in the coffee shop solidified the idea. She plans to study public interest law at St. Louis University starting in fall 2009, and then hopes to work as general counsel in the office of an elected official.

As for her own plans to run for office, she says, "Maybe in 30 years."

— Dale Smith

Jason Grill, JD '04, of Kansas City, Mo., a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, has become of-counsel to King Hershey PC.

☆ **Scott Schaefer**, BJ '04, of Columbia, videographer with KOMU-TV, received first place in the feature and in-depth categories for stories submitted to the National Press Photographers' Association Quarterly Clip Contest for region seven.

Kristen Orsborn, BJ '05, of Midland, Texas, 10 p.m. producer for KWES-TV won the Best Newscast Award from the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters, Division IV.

Faculty Deaths

Paul Fisher, retired professor of journalism, BA '41, BJ '46, MA '47, PhD '50, of Columbia March 17, 2009, at age 90. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II and returned to the U.S. in 1944 to recover from malaria. He taught in the School of Journalism from 1950 until retiring in 1989, and he served as the first director of the Freedom of Information Center from 1958–89. In 1971, he backed a lawsuit against the government for the release of the Pentagon Papers. He received a First Amendment Award from the Society of Professional Journalists in 1980, was named to the national Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame in 1996 and received the Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism in 1997.

Charles Gehrke, professor emeritus of biochemistry, of Columbia Feb. 10, 2009, at age 91. During his 37-year career as director of MU's Experiment Station Chemical Laboratories and after retirement, Gehrke advised 60 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and wrote or co-wrote nine books and 260 peer-reviewed articles. In 1967, he founded Analytical Bio-Chemistry Laboratories (ABC Labs). He earned the Association of Official Analytical Chemists' Harvey W. Wiley Award in 1971 and served as association president in 1983. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charles

trative assistant at the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and **Brian Butt**,

M Ed '06, of Columbia announce the birth of Eva Elizabeth Dec. 28, 2007.

W. Gehrke Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, 109 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, Mo. 65211.

C. Bud Kaufmann, BS BA '57, MA '60, of Vero Beach, Fla., March 18, 2008, at age 76. A member of Kappa Alpha and Alpha Kappa Psi, he became a professor of home economics in 1962 and retired in 1983.

Deaths

Kate Hamilton Dickey, BS Ed '36, of Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 9, 2009, at age 93. She spent 65 years with the Red Cross after joining in 1942, and she directed nearly 2,000 volunteers and Coast Guardsmen during the 1943 Illinois River flood. She taught piano, directed the Fairbury (Ill.) Methodist Choir and learned to fly a single-engine airplane.

Margaret Johnson Lehmann, BS HE '36, of Haverford, Penn., Nov. 22, 2008, at age 95.

Pamela Kinney Newcomer Blackmore,

A&S '39, of Prairie Village, Kan., Feb. 27, 2009, at age 91. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, she was an active community volunteer with the American Red Cross and the Children's Mercy Hospital Children's Relief Group among other organizations.

Bernice Burkeholder, Grad '39, of Columbia Feb. 23, 2009, at age 98. She was an MU admissions adviser from 1961-64.

Joseph Carter, BJ '39, of Old Greenwich, Conn., July 27, 2008, at age 90. After serving with the U.S. Air Force during World War II, his 40-year journalism career included stints with the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *The New York Times*.

Mary Jewett Asel Hall, BA '39, of Hot Springs, Ark., June 21, 2008, at age 90. A Delta Gamma member and professional dancer of tap and ballet in Missouri and Illinois during her youth, she moved to Little Rock, Ark., in 1940 and served as bridal consultant and fashion buyer for Gus Blass & Co. (now Dillard's).

Herbert Parham, BS ChE '39, of New London, Mo., Jan. 31, 2009, at age 92. He spent 40 years with Monsanto Chemical Co. in Kirkwood, Mo. In 1977, he moved to New London to pursue a second career in farming and was president of the Mark Twain Home Foundation in Hannibal from 1989-2006.

Edith Murray, BA '40, BSN '42, of Columbia Dec. 28, 2008, at age 88. She was a nurse with the U.S. Navy and at Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital.


Ben Beeson, BA '41, of Honolulu Sept. 6, 2008, at age 89. A Phi Beta Kappa member, he was director of civilian personnel in the Department of the Army from 1972-80 and served in Europe and the Pacific.

