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Jeff Stafford of Terry Dowd Inc., left, and George Hagerty of U.S. Arts Inc. reassemble the Athena of Velletri (420–410 B.C.) in the Cast Gallery in Mizzou North's main lobby. Photo by Madeline Beyer.

Grand opening of the Museum of Art and Archaeology's Cast Gallery is Feb. 7 in the main lobby

Transforming a hospital building into a museum isn't easy, but it isn't rocket science, either. It's more like a Chinese puzzle, said Alex Barker, director of MU's <u>Museum of Art and Archaeology (http://maa.missouri.edu/)</u>.

A grand opening of the museum's <u>Cast Gallery (http://maa.missouri.edu/collections/castgallery.html)</u> will happen from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 7 in Mizzou North's main lobby. <u>The Museum Store (http://maa.missouri.edu/store.html)</u> has already opened on the first floor.

<u>The Museum of Anthropology (http://anthromuseum.missouri.edu/)</u> will move from Swallow Hall to Mizzou North this summer.

The moves are the result of the scheduled renovation of Swallow Hall and the decommissioning of Pickard Hall, where the art and archaeology museum has been housed.

To move the art and archaeology museum's collection of more than 16,000 artworks to Mizzou North, the former Ellis Fischel Cancer Center on Business Loop 70, everything had to happen in a specific order. Two art moving companies were hired to assist with packing the collections.

The collections, including 19th-century casts that disassemble into hundreds of pieces, were stored in sequence so the parts could be reassembled in reverse order.

Campus Facilities is finalizing schedules to begin construction of the museums' galleries. The space for the Museum of Anthropology will be completed in early summer, and the space for the Museum of Art and Archaeology's remaining galleries will be ready in late summer.

Both museums will increase in square footage, a lot of which will be used for onsite storage.

"The focus was to use space in the building that would match up as best as possible," said Heiddi Davis, director of space planning and management at Campus Facilities.

For example, because the ceilings at Mizzou North are lower than those at Pickard and Swallow, the first floor, which has the highest ceilings, will house the Cast Gallery and two gift shops. The second floor will house the museums' galleries, the art and archaeology museum collection storage, and offices for museum staff. The anthropology museum will use the ground floor for additional storage.

"The goal is to renovate space based on the stewardship model to make a workable location to showcase the collection, not to make an architectural statement." Davis said.

Michael O'Brien, director of the anthropology museum and dean of the College of Arts and Science, said the additional storage space is one benefit to moving to Mizzou North.

Currently, the Museum Support Center on Rock Quarry Road houses artifacts from the museum's extensive collection. O'Brien estimates that only 1 percent of the anthropology museum's artifacts are on display.

Within the next couple years, the Museum Support Center will relocate to Mizzou North, and all of the two museums' holdings will be in one location. "What this means for patrons of the museums going out to Mizzou North is it's one-stop shopping for museums." O'Brien said.

Last July, O'Brien, Barker and other administrators took part in a public forum to address concerns levied by some regarding the museums' moving off campus.

O'Brien predicted that, in the long run, critics will see the move to Mizzou North as positive. "I think over time people are going to say this isn't such a bad deal," he said.

- Kelsey Allen



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Fellowship award

Nominate an MU faculty member or faculty emeritus by March 1 for the 2014 C. Brice Ratchford Memorial Fellowship Award. The \$5,000 award is given each year at a University of Missouri Board of Curators meeting to a person who has made significant contributions to the land-grant mission in extension, internal education or agricultural economics programming.

Last year, the winner was Jerry Valentine, professor emeritus with the Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis.

Award submission guidelines are at <u>provost.missouri.edu/faculty/awards/memorial.html</u> (http://provost.missouri.edu/faculty/awards/memorial.html).



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Mizzou Advantage faculty funding

Mizzou Advantage offers funding for faculty professional development. The \$2,000 award is intended to help faculty better position themselves for interdisciplinary endeavors in Mizzou Advantage's four initiatives: One Health/One Medicine, Food for the Future, Media for the Future and Sustainable Energy.

