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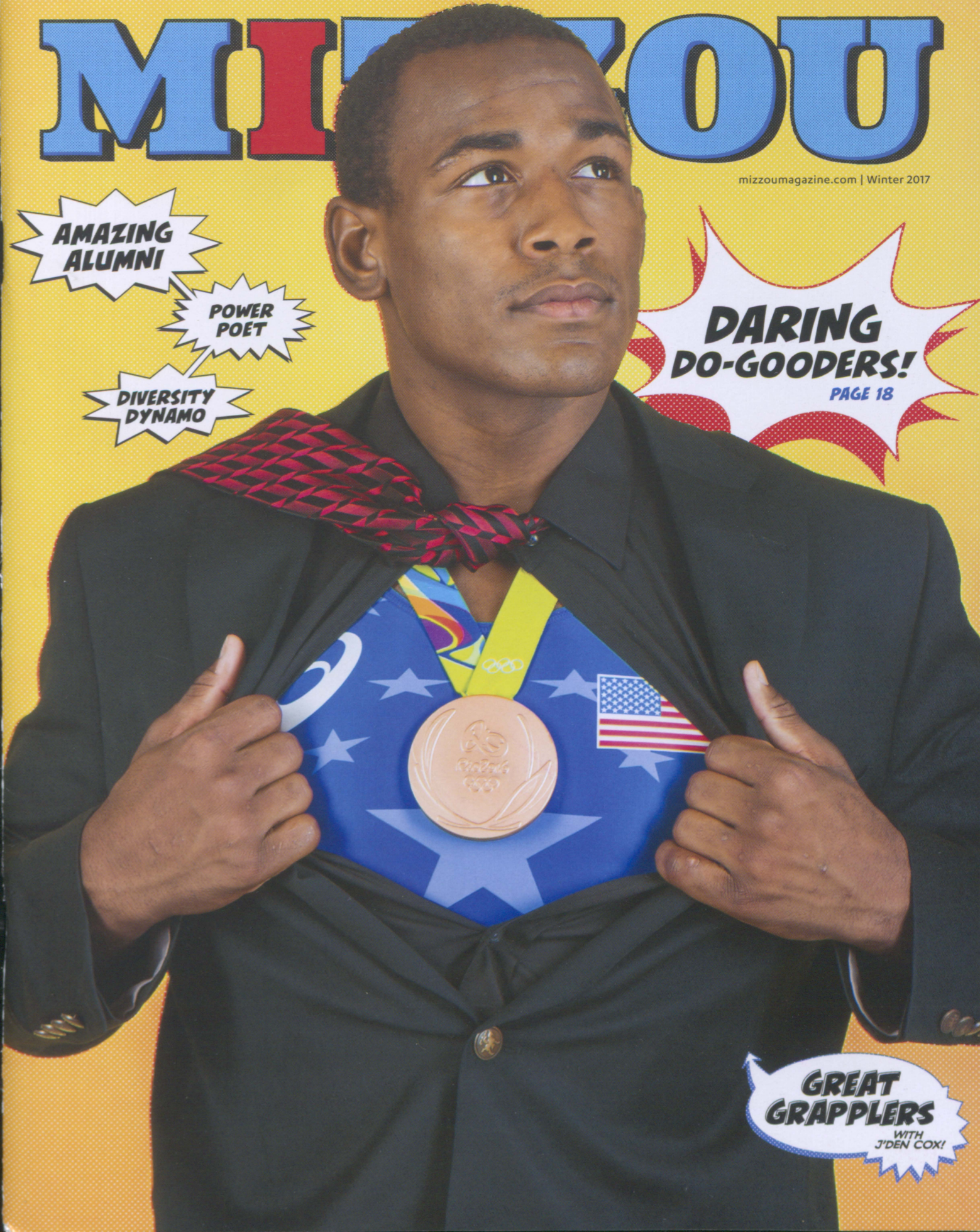
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GRAPPLERS**  
WITH  
J'DEN COX!





## FIRST LOOK

**LEAH GALLO**, MA '08, who works with filmmaker Tim Burton, created this photo for the set of *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. In the film, the photo sits on a table in the parlor, and after the house has been destroyed, Jake (Asa Butterfield) picks it up off the floor and brushes off the dust. In those scenes, the head of the character Abe (Terence Stamp) is photo-edited over Butterfield's. This photo, the original, appears in the closing credits and in Gallo's book *The Art of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. The cast includes, seated in front, Joseph and Thomas Odwell and, standing, left to right, Hayden Keeler-Stone, Ella Purnell, Georgia Pemberton, Butterfield, Pixie Davies, Raffiella Chapman, Finlay MacMillan, Milo Parker, Lauren McCrostie, Cameron King and Eva Green.









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## FROM THE EDITOR



# Service Goes Viral

Since September I've coached a local high school senior in essay writing. It isn't hard. She's sharp and motivated, an original thinker and natural storyteller. English is not her first language, but she wields it skillfully, uninhibitedly. My role as mentor mostly entails listening to her ideas and exclaiming "Yes!" or "Awesome!"

Our pairing is the work of Talk Story, Write Story, a program founded by Tad Bartimus, BJ '69. While living in Hawaii, the two-time Pulitzer finalist devised a technique, rooted in oral storytelling traditions, through which journalists help high-aptitude, low-resource high school students craft college scholarship essays. By 2015, when Bartimus brought it to Columbia as a Reynolds Journalism Institute fellow, the program had yielded \$6 million in aid.

MIZZOU magazine writer Erik Potter met Bartimus while reporting on RJI fellows in summer 2015. He came back to the office psyched. Then he signed up to help. Months later the *Columbia Daily Tribune* published a photo of affable Erik beaming at his success-story student, who had just earned a big scholarship. "It's the most rewarding thing I did last year," he told me. I was easily recruited.

That my student is now churning out great essays is no surprise: she works hard. More notewor-

thy is that lately, when I've arrived for a meeting, I've found her hunched over a computer with a classmate. She's helping friends who weren't selected for the program with their scholarship essays.

You probably have seen those pay-it-forward YouTube videos and TV ads. Someone performs a random act of kindness for a stranger — returning a wallet, say, or carrying groceries — and the recipient responds with a kind deed — holding a door, leaving a big tip — and so forth, creating a Rube Goldberg machine of helpful acts eventually leading back, karmically, to the original wallet-returner. I think that's how service works — that it begets more service. It's infectious.

No one spreads the service bug better than Tigers. Just check out the volunteer hours performed and funds raised by members of the Mizzou family [Page 13]. Or meet the Super-tigers in our special section who make it their mission to give back [Page 18]. You might find yourself compelled to join their ranks.

— Karen Pojmann BJ '94

† Vy Le tells her Talk Story, Write Story mentor, Erik Potter, she won a large scholarship.

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The year 2016 brought us the new Homecoming Hall of Fame. In lieu of single grand marshal, Mizzou honored three notable Tigers: astronaut and MU physics professor Linda Godwin, MS '76, PhD '80; Yum! Brands and OGO founder David Novak, BJ '74; and college and pro football hall-of-famer Kellen Winslow, BES '87. Watch a video of their remarks at the inaugural ceremony.

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By many measures, superstudent J'den Cox has earned his Twitter handle, @SuperstarW14T. Within days of returning home from Rio, the Olympian was letting strangers try on his bronze medal, inspiring MU sign-language students and rushing to the aid of an accident victim. Photo by Shane Epping

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## A Lesson in Respect

Professor Frederick C. Spiegel was, hands down, one of the most outstanding professors I knew during my time at the university. He made political science and political history come alive for many MU students, and he was an acknowledged expert on constitutional law. It was widely said that he read U.S. Supreme Court opinions before breakfast each morning! As an undergraduate, I had learned a great deal from Spiegel's excellent courses, and soon after, when I was a student in the School of Law, he taught me the greatest lesson of my college years.

In 1961, I took a constitutional law class with Professor Robert "Uncle Bob" Howard, one of the school's legendary faculty members. Spiegel was monitoring the course, as he sometimes did, and his reputation as a constitutional law scholar obviously had reached Howard's attention. It was apparent on the first day of class that Howard, then in his final year of teaching, was concerned that he would not be able to keep up with Spiegel.

During one of the first cases Howard presented in class, he appeared nervous after giving his opinion on the decision in the case. He called on Spiegel to ask if his opinion differed or if the presentation had omitted any salient facts. Spiegel, to his great credit, totally deferred to Howard's interpretation and indicated that he even learned

some new matters from that presentation. I know Spiegel could have added a great deal to that case presentation, but he chose to be respectful to Howard and avoid any risk of embarrassing him. You could see the relief in Howard's face, and we went on to have a great course in constitutional law.

To those of us in the class who were former students of Spiegel and so knew his capabilities, the lessons in civility and respect he demonstrated were meaningful. Certainly I will never forget the same.

**DAVID L. KNIGHT, BA '59, JD '62**  
*Columbia, Missouri*

*Editor's Note: Former students of Spiegel can contact him at [toddspiegel@att.net](mailto:toddspiegel@att.net).*

## Remembering McKee Gymnasium

In the Fall 2016 issue of MIZZOU, I was thrilled to see my former physical education teachers and McKee Gymnasium, where I spent many an hour as an undergraduate.

The swimming teacher was Marilee Howell, a

+ Gymnasts apply chalk to their hands in McKee Gymnasium. From left to right are Elaine List, Nancy Nanson, coaches Marjorie Meredith and Karen Balke, and Cheryl Hill.





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wonderfully kind person who was encouraging to all. In that pool, I swam my only backstroke relay against a physical education major who had swum competitively; I was dismally slow. I took lifesaving and water safety instructor training there. Howell taught diving and techniques of swimming, from which I still have *The Science of Swimming*, the text by James Counsilman — a true researcher of how swim strokes work. It's the bible for teaching swimming, and I used it to coach a swim team for 10 summers.

I also had Karen Balke for trampoline and gymnastics; Marge Meredith for track; Laverne Wade for basketball, drill and volleyball; Jane Bennett for kinesiology; and Carol Odor for modern dance and recreational dance.

The showers and locker room were gray, cool and unattractive, but I made my friends there. Cheryl Hill, I think, was in my graduating class, but I didn't realize she helped coach gymnastics. Her picture in the fall issue was as I remember her.

Thank you for remembering the building where I spent a majority of my time. I think and wonder about what those people are doing now.

**MARY BOUCKAERT SALMOND, BS Ed '71**

*Fairfax, Missouri*

I was happy to find the story "Home and Hearth and Hallowed Halls" in the Fall 2016 MIZZOU magazine. My mother, Professor Carol Odor, had an office in McKee and was the head of Mizzou's dance department, which was housed there and thrived throughout the '60s, '70s and '80s. Other great physical education teachers in that building included Marge Meredith and Mary McKee, who were featured in the story. As the story suggests, McKee was a hidden gem with a full basketball court, pool, dance studio and gymnastics area.

My brother broke his arm there falling off the now non-Olympic event, rings. Growing up, Mom would let all our Shepard Boulevard neighborhood kids use McKee during Christmas and summer vacations to hone our athletic skills. We think we were the originators of the now-popular mini-trampoline slam dunks. I know for a fact actor Brad Pitt walked the halls of McKee, as he was in one of Mom's classes.

Progress is essential, and I am actually surprised McKee still stands. But, up or down, I know McKee holds a special place in my heart and those of many other alumni. Any alumni with fond memories of McKee or my mother are welcome to email me at [rorod@tandcschool.org](mailto:rorod@tandcschool.org).

**RAY ODOR JR., M Ed '98**

*Tulsa, Oklahoma*



**@Gingerhervey**

@Mizzou who wore it better?

**@Brook\_Hawkinson**

The best decision I've ever made was coming to Mizzou. I absolutely love it here. 🐼❤️



**@bankst10**

No better place in the world to ask my girlfriend to marry me than at @Mizzou during Homecoming. #MIZ



**@DvdSprg**

@Lbreezyy Travelled 1,300 miles to #mizzouhomecoming — this was one boy's highlight. Won't stop talking about it. Thanx 4 ur kindness.

**@Baileylawson21**

Sometimes I think I couldn't love @Mizzou any more than I already do, and then I give a @MizzouTours that does. 🐼🐼



**@ToriMSchafer**

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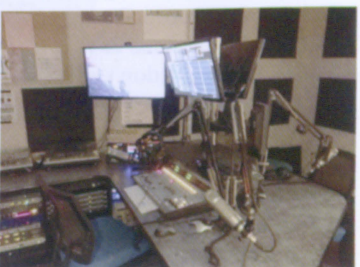


**@MizzouNPHC**

Congratulations to @TheMizzouQues for winning the 2016 NPHC Homecoming Stepshow! 🏆🐼🐼🐼

**@KayaRain**

I'm proud to be going to @Mizzou because I know that I'm going to be in a diverse, supportive community with all different kinds of people ❤️



**@CarterWoodiel**

Happy birthday, @kcou! You may be 53 but you don't look a day over 25.





## Citizenship at Mizzou

Nathan Hofer throws out a question to a sea of undergraduates: Does religion cause violence?

The roughly 1,500 students are crowded into Jesse Auditorium for a mandatory orientation program. They are days away from taking their first college class. They don't know Hofer or their fellow students. Yet they're being asked to share their personal thoughts on a hot-button issue.

A young woman raises her hand, stands and takes a microphone. "I think it can be used as an excuse for violence, but it's not the root cause," she says.

Good, says Hofer, an assistant professor of religious studies. But he knows she doesn't speak for everyone. "Who disagrees?" he asks. Another student rises to say religion is to blame. "It's not all religions. Just some. Radical Islam in particular."

The crowd reacts. A rumble builds as the student continues. "I don't see any terrorist Methodists out there," he says. Now the rumble turns to a roar. Students jump out of their seats.

Stephanie Shonekan, the moderator of the session, admonishes the crowd. "Our responsibility is to ask him where that comes from, what he means, to ask him to elaborate," she says, "but not to shout him down."

Universities across the country are wrestling with how to set students' expectations about college discourse — where lines are that separate free

speech, respect, safety and academic freedom and what happens when one person's freedom of speech violates another's sense of respect.

Mizzou chose to address the conundrum by creating Citizenship@Mizzou. All incoming undergraduates in fall 2016 were required to take the two-hour seminar, the impetus for which arose from race-relations forums held in fall 2015.

The program featured a student band and four professors: Urmeka Jefferson (nursing), Andrew Hoberek (English), Elisa Glick (English and women's and gender studies) and Hofer. Each professor crafted a presentation around one of Mizzou's core values: respect, responsibility, discovery and excellence. Then students talked about how they interpreted Mizzou's values.

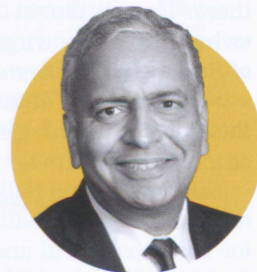
"We really are trying to create a space for dialogue so that incoming students can feel free to voice any opinion or ask any question that they want," Hofer says.

The students responded well.

"I was coming into Mizzou expecting a lot of tension, but the fact they acknowledged it and said they were working on it made me feel more secure," says Adil Shah, 18, of Creve Coeur, Missouri. — Erik Potter & Brittany King

† The student band Talking Drum performs at a fall 2016 orientation session.

## New Business Dean



The Trulaske College of Business's new dean comes with a global mindset. Ajay Vinzé, a Fulbright Senior Scholar, officially joins Mizzou Jan. 1, 2017. Vinzé was professor and associate dean of international programs for W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. He led global academic partnerships, founded the Center for Advancing Business through Information Technology and directed the Executive MBA Program. Before that, he spent a decade at Texas A&M's Mays School of Business. Vinzé holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Delhi, a master of business administration from the University of Connecticut and a doctorate in business administration from the University of Arizona. He replaces Stephen Ferris, who has served as interim dean since Joan Gabel left the position in summer 2015.



## TIGER'S EYE

# Palace of Pump

MU's fitness facilities began modestly, by today's standards, in 1905 with Rothwell Gymnasium and grew with the addition of Brewer Fieldhouse (1929) and the Student Rec Center (1989). To construct its current incarnation, the posh MU Student Rec Complex (2005), existing structures were gutted and refurbished into nearly 300,000 square feet of ultramodern workout space. The complex also includes sand volleyball courts and Stankowski Field to the west.

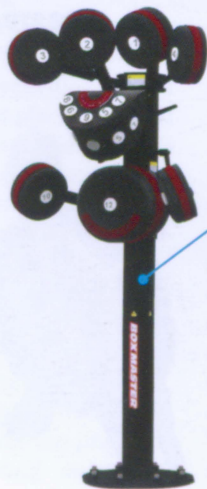
### RESORT TO THIS

A year-round vacation destination, Tiger Grotto features a zero-depth-entry pool, vortex, lazy river, outdoor pool, waterfall, hot tub, sauna and steam room amid (artificial) palm trees. The lower level also houses zouLIFE, a spa providing manicures, pedicures, facials, massage therapy and more.



### TIGER SHARKS

Home to the swimming and diving team, the Mizzou Aquatic Center boasts a state-of-the-art 50-meter competition pool and an adjacent diving well with platforms, springboards and slightly warmer water. The competition pool is kept cooler for intense training. The men's squad is ranked No. 2 in the NCAA, the highest ranking in program history.



### SHOWTIME

The Mizzou Fitness Showcase houses test exercise equipment from cutting-edge companies. In Clark's Boxing Gym, rec members use the BoxMaster conditioning system to replicate punching a trainer's mitt. And weightlifters in the Pump Room can hoist nearly 14,000 pounds of free weights (just not all at the same time).



### HOLDING COURT

The east end of MizzouRec sports a section of Rothwell Gymnasium's basketball floor framed by the vestibule transom of the building's original main entrance. The Tigers played on the floor from 1906 to 1930.



# TIGERS BEARING GIFTS

In October 2015, Mizzou launched the *Mizzou: Our Time to Lead* fundraising campaign with a \$1.3 billion goal. The record-setting fiscal 2016 propelled us past the halfway mark. Here's a breakdown of Tigers' generosity, by the numbers.

## Total Raised

**\$810.37 M**

## Number of Gifts

**414,717**

### Campaign Priorities

#### ENDOWMENT:

**\$288,035,553**

#### SIGNATURE CENTERS AND INSTITUTES:

**\$66,739,595**

#### CAMPUS RENAISSANCE:

**\$69,504,271**

### Sources of Support

Alumni .....	<b>\$279.811.084</b>
Sponsored Support.....	<b>\$166.209.273</b>
Foundations .....	<b>\$135.807.007</b>
Friends .....	<b>\$108.654.402</b>
Corporations .....	<b>\$107.617.597</b>
Organizations .....	<b>\$12.270.673</b>

**BPA TURTLE TRANSFORMATIONS** Bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical used in a variety of products, including water bottles and cash register receipts, has come under scrutiny as scientists have discovered potential health and environmental hazards from the compound. Last year, a team of researchers, led by Cheryl Rosenfeld, associate professor of biomedical sciences at MU, found that BPA in waterways can cause male turtles to develop female sex organs. Now, Rosenfeld's team has found that BPA can also induce behavioral changes in turtles, reprogramming males' brains to behave more like females'. Male hatchlings that had been exposed to BPA as eggs performed better on a spatial navigation test — typically associated with female turtles — than male hatchlings that hadn't been exposed. The study appeared in the journal *Hormones and Behavior*. — Erik Potter



## MEDICAL SCHOOL PIONEER

To cover expenses while studying at Mizzou, R. Philip Acuff, BS BA '53, MD '57, and his wife, Diane, CAFNR '55, cobbled together gifts from their parents and wages from part-time jobs, including a Sunday gig as a chemist at the local sewage disposal plant.