Philip José Farmer, A&S '41, of Scottsdale, Ariz., Feb. 25, 2009, at age 91. He wrote more than 75 novels including his popular Riverworld science-fiction series, which featured reincarnations of icons such as Mark Twain and Sir Richard Burton. He won



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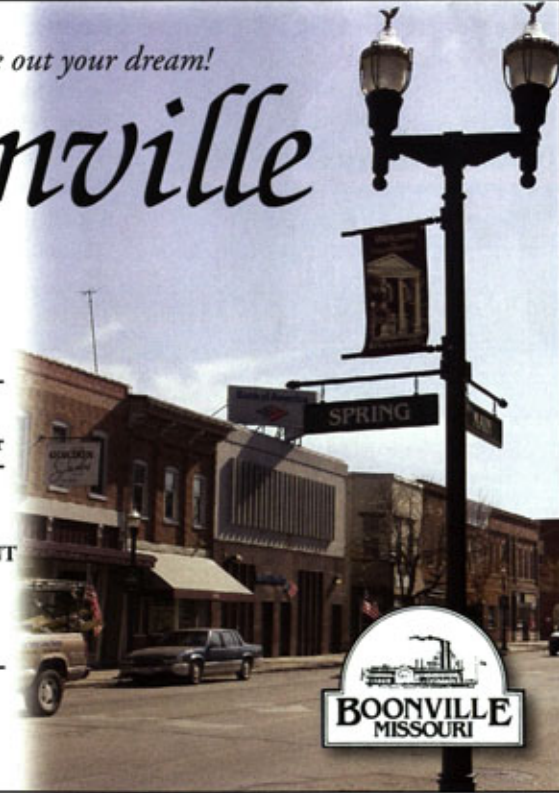
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three Hugo Awards, the highest achievement for a science-fiction writer.

Robert Mehl, BA '41, of Buford, Ga., Dec. 6, 2008, at age 90.

Ernest Robson, BS ChE '41, of Mission Viejo, Calif., Dec. 28, 2008, at age 88. He retired as an executive vice president of Monsanto Co., where he worked for more than 40 years.

Donald Harvey, BS Ag '42, of Livingston, Mont., Nov. 26, 2008, at age 88. A three-sport athlete at MU (basketball, football and tennis), he entered the U.S. Army in 1942 and served as a military policeman on the Manhattan Project (development of the atomic bomb). He played in the National Basketball League from 1946–50, and with the Stars of America team against the Harlem Globetrotters on their European tour in 1950.

Flake McHaney, BA '42, of Kennett, Mo., Nov. 23, 2008, at age 88. A three-term president of Pi Kappa Alpha, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in 1942 and was promoted to major in 1944. He served during World War II and earned the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Italian Cross. After earning his bachelor of laws degree in 1948 from Harvard University, he practiced law in Kennett until 1972 when he was appointed Dunklin County's 35th Circuit Court, Division I, judge. He stepped

down at the mandatory age of 70 and was immediately appointed a senior judge by the Missouri Supreme Court.

Esther Wickstrom, BS HE '42, of Marshfield, Mo., Feb. 8, 2009, at age 90. A Phi Upsilon Omicron member, she taught sixth through eighth grade in Strafford, Mo., from 1963–67; Marshfield, Mo., from 1967–71; and Alton, Mo., from 1971–78.

Mary Carr Boyd, A&S '43, of Perrysburg, Ohio, Feb. 8, 2009, at age 87. A member of Alpha Phi, she served as adviser to the sorority's Bowling Green State University chapter, and as district governor and vice president of the organization's national executive board. She was also board chair, chair of the Alpha Phi Foundation and international president of the sorority for two terms.

Jean Buehler, BS Ed '43, of Kirkwood, Mo., Feb. 3, 2008, at age 86.

Lily Carter, BA '43, of Midland, Texas, Jan. 22, 2009, at age 88.

