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Campus bells will toll in remembrance of 9/11 attacks

MU will join the rest of the nation in commemorating the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks Sunday.

The bells of Memorial Union, Switzler Hall and Reynolds Alumni Center will toll beginning at 7:46 a.m., marking the moment the first hijacked plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. They will ring again at 8:03 a.m., when a second plane hit the south tower; at 8:37 a.m., when another passenger jet crashed into the Pentagon; and at 9:03 a.m., when, following a confrontation between hijackers and passengers, Flight 93, from Newark to San Francisco, went down in a field about 50 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

A total of 2,819 people died in the attacks.

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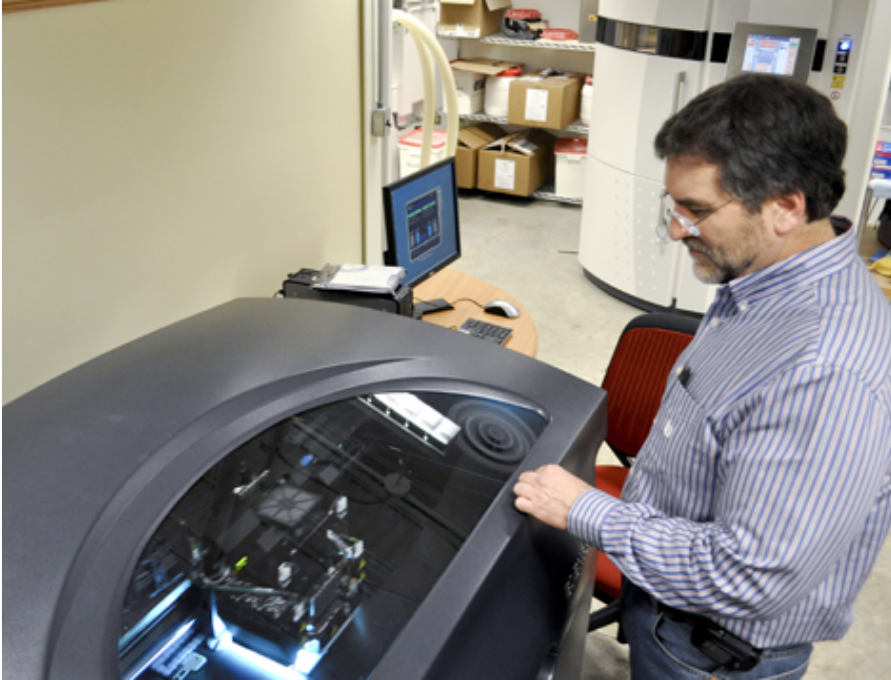
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College of Engineering offering 3D modeling services



ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS Mike Klote, head of engineering technical services, works with the Objet 3D printer. Klote has established a lab in the College of Engineering that provides modeling and prototyping services for faculty researchers.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

For-pay services cover equipment costs

Modeling and prototype development are routine components of engineering. The University of Missouri's College of Engineering is taking advantage of technological advances to establish a lab that offers students experience with the latest in modeling software and prototype equipment.

And by offering for-pay prototyping services to on- and off-campus entities, the college has been able to recover its costs on the equipment and materials, as well as improve its services.

"This business configuration allows us to bring expensive state-of-the-art equipment to the undergraduate program that we normally couldn't do," said Mike Klote, engineering lab manager. "We have unique capabilities within engineering that don't exist in many places, including four rapid prototype machines, each with a slightly different process and a unique function."

Prototyping technologies work on the principle of additive manufacturing — materials are joined together, layer upon layer, to make three-dimensional objects based on modeling data. Software used to create 3D models, such as Pro-Engineer and the industry standard SolidWorks, are 90 percent of the entire rapid prototype process, according to Klote.

Klote said more than half of the work is done by students working on senior capstone projects and by student competition teams. The captain of MU's Society of Automotive Engineer's formula car team was one of two undergraduates hired by Klote last spring to work in the lab. He landed two internships this past summer because of his experience working with modeling and prototyping.

Klote plans to offer a class on the technology beginning in the spring 2012 semester.

In addition to prototypes for engineering faculty research, several projects have been completed for MU entities, such as veterinary medicine, human environmental studies and the biodesign program.

"We made dog leg bones for vet-med students learning pet orthopedics," Klote said. "That way they don't have to use real dogs for the training."

Another campus project involved modeling an ear canal for student surgeons at MU's School of Medicine. Future models will be coated with a metallic paint. Klote likened it to the game "Operation" because a buzzer will sound when the student surgeon "slips up."

Microdyne LLC, a St. Joseph start-up with an idea for a novel device for use in the cattle industry, has taken advantage of the prototype labs capabilities.