"We didn't have much," Acuff says, "but we didn't have debt."

The Columbia native earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at MU before joining 20 classmates as the first group of students in MU's then-new four-year medical school. They had access to University Hospital, which opened in September 1956, as well as a small group of faculty.

"It was quite an opportunity for a third-year medical student to be associated with these learned men," Acuff says. "I remember our first day on the new floor of University Hospital — to step on those new wards and begin seeing patients."

Acuff completed a residency and service with the U.S. Army and then worked for 37 years as a radiologist in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Acuff knows paying for medical school is harder now. To help, he recently committed a portion of his estate to fund four scholarships for students at the MU School of Medicine.

"Things have changed," he says, "but I still bleed black and gold."





# Mastering Media

At age 10, while visiting an aquarium on a family trip to Atlanta, Eryn Harris borrowed her mother's camera to photograph jellyfish. She was immediately hooked.

At Mizzou, the Florissant, Missouri, native planned to pursue a business marketing degree and follow in the footsteps of her father, a sales manager for Pepsi, Dr Pepper and Snapple. Then she took a digital production class taught by Katina Bitsicas in Mizzou's digital storytelling program, and the allure of the camera returned. "I found something I loved," she says.

Harris changed her major and set about making video projects. In the first, "This is Me," nine women speak candidly about insecurities related to their bodies. The piece won first place in digital storytelling in the MU Multicultural Certificate's 2016 Rewriting Realities contest. Another project, "My Queen," illustrates a poem of the same title, by Mizzou alumnus Wycla Bratton, BS Ed '16, celebrating a woman's regality.

"I'm inspired by your everyday hard-working woman, who is often overlooked or torn down by others," Harris says. "My goal is to give a new meaning to self-worth, self-love and being a woman."

Digital storytelling, an interdisciplinary program launched in 2015, interweaves the practices of filmmaking, writing, podcasting, animation

and other media creation with critical thinking and scholarship. So far 78 students have declared a digital storytelling major. — *Josh Murray*

## TIGERS KEEP COMING BACK

Official enrollment numbers for 2016-17 increased after opening day in August. By October, total enrollment was up 1.5 percent to 33,266 students, the sixth-largest student body in university history. Total minority student enrollment rose 1.8 percent, and African-American student enrollment rose 2.6 percent. MU's retention rate, a measure of freshmen returning as sophomores, is 85.7 percent, the third-highest rate in our history, surpassing the state average (78 percent) and the national average (80.8 percent). Mizzou has new high-ability freshmen. The class of 2020's average ACT score is a record-tying 26 — higher than the state average (21.7) and national average (21). Mizzou also welcomed a new vice chancellor for enrollment management. Pelema Morrice oversees undergraduate admissions, international admissions, financial aid, student information systems, the Missouri College Advising Corps, the University Registrar and the Veterans Center. Previously he was the chief enrollment officer at Bryn Mawr College.

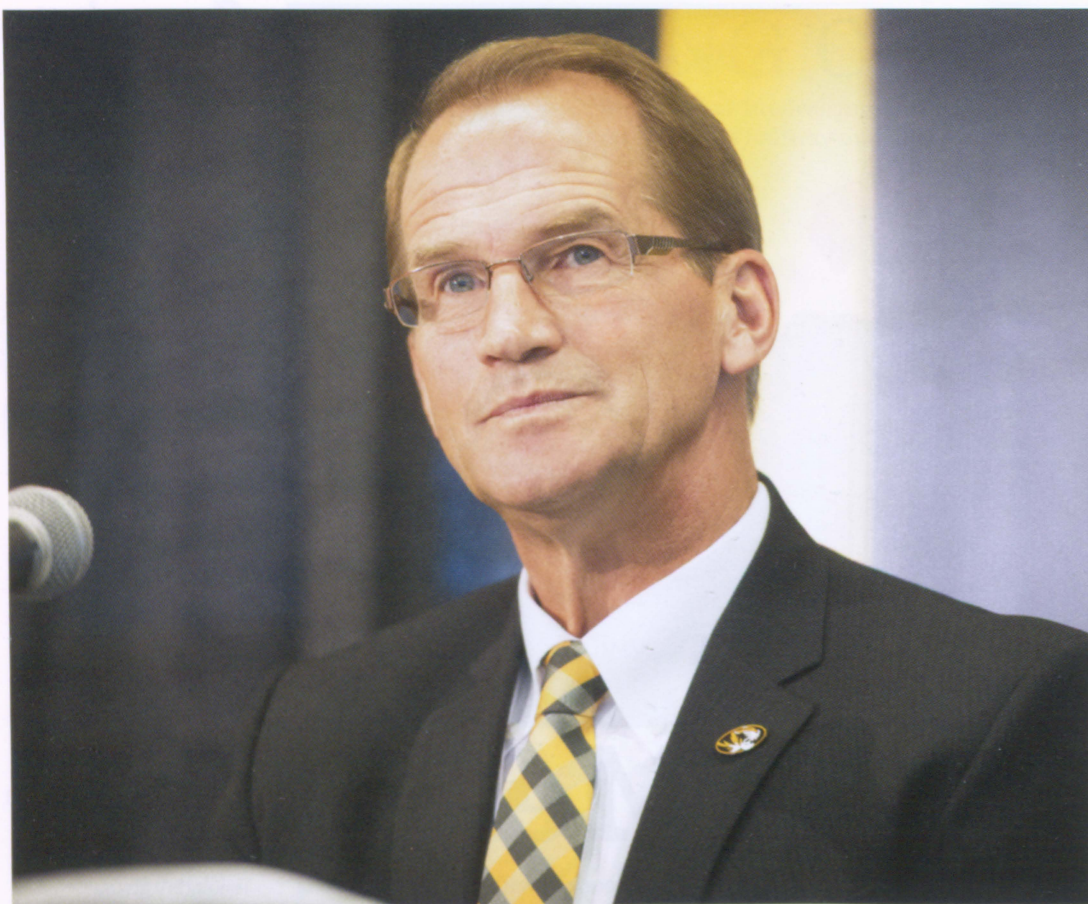
## Garnering Grants

The National Institutes of Health awarded Stefan Sarafianos \$3 million to develop new drug treatments for **hepatitis B**, a virus that has infected an estimated 2 billion people worldwide. The virus attacks the liver and increases the likelihood of developing liver cancer or liver failure. Sarafianos is an investigator in the Bond Life Sciences Center, a professor of molecular microbiology and immunology and a professor of biochemistry.

The Great Plains ADA Center, housed in the MU Department of Architectural Studies, won a \$5 million U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant to provide regulatory guidance across four states on complying with the **Americans with Disabilities Act**. It is the center's sixth consecutive five-year grant.

The Safe and Civil Schools Leadership program, run by the MU College of Education and the Missouri Prevention Center, received a \$4.1 million grant from the National Institute of Justice to study training methods that help secondary-school principals maintain **safe learning environments**. Researchers study physical and emotional safety and bully-victimization rates, then teach principals to make informed, data-driven decisions to improve the campus climate.





# Called to Mizzou

Jim Sterk, who took over as Mizzou's director of athletics Sept. 1, 2016, has been described by admiring colleagues many ways. Hall of Fame running back Marshall Faulk called him a man of "impeccable integrity." Duke University Director of Athletics Kevin White chose the words "highly seasoned leader."

But when Sterk remembers jobs he held in his 20s — preceding a three-decade career in athletics administration that took him to Maine, Tulane, Washington State and, most recently, San Diego State — he characterizes himself differently: "Barney Fife," he jokes. Sterk worked as a customs inspector in his youth, and in 1980, he assisted the FBI in a drug bust at the U.S.-Canada border. "I had a gun, but I hardly had any training. I was smart enough to keep my distance [from the drug dealer]."

Clearly, Sterk enjoys tackling new challenges. But at age 60, he sees the Mizzou job as his last. When the university offered the position, Sterk and his wife, Debi, who has family in Eminence,

Missouri, began noticing multiple signs of "divine intervention."

"I'm driving on San Diego State's campus and there's a Missouri plate right in front of me at the stoplight," said Sterk at his introductory press conference Aug. 11, 2016. "I'm going, 'OK, I think the Lord is saying I need to go in that direction.'"

Under Sterk's watch, SDSU athletics set institutional records in fundraising and academic progress rates, and the program is one of only four schools in the nation to have appeared in six consecutive NCAA men's basketball tournaments and five straight football bowl games.

At the press conference, interim Chancellor Hank Foley said Sterk was an obvious choice. "There was one candidate who really embodied everything we were looking for. Someone who had a winning record, who has taken good programs to greatness. A person who equally values success in the classroom and the mentoring of young athletes." — *Marcus Wilkins*

## Briefly

Are your holidays not going swimmingly? Yogurt could calm the waters — at least for fish. An MU research team found that *Lactobacillus plantarum*, a common bacteria in yogurt and probiotic dietary supplements, decreases stress-related behavior and anxiety in zebrafish. In a series of studies, researchers introduced environmental stressors — such as draining small amounts of water from the fish tank and overcrowding — and analyzed the subjects' gene pathways. They found zebrafish that were given probiotic supplements showed reduced metabolic pathways associated with stress.

Big news for future Tigers: Mizzou is one of 40 U.S. schools chosen for the **Stamps Scholars Program**. The Stamps Family Charitable Foundation will reward five exceptional incoming students who exemplify leadership, academic achievement and service. Scholarships cover the full cost of attendance for four years and provide \$16,000 per student in academic and professional development. Minimum eligibility requirements include a 32 ACT score, a 3.5 core GPA, and admittance to Mizzou by Dec. 1 and the Honors College by Dec. 15. More: [admissions.missouri.edu/scholarships](http://admissions.missouri.edu/scholarships).



## DATA

### Servant Tigers

Through Mizzou organizations and offices, Mizzou students and alumni find ways to give back. Their volunteerism makes an impact on campus, throughout the state and across the country.

#### Greek Life

Mizzou's 59 fraternities and sororities have a long tradition of volunteerism and philanthropy.

**\$5,000+**

raised during a week of domestic violence awareness and education activities by the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and Alpha Chi Omega sorority to support True North women's shelter in Columbia

**4** Make-a-Wish dreams the Chi Omega sorority fulfilled in the past year, including sending three children to Disney World and another on a Bass Pro Shop shopping spree

**17,000**

letters written in the Delta Delta Delta sorority's Sincerely Yours fundraising letter-writing competition, won last year by the Theta Chi fraternity, which raises money for St. Jude Children's Hospital

#### Truman's Closet

**11** hours per week, spread over four days, that Truman's Closet is open

**3** years Truman's Closet has been lending (for free) business and business-casual clothing to Tiger students, faculty and staff

#### Mizzou Alumni Association (MAA)

An organization of more than 42,000 alumni, MAA supports the best interests and traditions of Mizzou.

**12,058** alumni who volunteered for MAA activities last year

**\$567,000**

student scholarships awarded by MAA and its affiliated chapters for the 2016-17 academic year

**4,374** units of blood donated during MAA's 2016 Homecoming blood drive

**15** chapters that participated in MAA's first Day of Service community volunteerism event in 2016

#### MU Service Learning

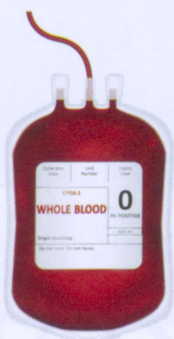
The service learning office supports MU courses that combine coursework with relevant community service.

**4,395** Mizzou students who volunteered through the Office of Service Learning in 2015

**208,727** volunteer hours worked by Mizzou students in 2015 through the Office of Service Learning

**290** community-based partners that benefitted from student volunteer work in 2015

**156** government offices that benefitted from student volunteer work in 2015



#### Mizzou Alternative Breaks

Through Mizzou Alternative Breaks, students travel in groups of 12 to places across the country to serve people in need.

**1,868** students who participated in service trips in 2015-16

**158** service trips students made over weekends, Thanksgiving, and winter, spring and summer break

**43,000**

service hours performed

#### MU Extension

MU Extension makes university education and information accessible to all Missourians through a statewide network of field offices and volunteers.

**2.3 million +** Missourians, in all 114 counties, served by MU Extension in fiscal 2015

**260,000+** Missouri K-12 students who participated in a Missouri 4-H activity in fiscal 2015



**7,228** Missourians who volunteered to run the local 4-H youth development programs in fiscal 2015



#### Tiger Pantry

Tiger Pantry is a food pantry serving Mizzou students, faculty and staff.

**122,000** pounds of food donated since the pantry opened in 2012

**5,700** pantry clients served since opening in October 2012







# THE BARBER OF MIZZOU

When Sean Adams got his first job at age 16, his father decided he should start paying for his own haircuts. Adams wasn't a fan of the idea. "I don't like resorting to other resources if I can figure out how to do it myself," he says.

So, Adams learned to cut his own hair. Once the Memphis native had arrived at Mizzou, he extended barber services to other students. Adams marketed to incoming freshmen because many hadn't yet settled on a local barber. When he realized some students had trouble getting to a barber shop, transportation became part of his business model. "I would go to campus, pick them up, take them back to my place, cut their hair, have a good time [and] good conversation," he says.

Adams reached out to students through the Mizzou Black Men's Initiative, where he works as a program assistant. He also reached out to members of the Zeta Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., his fraternity. He created business cards and posted pictures on his social media accounts. Over time, students came to recognize him as "Sean the Barber," and eventually as "The Mizzou Barber." Adams has also branched out into creating and selling hair grooming products in his line, Ashé Grooming Essentials.

When he isn't cutting hair, Adams pursues career goals as a personal financial planning major. He worked as a teller at Commerce Bank during his freshman year and joined Bank of America his sophomore year. Adams was selected for an internship with Edward Jones for the summers of 2015 and 2016.

Although Adams isn't sure whether he wants to keep cutting hair after graduation, he says his journey at MU has helped him grow into a well-rounded person. "I strategically picked a college town because I didn't want outside distractions, and Mizzou has taken care of me," Adams says. Part of that caretaking has come from conversations with fellow Tigers. "They've helped me grow into a person with awareness on different social levels, whether it's sexuality, masculinity, anything like that. I've become a lot more woke." — Sarah Sabathe

† Senior Sean Adams puts the finishing touches on Daryan Kirkendoll's haircut. The entrepreneurial barber also developed his own line of hair products.

# Choosing Choi

After a nine-month search, the UM System Board of Curators named a new president Nov. 2, designating Mun Y. Choi, the current provost at the University of Connecticut, as the leader of the four-campus UM System.

Choi will take over for interim President Michael Middleton March 1.

Choi has served as Connecticut's provost and executive vice president of academic affairs since 2012. Previous jobs included dean of engineering at Connecticut, the department chair of mechanical engineering at Drexel University and an associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Choi was born in South Korea and immigrated to the United States with his family as a child. He earned a doctorate in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton.

"Dr. Choi will be an exemplary leader in setting a shared vision for our future," says Board of Curators Chair Pamela Quigg Hendrickson, JD '83.

While provost, Choi led the creation of a \$1.5 billion program called Next Generation Connecticut, which aimed to increase enrollment, faculty hiring and research expenditures. It also created industry partnerships to grow high-paying jobs in the state.

"I'm very excited about UM because this is one of the finest public research university systems in the country," Choi said during remarks at the public announcement of his hiring in Jefferson City, promising to enhance the system's mission of teaching, research, service and economic development.



† Mun Choi will lead the four-campus University of Missouri System beginning March 1, 2017. He replaces interim President Mike Middleton.





## Naka Hall

When Bob Naka emerged from a World War II internment camp in California, the Japanese American Student Relocation Council made him an offer: Attend a Midwestern university and continue the education begun at UCLA. Naka landed at Mizzou, where he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1945 before securing a doctorate from Harvard University and launching a career that included the development of stealth technology and key roles with the U.S. Air Force and NASA. Before his death in 2013, Naka funded Mizzou scholarships, facility improvements and a professorship. Mizzou honored Naka this year by renaming Engineering Building West. Naka Hall is the first campus building to be named for an Asian American.

# Rex and Effects

Much about Mizzou football has changed since head football coach Barry Odom, BS '99, M Ed '04, began his collegiate career here as a linebacker in 1996. But one constant has been the healing hands of head athletic trainer Rex Sharp, who marks his 20th anniversary at MU in 2016.

After Odom tore an ACL his freshman year, Sharp noticed the athlete's dedication. "We didn't have a lot of depth, particularly at linebacker, and we needed Barry to play in the fall," says Sharp. Knowing the team's need and Odom's drive, Sharp asked Mizzou surgeon Pat Smith to shorten the injury's nine-month rehabilitation protocol. It was a bold move, but Sharp has a feel for when, and how hard, to push. He recalls that Smith was open to the idea, but "I could tell he didn't think we were going to make that goal."

Fortunately, Smith's surgery, Sharp's training regimen and Odom's commitment combined for a speedy three-and-a-half-month return. "I always tell our players if you do everything we ask you to do when we ask you to do it, you will return as quickly as possible," says Sharp, whose 33 years in the industry include 11 years at his alma mater, Ball State University. "The main thing is I don't want to put a player back in *before* he or she is ready."

Among the thousands of student-athletes Sharp has helped back into action is wide receiver Jer-

emy Maclin, A&S '08. After tearing an ACL before his freshman season, Maclin went on to one of the most celebrated careers in Mizzou football history. "The first time he touched the football in the first game back against Illinois, he returned the punt for a touchdown," Sharp says. "Dr. Smith and I were standing together, and it was an emotional moment. That meant something." — *Marcus Wilkins*

↑ Mizzou Athletic Trainer Rex Sharp, shown here taping offensive lineman Samson Bailey, is a Missouri Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

## SMALL MOVES, BIG BENEFITS

A little bit of motion goes a long way, according to two MU nutrition and exercise physiology researchers. Jaume Padilla found that some leg fidgeting could prevent declines from prolonged sitting. "We expected fidgeting to increase blood flow to the lower limbs, but we were quite surprised to find this would be sufficient to prevent a decline in arterial function," he says. And in a study on aging, Vicki Vieira-Potter simulated menopause in rats and observed how exercise affected them. She found that even a small amount of exercise helped rats reduce fat and maintain normal insulin and metabolic levels. — *Dale Smith*







# Focused on Rebounding

† Guard Terrence Phillips, one of two players to start all 31 games this past season, leads the Tigers in 2016–17.