Peggy Oberman Hedrick, BA '43, of Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 1, 2009, at age 88. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Martin Marshall, BA '43, of Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 16, 2009, at age 86. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he earned his MBA in 1947 at Harvard Business School. He joined the Harvard faculty in 1949 and developed the curriculum for the

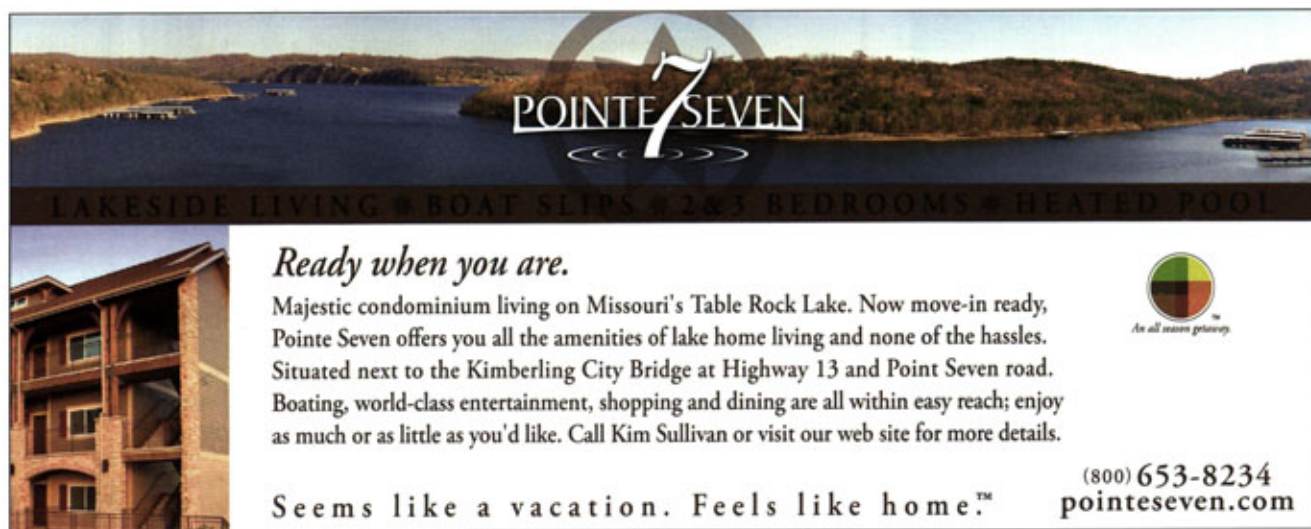
school's owner/president management program, worked with schools in Europe and Australia, and earned a Distinguished Service Award from the school in 1998. He was also a consultant to Sears Roebuck, Wal-Mart and American Express.

Orville Mott, BS EE '43, of Salisbury, Mo., Jan. 25, 2009, at age 90. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II before working at Westinghouse Engineering Co. in Pittsburgh and Baltimore.

Ruskin Norman, BS Med '43, of San Antonio Sept. 19, 2008, at age 89. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. In 1969, he helped create the Cancer Therapy and Research Center and was senior partner with the South Texas Radiology Group. In 1965, he built and co-owned Normandy Terrace nursing homes. He and wife Karen received the Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2001 and the Humanitarian Award of the Bexar County (Texas) Medical Society in 2003.

Robert Sublett, BA '43, PhD '50, of Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 31, 2008, at age 87. He was a chemistry professor at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tenn., from 1956 until his retirement in 1987 as chair of the chemistry department.

Glenn Burkart, BA '45, JD '47, of Springfield,



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Mo., Nov. 22, 2008, at age 86. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he practiced with the firm Mann & Mann (now Mann, Walter, Bishop & Sherman PC) from 1947 until being appointed circuit judge of Greene County in 1976. In 1994, he and partner Bruce Hunt formed the firm Burkart and Hunt.

Geraldine Peterson, BS PA '45, of Osage Beach, Mo., Nov. 12, 2008, at age 83.

Corinne Bell, BA '47, of Deep Creek Lake, Md., Dec. 25, 2008, at age 83.

Daisy Gregory, A&S '47, of Grass Valley, Calif., Nov. 18, 2008, at age 93. A teacher for more than 40 years, she spent her last years teaching at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan.

Annabelle Woods Benike, BSN '48, of Rochester, Minn., Jan. 10, 2009, at age 82.

Gay Schell Dorroh, BJ '48, of Greenacres, Fla., July 11, 2008, at age 86. In 1943, she served with the U.S. Army Women's Auxiliary Corps during World War II, and in 1946 she commanded a detachment of 300 nurses' aides at the Fort Butner, Ky., base hospital. She and husband Ralph founded the Kenton-Campbell County (Ky.) Association for Retarded Citizens in 1961 in honor of their daughter, Shelby Kay, who was born mentally disabled.

Marjorie Bosworth Garmon, BSN '48, of East Wenatchee, Wash., Feb. 1, 2009, at age 82.