Proposals should demonstrate an attempt to bridge disciplines and explain how the project will result in new interdisciplinary scholarly or creative activity.

Learn more at <u>mizzouadvantage.missouri.edu/opportunities/faculty-staff</u> (http://mizzouadvantage.missouri.edu/opportunities/faculty-staff).



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Diversity award

Nominate an MU employee or group for the Mizzou Inclusive Excellence Awards. The award recognizes employees who encourage, embrace and celebrate ethnic diversity on campus. A winner receives a \$500 award, and those who are in a winning group divide the monetary award among group members.

Winners will be recognized at the Inclusive Excellence Awards on March 11.

Submit your nomination by Jan. 31 at <u>diversity.missouri.edu/about/inclusive-excellence</u> (http://diversity.missouri.edu/about/inclusive-excellence).

The award is sponsored by the Chancellor's Diversity Initiative.



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CASH for student hires

CASH, or Campus Augmenting Student Hires program, is an initiative to increase on-campus job opportunities for students. MU provides up to \$400,000 in matching funds each year to campus offices and departments toward compensating part time student workers on campus. Each position is eligible for a maximum compensation match of \$1,000 for the academic year.

Learn more at career.missouri.edu/cash (http://career.missouri.edu/cash).



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With the new year comes arrival of a new tax season.

On Tuesday, tax experts in the personal financial planning department in the College of Human Environmental Science opened the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites on campus. Locations are,

- 162 Stanley Hall. open 4:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and on Saturdays 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 5 Cornell Hall, open Mondays 4:30-8 p.m.

VITA is an IRS-sponsored program that provides free tax preparation assistance for households earning less than \$58,000.

Andrew Zumwalt, an MU Extension assistant professor in financial planning, said the VITA program not only helps participants file their taxes. It also provides MU students a great learning experience.

Students who prepare the taxes have been through an IRS training and received certification, he said.

Joining the team from the Department of Personal Financial Planning are IRS-certified students from the MU School of Law.

Zumwalt does not anticipate special problems arising for filers of their 2013 tax returns. He said it is a good time for filers to get back to the basics.

"Filers can take advantage of the relative stability in the tax code to re-examine their tax brackets and whether they qualify for some of the basic tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit. Trained volunteers at our VITA sites can help filers with all of these issues," he said.

In an effort to promote smart financial decisions by Missourians throughout the state, MU Extension has declared February "Missouri Saves Month."



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MU Veterans Clinic opens in law school

Guest speaker discusses the character of veterans

On Jan. 22, the Missouri School of Law celebrated the opening of the <u>MU Veterans Clinic (http://law.missouri.edu/skills/veterans/)</u>, which will focus on helping veterans seek disability benefits in appellate court.

The event took place in Hulston Hall's Courtroom and featured a talk by Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Greca, the highest noncommissioned officer in the United States Army Forces Command, or FORSCOM.

"He's the real deal," said Angela Drake, director of the clinic.

The clinic's purpose is to help veterans earn their rightful benefits. The clinic will work closely with veterans whose Veterans Affairs benefits were denied, and it will help them to appeal their cases to the Board of Veterans' Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims.

Opened on Jan. 21, the Veterans Clinic is staffed by seven third-year law students and run like a law firm, Drake said. Supervised by faculty, students interview clients, witnesses and medical personnel; research and develop cases, draft pleadings and prepare briefs; obtain medical records; and interact with other practitioners in the area of federal law.

At the celebration, Greca, an officer in charge of 800,000 soldiers, wanted to give law students a sense of what veterans are like and what they have gone through. He said that each branch of the military services teaches soldiers to be responsible and respectful.

Greca told a story about a soldier he met in an Afghanistan medical facility.

He and other generals were awarding injured soldiers Purple Hearts. One of the recipients was a young man who had lost his legs and left arm in combat. Despite his condition, the soldier sat up straight on his bed and gave a hand salute, saying, "Sir, I would be honored."