Company spokesperson Jim Jackson said that 80 percent of all dairy cows are artificially bred. Jackson said the primary indication that a cow has entered the four- to 12-hour window during which she can successfully be bred is that other cows "in sympathy" will mount her. The company's patented device, affixed just above the cow's tail, measures these standing mounts, communicating that a cow is "open" with three different signals: an LCD light, an LED light that flashes in a pattern indicating the number of mounts and an audible beep.

The company had MU's prototype lab develop the plastic casing for the device. A Centralia company developed the circuitry and a Colorado firm fabricated the circuit boards.

The first version of the device, the "TattleTale™," is already on the market. Jackson said the company marketing it is eagerly pressing to test a second version that addresses some problems with the original.

"We've worked with companies as far away as Texas," Klote said. "A new mold to use in a standard manufacturing process can cost \$30,000 and you may need only 100 of something like, say a knob. Those parts can be fabricated easily and cheaply using rapid prototyping."

The original work for Microdyne's prototype was done on the Objet machine, a polyjet system that uses photopolymer resin. The machine's inkjet-like heads dribble out the resin, the light passes over to dry cure it and another layer drops down. The fine layers allow for very smooth surfaces and fine details. The machine supports a number of materials providing options for flexibility and color.

The second rendering of Microdyne's case was completed using another machine, the EOS Formiga. Klote said the rendering needed to be more sturdy and the Formiga's SLS process uses polyamide, or nylon, which is extremely durable.

SLS stands for selective laser sintering, a process in which a laser melts one-milliliter layers together to form a computer-modeled prototype. "It's very high resolution and can make super small models. It also has very good thermal characteristics and can make many parts at one time," Klote said. "It's like magic."

A third prototype process uses 3D printing technology. Printer inkjets build up layers of gypsum and when finished, the prototype is removed from the machine and extracted from the loose gypsum. The process is fast and can make full-color, high-resolution models.

A fourth prototype machine, the Dimension Elite, has been added to the lab and is scheduled to be operational soon. The Elite uses fused deposition modeling, a process Klote likened to a hot glue gun, which extrudes a thin thread of thermoplastic and then knits each layer together.

"It doesn't have the finest resolution, but models are extremely robust. It will be the cheapest of the three plastic processes we offer," Klote said.

Soon, Klote hopes to add sterolithographic prototyping (SLA) equipment, which uses photo curable resins to rapidly manufacture several parts of different shapes and sizes at the same time.

"The SLA system will be our top-of-the-line machine," Klote said. "It's a very expensive game to get into, but our fee-for-service arrangement will hopefully allow us to purchase the system and offer that technology."

In addition to the lab's long-standing electronic circuit design and circuit board development abilities, the new technologies now on hand will make the lab a one-stop shop for assisting prototype development.

"We're open for business," Klote said. "We just need to get the word out."

— Janice Wiese-Fales

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HEALTHY CHOICES

Asian eatery celebrates Grand Opening today

Campus Dining Services now offers faculty and staff meal plans that can be used at any of MU's residential all-you-care-to-eat and a la carte restaurants.

Meals can be purchased in blocks of 25 for \$187.50, which works out to \$7.50 per meal. This is \$1 less than the price of a meal bought separately at one of the four buffet-style facilities — Mark Twain Market, Pavilion at Dobbs, Plaza 900 and Rollins.

At the a la carte locations, Baja Grill and the new Sabai, menu items are priced proportionately, and only deducted as portions of a meal. For instance, a banh mi sandwich at Sabai would be priced at a little more than half the cost of one meal under the dining plan.

Michael Wuest, marketing manager of Campus Dining Services, said the new plan was created to encourage faculty and staff to take advantage of dining options within walking distance of their offices. Although non-students are welcome to eat at the residential restaurants, Wuest said their patronage has been rare.

"There is a lot of convenience to eating on campus," Wuest said. "There is so much variety; there is always something for everyone."

Wuest said campus dining is a great way for faculty to interact with their students, but there are also private dining rooms in Rollins and Plaza 900 that can be reserved for meetings. The popularity of Baja Grill and the opening of Sabai were factors in Campus Dining's decision to offer the meal plan.

"We have a lot of great restaurants on campus," he said.

Sabai had a soft launch in August before classes started, but will hold a grand opening today from 1-4 p.m. The Southeast Asian restaurant, which is located in Johnston Hall, will offer tastings of Thai chicken curry, fried rice with beef and banh mi sliders.

Campus Dining has also started offering nutritional information for meals served in both residential and retail restaurants via a new online tool called [Zoutrition \(http://128.206.12.144/NetNutrition/Home.aspx\)](http://128.206.12.144/NetNutrition/Home.aspx). The website allows visitors to build their own meal and filter out items based on allergy or dietary restrictions.