Frank Mangan, BJ '48, of El Paso, Texas, Feb. 7, 2009, at age 87. A photographer with the U.S. Army Air Corps, he wrote and published *Mangan's War* (Mangan Books, 2003), a memoir of his World War II experiences. After working for El Paso Natural Gas, he and wife Judy founded Mangan Books and published more than 40 local and national historical titles.

Joe Casey, JD '49, of Aurora, Colo., Dec. 18, 2008, at age 82.

Clarence Clark, BS Ag '49, of Columbia Jan. 24, 2009, at age 82.

Harold Creed, BS CIE '49, of Columbia Feb. 5, 2009, at age 85. He was an engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver and a man-

ager of international water resource projects in Egypt, Iran and Pakistan.

Herman Ehrhard Jr., BS ME '49, of Richmond, Va., Jan. 29, 2009, at age 85. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a tail gunner on a B-17 bomber during World War II. After being shot down over France, he was picked up by the French underground and returned to safety. He retired in 1988 from Black & Veatch

Co. in Kansas City, Mo.

Donald Ellis, BS Ag '49, of Osage Beach, Mo., Jan. 17, 2009, at age 88.

Richard Favour, BS BA '49, of Stoughton, Wis., Nov. 27, 2008, at age 82. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked as a certified public accountant.

Jack Finlay, AFNR '49, of Centralia, Mo., Feb. 6, 2009, at age 82. He served in the



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U.S. Army during World War II and was employed for 36 years at A.B. Chance Co.

Morran Harris, JD '49, MA '56, of Osceola, Mo., Feb. 7, 2009, at age 87.

Leon Kafka, BA, BJ '49, of New York Sept. 20, 2008, at age 86. He founded Leon Kafka Public Relations.

Paul Keller, BS ME '49, of Belton, Mo., Nov. 18, 2008, at age 84. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, retired from the Air Force Reserve and worked for Bendix as a mechanical engineer.

Charles "Chick" Meyerson, BJ '49, of University City, Mo., Feb. 1, 2009, at age 83. He was a docent at the St. Louis Zoo for more than 15 years and a member of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair Society.

Hyman Molotsky, MA '49, PhD '53, of Chicago Oct. 20, 2008, at age 88.

Glenwood Poston, BS BA '49, of Parkville, Mo., Feb. 20, 2008, at age 83.

Warren Boyse, BS ME '50, of Columbia

Feb. 20, 2009, at age 85.

Maggie Thomas Caron, BS Ed '50, MA '51, of Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25, 2009, at age 80.

After teaching for one year in Mountain Grove, Mo., she relocated to Japan in the 1950s to work in Special Services for the U.S. armed forces. Upon returning to Missouri, she taught for 17 years in the Kansas City and Center school districts.

Russell Carr, BS Ed '50, of St. Joseph, Ill., Nov. 19, 2008, at age 91. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II before becoming a principal and math teacher at the Republic (Ill.) and Branson (Mo.) public schools and Sidney (Ill.) Grade School.

Elmer Cogan, BS Ed '50, M Ed '54, of Newport News, Va., Nov. 22, 2008, at age 81.

George Deal, BS BA '50, of East Amherst, N.Y., May 8, 2008, at age 83.

Richard Thomas Jones, BS BA '50, of Leawood, Kan., Feb. 11, 2009, at age 83. He served in the U.S. Navy during World

War II and worked in automotive-parts sales for many years with Champion Oil and Goodyear Tire and Rubber companies.

Joseph "JK" Phipps, M Ed '50, of Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 9, 2008, at age 92. After teaching at Union Star (Mo.) and Grant City (Mo.) high schools until 1942, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and became an instructor in meteorology at Randolph Field, Texas. He coached athletics and taught junior high in Davenport, Iowa, then moved to California in 1952 and became a junior high principal in Long Beach and Anaheim.

Olen Proctor, BS BA '50, of Trenton, Mo., Dec. 15, 2008, at age 81. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve during World War II and the Korean War and continued as a reservist until 1954.