During an early October practice, the Mizzou men's basketball team showcased its youthful exuberance for the media. The high-flying "Iron Man drill" starts with a free-throw shooter at one end of the court and finishes at the opposite end with a thunderous dunk amid teammates leaping in unison and yelling in raucous support.

Coach Kim Anderson, whose team finished 10-21 in 2015–16, hopes it's a sign of things to come.

"I've been really pleased with a lot of aspects, and the main thing is the energy level," says Anderson, BS Ed '79, M Ed '81. "The younger guys are still learning, but they play hard. They play with a lot of aggressiveness."

A pair of sophomores, guard Terrence Phillips (Orange County, California) and forward Kevin Puryear (Blue Springs, Missouri), lead all returning scorers with 7.8 and 11.5 points per game, respectively. Phillips finished the SEC schedule strong, averaging 10.3 points in the final three games, and Puryear was selected to the SEC All-Freshman Team.

Senior forward Russell Woods (Chicago), and sophomore guards K.J. Walton (Indianapolis) and Cullen VanLeer (Pacific, Missouri) round out the returning lettermen.

Anderson's roster also includes a duo of successful high school teammates from Cleveland — Willie Jackson and Frankie Hughes — who led Garfield Heights High School to back-to-back Ohio semifinals appearances in 2015 and 2016. Texas transfer Jordan Barnett, a forward from St. Louis, returns to his home state. And freshmen forwards Jakoby Kemp (Layton, Utah), Mitchell Smith (Van Buren, Arkansas) and Reed Nikko (Maple Grove, Minnesota), who all stand at least 6-9, add depth to the front court.

"Every one of the new guys has a chance to make significant contributions," says Anderson of his team that was 3-3 at press time. "Not to take anything away from the guys returning, but I think each one of them has a chance."

— Marcus Wilkins



# Steady Ascent

When Robin Pingeton was introduced as the Missouri women's basketball coach in April 2010, the Iowa native described her new home state as a "gold mine." In 2015-16, she hit pay dirt. The Tigers posted a 22-10 record (their best in 15 years), beat BYU in the NCAA Tournament before falling to Texas, and tallied record attendance.

Those fans got to see burgeoning star guard Sophie Cunningham (Columbia), who enters her sophomore season as the Tigers' top scorer, averaging 14 points per game. She became the first player in program history to be named SEC Freshman of the Year. "People know who Sophie is now, so there will be a bit of a mark," Pingeton says.

Cunningham's scoring responsibilities increase this year with the loss of other players to injury. The team's second-leading scorer, senior forward Jordan Frericks (Quincy, Illinois), will miss the season with a torn ACL, and junior forward Bri Porter (Columbia) is out with a knee injury.

Even so, Pingeton remains confident Mizzou (4-2 at press time) can compete with a committee of post players including sophomore Cierra Porter (Columbia), redshirt freshman Hannah Schuchts (Tallahassee, Florida) and redshirt junior Kayla McDowell.

Cunningham will get help in the back court from her sister, senior Lindsey Cunningham (Columbia), redshirt senior Lianna Doty (St. Louis), senior Sierra Michaelis (Mercer, Missouri) and freshman Amber Smith (Shreveport, Louisiana).

"I am not going to adjust my expectations," Pingeton says. "We've worked hard to build the program, and it might look a little different than we planned. But we have a great group." — *Marcus Wilkins*



↑ SEC freshman of the year Sophie Cunningham looks to build on her stellar career start.



## Golden Wheels

The U.S. dominates Olympic basketball, having won 14 men's and eight women's gold medals since the sport was introduced in 1936 and 1976, respectively. Striking gold in the Paralympic games has been a bit tougher.

Last summer in Rio, however, the U.S. men's wheelchair basketball team, led by Mizzou wheelchair basketball coach Ron Lykins, won gold for the first time since 1988. Former Mizzou wheelchair basketball player John Gilbert, BS '10, M Ed '11, from Salisbury, Missouri, was part of the team that defeated Spain 68-52 to clinch the top honor.

Lykins' insight into team dynamics did much to end the U.S. team's 28-year drought. He observed that American squads had lacked cohesion and continuity. "In the past, the U.S. made a mistake by having a different team every year," says Lykins, who served on the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's high-performance committee before accepting the head-coaching job. "We wanted to find a core group of guys in 2013 that would play together for four years."

Lykins has returned to Columbia to lead Mizzou's wheelchair basketball team, whose home court is at the MU Student Recreation Complex. His assistant on the bench, Scott Meyer, BHS '12, MPH '14, M Ed '15, served as the USA Men's Team Leader in Rio.

The 2016-17 collegiate season began Oct. 21 and continues through March 12, 2017, against teams including Arizona State, Auburn and Alabama. At press time, Mizzou's record was 8-5.

— *Marcus Wilkins*

**BUMP, SET, SEC** Mizzou Volleyball (25-5, 16-2 SEC) defeated Tennessee Nov. 26, 2016, at the Hearn Center to capture a share of the SEC Championship for the second time in four seasons. The No. 15-seeded Tigers hosted Northern Illinois in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Dec. 1.

## Scoreboard

**19:41.6** — **Karissa Schweizer's** first-place time in the 6,000-meter NCAA Championship race Nov. 21, 2016, in Terre Haute, Indiana. Schweizer, the SEC Women's Runner of the Year and a junior from Urbandale, Iowa, also won the SEC Championship. The Mizzou women's cross-country team finished 16th overall, its best finish since an 11th-place finish in 2004.

**2** — Cy Young Awards for former Mizzou standout and current Washington Nationals ace **Max Scherzer**. Scherzer, Bus '06, is the sixth pitcher in Major League Baseball history to win the award in both leagues after taking the 2013 American League crown with Detroit and this season with Washington. He joins Roger Clemens, Roy Halladay, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and Gaylord Perry.



**11** — Softball signees announced by **Coach Ehren Earleywine**. The 2017 recruiting class, which includes five in-state players and represents seven states, is ranked No. 9 in the country. The athletic department also received an anonymous \$3.1 million planned estate gift, which will be divided equally between the softball program and the Tiger Scholarship Fund.





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**THE LAUREATE  
ALIKI BARNSTONE**

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**CHARITABLE  
MARK MCANDREW**

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WE KNOW TIGERS DO **WELL**. MEMBERS OF THE MIZZOU FAMILY WIN BIG AWARDS, LAND GREAT JOBS AND RAKE IN MAJOR GRANTS. BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THE **GOOD** THEY DO? MEET JUST A FEW OF THE THOUSANDS OF TIGERS WHOSE EVERYDAY LIVES ENTAIL MAKING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES A LITTLE BETTER.



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# DO-IT-YOURSELF CHARITY

Longtime donor and philanthropist Mark McAndrew has a new mission in developing countries: Help young people become healthy, educated, spiritually grounded, self-sufficient citizens in three years. Story by Erik Potter





# M

Mark McAndrew, BS BA '75, went to Rwanda to make sure the charity he was supporting there was doing what it promised with his donations. He found his answer in a roofless shack.

Rwanda is a beautiful country. Nestled in a mountainous region of central Africa, the country is lush, sitting near the equator, yet temperate because of its elevation. Its economy is fast-growing but small. The per-person share of the economic pie (per capita gross domestic product) is only \$1,800; it's more than \$53,000 in the U.S. There are millions of young people living at the margins.

One of them was named Mary.

McAndrew, former CEO of the insurance company Torchmark, met Mary on that first trip to Rwanda in 2009. He was there with the international charity ZOE, a Christian organization that educates and trains orphans to be self-sufficient. They operate in five African countries, as well as India and Guatemala.

Mary, about 15, lived in a shack with her younger sister, who was about 10, and a baby. She had just started the ZOE program. She welcomed the group to her house and told them her story. "Her parents had died, and she was taking care of her younger sister," McAndrew remembers. "She'd gotten a job as a housekeeper and had been raped. That's where the baby came from. She'd also contracted HIV. This girl was just — she wouldn't look at you. She just looked so sad."

In the ZOE program, Mary was placed in a group with 75 other orphans in their early teens who would become each other's family. ZOE does not give the children food and shelter. Instead, it gives them a plot of land, seed and tools they can use to support themselves. It helped them build their own housing. It taught them food safety



↑ Mark McAndrew, BS BA '75, is a giver. The retired Torchmark CEO has endowed an MU Clark County Flagship Scholarship with a \$1.4 million gift and an MU School of Medicine chair in oncology and cancer research with a \$2.4 million gift. He has also put 5,000 orphaned children through ZOE, a charitable program that trains young people to be economically self-sufficient. He is pictured here at a ZOE site in Rwanda.

and how to protect against malaria and HIV. It also teaches them about the Bible and encourages them to attend a local church.

When McAndrew visited Rwanda again two years later, he saw a transformation. As soon as his group pulled up, Mary ran out, grabbed McAndrew's hand and started singing and dancing with him.

She'd learned how to cut and style hair and was supporting her sister and baby with her hair-dressing business. "She was healthy and getting the medication she needed," McAndrew says. "She was happy. She would not stop hugging me."

Mary was in the first group of 75 students McAndrew funded through ZOE. He has since sponsored nearly 5,000 students and sits on the organization's board of directors.

"I grew up in Kahoka, Missouri," says McAndrew, who serves on the *Mizzou: Our Time to Lead* fundraising campaign. "The whole county had 8,000 people. I never dreamed I'd be able to do what I'm able to do."


"I've always believed that part of my success was that I gave back. That is, to me, what you're supposed to do." **M**

← Kenya is home to 2.6 million orphaned children and is one of five countries in Africa where ZOE operates. The skills ZOE teaches vary by region. In Kenya, the organization teaches children to carve wood and make clothes and furniture.





# WILLING & ABLE



*KENDALL MALKIN TURNS HER BIGGEST CHALLENGES INTO HER GREATEST GIFTS.*

STORY BY BRITTANY KING. PHOTOS BY SHANE EPPING.

**W**hen Mizzou senior Kendall Malkin took her first child development class in high school, she couldn't let it go. In her work with preschool children, she loved observing their social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills, and watching them develop during the semester. But she wasn't sure how to turn that passion into a career. So, when it came time to look at colleges, she sought a school with a great child development program.

But Malkin has hearing loss, so she also required a university with a supportive disability center. When she was 8 months old, Malkin had bacterial meningitis and lost her hearing. When she was 2 years old, surgeons attached a hearing aid called a cochlear implant in her right ear.

"I needed accommodations to help me to succeed in college," she says. "Mizzou really set itself apart with the Disability Center. I learned in high school that you will know which schools really care about their students based on the locations

of their resources. The Disability Center is in Memorial Union, which is almost central to campus, making it easy to get to."

## **ACCESSIBILITY ON CAMPUS**

Angela Branson, the center's deaf services coordinator, works with two American Sign Language interpreters to assist about 30 Mizzou students who have varying degrees of hearing loss. Her favorite part of the job is working with students. "They say college is the best time of your life," she says. "I love that I get the chance to provide access for students so they can fully participate in the college experience."

Branson and her team go with clients to classrooms, advising appointments and other academic meetings and interpret the spoken word using sign language. They also provide interpreting services at university hospitals and clinics and arrange captioning for students who prefer that mode of access. The center offers live captioning on screens at lectures and special events on cam-





← Senior Kendall Malkin has served as a Summer Welcome leader, a Miz-zouThon leader, a Miz-zou Alternative Breaks volunteer and an exam proctor at the Disability Center. She lost her hearing at 8 months.

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pus. When a professor records a lecture and puts it online, Branson and her team caption it for clients.

Each year the center serves about 1,000 students who have disabilities of many kinds — physical, mental, neurological — and helps them procure the accommodations they need. The staff also works to raise awareness about disabilities and change mindsets. The center sponsors speakers, including actress Marlee Matlin and reality television star Matt Roloff. In October, model and deaf activist Nyle DiMarco spoke at Mizzou as part of Mizzou's sixth annual Celebrate Ability Week, which highlights the contributions and skills of people with disabilities.

### UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENCES

Malkin wants others to know that no two people are alike. Each person with hearing loss handles it in his or her own way, but all can be as well-

**"I JUST WANT TO EDUCATE PEOPLE THAT THOSE WITH DISABILITIES CAN DO EVERYTHING [ANYONE ELSE] CAN DO; THEY JUST MAY HAVE TO ADAPT DIFFERENTLY."**

equipped as anyone else to take on the world. "You would never recognize that I am deaf unless I tell you so," she says. "But that does not mean you should look at me any differently."

She counsels respect and patience when dealing with all people. "You may not even know if someone has an 'invisible disability' like mine," she says. And she offers a few suggestions for speaking with someone who has a hearing loss. "Look at the person when you are talking to them, talk as clearly as possible, and be patient if you need to repeat what you're saying."

### MAKING AN IMPACT

When Malkin stepped on campus her freshman year, she got involved right away. She serves as president of the Human Development and Family Science Student Association. She is a member of Kappa Omicron Nu, the honors society for her college, and of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She spent a summer on campus as a Summer Welcome leader, works at the Disability Center as an exam proctor, and serves others on Mizzou Alternative Break trips.

"I love being involved in various organizations to make a difference," she says. "I'm not too sure what impact I'll leave on Mizzou. I just want to educate people that those with disabilities can do everything [anyone else] can do; they just might have to adapt differently. I want to inspire people to never give up. I know college can get tough, but you have to keep positive and keep moving forward."

The organization Malkin most proudly serves is MizzouThon, Mizzou's Dance Marathon philanthropy, which she has helped lead for the past three years. She is inspired by how the organization helps children with serious illnesses and their families, and that feeling keeps her coming back. During fall 2015, she made her own impact on one of the Miracle Kids — children who receive care and treatment from MU Women's and Children's Hospital — MizzouThon serves. Declan Johnson uses a wheelchair and loves wheelchair basketball. Malkin wasted no time using her connections at the center to introduce her new young friend to Mizzou's popular wheelchair basketball team and get him in to watch a game. That experience taught Malkin how important it is for those who experience life differently to feel they are represented.

"Declan got to see college students accept who they are and play a sport that he loves so much," she says. "The team became role models for him. He was so excited. He said it was like Christmas for him and his family. I will never forget that."

Malkin plans to graduate in spring 2017 and become a certified child life specialist, educating families about their children's conditions. She believes using developmentally appropriate terms is one way to do this. It helps to educate both the child and family about the diagnosis and condition while also providing emotional and procedural support. She also wants to help families manage pain and reduce stress and anxiety while learning coping skills.

"Being a role model is what I aspire to as a child life specialist," Malkin says. "I understand what it's like to be challenged with my deafness. I want to help children in hospitals understand and have hope that they can get better and accept who they are like I do." **M**

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# TRANSPLANTING HOPE

MIZZOU SOPHOMORE TRENT GRIMSHAW MAKES A LIFE-SAVING DONATION. STORY BY ERIK POTTER

**T**rent Grimshaw sat alone in a hospital room, fidgeting in his open-backed hospital gown, waiting to undergo the first surgery of his life. Doctors and nurses popped in and out, explaining their role in what was about to happen. Soon they wheeled him into the operating room.

Grimshaw, a sophomore industrial engineering major, was not sick or injured. But he had a severe case of generosity. Doctors were about to put him under full anesthesia, insert two needles into his back and draw, from his bones, marrow that might save the life of a person he had never met.

Grimshaw doesn't overthink things. For instance, he doesn't like borrowing money, so he takes part-time jobs during the school year and mows lawns during the summer to help pay for tuition and living expenses. He had friends from high school in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, so he pledged freshman year. The house urged everyone to donate blood during Homecoming that first semester, so Grimshaw went.

After donating, he saw a sign from the nonprofit Delete Blood Cancer asking people to get their cheeks swabbed in order to join the bone marrow registry. "Something told me, 'Aw, you should probably do that,'" says the Fenton, Missouri, native.

Blood transfusions are simple, but bone marrow transplants are more complicated. Donors and recipients must share 10 genetic markers to be compatible. The odds are tough. Millions of people have registered to donate bone marrow, yet 60 percent of people who look to the registry for a transplant never receive one. Only 1 in 430 people on the registry ever donates bone marrow.

So, after getting his cheek swabbed, Grimshaw went back to his campus life and forgot all about it. "It was wintertime, and I got an email saying I was a potential match," he says. "I was like, 'Wow. Already?'" But he didn't overthink it. "I knew from the first email that I would do it," he says.

A follow-up blood test in spring 2016 confirmed his compatibility. He flew to MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., for a physical, an X-ray and more blood work to see if he was physically able to make the donation. He was.

Everything was set. Grimshaw had one last chance to back out, doctors told him. He didn't know much about the woman he would be donating to, only that she was 50 years old — nearly the same age as Grimshaw's mother — and "she had a blood cancer with a crazy name," he says. And, most important, "she had a zero-percent chance to live without the transplant."

For Grimshaw, it wasn't even a choice. "If that was my mom, I would definitely want someone to do that for her," he says.

In mid-July, Grimshaw flew back to the Georgetown hospital. "I was really nervous," he remembers.

The donation itself is a surgical procedure performed with the patient under sedation. Doctors insert two needles into the



lower back near the waist, one 2 inches to the right of the spine and the other 2 inches to the left. The needles draw liquid bone marrow from the pelvic bone.

After it was done, he woke up with a very sore back. He stayed overnight in the hospital, hooked up to an IV for fluids and nutrients. "I was very weak," Grimshaw remembers. The next day he tried to walk around the Georgetown campus with his parents. "I was, like, dead. I had to take breaks every five minutes. I'd get really light-headed."

The pain and weakness were temporary, but Grimshaw still had to figure out how to make up for the lost time at work. "I needed that money for school," he says. He would have been ready to go back to an office job after a week, but it took three weeks before he was strong enough to return to mowing and landscaping.

Fortunately, people want to help a guy like Grimshaw. Soon, family members who knew about his donation and financial situation were mailing checks to help him along, \$20 or \$40 at a time. Altogether, the donations nearly replaced his lost wages. Rest and the generosity of others made him whole after the procedure.

Grimshaw doesn't know yet how the woman who received his bone marrow has fared. Even with the transfusion, she has a 50-50 chance of survival. If she makes it a year and both parties are willing, they can meet in person.

"I definitely would agree to it," he says. "I've been praying about it, her surviving. She could be a mom to a kid my age, and I could have saved her life. I really hope I get to meet her." **M**





# RAISING OUR SIGHTS

WHETHER VOLUNTEERING IN MEXICO OR ANSWERING CALLS AT WORK, DORIS EAGLE SEES SERVICE EVERYWHERE. STORY BY ERIK POTTER ★ ILLUSTRATION BY MICHAEL BYERS

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**B**ig things often start out small. For Doris Eagle of the Mason Eye Institute, a lifetime of service that includes mission trips to Mexico and restoring sight to the blind began with her grandmother's small coin purse.