"This is a true definition of character," Greca said.

After soldiers finish active duty, the transition back to family and friends can be rough.

"There are many great veterans who suffer after getting out of the military," he said. "They are looking for opportunities with responsibility and commitment. They need your trust."

For more information on the clinic, contact Drake at drakea@missouri.edu.

— JeongAn Choi



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Administrators base raises on performance rather than retention or seniority

Faculty raises, information technology security and a report on MU's nuclear engineering curricula were topics Jan. 23 at the first Faculty Council meeting of the spring semester.

Merit Raises

Select faculty are scheduled to receive merit raises that could be in February paychecks, Interim Provost Ken Dean said. Dean received 224 faculty nominations from campus deans, coming to \$2.21 million. But funds allocated for faculty raises are about \$1.7 million.

Two criteria for merit raises were the nominee's research grants and number of citations.

Sudarshan Loyalka, Curators Professor of Nuclear Engineering and head of the Faculty Affairs Standing Committee, took issue with the amount of some of the requested raises; there are five requests exceeding \$30,000 and six of \$25,000.

"These are huge raises in a time of limited funds and when most faculty will receive no raises," Loyalka said.

Some council members said they did not favor raises when implemented as a counter offer to retain a professor being wooed by another university.

"This is not first and foremost about retention," Dean responded. "It is about performance. The worse thing that could happen would be [if instructors] only got a pay raise after they got another offer." The raises are about rewarding good work, though Dean added that he approves several counter offers to MU instructors each year.

Mid-year merit raises are part of the MU Strategic Operating Plan (MUSOP). Dean said he is assembling a committee of faculty, administrators and a student to evaluate this and other aspects of the plan.

Tech Security

Beth Chancellor, associate chief information officer and chief information security officer at the University of Missouri System, discussed information technology security. With the growing use of personal smartphones, laptops, desktops, tablets and flash drives for work, faculty and staff might be out of compliance with MU policies safeguarding electronic content.

Among the tips from Chancellor:

- When connecting to campus network or campus resources, use VPN or other secure remote access services as deemed appropriate by the Division of Information Technology.
- Put a PIN or pattern on portable devices, including smartphones and iPads.
- Use mapped network drives or collaboration applications provided by campus to store work files rather than storing files exclusively on a workstation computer. This will protect content in the event of a hard drive crash.
- Do not join unsecure wireless networks when working or use VPN or other secure remote access services.
- Report the loss or theft of a device, regardless of ownership, to MU Police, IT Support and to UM System's Information Security Office.
- Encrypt personal devices, including flash drives, that hold DCL4 data, a highly restricted data classification level that holds passwords, Social Security numbers, laws and standards, patient information, and credit card numbers. If you own a device that can't be encrypted, you should not store DCL4 data on it.
- Do not download suspicious or obscure applications onto your computer, and never click on links in emails.

• Use common sense and best practices when traveling, especially abroad.

Nuclear Engineering Report

Controversy over MU's Nuclear Engineering Program and the Nuclear Sciences Engineering Institute led to the creation on Sept. 18, 2013, of a committee appointed by Faculty Council Chair Craig Roberts to research the history of both entities. On the committee were Jay Dow, professor of political science; Paul Ladehoff, director of the LL.M in Dispute Resolution program; Bill Wiebold, professor of plant sciences; and Bill Lamberson, professor of animal sciences and chair of the committee.

The committee reviewed more than 1,500 pages of documents and interviewed 12 people. "We tried to lay out what happened, no fault or blame," Lamberson said. After council members read the report, they can submit questions to Lamberson. The questions will be discussed with committee members and answered in written form.

The seven-page report was released Jan. 21 and can be read at <u>facultycouncil.missouri.edu</u> (<u>http://facultycouncil.missouri.edu</u>) by clicking on "Nuclear Engineering" under the heading Issues of Current Interest.