Zoutrition was two years in the making, Wuest said, but it's already one of the most visited links on the department's [website \(http://dining.missouri.edu\)](http://dining.missouri.edu).

"Zoutrition is a great tool for those with dietary or nutritional needs, or if you have certain food allergy restrictions," he said.

— Megan Cassidy

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MU adjunct wins outstanding advisor award

HELPING STUDENTS

Strauch is “poster child” for student advising

Trista Strauch, an adjunct professor in the Division of Animal Sciences and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences at the University of Missouri, has been awarded the 2011 MACADA Outstanding Academic Advisor in a Faculty Role.

MACADA — the Missouri Academic Advising Association — is a chapter of the National Academic Advising Association with a mission to promote an award system for academic advising. Strauch will receive the award tonight at the annual MACADA dinner and business meeting at Camden on the Lake Resort, Spa and Yacht Club in Lake Ozark, Mo.

“It is certainly an honor to be nominated and selected for this award,” Strauch said. “I am just one representative of the excellent advisors serving our students at Mizzou.”

In addition to advising, Strauch is the coordinator of the Captive Wild Animal Management minor and teaches a zoology course.

In his nomination letter, George Jesse, director of undergraduate studies for the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, called Strauch “truly one of the exceptional teachers and advisors.” He added, “Dr. Strauch could be the poster child for the care and advising that parents can expect their children to receive here at Mizzou. She exemplifies the purpose of the Outstanding Advisor Award.”

One of her advisees, Nichole Johnson, called Strauch a wonderful career and personal advisor and mentor, in addition to being a great academic advisor.

“She has always been the first person I go to with questions on school and my future career plans,” Johnson, a senior animal sciences major, said in her nomination letter. “Trista genuinely cares about the well-being and progress of her students.”

Strauch adds this award to a long list of honors she has earned, including the 2011 MU Excellence in Advising Award and a Golden Apple Award in 2009.

“As coordinator of the 2011 Missouri Academic Advising Association Awards, it was really nice to see such great applicants from all across Missouri,” said Rachael Orr, MU senior academic advisor and MACADA president elect. “There were many good candidates, but the winners this year, including Dr. Strauch, stood out above the other nominations.”

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Alcohol study: Why smart people do dumb things

PSYCHOLOGY

Drinking dulls brain's "alarm signals"

Even intelligent people can do stupid things when they've had too much to drink. But what actually happens in the brain to cause drunken actions?

A new study from the University of Missouri says that alcohol dulls the brain "signal" that warns people when they are making a mistake, ultimately reducing self-control.

"When people make mistakes, activity in a part of the brain responsible for monitoring behavior increases, essentially sending an alarm signal to other parts of the brain indicating that something went wrong," said Bruce Bartholow, associate professor of psychology in the MU College of Arts and Science.

Bartholow said his study isn't the first to show that alcohol reduces this alarm signal. But unlike previous research, it shows that alcohol doesn't reduce awareness of mistakes – it reduces how much you care about making those mistakes.

Bartholow's team measured the brain activity of 67 participants, ages 21-35, as they completed a challenging computer task designed to elicit some errors. About one third of the participants were given alcoholic drinks, while the rest were given no alcohol or a placebo beverage. In addition to monitoring their brain activity, the researchers also measured changes in participants' mood, their accuracy in the computer task, as well as their perceived accuracy.

The findings showed that the brain's "alarm signal" in response to errors was largest for those in the placebo group, but much less pronounced in those who had consumed alcohol. However, those in the alcohol group were no less likely to realize when they had made a mistake than participants in the other groups, indicating that alcohol's reduction of the brain's "alarm signal" did not occur simply because those in the alcohol group were unaware of their errors. The findings also showed that those who had consumed alcohol were less likely to slow down and be more careful in the task following errors.

"In tasks like the one we used, although we encourage people to try to respond as quickly as possible, it is very common for people to respond more slowly following an error, as a way of trying to regain self-control. That's what we saw in our placebo group. The alcohol group participants didn't do this," Bartholow said.

The researchers also found that the size of the brain's alarm signal was strongly associated with participants' mood at the time of the test, and that most of the participants in the alcohol group reported feeling "less negative" after drinking than before. Bartholow said the findings are an important step forward in understanding how alcohol's effects on the brain contribute to the kinds of mistakes and social blunders people sometimes make when they're drunk.

"There are certain circumstances under which reducing the brain's alarm signal could be seen as a good thing, because some people, like those with anxiety disorders, are hyper-sensitive to things going wrong. In some people, a small amount of alcohol can take the edge off those anxious feelings, but consistently drinking as a way to reduce anxiety can lead to serious problems, including alcoholism," said Bartholow. "But generally speaking, having a strong brain response to mistakes promotes better self-control and helps people avoid making further mistakes in the future."