As a child, Eagle spent a lot of time with her grandmother, who constantly impressed her with her giving attitude. "There was nobody she wouldn't help," Eagle says. That included strangers in front of her in the grocery store checkout line.

Back when you had to buy food with cash, Eagle looked up at adults searching frantically through pockets and purses for the last dollar they needed to pay for that week's groceries. Then she'd watch her grandmother pull out her coin purse, unsnap the clasp, take out enough change to cover the shortage and hand it to the person. It was a small gesture, though not to the person she helped. Sometimes, after the person thanked her and left, her grandmother would put one of her own items back. It wasn't just spare change she had given; it was her own grocery money.

That example has guided Eagle throughout her life.

## SERVICE

For the past 19 years Eagle has worked as the executive assistant to the department chair of ophthalmology at the Mason Eye Institute. In 2016, she was recognized with the Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award for clerical and office workers.

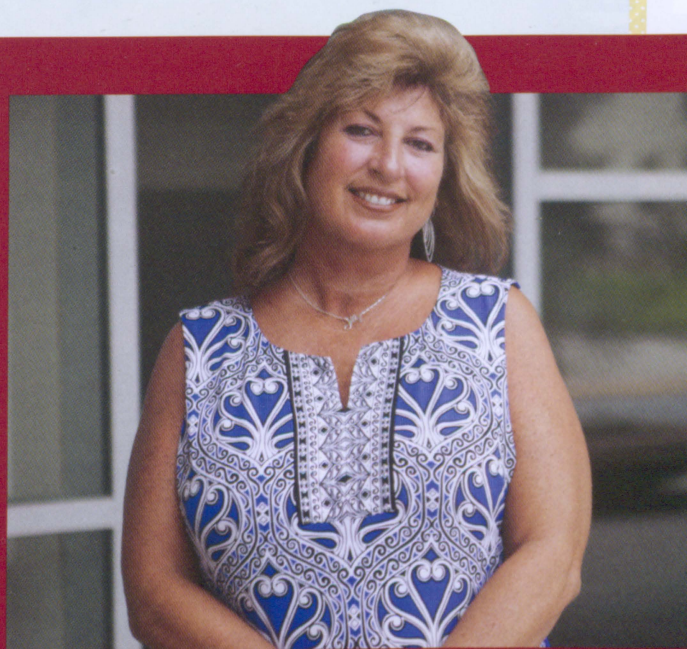
In her job, Eagle brings the same attitude she saw in her grandmother. She often gets calls from patients who are panicked about a change in their vision, desperate for an appointment at the busy center. The easy thing would be to say, "Sorry, we're full today." But she doesn't. "You get them in. You make it work," she says, then demurs that her behavior makes her special. "Nobody gets anywhere on their own. I see people every single day who — they don't have to be nice to strangers they'll never meet again. But they are."

Eagle found a home for her service ambitions two years ago when she was recruited to be the adviser to the campus Lions Club. Appropriately enough, the Lions' motto is "we serve."

Eagle jumped right in. She loves working with the students, training them in volunteerism, but she is quick to mention that membership is open to anyone — staff, student, faculty or the public.

## VISION

So far, Eagle has gone on three Lions mission trips to Mexico, where she helps distribute 2,000 pairs of recycled eyeglasses (restoring sight and preventing blindness has been a mission of the Lions Club since its founding).



The experiences were life-changing.

The first thing that hits her each time is the line. It stretches for blocks. People camp overnight for a chance to get a piece of plastic and two pieces of glass that many Americans are content to let gather dust in a drawer.

Every patient who comes through has a story. Each pair of glasses she gives away is an emotional experience. But one stands out.

Eagle's job is to help fit the patients for glasses, testing their eyes to see which prescription fits them best. Kids are the most difficult, she says, because they're quick to settle on any prescription that offers improvement. "You really have to press them," she says, to get the best fit.

One 10-year-old boy came in with his mother and two younger brothers. He had severe astigmatism that had made him virtually blind since he was a small child. She'd put a prescription on him and ask "Is this better?" Then she'd try another. "Is this better?"

"When I got the right pair on — he saw his mother first," she says, goose bumps rising on her arms just in the retelling. She didn't have to ask if it was better. His mother's face and hands, which he had come to know so well from touch, he could see again with his eyes. Instantly, he started crying. Then he looked at his brothers. They were young enough that he'd never seen them before. "They look just like me," he said. Everyone was crying.

These are the moments Eagle finds comforting — people helping each other, making life a little easier together.

"You get hooked on it," she says. **M**





# CAPTAINS OF CARE

NEW ALLIANCE TRAINS MUCH-NEEDED  
PHYSICIANS IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

STORY BY NANCY MOEN

**M**edical students absorb a lot of complicated information, but one of Scott Miller's most memorable lessons came from a 7-year-old finishing two and a half years of chemotherapy.

Miller is a third-year MU School of Medicine student and a member of the first student group training with physicians at CoxHealth and Mercy on the new MU Springfield Clinical Campus. The expansion is a bold move to help reduce the physician shortage in Missouri and nationwide.

During a rotation in the St. Jude Affiliate Clinic at Mercy Children's Hospital, Miller met Brett Sutherland, a brave little boy undergoing his 136th treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Miller has a tough time watching children suffer as they take on such serious medical challenges. "It's hard, especially for someone of that age. Not only is it a painful process, it's an every-week process," he says. "Many of them don't know any other life, as the medical interventions have become the norm."

Chemotherapy drugs are often administered intravenously through a port positioned under the skin. But Brett stayed strong through his nausea, hair loss and severe sores. In clinic, Miller would talk with Brett and family about Brett's medications and health changes, then stay as Dr. Francisca Fasipe — Miller's faculty mentor — conducted an examination.

Miller admires Brett's strength. "The experience helped me realize how resilient and strong kids are. I walked out of that clinic every day with a new outlook on what I'm doing," he says.

One day in clinic, Miller heard the Springfield Cardinals Minor League baseball team was in the cafeteria signing autographs. Brett loves the Cardinals (and the Kansas City Royals; he's named after Hall of Fame third baseman George Brett). Miller, too, is a fan. He used a connection with the team to acquire a gift bag of Cardinals gear, which he left at the clinic for Brett. Shaking with excitement, Brett sorted through such treasures as a

→ Medical student Scott Miller befriended Brett Sutherland when the 7-year-old patient was undergoing chemotherapy at Mercy Children's Hospital in Springfield. Through a new partnership, Mizzou students provide hands-on care to patients in Southern Missouri.









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**— LAURA HILTON-SUTHERLAND**

replica World Series ring, a hat, a T-shirt and an autographed photo.

A few weeks ago, Brett, his family and friends participated in a walk/race to benefit St. Jude's, where Brett spied Miller and ran to give him a hug. "It was wonderful to see how happy he is and how well he's doing," Miller says.

Brett is in remission. He has three more years until he's considered cured, but his type of leukemia has a 90 to 95 percent survival rate. He invited Miller to his end-of-chemo party.

### **MORE DOCTORS FOR THE FUTURE**

MU is committed to enrolling greater numbers of students like Miller to help alleviate the nation's critical shortage of physicians. For years, administrators have wanted to increase the School of Medicine class size from 96 to 128 students.

Though it's the smallest of Missouri's six medical schools, MU's School of Medicine already provides the state with the most practicing doctors. Still, statisticians predict an increasing need for physicians as the nation's population ages and more people live with chronic diseases. Missouri's department of health estimates that 108 of 114 counties lack adequate access to health-care professionals.

The School of Medicine's twofold plan to train 30 percent more doctors is now underway — with the establishment of the MU Springfield Clinical Campus, where Miller trains, and construction of a new medical education building on the MU campus.

The MU Springfield Clinical Campus welcomed its inaugural class of nine third-year students in June. At full capacity by 2020, Springfield will have 64 third- and fourth-year MU medical students living and training in the area.

On the Mizzou campus, students, faculty and staff

broke ground in 2015 on the \$42.5 million Patient-Centered Care Learning Center. The facility will open in summer 2017 with six floors of space dedicated to the patient-centered education that forms the core of the school.

The projected financial impact on Missouri's economy is estimated at \$390 million when the expansion reaches its full effect in 27 years.

### **MU'S SPRINGFIELD CLINICAL CAMPUS**

In 2007, Mizzou saw both positive vision and skepticism about opening a clinical campus in Springfield. Weldon Webb, BA '69, MA '72, associate dean for the Springfield campus, led the project. In Columbia, Webb had to sell the idea of training students 170 miles from the shadow of Jesse Hall. In Springfield, he had to convince community leaders to accept an MU presence when clearly they wanted their own medical school. Five medical schools already had contacted Steve Edwards, CEO of CoxHealth, about building in Springfield. Cox administrators ran cost analyses, but the price was too high — well over a billion dollars.

The prospect of an MU clinical campus became a constant topic of conversation not only at Springfield Chamber of Commerce meetings but also as part of a community effort aimed at training the next generation of physicians. Having 64 doctors-in-training in Springfield would benefit the region because physicians tend to practice where they have trained. With its two large, competitive health systems — Cox and Mercy — Springfield could offer MU students nonacademic settings for their clinical training. On the recommendation of a national consultant, Cox and Mercy chose the MU plan.

A committed group of central players in Springfield collaborated to make the campus and the MU-Springfield partnership a reality: Jim Anderson, then president and COO of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce; Dr. David Barbe, BA '76, MD '80, MHA '05, vice president for regional operations at Mercy; and Edwards. In addition, administrators of Missouri State University (MSU) made joint legislative calls to help raise funding.

The success of the plan hinged on funding. It was 2008, and the nation was in the midst of



← The Springfield Clinical Campus building houses classrooms, student study space and administrative offices and is located near Springfield's two hospitals.





a financial crisis, with state budgets tight everywhere. But the state legislature provided \$10 million of annual funding, and plans for the clinical campus could proceed.

It took nine long years from a concept in 2007 to the inaugural class in 2016, but MU's Springfield Clinical Campus is in place, and the partnering continues daily. As its new dean and chief academic officer, Dr. Andrew Evans ensures that medical students' experience in Springfield produces an educational outcome equivalent to what students receive at the Mizzou campus. Evans, a former MU faculty member, recruited the Cox and Mercy doctors who train the students. MSU assists with campus IT and offers students its recreational facilities and health services.

"Community-based education like this is the best of both worlds. We couldn't have done it without MU, and MU couldn't have done it without Mercy and Cox, so this is the epitome of a partnership," Barbe says.

## ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Meanwhile on the MU campus, the new Patient-Centered Care Learning Center is under construction. When completed, it will be home base to all first- and second-year medical students. They will learn and socialize on the top two floors, enjoying stunning views of Jesse Hall — a stark contrast to their current basement accommodations.

From its name to its design and artwork, the center will project strong themes about patient-centeredness. "We want people to walk in and be constantly reminded that this is about service to the people of Missouri and beyond," says Linda Headrick, BA '77, senior associate dean for medical education.

The center will reflect Missouri's diversity, history and culture through its artistry and use of natural materials. For example, the stair treads

↑ The Patient-Centered Care Learning Center goes up on campus south of Stankowski Field. Scheduled to open in the summer of 2017, it will provide expanded training space for growing enrollment in the School of Medicine.

on the front steps will be crafted of gray-vein Carthage limestone salvaged from the Kansas City Power and Light Building, built in 1931. The south walls of elevator lobbies on all six floors will be made of reclaimed Missouri wood decorated with carvings of five rivers — the Missouri, Mississippi, Osage, Current and James — running through the building as they run through Missouri. That wood, too, is a part of Missouri history: white and red oak salvaged from mid-Missouri barns; walnut from a wagon factory in Knox City; hickory from a shoe factory in Palmyra; and pine from a general store in Hannibal that legend says Mark Twain patronized.

Design architects BNIM of Kansas City and planning architects Christner Inc. of St. Louis responded to MU's patient-based curriculum, whose small-group approach requires very different spaces than traditional lecture-based learning. To create the design, the architects shadowed students, discovered the spatial needs firsthand and designed a warm, welcoming environment with flexible gathering spaces rather than lecture halls.

The facility will use as little energy as possible, thanks in part to an involved daylighting system connected to a smart LED lighting system. An exterior of large, precast concrete panels — with a finish that complements the campus limestone — will almost eliminate air leaks. "We're using the bones of the building, the thermal mass, to help make the building more comfortable," says BNIM lead architect Steve McDowell.

The architects from both firms say the new facility is one of their favorite projects. They were touched by the way students learn and by the patient-centric ethos of the school in training future doctors like Scott Miller. **M**

## MU produces top graduates

MU is Missouri's only medical school using patient-based learning (PBL) as the main method of teaching students. Rather than sitting in lectures, PBL students learn by studying cases, a teaching style that makes the patients real.

The curriculum attracts high-achieving students and produces patient-centered graduates who rise to the top of their residency classes. Data from an annual survey of residency program directors show that graduates from the MU classes of 2012 to 2014 rank among the nation's top performers as interns, with "truly exceptional performance" evaluations.

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# DOING DIVERSITY

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CAN BE LOFTY, ABSTRACT WORDS. KEVIN MCDONALD KNOWS THEM WELL. HE HAS SPENT HIS CAREER IN SERVICE TO THEM. AND HE'S DISCOVERED ONE THING: IF THE WORDS ARE ONLY SPOKEN, THEY REMAIN EPHEMERAL. MERE ASPIRATIONS. BUT IF YOU START TO DO THEM, THEY BECOME VISIBLE. A PRISONER WITH A FAIR SHOT AT A SECOND CHANCE. A PERSON IN A WHEELCHAIR FINALLY GETTING ACCESS TO EQUAL ACCOMMODATIONS. A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT WITH TEAR-FILLED EYES, HUGGING YOU IN THANKS FOR THE CARE YOU'VE SHOWN HIM. ¶ THE WORDS BECOME REAL. **STORY BY ERIK POTTER**

## FROM THE PRISON SYSTEM TO HIGHER EDUCATION

On June 1, Kevin McDonald began his tenure as the University of Missouri System's first chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer. Thirteen days later, interim Chancellor Hank Foley appointed him the interim vice chancellor for inclusion, diversity and equity on the MU campus.

McDonald wears a shaved head, a bow tie, an easy smile and a quick laugh. He's a lawyer who speaks in sentences that aren't tortured by legal dictionaries or paralyzed by fear of being misconstrued.

His father is from Jamaica and his mother is from Bermuda, but he grew up in Cleveland. He never intended to make a career promoting diversity and fighting discrimination. He went to law school to study entertainment and sports law.

But during law school, while his classmates took internships at big firms, McDonald interned at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. He went inside state prisons and heard appeals from prisoners facing disciplinary action for prison-rules violations. He spoke with wardens, corrections officers and inmates. "That was eye-opening," he says. "To view the dispro-

portionate number of inmates of color and to question our own system of justice — that started me thinking more about equity and what I could do to be part of the solution."

After law school McDonald turned down a job at his uncle's family-law practice in New Jersey to pursue a career in the Washington, D.C., area. He was engaged to be married in one year. His fiancée (now his wife, Kimberlyn McDonald, a human resources consultant with MU) said she would leave her job and follow him after the wedding if he had found a job by then. If not, he had to come back to Columbus, Ohio.

"I thought it was going to be simple," McDonald says. "Of course! No problem. I'll have that solved in two days," he remembers thinking.

Instead it took him seven months. He finally took a contract job, with no benefits, at the U.S. Department of Justice. He was once again hearing prisoner complaints but this time from inmates with disabilities who claimed they were not receiving the accommodations they were entitled to under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

He called Kimberlyn with the good news. "She

+ Kevin McDonald grows inclusion through action: bridge building, active listening and looking beyond quotas.



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† At Rochester Institute of Technology, McDonald launched Men of Color, Honor and Ambition (MOCHA), a yearlong, holistic mentorship program for undergraduate men.

said, 'What if we get sick?' And I said, 'Our deal was for me to find a job. You didn't tell me it had to have benefits.' At this point, McDonald is laughing in the retelling. "So my stint there wasn't as long as I wanted it to be because I needed to find a job with benefits."

From there McDonald went to a domain registration company — that offered insurance — where he mediated disputes between companies and cybersquatters.

He quickly transitioned back to social justice work, however. McDonald took a job at the University of Maryland as a campus compliance officer, investigating complaints of discrimination. From there, he went to Johns Hopkins University, where he implemented a comprehensive mediation program.

In 2005, he joined Virginia Tech as director of its equal opportunity and affirmative action programs and was later promoted to vice president for equity and inclusion. The school was in the aftermath of a series of controversial decisions prohibiting, then re-allowing, consideration of

race and gender in admissions. "There had been a lot of protests, a lot of things going on there," McDonald says. "I just felt called to go. I felt it was where I really needed to roll up my sleeves and get involved in the work."

After five years he joined the Rochester Institute of Technology as vice president and associate provost for diversity and inclusion. Then protests roiled the Mizzou campus, administrators resigned, and a new system-level diversity position was created. McDonald once again heard a calling.

### THE CHILL APPROACH

McDonald calls himself "a consensus builder, not a hell raiser." Partly that's his personality, but it's also the best way he's found to do the work of diversity and inclusion.

For McDonald, that means building relationships, being engaged and actively listening. "Particularly in this work, you want people to leave feeling they had some positive experience with you, that it wasn't just a meeting," he says.

That consensus approach is important,



McDonald says, because for a university to succeed in its diversity efforts, the mindset has to be that diversity is everyone's job. "It has to be seen as a core function of people's areas that is attached to our entire organizational pursuit of excellence," McDonald says. He calls it "inclusive excellence." For an organization to be the best it can be, it can't marginalize a portion of its own community. It needs everyone performing at their best.

The idea that diversity is more than a quota is an important one for McDonald. Too often, he says, universities focus only on numbers. They think that recruiting a faculty and student body that is more ethnically diverse is, by itself, the definition of success. "That has proved, time and time again, to be faulty logic," he says.

McDonald defines diversity as the various mix and combinations of human differences and inclusion as the optimization of those differences. Recruiting people who make your campus more diverse without putting supportive systems in place to make them successful is like building only one half of a bridge.

The first thing McDonald is working on is a diversity strategic plan, an analysis of the systems in place now for faculty recruitment and retention, student recruitment and student success, staff development, and even alumni engagement and to develop metrics to measure progress in those areas.

It's a collaborative approach that uses data as a guide.

"We need to look at what the data are telling us and look at it disaggregated, to see what story is coming from that, and do something with it," McDonald says.

It's the approach he used at Rochester to build the program he considers his greatest success — so far.

## **CLOSING GAPS**

McDonald was serving on a student success steering committee at Rochester. The school was trying to figure out how to address the poorer performance of male students compared to their female peers. Not too long into the work, McDonald realized the committee was overlooking one group on campus. The university wasn't thinking about how to help men of color, who were enrolling at lower rates, earning poorer grades and graduating at lower rates than their peers.