Donald Roark, PhD '50, of Jackson, Miss., Feb. 15, 2009, at age 85. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, fought in General Patton's 3rd Army in the Battle

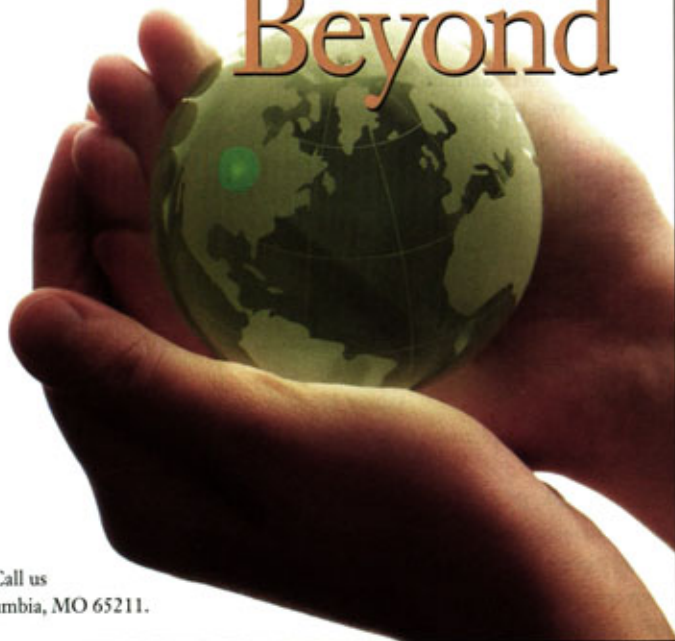
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of the Bulge and received a Purple Heart in 1945. He was a professor and head of the dairy department at Mississippi State University before spending 17 years at Mississippi Chemical Corp. in Yazoo City, Miss. He became commissioner of the Mississippi welfare department in 1980 and retired in 1986.

Jerry Bolin, Educ '51, of Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 29, 2008, at age 75. A football star at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), he declined a draft offer from the Chicago Cardinals and instead joined the U.S. Marine Corps. As a coach, he led the Greentop (Mo.) High School basketball team to a 27-0 record in 1956. He spent much of his career as director of the departments of corrections in Nebraska and Missouri from 1975-94.

James Bradley, BS Ag '51, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., Jan. 13, 2009, at age 81.

Marion Brancato, BA '51, BJ '53, of Palm Desert, Calif., Jan. 27, 2009, at age 81.

Luke Chase, BJ '51, of Columbia Jan. 1, 2009, at age 81. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and produced the base newspaper while stationed at Billy Mitchell Field, Milwaukee. He became a display ad salesman for the *Columbia Daily Tribune* in 1965 and later managed the advertising department.

James Gallagher, MA '51, PhD '55, of Grosse Ile, Mich., Dec. 24, 2008, at age 82. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II and retired from BASF in 1992.

John McCrory, BS Ag '51, of Columbia Jan. 23, 2009, at age 83. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific after World War II and worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 32 years until retiring in 1985.

Howard Watts, BS BA '51, of Quincy, Ill., Jan. 20, 2009, at age 87. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He opened Coach House restaurant in 1973 and also owned Baron Restaurant. He retired in 1987.

Carl Francis, BA, BS BA '52, of Miami Beach, Fla., Sept. 9, 2008, at age 77.

Howard Sater, M Ed '52, of Miller, Mo.,

Jan. 27, 2009, at age 82.

Robert See, BS Ag '52, of Raymore, Mo., March 2, 2009, at age 78. He was a Beta Theta Pi member and served with the U.S. Navy Reserve. He played football from 1948-51 for Coach Don Faurot.

Edward Setzler, A&S '52, of Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 4, 2009, at age 75. A Sigma Chi member, he served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant and practiced law for more than 40 years. He served on the Missouri Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

Marvin Silver, BS BA '52, of Charlotte, N.C., Feb. 8, 2009, at age 77. He was assistant director of the Jewish Geriatric Center in Kansas City and later the executive director of the Memphis Jewish Home. Prior to his retirement, he was named Nursing Home Administrator of the Year for the state of Tennessee.

Dolores Henderson Sanders Mead, BS Ed '53, of Columbia Dec. 23, 2008, at age 76. She was president of the Henderson-Sanders Trust, which donated to charities in Boone County, and she was a founding board member for Rainbow House, an emergency shelter and regional advocacy center for abused and neglected children.

Don Phillips, Educ '53, of Eldon, Mo., Dec. 27, 2008, at age 74. He owned and operated Phillips Funeral Home, served on the Eldon City Council and the Eldon Chamber of Commerce, and was Eldon's Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1996.

Joseph Spalding, BA '54, MD '58, of Louisiana, Mo., Jan. 10, 2009, at age 75.

Joseph Bolger, BS Ag '55, of Independence, Mo., Nov. 18, 2008, at age 74. He was elected judge in 1970 and served more than 10 years as a Jackson County legislator.