The study "Alcohol Effects on Performance Monitoring and Adjustment: Affect Modulation and Impairment of Evaluative Cognitive Control," will be published in the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*. The study was funded by University of Missouri Research Board and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

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Joint research finds childhood programs have long-term impact

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Outcomes for low-income children improve

To deal with budget shortfalls, state legislatures across the country are cutting many government-funded pre-school programs or eliminating them altogether. However, a recent study by researchers from the University of Missouri and University of Minnesota show that such programs are vital to the future of many urban children.

In a study published in the June 9 issue of *Science*, Irma Arteaga, an assistant professor in the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri, and four researchers from the University of Minnesota, examined the long-term success rates of Chicago's Child-Parent Center Education Program (CPC). The research team found that low-income children who spent two to six years in the program had higher rates of high-school graduation, fewer criminal arrests, reduced instances of substance abuse and earned more money than children of the same age who did not participate in the program.

Arteaga believes these positive results are applicable for most high-quality early-education programs for low-income children.

"Early-education programs can have a direct impact on economic success and good health," Arteaga said. "The findings of this study indicate that these programs provide a strong foundation for the investment in, and promotion of, early-childhood learning."

The Chicago Child-Parent Center program is a publicly funded early-childhood development program that begins in preschool and provides up to six years of service in the Chicago public schools. The researchers used data from the Chicago Longitudinal Study (CLS), which is an ongoing study of the development of a single group of low-income minority children growing up in the inner city. The original sample of the CLS included nearly a thousand children who attended or received preschool services from 20 CPC sites in the early 1980s.

Another 550 children of the same age did not participate in the CPC preschool program, but participated in all-day kindergarten program in five randomly selected Chicago public schools serving low income children in 1985-86, when all-day kindergarten was relatively rare.

The study is the longest follow-up of an established large-scale early childhood program. It measured participants at the age of 28 and found a high school graduation rate increase of 9 percent for CPC participants who were in the program for at least two pre-school years. The researchers also found that CPC participants were 20 percent more likely to achieve a higher level of socioeconomic status, 22 percent less likely to have a felony arrest and 28 percent less likely to spend time in prison.

The findings show support for the enduring effects of sustained school-based early education to the end of the third decade of life, Arteaga said, especially for males and children of high-school dropouts.

Support from the school districts, parents and the government are vital to the success of pre-school programs, which Arteaga said have proven to provide advantages in school readiness and performance, enrollment, higher educational attainment and socioeconomic status.

"Preschool programs are one of the most cost-effective of all social programs, yet only three percent of the \$14 billion given to serve low-income children under the 'No Child Left Behind Act' goes to preschool," Arteaga said. "State and federal policies need to reflect the importance and advantages of early-childhood education."

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Mizzou Reads presents ...

You've read *Zeitoun*, the 2011 Mizzou Reads selection on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Now hear how the "Category 5 General" who coordinated military relief efforts in New Orleans took charge in an atmosphere of chaos and desperation.

Lt. General Russel L. Honoré, commander of Joint Task Force Katrina, will speak about disaster preparedness and recount his experience restoring hope and order to a community left in shambles on Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium.

There will be a reception in Ellis Auditorium at 4 p.m. and a book signing following the presentation. Tickets are free and can be picked up at the MSA/GPC Box Office in the MU Student Center.

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Tigers Credit Union, in conjunction with Missouri Student Unions, will kick off a series of bi-monthly presentations on the basics of financial planning and money management on Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. in Stotler Lounge.

Each session will include discussion on topics such as debt management, credit scoring and reporting, budgeting, loan lessons, home buying tips and study abroad financial wellness. All sessions begin at 11 a.m. The dates are: Sept. 12 and 27; Oct. 12 and 25; and Nov. 14 and 29.

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Eager undergrads await

Need an extra set of hands? Learn how to become an undergraduate research mentor on Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. in 2213 MU Student Center.

Undergraduates are a great source of enthusiastic and reliable help. Enlist the help of one as a way to improve your research team and your job satisfaction. Come learn about recruiting students, establishing expectations, funding opportunities and successful mentoring tips.

For more information, contact Linda Brockus at 822-5979 or at brockusl@missouri.edu.

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On the move

Missouri Student Unions sponsor two programs that allow you to get around town without needing your own car.

WeCar sharing is an economical, convenient and environmentally friendly transportation alternative to owning a car. The program is open to all MU Students faculty and staff. Vehicles can be rented at University Bookstore and Memorial Union by the hour, day or weekend.

Rideshare allows you to see who's going your way. The free service connects travelers anonymously, and is available to students, faculty and staff.

Find out more about both programs and sign up at [unions.missouri.edu \(http://www.unions.missouri.edu/\)](http://www.unions.missouri.edu).

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