McDonald did some research and got approval to launch Men of Color, Honor and Ambition (MOCHA). The program puts 20 undergraduate men through a yearlong mentorship program that incorporates health and wellness, leadership de-

velopment and public speaking training through the Dale Carnegie Training program, nonprofit work, and academic support. Each student who completes the program receives a custom-fitted suit, a tie and dress shoes.

"My college experience is really what informed the program," McDonald says. "It was everything I wish I'd had and didn't. I never had a mentor in college and didn't even know how to go about developing a relationship because I wasn't aware of its importance."

MOCHA pairs each student with two mentors and incorporates those lessons McDonald struggled to figure out on his own — the importance of health and wellness, academic success, personal finance, business etiquette and personal communication.

The program maximizes the contact between mentors and students. As a mentor, McDonald didn't give lectures about wellness; he sweated through hot yoga classes with his students and cracked eggs side-by-side with them in cooking classes. "You're doing it with them," he says. "You're not just telling them what to do. So they know you're really committed, invested."

The transformations were head-turning.

"You hear their trials and triumphs. You hear their fears, from relationship challenges to academic success to views of the world and desire to make it better. You have a hand in shaping how they view the future and their place in it," McDonald says. "Particularly for a group that in many segments of society is told that they're less than or has lower expectations of what they can do, to go on to jobs that are with Vanguard or JP Morgan Chase, or Apple or Intel — it was great."

The program picked up corporate sponsors when its graduates went out into the workforce and wowed their bosses. "Their companies would contact me out of the blue: 'We need to know more about this program because we love this person,'" McDonald says.

He still keeps in touch with his students. He helps them make connections in their fields, reviews their résumés, or just catches up. It's not the kind of program you can walk away from.

"You could see the level of gratitude for the investment you're making in them," he says. "Some of these young men, the level of emotion they showed was just tremendous. Tears, hugs — ways society often would tell them they shouldn't show emotion, and they were like, 'Forget that; this has been transformative.'"

McDonald says he is already making preparations to start a similar program to the UM System.

"I think it's just in my DNA to want to continue it." **M**

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**— KEVIN MCDONALD**









**POWER POET**

*PROFESSOR  
ALIKI BARNSTONE,  
MISSOURI'S NEW  
POET LAUREATE,  
THRIVES ON  
CHILDHOOD MAGIC*

# THE POETRY GAME

 DALE SMITH

 SHANE EPPING





# IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO BE BORN AND BRED A POET, ALIKI BARNSTONE COULD BE THE PROTOTYPE.

She was born into the fine arts, with a poet father, Willis, and a painter mother, Elli, who gave her a childhood full of creative pursuits. Barnstone turned pro at age 12 with the publication of *The Real Tin Flower* (Crowell-Collier, 1968) and has since written 10 books of poetry and criticism, some from her perch as professor of English at Mizzou. This year, she became Missouri's fourth poet laureate, the third with ties to MU. In this new role, her mandate is to take poetry to the masses, and she has an almost missionary zeal about what the arts give — especially to children and teens.

In the 1960s, during her own childhood, the Barnstones lived most of the year in Bloomington, Indiana, where her father was an Indiana University professor. They summered in Vermont near National Book Award-winning poet Ruth Stone and her three daughters. Back then, Aliki was shy — painfully shy — she says. But her world was right in Vermont. The families were close, and the children spent their days suffused in nature and imagination, far from the electronic media of the time — television and telephones, which Elli forbade. “Eventually, we got a party line, like Mayberry RFD,” Barnstone quips. “We children walked together, read together, wrote together, drew together, told stories together, sang together.” In the cycle of their days, a predictable dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, salad and garlic bread — was the precursor to a gathering around the fireplace, roasting marshmallows and playing a few rounds of The Poetry Game. It's as if Elli orchestrated the day's activities as sustenance for that moment of imagination

*I could eat the words,  
if one were “strudel.”  
If it were “cheese,”  
I couldn't stop myself  
recalling my friends' birthday  
parties,  
how the farmer takes a wife,  
the choosing game, and my  
shame  
to be the homely cheese  
standing alone on a braided rug  
breathing in sour smells,*

*not the savory thyme and  
oregano,  
not the sweet  
almond, filo, and honey  
of our home, my father  
leaning down to read  
my page  
of scrawls and doodles.  
“Bird?”  
he'd ask, fountain pen poised,  
“What kind of bird?”*

*“Chickadee,” I'd say,  
or “whippoorwill.”  
Their names were their songs.  
Chickadee,  
his black and white head  
at home in daylight,  
I could see when he sang,  
his sharpened beak writing  
letters that disappeared the  
instant  
they were formed on air.*

*Whippoorwill I knew to be  
a homely bird  
who sings only in the dark,  
invisibly, somewhere  
in a thorny locust or fragrant pine  
so beautiful, a little  
mournful. But why  
the mean picture:  
whip poor Will?  
I tried to think of another pun*

*less punishing. If I wrote “flowers,”  
I understood to cross it out  
before Dad questioned the word,  
unless  
it were a verb or arranged,  
a bunch of flowers I'd picked  
in our field, dried up in a homely  
jar.  
I'd say “tiger lilies,” seeing  
their orange blooming  
around the boulder where water  
pooled  
after a storm.*

Excerpt from “The Poetry Game” by  
Aliki Barnstone

and verbal creation.

In The Poetry Game, each player contributes a word to a list that all players use while composing their own poems on the spot. “Everyone would write, from the littlest child to my dad and Ruth, who were poets,” Barnstone says. “Everybody was encouraged and came up with great ideas. It was fantastic. I can't imagine myself without the Stone family and my family and those summers in Vermont.”

## DEEP HEART'S CORE

As a child poet, Barnstone got plenty of publicity — not that it meant much in the schoolyard. Her introversion made her a target of teasing and bullying, and her art was a sort of shield. “Nobody, but nobody, could take away my soul or my creativity. I had something that was mine. There was always a core that for me was self-preserving.”

And now, decades later, that realization has given Barnstone her mission as poet laureate: She will visit schools statewide and, what else, play The Poetry Game. But Barnstone aims higher than introducing children to poetry or glorifying her own childhood. In contrast to her idyllic summers far removed from corrupting influences, she sees today's youngsters as suffering under social media's pervasive push toward scrutiny and conformity. “The Internet is a great advancement in humanity. It is a shift in consciousness. But it's also clear that we haven't figured it out. When you think of child stars, the reason that so many of them have problems is because they didn't have the privacy to be children. And now with social media all our children are in that position.”

Barnstone has experienced how the arts can be protective, she says. “With all the bullying, the possibilities for having people destroy your selfhood and self-esteem are horrifying.” Teenagers might not always behave as adults would like, she says, “but if they have some core thing that is theirs, they will have a sense of who they are, and they will want to preserve themselves.”

The Poetry Game also teaches players to look beyond themselves, she says. “I think that if kids can be together, sharing each other's poetry, they'll know that this person, regardless of faith or skin color, is one of them. Another kid.”

## IT CAN BE SCARY

Barnstone also teaches big kids, including Miz-





† MU English Professor Alik Barnstone speaks to students at Columbia's Hickman High School. In her role as Missouri's poet laureate, she spreads a love of literature to people throughout the state.

zou undergraduates taking required courses. But when she asks whether they like poetry, she often hears trepidation in their answers. So, she offers students unintimidating ways to approach poetry.

She reassures students that poets don't write to invite analysis. "We write poems so people will read them and say it means something to them. And so I ask them to read the poem and let themselves go where the poem takes them. That's understanding the poem. And I ask them to describe what they see. That's where we start, with observation."

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE?

Barnstone's graduate students, on the other hand, arrive with experience and an eagerness to improve as poets. "We have one of the top doctoral programs with a creative dissertation," Barnstone says. "Our graduate students come into the program very accomplished. If they haven't published books, they will. Every time I encounter my graduate students, I learn something. They keep me current. And I like to think they learn things from me, too."

They do, indeed, says Monica Hand, a doctoral student who also assists Barnstone in

the classroom. Students want a mentor who is intellectually challenging and at same time cares about them, she says. "That's how I experience Alik. She's my friend. She knows where I come from. I know she cares about my academics and my creative writing goals."

With that sort of loyalty among her students, it would be easy enough for Barnstone to cast them in her own poetic image. But she'd much rather they "sing" in their own style. "I don't start with criticism," Barnstone says. "We aren't poetry mechanics. We're not trying to fix poems here. Where we start is with enthusiasms — what strikes you, what you love and why. Because why write if you can't be enthusiastic."

From there, she says, larger issues in poetry and writing emerge, as Hand attests. "When we are workshopping one of my poems, if Alik doesn't agree with me, I don't know anyone with more patience," she says. "Maybe she'll push back a little, and I'll get all excited. Then she'll get quiet and accept it, like, OK, OK. Most of the time she's right, and I come around to her point of view. But I know she's open to what I have to say. She listens in a way that I know I have her thinking about some things, too." **M**

## TIGER TROUBADOURS

When the State of Missouri introduced the position of poet laureate in 2008, Gov. Matt Blunt chose a Tiger for the job. Walter Barga, BA '70, MEd '90, took it to heart. In his two-year term, Barga tucked dozens of cross-state excursions as Missouri's chief literary ambassador among his duties as senior coordinator for the MU College of Education's Assessment Resource Center. Now retired in Ashland, Missouri, the prolific Barga, author of 19 books of poetry, writes full time — sometimes about his stint as poet laureate.

Webster University instructor David Clewell, a Missourian since 1979, succeeded Barga, serving as the state's top poet from 2010 to 2012. Since then, two more members of the Mizzou family have worn the metaphorical laurels. William Trowbridge, BA '63, MA '65, professor emeritus at Northwest Missouri State University, penned six full collections of poetry and three chapbooks after studying philosophy and English at Mizzou. His latest book, the poetic graphic novel *Oldguy: Superhero*, (Red Hen Press, 2016) is a genre-merging collaboration with Tim Mayer. He served as poet laureate from 2014 to 2016 before passing the title to Mizzou English Professor Alik Barnstone.

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# SUPER IMPOSING

This summer in Rio, the world learned what we at Mizzou already knew: **J'den Cox** is one of the planet's best wrestlers. In 2016-17, he'll try to lead his gang of grapplers to the top of the NCAA podium. STORY BY MARCUS WILKINS • PHOTOS BY SHANE EPPING



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# "HERO"

**GETS THROWN AROUND A LOT IN THE SPORTS UNIVERSE. WORLD SERIES-WINNING RBIS, BUZZER-BEATING 3-POINTERS AND EXCITABLE BROADCASTERS ELEVATE MORTALS TO GOD-LIKE STATUS IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.**

→ J'den Cox, a 197-pound senior, takes on his teammate, freshman Jake Bohlken, at the Black and Gold Dual, where Cox led the gold team to a 27-21 win in the Hearn Center.

Brian Smith, the winningest coach in Mizzou wrestling history, has compiled a 237-92-3 record at Missouri heading into his 19th season in 2016-17.

Etymology tells us the word's ancestral *hērōs* comes from the ancient Greeks, the same folks who brought us the Olympic games. Mizzou wrestling star J'den Cox claimed bronze at this summer's installment in Rio, and while it might have earned him "Olympic hero" status, the term seems hyperbolic when compared to his deeds a few days later back home in Boone County.

After witnessing a motorcycle crash south of Columbia, Cox ran to the scene and pulled off his newly issued Team USA T-shirt to suppress bleeding from the victim's head while waiting for the paramedics.

"The bike skidded, came up off the ground and flipped over him," says Cox, who, in the moment, tossed aside the crutches he'd been using following knee surgery. "I could see his face, I could see blood, and when I looked him in the eyes, I thought he was dead."

The man survived, and the courageous act has only added to the legend of the two-time NCAA champion, three-time All-American and four-time prep state champion from Columbia's Hickman High School.

"Sometimes you have to react instead of processing and thinking everything over," Cox says. "You have to say, 'I don't know where this will lead us, but we are going to go down this path even if we have to bust through a brick wall.'"

## **GREAT POWER, GREAT RESPONSIBILITY**

By any standard, J'den Cox is a winner.

Before claiming his medal Aug. 20, 2016, with a victory over Cuba's Reineris Salas Perez in Rio de

Janeiro, Cox already owned the best win percentage (.955, 108-5) of any Mizzou wrestler with at least 100 wins. He was also the fastest to 100 wins, accomplishing the feat in a mere 105 matches.

But it is his attitude following rare defeats that defines him as a competitor. After falling to Turkey's Selim Yaşar in the Olympics semifinals — a match Cox didn't realize he was losing in the moment because of his unfamiliarity with the international scoring system — he superhumanly transcended disappointment.

"I didn't know I was still down," Cox told reporters. "That's just a learning curve. I wish I would have learned earlier, but I've still got another match, and I've got to prepare for that. Can't linger. Gotta keep going."

Cox's bronze-medal match with Perez also featured a confusing twist. With six seconds remaining, Cox's coaches protested what should have been scored a takedown in the American's favor. When the call was corrected to give Cox the lead, Perez's corner angrily erupted, and the Cuban refused to return to the mat, thus forfeiting.

Cox's ensuing tearful celebration with his family became an indelible memory for Mizzou wrestling fans. Yet he recalls the rapturous moment with an analogy about its inevitability. "I have done this my whole life," says Cox of his sport. "So when the door showed up, I just walked through."

Cox returns for his senior year in 2016-17 to lead the Tigers, who rank as high as No. 3 in national polls at press time. Mizzou is the only SEC school with a wrestling program, so the team competes in the Mid-American Conference (MAC), which the Tigers have dominated since joining in 2012. Their streak of consecutive conference titles stands at five and dates back to Mizzou's final year in the Big 12.

The secret to Missouri's mat mastery is an overarching philosophy called Tiger Style. Developed by Coach Brian Smith and based on four core themes — Believe, Compete, One More and Expect to Win — Tiger Style is a mindset that encourages a commitment to excellence in athletics and in life.

"Our sheet of team rules simply says 'Go to class' and 'Live Tiger Style,'" says Smith, who enters his 19th season at Mizzou. "If you do those two things, you are going to have success."

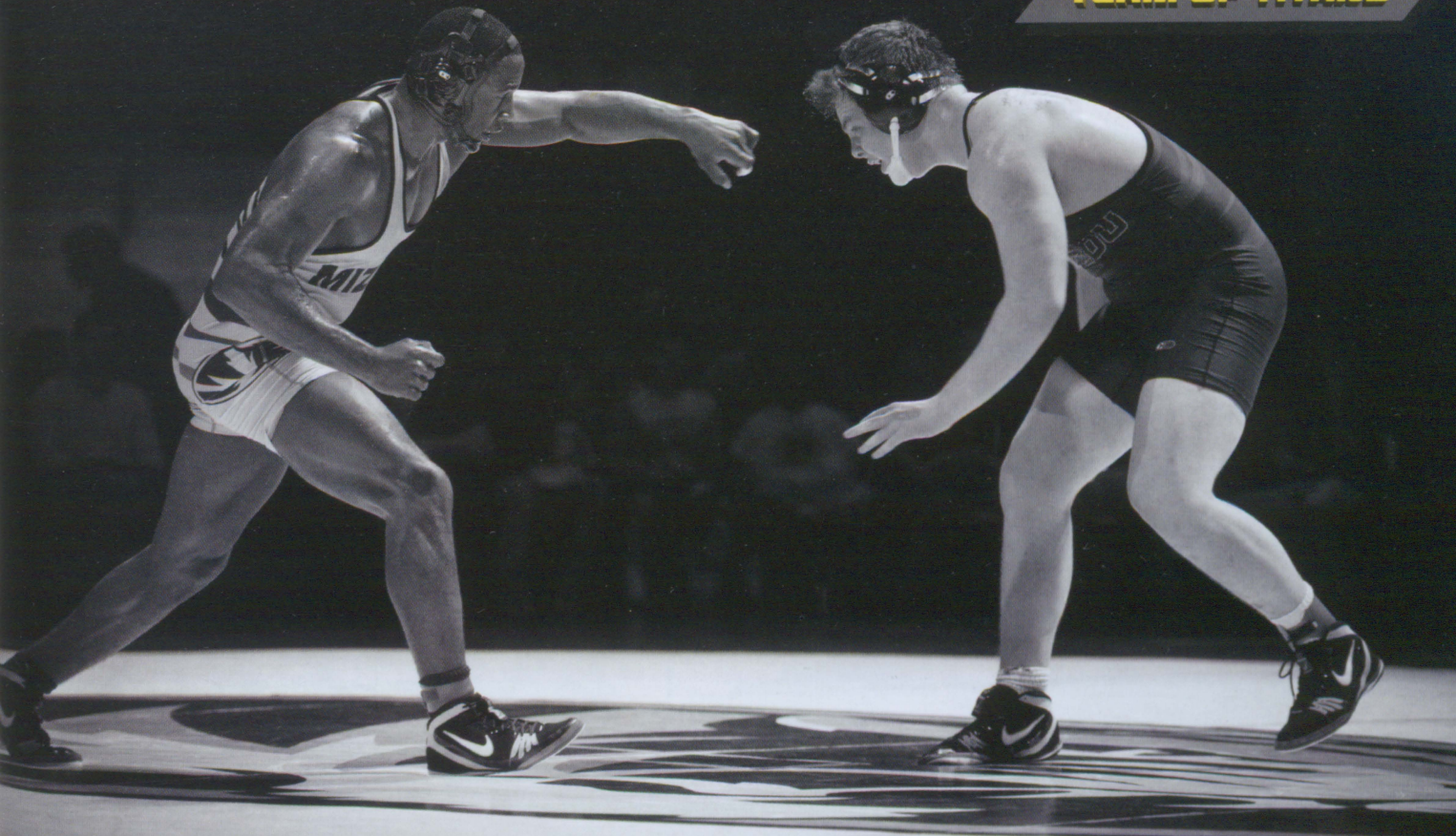
The lifestyle so influenced Cox that he wrote the original song "One More," about the importance of extra effort, and performed it at a kick-off event for the *Mizzou: Our Time to Lead* fundraising campaign in October 2015.