Edward Lowther, BS BA '56, of Gravois Mills, Mo., Feb. 11, 2009, at age 74. He was a Delta Tau Delta member and served in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant.

Forrest Marshall, BS Ag '56, of Columbia Feb. 15, 2009, at age 78. He taught vocational agriculture for four years in Orrick, Mo., and

was park superintendent at Maramec Spring Park in St. James, Mo., for 23 years before retiring in 1995.

Helen Ramsey, BS Ed '56, of Boonville, Mo., Jan. 11, 2009, at age 99.

George Von Hoffman, A&S '56, of St. Louis Oct. 10, 2008, at age 73.

Donald Duncan, MS '57, of Hanceville, Ala., Feb. 26, 2009, at age 78. He served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before becoming a sales and technical representative for Standard Oil. He was a mathematics professor at Georgia State University in Atlanta and chair of the mathematics department at Valdosta (Ga.) State University. After retirement, he taught math at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Cletus Koelling, BS Ed '57, of Stover, Mo., Dec. 30, 2008, at age 81. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was the assistant director of food services with the Missouri Department of Education for almost 27 years until retiring in 1987.

Robert Volkmer, BA '57, of Steliacoom, Wash., Jan. 5, 2009, at age 76. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and received the Purple Heart.

Ralph Duncan, BS Ag '58, of Overland Park, Kan., Jan. 9, 2009, at age 76.

Donald Holley, MD '58, of Nixa, Mo., June 28, 2008, at age 80. He practiced medicine from 1958-92 at the Camdenton Medical Center, which he co-owned with T.W. Garrison of Camdenton, Mo.

L.D. "Lester" Nordyke, BS Ag, DVM '58, of Columbia Feb. 5, 2009, at age 79. He served in the U.S. Army and had a private veterinary practice in Bowling Green, Mo., until 1980, when he began a second career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He retired in 1995.

Charles Stufflebeam, BS Ag '58, MS '61, PhD '64, of Springfield, Mo., March 1, 2009, at age 76. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 26 years and with the 14th Preventive Medicine Detachment in Springfield until he retired as lieutenant colonel in 1989. He was a professor of animal science at Missouri

State University (formerly Southwest Missouri State University) for 27 years, wrote three books and received several outstanding teaching awards.

John Eckert, BS Ag '59, DVM '63, of St. Louis Jan. 27, 2009, at age 71.

Carl Holstein, BS ME '59, of Lemay, Mo., Jan. 28, 2009, at age 79.

Margaret Wilson Reeves, BJ '59, of Las Vegas Nov. 21, 2008, at age 71. She was a retired University of California administrator.

Rolland "Raul" Walters, A&S '59, of Beverly Hills, Calif., Jan. 28, 2009, at age 68. He developed and owned commercial properties around the country, including the Crossroads West, Stadium Plaza and Columbia shopping centers in Columbia.

Deane Wilson, BS Ed '59, of Westerville, Ohio, Aug. 11, 2008, at age 71. She taught junior high music and was the director of human resources at Riverwood Hospital in Provo, Utah.

Jane Meyerkord Bonfanti, BS Ed '60, M Ed '76, of Springfield, Mo., Feb. 12, 2009, at age 70.

Charles Norris, BS AgE '60, of Herber Springs, Ark., Nov. 12, 2008, at age 74. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1953–57 and was a project engineer with Caterpillar Inc. from 1960–90.

Michael Trombley, JD '60, of Sebring, Fla., Dec. 24, 2008, at age 75. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was a partner of Trombley, Schommer, Disler and Accorsi, a member of the National Academy of Elder Law and a former president of the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys.

Skip Caray, BJ '61, of Atlanta Aug. 3, 2008, at age 69. Son of Hall of Fame baseball announcer Harry Caray, he called Atlanta Braves games for 32 years with Turner Broadcasting System. His career began in radio, calling MU football games with his father and with the St. Louis Hawks basket-

ball broadcast team in 1968.

Robert Clothier, BA '61, MD '65, of Independence, Mo., Jan. 11, 2009, at age 68. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a captain and as a general medical officer at Duluth (Minn.) Air Base and spent 38 years practicing pediatrics in the Kansas City area. He served on the boards for the Child Abuse Prevention Association, Sunshine Center School and the Crossroads Homeless Shelter. He was pediatrics department chair at the Medical Center of Independence and chief of pediatrics at St. Mary's Hospital of Blue Springs (Mo.).