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One way to help avoid catching the flu is to wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. iStock photo

As the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report widespread influenza throughout most of the country, University of Missouri Health Care infectious disease expert Dr. Michael Cooperstock encourages people to get vaccinated and take simple steps to avoid catching and spreading the flu.

"We're currently seeing H1N1 as the most common type of flu affecting people here in mid-Missouri and across the United States," said Cooperstock, medical director of MU Health Care's infection control department and a pediatric infectious disease specialist at MU Children's Hospital. "Fortunately, this year's seasonal flu vaccine protects against H1N1, so I strongly advise people to get a flu shot or intranasal mist if they haven't already been vaccinated."

H1N1 is a type of flu that first appeared in spring 2009, causing cases of severe illness but fading in prevalence until this 2013–14 flu season. Unlike typical flu strains, which usually affect people older than 65 the hardest, Cooperstock said H1N1 seems largely to affect infants, children and young adults.

"We believe that many of the older people who typically are most affected by the flu already have some partial protection from this virus," Cooperstock said. "H1N1 probably resembles a similar strain that older people were exposed to in the past. However, it's still recommended that everyone — young or old — be vaccinated against flu."

Symptoms of the H1N1 flu are the same as seasonal flu. Typically, patients experience rapid onset of a high fever that is usually accompanied by a severe headache. Other symptoms of influenza include cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, chills and fatigue.

Most people with H1N1 or seasonal flu recover on their own and do not require medical care. However, influenza can cause serious illness and even death in persons at high risk due to chronic health conditions, for example those with suppressed immune systems or with pre-existing respiratory conditions.

"The best way to avoid spreading the flu is to stay home when you are sick," Cooperstock said. "If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, stay at home for more than 24 hours after your fever is gone and you have stopped using fever-reducing medications, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen."

Additional steps that can help reduce the spread of influenza include:

Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and then throwing the tissue away. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve at the crook of your arm.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.

Use a hand sanitizer containing alcohol if you can't wash your hands.

Avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose, which are places where flu usually enters the body.

Avoid close contact with people who are ill.

However, the most effective way to prevent influenza is to be vaccinated. Cooperstock said that just about anyone over the age of 6 months can receive the vaccine.

"For some time it was thought that those with allergies to eggs could not receive the vaccine because it is developed in embryonic eggs," Cooperstock said. "However, recent studies have shown that in most cases those with nonsevere reactions to eggs can receive the vaccine. Anyone with concerns about their ability to be vaccinated should consult with their physician. If you indeed are a candidate, you should receive the vaccine. It is not too late."

To receive a flu shot, make an appointment with your primary care physician. To find a university physician, visit www.muhealth.org/findaphysician (http://www.muhealth.org/findaphysician).



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At an early afternoon press conference Wednesday, University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe said he would ask the Board of Curators at its public session this week at MU to hire an independent group to examine how the four campuses respond to student allegations of sexual assault and student mental health issues.

"The independent counsel will have full rein to ask any questions of anybody," Wolfe said.

The recommendation, first announced by Wolfe Jan. 26 in a statement, comes on the heels of an ESPN investigation on "Outside the Lines," published online Jan. 24 and aired on Jan. 26, on former Missouri freshman swimmer Sasha Menu Courey.

The story reported that Courey alleged she was sexually assaulted in 2010. Courey never filed a police report, and she committed suicide in June 2011.

The criminal case has been turned over to the Columbia Police Department because the alleged assault happened off campus.

Wolfe said he will be meeting with the four campus chancellors later this week to talk about campus policies. Improving the safety of students is an ongoing commitment of the four campuses, he said.

"We are going to examine the full extent of what happened," Wolfe said, referencing the Courey case. "I believe we can learn from this. We will be better for it."

Wolfe said the Courey case hits close to home for him because his daughter is a university freshman and a student-athlete.

"Most important is the safety of our students," he said.

UPDATE: The Board of Curators on Wednesday approved the hiring of outside independent counsel, which will report back to the curators by April 11, according to a news release.



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