"My motto is 'Live day by day, and be the best you can be for that day,'" says Cox, who is majoring in psychology. "I know it is a simple one, but

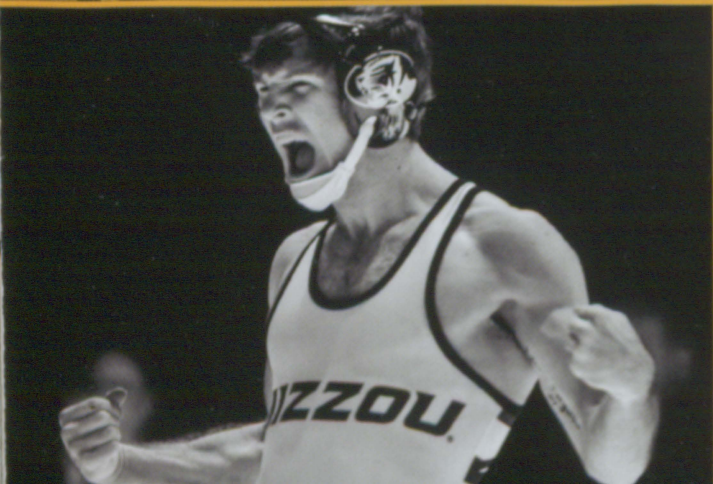
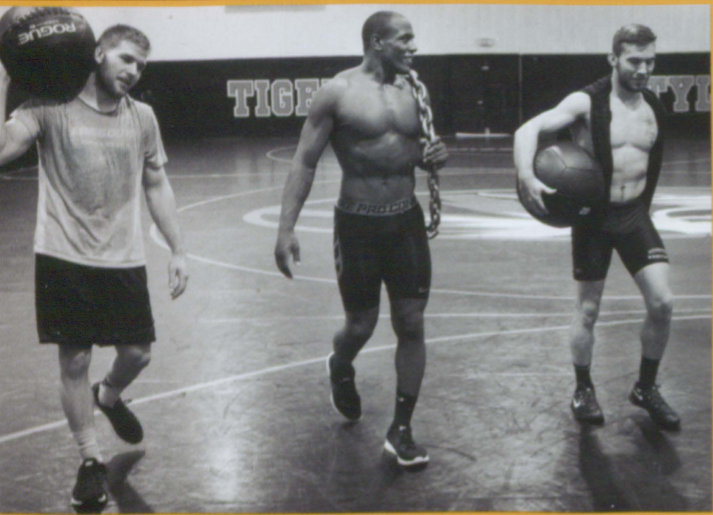
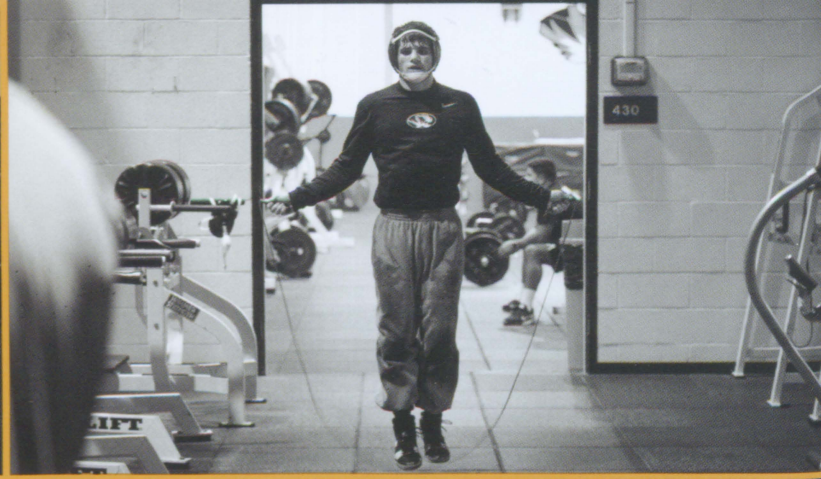
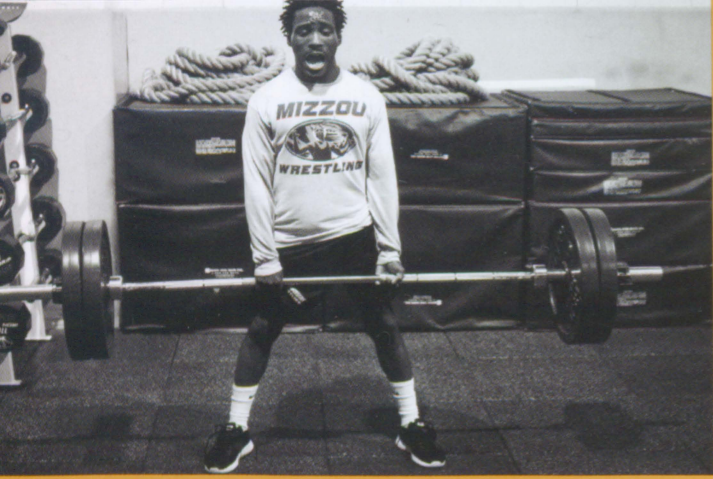


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it's the one that works for me."

Cox takes that mentality to the training room every day, and in August, he announced he will consider trying out for Mizzou football in 2017.

"I have an extreme motivation to enjoy what I'm doing," says Cox, who was an All-State linebacker at Hickman. "Whatever I do, whatever I put my heart into, I look to be the best I can possibly be."

## ALL-AMERICAN LEGION

Mizzou wrestlers take pride in their intense competitive fire. Swing by the wrestling facility in the Hearnes Center any given day and you might find the team warming up by playing dodge-, whiffle- or kick ball. Smith also employs elements of CrossFit training, asking wrestlers to heft logs, flip tires and bear crawl while carrying teammates up the north hill at Faurot Field.

Mizzou's team success has been augmented by seven individual NCAA titles during Smith's tenure. The squad finished in sixth place at the 2016 NCAA Wrestling Championships in New York, the third-highest finish in program history and seventh top-10 finish in program history.

Mizzou returns four All-Americans: Cox at 197 pounds, redshirt junior Willie Miklus (Altoona, Iowa) at 184 pounds, redshirt sophomore Daniel Lewis (Blue Springs, Missouri) at 165 pounds and redshirt senior Lavion Mayes (Mascoutah, Illinois) at 149 pounds. It's the fourth-most All-Americans in program history; Mizzou had five in 2009, 2013 and 2015.

"There's a lot of accountability on this roster, and we all really get along," says Lewis, the 2016 MAC freshman of the year. "It helps me as a person. It helps with stress just being around a great group of guys."

Missouri also introduces another local phenom with a familiar first name. Redshirt freshman Jaydin Eierman, from Columbia's Father Tolton Regional Catholic High School, also won four Missouri state titles, going 158-0 in the process. Eierman's stepfather, Mike Eierman, a former Mizzou assistant coach, runs Eierman Elite Wrestling club in Fulton, Missouri, and he has helped coach Cox from childhood through his Olympic run. J'den is like an older brother to Jaydin.

"I've been around Tiger Style since I was little," says Eierman, who wrestles at 133 pounds. "Mizzou already felt like a second family to me."

Rounding out the Tigers' starting roster is redshirt junior Barlow McGhee (Rock Island, Illinois) at 125 pounds, redshirt senior Matt Manley (Perry, Oklahoma) at 141 pounds, redshirt junior Joey Lavallee (Reno, Nevada) at 157 pounds, redshirt freshman Dylan Wisman (Winchester, Virginia) at 174 pounds and redshirt freshman Austin Myers (Alexandria, Kentucky) at heavyweight.

"We've only had one finalist each year at the

NCAA finals," says Smith, who believes his team can find the podium at the 2017 NCAA Wrestling Championships March 16-18 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. "We're going to need three or four guys in the finals to win the national team title."

The Tigers hope to ride the wave of wrestling enthusiasm surrounding the team's successful 2015-16 season and Cox's bronze triumph. Meanwhile, recruiting continues to boom. Mizzou introduced a 2016 class in which each wrestler has won at least one individual state championship or one high school national championship.

The next step, Smith says, is ramping up fan support. The Tigers upended Virginia Tech in a dual meet Nov. 20, 2016, at Jesse Hall, improving to 2-0 on the young season. Cox sealed the meet by defeating Jared Haught, the No. 3 wrestler in the

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country for the Hokies.

The Missouri superstar was ranked No. 1 at press time.

"If a Mizzou fan doesn't come watch J'den wrestle, shame on them," says Smith, throwing down the gauntlet. "If you haven't seen him wrestle, I challenge you to come out, drive three-four hours and come watch him.

"He is special." **M**

← Traditional and unconventional training methods converge in Mizzou's elite wrestling program. Clockwise from top left: Redshirt junior Barlow McGhee dead lifts in the Mizzou weightlifting room. Redshirt junior Joey Lavallee jumps rope. Redshirt freshman Alex Butler, redshirt sophomore Grant Leeth, redshirt freshman Dalton Voyles and senior J'den Cox complete bear crawl drills up Faurot Field's north hill. Sophomore Connor Flynn sweats on an elliptical machine. The Tigers huddle at the end of an afternoon practice. Redshirt freshman Jaydin Eierman celebrates after defeating Virginia Tech's Dominic Latona at Mizzou's first home dual of the 2016-17 season. Seniors Jon Goerke, J'den Cox and Blake Pepper leave practice after working out with chains and medicine balls.







# Supreme Confidence

† Ted Ayres, JD '72, is the 2016–17 volunteer president of the Mizzou Alumni Association.

Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court William Rehnquist stared down at him from the high bench. ★★Ted D. Ayres, 34 years old, had carefully rehearsed his argument on behalf of the University of Missouri System, but less than a minute in, the justices were peppering him with questions. Now a judge on the highest court in the land expected an answer — immediately — to his pointed question.

That moment, in 1981, was when Ayres, JD '72, was most grateful for what he hated about his Mizzou law school experience.

Studying the law could be intimidating at times, recalls the 2016–17 president of the Mizzou Alumni Association (MAA). But nothing scared him more than when Professor Ed Hunvald put him on the spot. Hunvald (who died in 2015) was an enthusiast of the Socratic method, which uses questions as its teaching tool. Ayres sat toward the back of the class and tried to avoid the professor's gaze. It didn't work. "He'd call you out, expect you to dissect a court decision," Ayres says. "It taught you to think on the fly. I didn't realize at the time what it was doing for me. I hated it."

The training prepared Ayres for a one-year clerkship with the Missouri Supreme Court. Four years later he joined the UM System Of-

fice of the General Counsel.

In the 1981 Supreme Court case, Ayres was defending a University of Missouri-Kansas City policy that, based on the separation of church and state, prohibited student religious groups from using the student center. Rehnquist asked him, critically, whether the university allowed student gay-rights groups to meet while prohibiting religious groups.

"There is no constitutional prohibition with regard to [gay rights] as there is with regard to religious worship," he immediately rejoined.

The hard questions kept coming, and Ayres answered each one. He thought on the fly. But in an 8-1 decision, he also lost.

For the native of Hamilton, Missouri, whose grandfather spent his life guiding a plow behind two horses, the experience was thrilling, even in defeat.

In all, Ayres enjoyed a 40-year career in higher-education law, most recently with Wichita State University, where he retired as vice president and general counsel.

Ayres says the hallmark of his MAA agenda is communication, cooperation and collaboration. "I want to be a facilitator," he says, "to give people the feeling their views are respected and welcomed." — Erik Potter



**Class Notes**

**1940**

★**Sabra Tull Meyer, BA '49, MA '79, MFA '82**, of Columbia sculpted multiple bronze works located at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and Central Missouri State in Warrensburg, Mo. She also received the Missouri Arts Council's individual artist award and the Columbia Public Schools Foundation's outstanding alumni award.

**1950**

★**Charles Williams, BS**

**Ag '57, MS '67, PhD '68**, and **Dolores Bell Williams, BS Ed '55**, of Sunrise Beach, Mo., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 20, 2016.

**1960**

**Johnnie Kump, BS Ed '68**, of Titusville, Fla., is second vice president on the national board of the American Military Retirees Association and chair of its legislative affairs and national advisory committees.

**John Barker, BA '69**, of Tulsa, Okla., an attorney at GableGotwals, was named to the 2017 *Best*

*Lawyers* list.

**William F. Brown, BJ '69**, of Cypress, Texas, celebrated 30 years as a Houston Astros baseball broadcaster.

**1970**

★★**Elizabeth Barnette Bruce, BJ '70**, of Clayton, Mo., retired from KTVI-TV news station.

★**Robert Portnoy, BA '70, MA '71, PhD '76**, and **Benjamin Portnoy, BJ '00**, of Maryland Heights, Mo., launched Learn To Present.

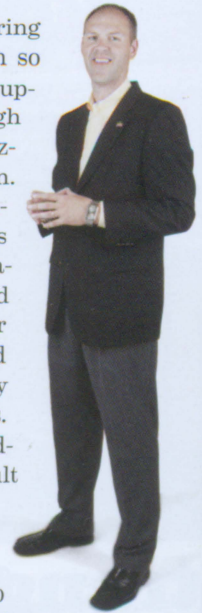
★**William Sevier, BS Ed**

**Thankful for your Support of Mizzou**

As I write this during Thanksgiving week, I'm so very grateful for your support of Mizzou through membership in the Mizzou Alumni Association. We celebrate and communicate many things through MIZZOU magazine. But this time out, I'd like to celebrate you, our members, as you read our first members-only issue since the late 1980s.

Your support and steadfastness during a difficult year for Mizzou is appreciated in so many corners of our university. From our 33,000 students to our world-class faculty to our campus leaders, we are all fortunate to have a large, diverse and supportive alumni base. To be fair, our membership is 8 percent smaller than it was one year ago. We heard from alumni who "just didn't feel right renewing their membership" after what happened last fall. Although we set a tremendous giving record of \$170 million this year, it's clear alumni are waiting and watching more than ever before.

In this issue you are going to read about "superheroes" in the Mizzou community. In my book, each of our members qualifies for superhero status. Individually, you have made a commitment to Mizzou. Collectively, you are making Mizzou stronger through our association. Your assignment is simple: Take some of the information you find here and share it with another graduate, a legislator or a prospective student. Thanks for your membership, and let's charge into 2017 with a resolution to Make Mizzou Stronger!



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## Stranger in a Familiar Land

Last summer, the water-cooler conversations of sci-fi fans revolved around Eggo waffles, demogorgons and “the upside down” as the TV series *Stranger Things* became a cult hit virtually overnight. ★★Kevin D. Ross, BJ '87, edits the Netflix show about a group of bike-riding, monster-fighting kids. As editor, Ross selects and artfully assembles the best line readings and camera angles from hours of raw footage shot by the directors and camera crew.

Ross's TV credits also include *Shameless*, *Californication* and *Halt and Catch Fire*. But *Stranger Things* holds an element of biography for Ross because it harks back to his Mizzou days. “*Stranger Things* is set in 1983 — my freshman year,” he says. The show has been called a “love letter” to iconic '80s movies including *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, *Pottergeist* and film adaptations of Stephen King's books. Brothers Matt and Ross Duffer, co-writers and directors of *Stranger Things*, were born in 1984. “So, I thought, ‘Hey, they're writing about *my* life.’” Ross says.

Ross, who grew up in Farmington, Missouri, and now lives in Los Angeles, attended Mizzou on a G. Ellsworth Huggins Scholarship. His college jobs included flipping burgers at the Lowry Mall McDonald's, serving as a resident assistant in Schurz Hall and creating pamphlets, flyers and training videos as communications director in the Department of Residential Life. He saw the band The Waitresses at the Blue Note, attended student ID night at The Poison Apple



↑ Kevin Ross, BJ '87, works as an editor on the Netflix hit show *Stranger Things*. The show, which pays homage to '80s pop culture, is set during Ross's Mizzou years.

and might have even enjoyed a New Coke at the original Shack before it burned in 1988. “We played *Dungeons & Dragons* a couple times on my floor,” Ross says of the role-playing game that is a staple of the *Stranger Things* storyline.

Although Ross majored in journalism at MU, his heart was in film. “The day I graduated, I was accepted into the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts for grad school, and I was like, ‘Yeah! Now I don't have to fight to find a job at a small-town newspaper in Iowa.’”

As an editor, Ross says *Stranger Things* is one of his proudest accomplishments. “I think it's a quality product, and audiences *really* reacted to it.”

As the father of 8-year-old twins, he boasts a different source of satisfaction: “I'm also proud that my kids know the M-I-Z, Z-O-U chant.”

— Marcus Wilkins

'70, M Ed '74, of Ballwin, Mo., was inducted into the Herculaneum High School hall of fame for his work with the Missouri School Counselor Association, the American School Counselor Association and the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy.

**Richard Kendrick, BS Ag '71**, of Ewing, Mo., retired after 40-plus years with Bunge North America.

**Thomas Maupin, BJ '73**, of Moore, Okla., retired after 34 years at *The Oklahoman* newspaper in Oklahoma City.

★**James McGee, BA '73, M Ed '98**, of Columbia wrote *The Slip Swing* (Mizzou Publishing, 2016), the follow up to *Bricked* (Mizzou Publishing, 2014).

**Lawrence Cotlar, BJ '74**, of Des Moines, Iowa, published *The Biggest Rolodex in Sports* (United Graphics LLC, 2015).

★**David Doering, BA '74**, of Holts Summit, Mo., the vice president of Missouri Property Appraisal Inc., is president of the National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers.

★★**Dudley McCarter, JD '75**, of Creve Coeur, Mo., a founding member of Behr, McCarter and Potter P.C., received the Missouri-rian Award.

**Brock Jones, BJ '77**, of Columbia published *Not Dead* (South Asia Books, 2016).

**Paul Venker, BA '77, JD '80**, of St. Louis, a partner at Williams Venker & Sanders, has been named one of the best lawyers in America by U.S. News & World Report.

**Robert J. Jones, PhD '78**, of St. Paul, Minn., is the first black chancellor in





## ROMANCE OF HISTORIC PROPORTIONS

The feature film *Loving*, which opened Nov. 4, tells the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple sentenced to prison in Virginia in 1958 for violating the state's anti-miscegenation laws by getting married. Their one-year sentence was suspended, and the couple moved to Washington, D.C. On the Lovings' behalf, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a motion to overturn the statute. The result was the United States Supreme Court's 1967 landmark *Loving v. Virginia* decision, which invalidated laws prohibiting interracial marriage.

During the same time period at Mizzou, John Logsdon, BS PA '63, a white man, fell in love with fellow student Gloria Newton, BA '63, a black woman. At the time, interracial marriage was illegal in Missouri, their home state. Like the Lovings, after graduation the pair moved to Washington, D.C., where they married in 1965, two years before the *Loving v. Virginia* decision. In November, the Logsdons celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary.

Visit [mizzoumag.com](http://mizzoumag.com) to read a 2013 article in which John Logsdon recounts the couple's meeting and their work with the Columbia chapter of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

† Gloria Newton Logsdon, BA '63, married John Logsdon, BS PA '63, two years before interracial marriage was legal in Missouri.

the history of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

### 1980

**David Kutchback, BS Ed '82**, of St. Charles, Mo., is CEO of the Metropolitan Employment and Rehabilitation Service (MERS) Missouri Goodwill Industries.

**Melvin Kennedy, MPA '83**, of St. Louis is on the mediation panel of U.S. Arbitration and Mediation.

**Rosetta Clare, BS Ed '84**, of Nassau, Bahamas, hosted the 2016 Women on Destiny Conference.

**David Marcou, BJ '84**, of La Crosse, Wis., published *Spirit of America* volumes 25 and 26 and *The Marcous of Prospect Street* (DIGICOPY, 2016).