Jack Duncan, JD '61, of St. Louis Feb. 21, 2008, at age 73. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1953 and practiced law in St. Francois, Mo., for 30 years.

Anita Speiser Scheiderer, BS Ed '61, of Chesterfield, Mo., Jan. 28, 2009, at age 69. She was a pioneer parent educator for the Parents as Teachers program in the Parkway School District, a program that traces its roots to the district. She retired in 1998.

Edwin Knipp, BS Ag '62, of Tipton, Mo., Jan. 26, 2009, at age 67. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1962–64 and was president of the Mid-Mo Democrats organization.

Jennie LaBrue, BS Ed '62, M Ed '67, of Osage Beach, Mo., Feb. 19, 2009, at age 84.

William Weishar, BS BA '62, of Overland Park, Kan., Feb. 22, 2009, at age 76. He served in the U.S. Air Force and worked for Texaco for 30 years.

John Z. Williams, BA '63, JD '68, of Rolla, Mo., March 1, 2009, at age 67. An Omicron Delta Kappa member, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1963–66. A partner at Williams, Robinson, Rigler & Buschjost, he was a board member for Rolla State Bank/Centerre Bank from 1970–89 and for Phelps County Bank from 1998–2007.

Christina Bradford, BJ '64, of Englewood, Colo., April 24, 2008, at age 65.

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Duane Miller, BS CIE '64, MS '65, of Independence, Mo., July 17, 2008, at age 68. He worked for Butler Manufacturing from 1967 until retiring in 1999.

James "Toby" Wright, BS Ag '64, of Reeds Spring, Mo., Feb. 4, 2009, at age 69.

Anna Harding, BS Ed '65, of Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 27, 2009, at age 65. She was a teacher and counselor for more than 35 years in the Kansas City School District at Southeast, Manual and Central high schools.

Guy Smith, M Ed '67, Grad '75, of Fayetteville, Ark., Jan. 18, 2009, at age 82. He served 15 years in the parish ministry and was a graduate assistant from 1968-73 at MU.

Frances Standifer, MS '67, of Odessa, Texas, May 3, 2008, at age 92.

Robert Vanatta, BA '67, JD '71, of Minneapolis Nov. 15, 2008, at age 63. A guard on the 1966-67 Tiger basketball team, he was a corporate attorney in Missouri, Minnesota and New Jersey.

Thomas Gibbons, BS Ed '68, EdD '81, of Leesburg, Fla., Jan. 31, 2009, at age 62. He was employed with the St. Vrain Valley (Colo.) School District for 24 years, serving as principal of Hygiene Elementary, Spangler Elementary and Mead Middle School.

Ted Ragan, BS ME '70, of Maynardville, Tenn., Jan. 11, 2008, at age 63.

Michael Studer, BS Ag '71, of Monroe City, Mo., Jan. 24, 2009, at age 62. He was a federal meat inspector in Jansen, Neb., before returning to Monroe City where he owned and operated Studer Plumbing & Heating Co.

John Herschman, BJ '73, of Creede, Colo., Oct. 31, 2008, at age 58. He opened his first antique store, Methusela's Antiques, in Boulder, Colo., in 1970, and later relocated it to Sarasota, Fla.

Gary Love, JD '73, of Forrester City, Ark., Feb. 1,

2009, at age 60. He served in the U.S. Army, played football for Yale University and practiced law in southwest Missouri for more than 25 years.

Kathleen O'Neal, BS Ed '75, of Satellite Beach, Fla., Feb. 3, 2009, at age 55. She was payroll director for AT&T before becoming president and owner of Right on the Money, a chief financial officer services company.

Nancy and Lawrence Epple of Woodbury, N.J., in late 2008 from injuries sustained in a house fire. **Nancy**, BS HE '76, MBA '83, Nov. 19 at age 55. She was a member of the Woodbury Old City Restoration Committee and the American Heart Association, and she served on the YMCA board. **Lawrence**, BA '76, Nov. 21 at age 54. He was chair of the pediatrics department at Underwood-Memorial Hospital.

Ellen Walker Fellin, BS EE '78, of St. Louis Jan. 20, 2009, at age 53.

Capt. John Green, BS EE '78, of Jupiter, Fla., Nov. 3, 2008, at age 57. He served in the U.S. Navy for 38 years. After retiring, he was president of Rybovich Boat Yard and Marinas in West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Mary Grebing, BSW '79, MSW '80, of Columbia Dec. 30, 2008, at age 64.