**Michael Naeger, BS EE '84**, of Woods Cross, Utah, is engineering director at American Nutrition Inc.

**Mark Samila, BS '86, JD '89**, of Evansville, Ind., was named lawyer of the year in real estate law by *Best Lawyers*.

### 1990

★★ **James Gwinner, BA '90**, of Chesterfield, Mo., is a partner at the Larson Shannahan Slifka Group's St. Louis office.

**Mark Woods, MA '90**, of

Jacksonville, Fla., wrote *Lassoing the Sun: A Year in America's National Parks* (Thomas Dunne Books, 2016).

**Anthony Campiti, BA '93**, of Dallas was listed in *Texas Super Lawyers 2016* by Thomson Reuters.

**Marjorie Wallace Lewis, JD '94**, of Columbia, an attorney at Brown Willbrand, is president of the Boone County Bar Association.

**Dewey Clayton, PhD '95**, of Louisville, Ky., received the 2016 Distinguished Teaching Award at the American Political Science Association's annual convention.

**Mondonna Ghasedi, JD '99**, of St. Louis is an associate circuit judge for Missouri's 21st judicial circuit.

### 2000

**Sadie Mitchell, MS '01**, of Malvern, Pa., wrote *Miracles on Demand* (Best Seller Publishing, 2016).

**Mark Styles, BS BA '01**, of Lee's Summit, Mo., is a circuit judge for Missouri's 16th judicial circuit.

**Kathryn Burns, BA '02**, of Los Angeles was nominated for an Emmy for her choreography work on the TV show *My Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*.

**Paul Dailing, BJ '02**, of Chicago, is the editor of *Chicago Lawyer*.

**Heidi Hoven Fields, BSN '02**, of Hartford, Ill., provides preventative care services in the family medicine departments at Central Alton Health Center.

**Mark Stegeman, BS HES '02**, of St. Louis is director of project management at HOK.

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# Connecting With Kaine

† Sen. Tim Kaine, BA '79, was a candidate for the U.S. Vice President.

★ Tim Kaine, BA '79, lost his bid to be U.S. vice president when he and presidential nominee Hillary Clinton were defeated Nov. 8.

But the campaign provided at least one highlight for Virginia's current U.S. Senator and former governor — and for his Mizzou mentor.

It was John Kuhlman's Econ 51 class that inspired Kaine to change his major from journalism to economics during his first semester. Since graduation, Kaine has written three times to Kuhlman, remarking on the profound influence the professor had on him. Kuhlman has kept all the student correspondence he has received over the years, but Kaine's letters hold a special place in the professor's heart.

Kuhlman is now retired in North Carolina, a state that was heavily contested by both campaigns in the election. At age 93 and mostly deaf, Kuhlman made it out to a Kaine rally in nearby Asheville. All he wanted to do was shake his for-

mer student's hand and share the letters with him. Kuhlman's wife, Dorothy, won't let him drive. So he held copies of the letters as he rode with her to the campaign event.

The venue was crowded with people. He was shuffled into a room with donors and politicians, all jockeying for a picture with the candidate. "I don't want to have my picture taken," Kuhlman said. "That's not why I'm here."

Eventually, Kaine entered and started working the room. Kuhlman gripped the letters tighter.

"I found myself face-to-face with him," Kuhlman says, his voice breaking. "I said, 'Tim, do you know me?' He said, 'Yes, you are John Kuhlman.' I teared up right then."

The men embraced and took three pictures together. Then the crowd pulled them apart.

"I still choke up when I think about it. After 40 years, he knew who I was."

— Erik Potter



**Benjamin Kelley, BA '03**, of St. Louis is the senior vice president of First Bank.

**Amy Fehr Fondell, BA '04**, of St. Louis, an attorney at Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan P.C., received the law firm leader award at the Missouri Lawyers Weekly Up & Coming Lawyer Awards.

**Peter Zeiser, BS BA '05**, of Chesterfield, Mo., is president at Midwest BankCentre for the St. Louis region.

**Joseph Neely, BS BA, BS BA '06**, of Belleville, Ill., a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps, received the Outstanding Young Military Lawyer Award from the American Bar Association.

**Jerri Zhang, BJ '06, JD '09**, of Kansas City, Mo., is the deputy probate commissioner of Division 19 in Jackson County.

**Tyler Roush, MBA, JD '07**, of Wichita, Kan., is the Sedgwick County district court judge.

**Daniel Willingham, BA, BA '07, JD '11**, of St. Louis is an attorney on the transactional team at Danna McKittrick P.C.

**Adam Doerr, BS BA '08**, of St. Louis is an attorney at Jackson Lewis P.C.

**Shannon Ferguson, BS Acc, M Acc '09**, of Columbia is vice president of collegiate area III on Zeta Tau Alpha's National Council.

## 2010

**Evan Glantz, BJ '12**, of St. Louis is in the FOCUS St. Louis Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs.

**Shawn Lee, JD '14**, of Kansas City, Mo., was featured in the September issue of *KC Counselor*.



# Nourishing Eats

Spring 2015 was full of anxiety for ★Kalle LeMone, BS BA '06, as she prepared to open her first restaurant, Nourish, at 1202 E. Broadway, Suite B, in downtown Columbia. She had a clear niche and an appealing menu she was passionate about, but would the customers come?

For years, LeMone had been shopping a few local grocery stores to piece together a diet of local, organic foods. But as a busy expectant mother, she would love to have frequented a restaurant that catered to her tastes. No such eatery existed in CoMo, so she decided to create her own.

When LeMone opened Nourish Café and Market June 5, 2016, with co-owner and head chef Kimber Dean, the moment fulfilled a dream she'd had since graduating from MU with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2006.

The restaurant's sustainability philosophy ensures that foods are organic (lacking chemical fertilizers and pesticides) and are grown in mid-Missouri as much as possible. LeMone and Dean also create dishes that are not only low-calorie but also dense in vitamins, minerals and healthy fats.

Nourish's dining area is bright and designed with

plenty of greenery. The sustainability theme continues in the use of recyclable to-go containers, utensils and cups as well as in its practice of composting food scraps. The owners believe in supporting local growers, as do their customers. All of their dishes are made from scratch; every morning someone makes the almond and cashew milks, breads and juices.

LeMone didn't always eat so well. "I grew up on Hamburger Helper and Dunkaroos," says the St. Joseph, Missouri, native. Eventually, she wanted to feel better, and she knew a better diet and more exercise would help. She began by eating more vegetables and using spices to add flavor. "Don't be afraid of fats. Don't be afraid to season things. That's what gives it flavor," she says. "There is nothing worse than grilled chicken breast and steamed veggies."

As for the restaurant's name, LeMone says it embodies everything the business stands for. "It just means nourishing yourself from the inside out," she says. "Not only with food but the way you treat yourself. It's just about nourishing your body, mind and spirit all together." — *Brittany King*



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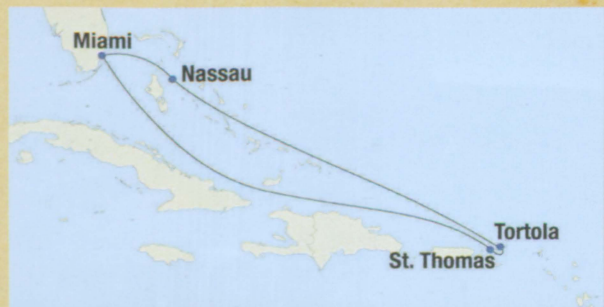
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## CONNECTIONS

# Set in Stone

### Fossil study forms a solid foundation for colleagues and mentors

As paleobiology graduate students, Jim Schiffbauer and John Huntley shared research projects, laughs and a tiny office at Virginia Tech. A decade later, they're both MU assistant professors, and ... not much has changed. They still collaborate. They still laugh a lot. And they're still in close proximity, with adjacent (though larger) offices. One addition: star protégé Tara Selly, MS '15, a doctoral candidate with a penchant for investigating the biology and ecology of the fossil record. Schiffbauer is Selly's official adviser, and she calls Huntley her "step-adviser." The three worked together on a project that informed Selly's first paper and the professors' first published collaboration: studying the predatory behaviors of trilobites — extinct marine arthropods — as recorded in Southeast Missouri fossils. "Ichnofossil record of selective predation by Cambrian trilobites" was published in *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*. — Karen Pojmann

**John Huntley**  
Assistant Professor  
MU Department of  
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The chance to study trilobite trace fossils presented a perfect intersection of distinctive interests for the paleobiologists.

"Very quickly we started finding these traces of trilobites intersecting worm burrows; that was pretty exciting to me," says Huntley. "Studies suggested these were predator-prey interactions, which is right up my alley. It was in Jim's time frame (the Cambrian period). And the rocks were preserved in very intriguing ways, so we thought it would be a great project for Tara to take over."

They collected 82 slabs from the site and gleefully carted them back to a Mizzou lab to get to the bottom of what tiny invertebrate marine creatures were up to 500 million years ago.

**Jim Schiffbauer**  
Assistant Professor  
MU Department of  
Geological Sciences

To Schiffbauer, new collaborative opportunities like the trilobite project seem like kismet — a chance to both build on a treasured collegial relationship and grow an MU program, drawing on a dynamic from the old days.

"Back in Blacksburg we would brainstorm — What would we work on in the future, and how could we benefit each other? — never expecting that we would end up at the same place," Schiffbauer says. "It's almost like we grew up together, at least scientifically. And because we knew each other's work ethic and what questions we were interested in, we could kind of build this group dynamic very quickly." Now Mizzou paleobiology is expanding.

**Tara Selly, MS '15**  
Doctoral Student  
MU Department of  
Geological Sciences

Selly fits right in with her professors, their nerdy in-jokes and their playful ribbing. They value her intellect — and her willingness to meticulously measure and document hundreds of tiny imprints made in rocks, indefatigably. "I was really excited about what was going to come of it," she says.

She's also excited about the future of MU paleobiology — so much so that she stuck around for a doctorate after earning a master's degree in 2015.

"The reason I was interested in coming to Mizzou is I heard the paleo group was growing, and I thought it would be cool to get into something on the ground floor," Selly says. "Every year we've had a chance to do more collaborative things, and it's been really fun."







# Homecoming Hall of Fame

† David Novak,  
Linda Godwin and  
Kellen Winslow.

This year, the 33-year-old tradition of a single Homecoming grand marshal presiding over the event gives way to the Mizzou Homecoming Hall of Fame, a trio of high-flying Tigers: astronaut Linda Godwin, businessman David Novak and former football star Kellen Winslow.

## The Space Ace

A native of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, astronomy Professor ★Linda Godwin, MS '76, PhD '80, became an astronaut in 1986 and logged more than 900 hours in space — twice aboard *Atlantis* in 1991 and 1996 and twice on *Endeavour* in 1994 and 2001. “You wait and wait and wait to finally get there. You think, ‘Wow, we finally made it,’” she says of the experience. Godwin, who flew to the former Russian space station, *Mir*, in the 1990s, is the second Missourian to have flown to space and the fourth woman to have walked in space. She retired from NASA in 2010. Her 30-year career included an Outstanding Performance Rating, the Sustained Superior Performance Award and the Distinguished Service Medal in 2001. She understands the important role that education has played for her, and she proudly returned to Mizzou in 2011 to teach. Godwin says returning to the university made her feel like she had come full circle.

## The Business Prodigy

David Novak, BJ '74, cofounder of Yum! Brands, had a successful 14-year run as chairman and CEO of one of the world's largest restaurant companies (KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell). During Novak's tenure, which ended with his retirement in 2015, he oversaw a nearly sixfold

increase in the company's market value since 1999 and had engineered annual double-digit revenue growth for a decade. He is the author of two critically acclaimed books, *The Education of an Accidental CEO* and the New York Times bestseller *Taking People With You*. In addition to his professional work, Novak is committed to philanthropy. He and his wife, Wendy, established the Lift a Life Foundation to help people in need reach their potential through grants and programming in the areas of hunger relief, education, juvenile diabetes, the military, and family and youth issues. Novak is also founder and CEO of OGO.

## The Football Legend

★★Kellen Winslow, BES '87, redefined the tight end position in both college and professional football. “The moment I learned I could catch the ball and run with it, not just catch it and fall down, I was like ‘Oh, wow, you can do this?’ It changed my style of play.” His career at Mizzou included Big Eight Player of the Year honors in 1978. He enjoyed a nine-year career playing tight end with the NFL's San Diego Chargers, earning All-Pro honors five times and setting both team and league records that stand to this day. *The Sporting News* named him one of the 100 greatest players of all time. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1995 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 2002. He returned to school after his football career and earned a juris doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1993. Winslow's career also has included roles in media, athletics and public speaking.



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# BOWERY BOYS BLOW UP

It all started with a cheap karaoke microphone. Nine years later, Greg Young quit his job and became a full-time podcaster.

Young, with his friend Tom Meyers, hosts *The Bowery Boys*, a podcast about New York City history that garners 100,000 listeners an episode and has spawned a book deal.

In 1993, Young moved to New York after graduating from Mizzou with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a minor in history. His dream was magazine writing, but the reality of paying the bills pushed him into a music-industry job.

He wanted to return to school and study history, but he was already working two jobs just to get by. "So, I created my own education," Young says. "I focused my reading and travel around American history." By 2007, he had zeroed in on the Big Apple. "With every fact I learned about New York, the more bearable it was to pay the absurdly high rent," he says. He wondered if he could inspire others.

Podcasting was new then, and Young convinced Meyers to try it with him. Their equipment was the aforementioned karaoke microphone plugged

into a laptop. "It was super low-fi, as low-budget as you could possibly go," Young says.   
† Tom Meyers, left, and Greg Young, BJ '93, host the popular podcast *The Bowery Boys*.

Yet, it caught on. They started with about 50 listeners. Then iTunes promoted it, and 50 people turned into 500.

As the audience grew, so did the show's quality — and the time required to produce it. Then came the book deal in 2015.

While juggling day jobs and their biweekly podcast, Young and Meyers wrote a 528-page book, *The Bowery Boys: Adventures in Old New York: An Unconventional Exploration of Manhattan's Historic Neighborhoods, Secret Spots and Colorful Characters* (Ulysses Press, 2016).

The book boosted the show's popularity to new, self-sustaining heights. Young realized he could finally leave his corporate job.

July 1, 2016, was his last day in the music industry. Since, he has gone on a book tour and developed a new podcast, which launched in November. *The First* tells the surprising human stories behind iconic inventions. —Erik Potter

★Emily Paul, BS '15, of Neosho, Mo., received the Jess Clonts Memorial Scholarship at the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Conference.

★Chase Rabourn, BA '16, of Springfield, Mo., is the digital marketing manager at Medical Consulting Group.

## Weddings

★★Sara Bondioli, BA, BJ '05, and Erich Streckfuss of Washington, D.C., Sept. 3, 2016.

★Joshua Hundley, BS FW '08, and Alissa Bearly of Ashland, Mo., Oct. 1, 2016.

★Katherine McCarter, BS BA '11, and Anthony Wright, BS BA '11, of St. Louis Aug. 8, 2015.

★Libby Pugliese, BS Ed '14, and Ryan Gleason, BS Acc, M Acc '15, of St. Louis Nov. 26, 2016.

## Births

★Larry Williams, BA '86, MA '89, and Hilda Williams of Gresham, Ore., announce the birth of Alexander David July 31, 2016.

★Wesley Rogers, BA '03, JD '07, and Laura Neff-Rogers, BS '04, MD '08, of Kansas City, Mo., announce the birth of Ellie Lynn Sept. 23, 2016.

★★Brian McVey, BHS '04, and Janette Cook McVey, BS '05, MD '09, of Columbia announce the birth of Brennan Donovan Aug. 12, 2016.

★Dustin Roberts, BS CiE '06, and Jennifer Watkins Roberts, BS HES '06, of St. Charles, Mo., announce the birth of Sydney Ann Feb. 5, 2016.

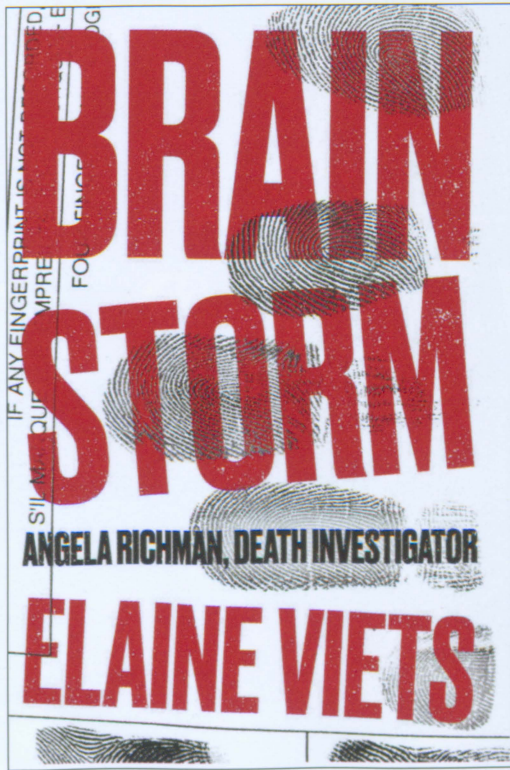
★★Blake Duren, BS Ed '07, and Mary Ramsey Duren, BA, BS BA '05, M Acc '07, of Kansas City, Mo., announce the



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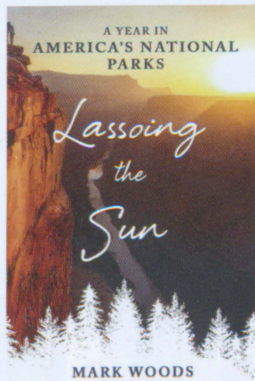
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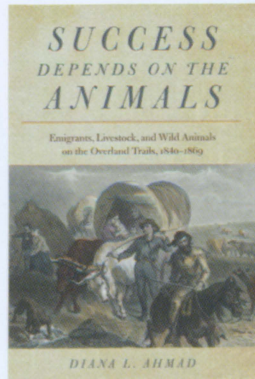
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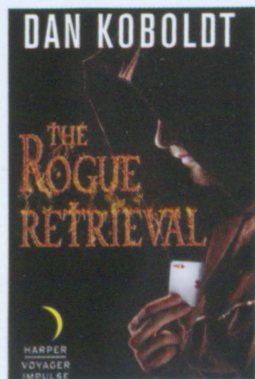
*The Art of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Leah Gallo, MA '08 (Quirk Books, 2016)



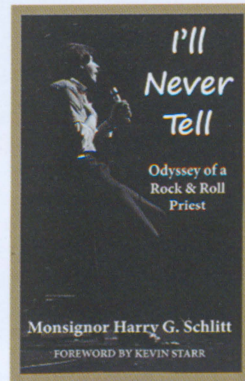
*Lassoing the Sun: A Year in America's National Parks* by Mark Woods, MA '90 (Thomas Dunne Books, 2016)



*Success Depends on the Animals: Emigrants, Livestock, and Wild Animals on the Overland Trails, 1840-1869* by Diana L. Ahmad, PhD '97 (University of Nevada Press, 2016)



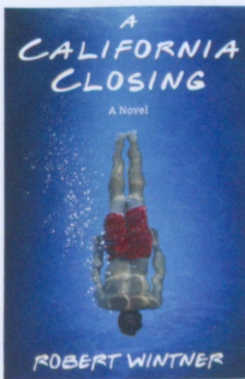
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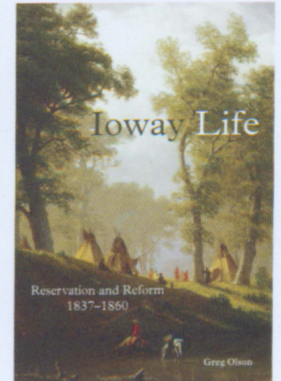
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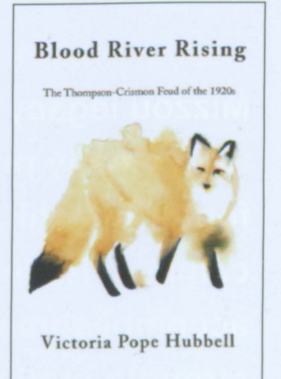
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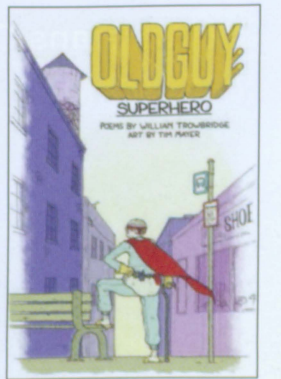
*A California Closing* by Robert Wintner, BA '70 (Yucca, 2016)



*Ioway Life: Reservation and Reform, 1837-1860* by Greg Olson, MA '09 (University of Oklahoma Press, 2016)



*Blood River Rising: The Thompson-Crisman Feud of the 1920s* by Victoria Pope Hubbell, M Ed '78, PhD '85 (Iris Press, 2016)



*Oldguy: Superhero* by William Trowbridge, BA '63, MA '65, and Tim Mayer (Red Hen Press, 2016)



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## REMEMBERING



## FOCUS ON THE STORY

The late Bill Garrett, BJ '54, studied photojournalism at MU and took the Missouri approach to the highest echelons of magazine journalism as he rose through the ranks at *National Geographic* to the position of editor. In his 36 years on staff, the magazine grew from 2 million to nearly 11 million monthly circulation. Garrett died Aug. 13, 2016, at age 85.