Kingsley Hammett, MA '79, of Santa Fe, N.M., Nov. 14, 2008, at age 63. After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, he was a freelance writer for the *Washington Post*

and the *Baltimore Sun*. He was the editorial page editor of the *Columbia Missourian* before becoming the business editor of the *Santa Fe New Mexican* in 1979. He wrote *Santa Fe: A Walk Through Time* (Gibbs Smith, 2004) and *The Essence of Santa Fe: From a Way of Life to a Style* (Gibbs Smith, 2005).

Sandi Gradel Smith, BS Ed '79, of Columbia Feb. 19, 2009, at age 60. She taught with Columbia Public Schools for the first two

years of her career, then taught elementary art at Hallsville R-IV Schools for 15 years. She was a 40-year, three-time cancer survivor and received the Lifetime Award from the American Handweavers Guild in 1990 and 1992.

Rebecca Merker, BS IE '81, of Buford, Ga., Feb. 17, 2009, at age 50.

Robin Smith, BA '81, DVM '86, of Westminster, Md., Jan. 16, 2009, at age 52. Senior class president in veterinary medicine, she built Buttonwood Animal Hospital in Columbia and operated it for more than eight years.

Richard Partridge, M Ed '83, of Kansas City, Mo., March 5, 2009, at age 78. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he began a teaching career in 1956 and retired as a shop teacher at Northeast High School in 1984.

Martha O'Connor Hussey, BA '85, of Fairport, N.Y., Aug. 16, 2008, at age 72.

Jane Cochran, MS '87, PhD '07, of Columbia Jan. 5, 2009, at age 49. She was hired as a staff nurse at University Hospital in 1981 and promoted to a clinical nurse specialist in 2007. In 2006, she received University Hospital's Hope and Spirit Award. She was the only two-time winner of the Karna K. Kruckenberg Award for Excellence in patient education by an advanced practice nurse.

Helen Couchman, MPA '87, of California, Mo., Jan. 14, 2009, at age 75.

Donald Jackson, EdD '88, of Hannibal, Mo., Nov. 10, 2008, at age 69.

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Brian Cooper, BA '07, of Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17, 2009, at age 23.

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★**Jeff Sweet**, BES '95, MS '00, and Betsy Evans of Centennial, Colo., Aug. 23, 2008.

★**Kurt Wengert**, BS GiE '99, and Erika Ginder of Marshall, Mo., July 19, 2008.

Jonathan Foerster, BJ '03, and Jenna Buzzacco of Naples, Fla., Dec. 13, 2008.

★**Mark Goth**, BS BA '05, and Mary Bohl of St. Charles, Mo., May 3, 2008.

Brendan Slavin, BA '06, and Carolina Di Martino of Boston Oct. 11, 2008.

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Junior Katie Long inherited the gene that causes Huntington's disease, a degenerative brain disorder for which there is no cure, from her mom, Mary Beth, who was diagnosed with the disease in 2005. On April 4, the two enjoyed time together at Les Bourgeois Winery and Vineyards in Rocheport, Mo., as part of Gamma Phi Beta's Moms' Weekend.

Katie Long, 20, a junior in communications at MU, found out two years ago that she carries the gene that causes Huntington's disease, a degenerative brain disorder for which there is no cure.

Huntington's disease is caused when a person inherits a specific mutated gene from a parent, and those who carry the gene usually develop symptoms after the age of 30.

"We didn't even know Huntington's disease was in our family until my oldest uncle died of Huntington's at age 54," says Long of Defiance, Mo. "Then, my mom was diagnosed, and another uncle was diagnosed shortly after.

"Because my mom has Huntington's, I knew there was a chance that I could also have the gene," Long says. "I decided that I wanted to know. In July 2006, I was tested and found out I'm carrying the gene.

"I was really young and went through a lot afterward, but ultimately it was just the start of a new chapter. Now, I know I can't plan out my life, but I can try to live it to the fullest."

For Long, that means, among other things, raising awareness about the disease, which affects more than 250,000 individuals in the United States. After learning about her family members' diagnoses, Long established the Hearts for Huntington's fundraising campaign, which has since been adopted as a national campaign by the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA).

"Katie started a fabulous grass roots campaign that could easily be adopted by chapters around the country," says Fred Taubman, director of marketing for HDSA. "The campaign has now raised more than \$100,000 for Huntington's disease programs of research and care." — Sarah Garber

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