The shorthand for MU's brand — "truth with a camera" — is attributed to faculty member Cliff Edom, Garrett's teacher and the founder of modern photojournalism. "Our program is founded on the principle that photographers should document social issues in ways that people can relate to and act on," says David Rees, professor of professional practice in the School of Journalism. "Bill Garrett brought that social conscience priority with him to *National Geographic*, which had a tradition of reporting on world cultures.

Garrett joined the magazine as picture editor in 1954 after a former *National Geographic* editor saw Garrett's student work at MU. As picture editor, he not only took photos but also planned stories and edited others' work. From 1960 to 1968, he made annual trips to Vietnam. The following year, the National Press Photographers Association named him Photographer of the Year.

Garrett's decade as *National Geographic* editor began in 1980. "He was the first visual person to take that role," Rees says. By the time he left the magazine in 1990, he had photographed, written (or both) 32 major articles from every continent except Antarctica.

Garrett's legacy to photography is clear, says Sarah Leen, BA '74, *National Geographic's* director of photography. "Bill was one of the first editors to believe and promote the idea that photographers were photojournalists and storytellers, not merely illustrators of a writer's text. He helped to create a generation of highly accomplished photojournalists and photo editors whose influence can still be felt today." — Dale Smith

† The late Bill Garrett, a photojournalist and editor of *National Geographic* magazine, shares a drink with Koko the gorilla.

birth of Elise Ramsey  
Sept. 21, 2016.

**Chris Riggs, BS CS '11,**  
and **Janele Gee Riggs, BA '10, MSW '13,** of St. Peters, Mo., announce the birth of Emmett Miles July 18, 2016.

### Faculty Deaths

**Jan Colbert, BS HES '74, MS '81,** of Columbia Nov. 5, 2016 at 64. She was a professor in the School of Journalism 1984–2012.

**Robert Miller, MS '75, PhD '76,** of Columbia Oct. 4, 2016, at 85. He was a veterinarian who taught in the College of Veterinary Medicine for more than three decades.

### Deaths

**Sears Jayne, BA '41, MA '42,** of Cambridge, Mass., April 11, 2015, at 94.

**Vaunceil Cooper Bush, BS Ed '43,** of Temperance, Mich., Feb. 4, 2016, at 99. She was an elementary school teacher.

**★Gene Martin, BS '43, JD '49,** of Queen Creek, Ariz., Jan. 3, 2016, at 94.

**★Betty Lomax Korff, BS HE '44,** of Washington, Mo., Feb. 9, 2015, at 92. She was a teacher in the Lindbergh and Shell Knob districts.

**★Pearl Greenblot Alperstein, BJ '47,** of Denver Dec. 5, 2015, at 89.

**★Donald Menown, BS BA '47,** of St. Louis Dec. 1, 2015, at 96. He was a Sigma Chi member and a World War II veteran.

**★Robert Gallup, BS CIE '48,** of Trenton, Mo., Sept. 8, 2016, at 94. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps World War II veteran.

**★★Robert Brown, BA '49, PhD '57** of Columbia Oct. 26, 2016, at 90. A

World War II veteran, he worked for the U.S. Department of Defense at a lab in Maryland.

**★Donald Church, BS EE '49, MBA '66,** of Prairie Village, Kan., Dec. 29, 2015, at 93. A U.S. Air Force World War II veteran, he was a gymnast and a cheerleader at Mizzou.

**★Lee Pitt, BJ '49,** of Woodside, Calif., Nov. 22, 2015, at 89.

**★Wilbur E. Volz, BS Ed '49, M Ed '50,** of Scottsdale, Ariz., Dec. 27, 2015, at 91. A U.S. Army World War II veteran, he played football for Don Faurot and the Buffalo Bills.

**★William Chase, A&S '50,** of Dallas Dec. 7, 2015, at 86. He was a Sigma Chi member and a U.S. Army veteran.

**Ardeis Myers, BS BA '50,** of Kansas City, Mo., June 17, 2016, at 87. He was a Phi Delta Theta member and a U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran.

**Robert Singleton, BS Ag E '50,** of Clermont, Fla., Oct. 4, 2016, at 88. He was an engineer at Boeing.

**★Jane Bissell Birge, BS Ed '51,** of St. Louis Dec. 7, 2015, at 85. She taught children of service members in Japan and Germany for the U.S. Department of Defense.

**★Fred Bisplinghoff, BS Ag '51, DVM '51,** of Fort Myers, Fla., Dec. 7, 2015, at 94.

**★Lawrence Breeze, MA '51, PhD '60,** of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Oct. 4, 2016, at 94. He was a World War II veteran.

**★Donal D. Guffey, JD '51,** of Kingston, Mo., Sept. 7, 2016, at 90. A U.S. Navy World War II veteran, he



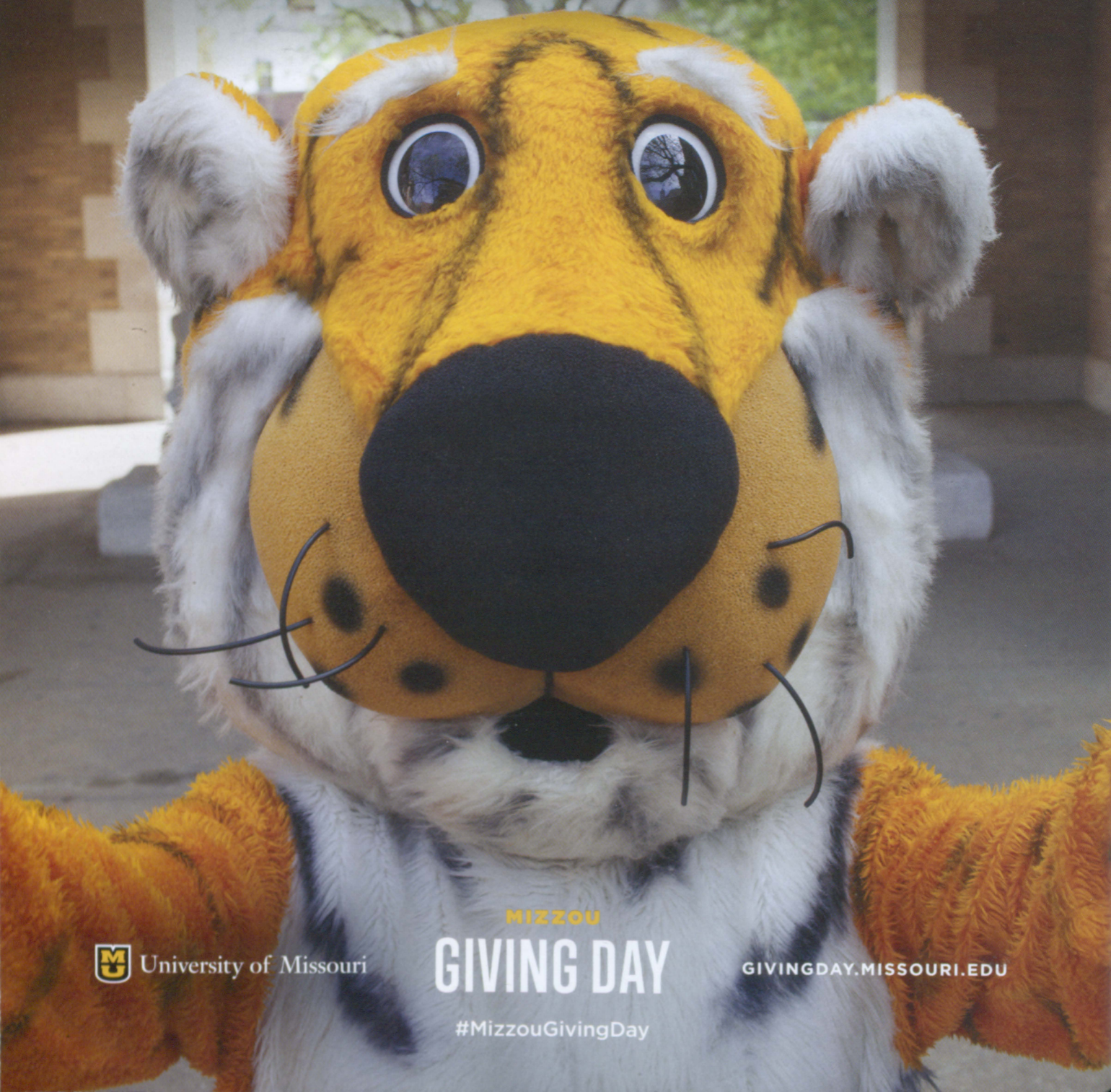
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was senior vice-president and general counsel of the Gas Service Company of Kansas City, Missouri assistant attorney general and a member of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

★★**Mardel Lofsted Lillard, BS Ed '52**, of Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 26, 2016, at 88. She was a Delta Gamma member.

★**Sue Ann Wood Poor, BJ '52**, of St. Louis March 10, 2016, at 85. She was an editor and reporter for the *St. Louis Globe Democrat* and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

★**Robert Atkinson, BA '53**, of Virginia Beach, Va., Oct. 28, 2015, at 85. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

★**Jack Hartstein, BS Med '53**, of St. Louis March 12, 2016, at 91.

**Gerald Buchanan, BA '54**, of Ashburn, Va., June 30, 2016, at 88. He was a Sigma Phi Epsilon member and a U.S. Army veteran.

★**Edward Cook, BS ME '57**, of Glen Carbon, Ill., July 6, 2016, at 82. A U.S. Army veteran, he pitched two of Mizzou's winning games in the 1954 college

world series, the program's only NCAA championship.

★★**John Kendrick, BS Ag '57**, of Melbourne, Fla., Aug. 20, 2016, at 81. A Farmhouse member, he was a U.S. Air Force Vietnam War veteran.

★★**Willard Bacon, BS ChE '58, MS '64**, of Manchester, Tenn., July 21, 2016, at 80.

★★**Richard Barnett, BS Ag '58, DVM '58**, of Broomfield, Colo., July 31, 2016, at 91. He was a U.S. Air Force World

War II veteran.

★**Kemp Bond, BA '58**, of Nellysford, Va., March 3, 2016, at 79.

★**Jack Kinder, M Ed '58, EdD '63**, of St. Louis March 11, 2016, at 82.

★★**Gary Jones, BS CiE '58**, of Jefferson City, Mo., July 14, 2016, at 87. He designed bridges for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

★**Edward Munson, BS AgE '58, MS '60**, of Hoover, Ala., Oct. 12, 2016, at 85.

★★**William Robert Hicks, BS BA '59**, of Sun Lakes, Ariz., Jan. 14, 2016, at 79. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he spent his career in sales and marketing.

**Michael Holsinger, BS '59, MS '83**, of Sarasota, Fla., Oct. 17, 2016, at 79. He was a U.S. Air Force Vietnam War veteran.

★**Robert Kozuki, MSW '59**, of Honolulu Nov. 4, 2014, at 82. He was a mental health worker in

the U.S. Army.

**Wayne Yonce, BS ME '59**, of Wichita, Kan., Feb. 13, 2016, at 83. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was mechanical engineer at Boeing.

★**Angela Dormeyer Bock, BS Ed '61**, of St. Charles, Mo., Aug. 14, 2016, at 77. She was a Delta Delta Delta member.

**Elizabeth Holsinger Ginsburg, BS Ed '61**, of Bristol, Vt., Sept. 29, 2016, at 76. She was a painter, sculptor and an instructor of modern dance at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H.

★**Gordon Ferguson, BS Ag '62, M Ed '87**, of Columbia March 15, 2016, at 75. He was a U.S. Army National Guard veteran.

**Fred Hesselroth, BS BA '63**, of Overland Park, Kan., Aug. 20, 2016, at 75. A Sigma Chi member, he played on Dan Devine's 1961 Orange Bowl team.

**Robert Yorke, BS EE '63, MS '65**, of Santa Monica, Calif., Aug. 1, 2016, at 81.



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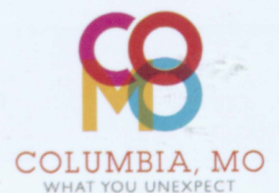
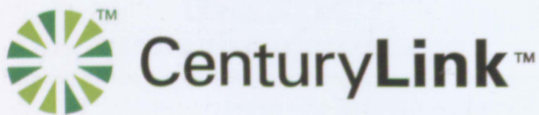
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**Van Ricketts, BS Ag '65, DVM '68**, of Salida, Colo., July 18, 2016, at 73. He was a large-animal veterinarian in Springfield, Mo.

**John Beilsmith, BS BA '66**, of Dunwoody, Ga., Sept. 10, 2016, at 73. He was a U.S. Navy Vietnam War veteran.

★**Roger Short, BS Ed '68**, of Prescott, Ariz., March 9, 2016, at 70.

**Sally Bassett Williams, BS Ed '69, M Ed '71**, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 9, 2015, at 68.

**Robert Behrens, BS BA '73**, of Castle Rock, Colo., June 9, 2016, at 65. A Phi Gamma Delta member, he worked in commercial real estate.

★★**Dennis Knudson, MD '75**, of Mexico, Mo., Aug. 5, 2016, at 80. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

**Paul Church, BS Ag '80, M Ed '87**, of Berkeley, Calif., March 31, 2016, at 60. He was a disability rights activist.

**Bonnie Ensign Ranney, BA '80, MD '84**, of Rolla, Mo., Dec. 13, 2015, at 57. She practiced family medicine at Phelps County Regional Medical Center and Your Community Health Clinic.

★★**William Hunter, M Ed '81, PhD '83**, of Pratt, Kan., July 15, 2016, at 63.

★★**Ronald Jost, BS EE '81, MS '83, MD '02**, of

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 2, 2016, at 59. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

**Timothy Schiller, BS Acc '82**, of Manchester, Mo., Aug. 29, 2016, at 56.

**Kenneth Dean Day, BS BA '06**, of Cottonwood, Ariz., June 28, 2016, at 90. He

was a Korean War veteran who returned to Mizzou to complete his degree at 80.

**Trevor Beyatte, BA '15**, of Chicago Sept. 16, 2016, at 23. He volunteered for Northwest Missouri State Student Council, Mizzou STRIPES and the Triangle Coalition.

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So it was for Rob and Julie, Mizzou undergraduates in 1985 who met in tennis class after each one’s playing partner fatefully dropped the course. The friends soon became something more, eventually sharing their first kiss on the sixth-floor balcony of Lathrop Hall, where Julie lived.

Twenty-nine years later, Rob Ellis, BS Ag ’87, and Julie Konrad Ellis, BA ’89, re-enacted the moment on camera while visiting their eldest, Natalie, a Mizzou student.

During Natalie’s time at MU, she learned some hard news about her parents’ love nest. “When I heard they were demolishing Lathrop, I emailed the Department of Residential Life to request a piece of wood,” says Natalie, one of three Ellis daughters and a senior majoring in elementary education. “In my head, I was picturing a single plank.” But Jack Woodbury, an MU building supervisor, had other ideas. He acquired a welcome-mat-size rectangle of decking from the exact location of the sentimental smooch. With the help of Arch Engraving in St. Louis, Natalie assembled a 27th-anniversary gift for the ages, complete with affixed wedding and vacation photos.

“As soon as I opened it, I was stupefied,” Julie says. “Then Natalie asked, ‘Mom, do you recognize ...’ and before she could even finish, I said ‘Oh my gosh, this is the wood from the deck!’”

As 1980s alumni can attest, their decade’s haunts and hangouts are fewer and farther between. Katy Station, the site of Rob and Julie’s first date, has been revamped into Shiloh Bar and Grill, and the once-elegant Haden House, where Rob proposed, sits unoccupied on Highway 763.


Natalie is set to graduate in May 2017, and the Ballwin, Missouri, couple has by now taken many a hand-in-hand stroll down their old college town’s memory lane. As Rob says of his lifelong doubles partner, “I found the girl of my dreams. From the minute I saw her in class, I had my eye on her.”

Shakespeare said it, too — “Who ever loved that loved not at first sight.” — *Marcus Wilkins*



↑ Rob Ellis, BS Ag ’87, and Julie Konrad Ellis, BA ’89, shared their first kiss on a Lathrop Hall balcony. Their daughter, senior Natalie Ellis, secured a piece of history for them.





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