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Also, curators approve several Title IX policies impacting employees

Tuition for undergraduate resident students at MU and two other University of Missouri System campuses will increase by 0.8 percent for the 2015–16 calendar year, the UM System Board of Curators announced Feb. 5. The St. Louis campus will increase by 6.2 percent.

Graduate resident student rates will go up 0.8 percent at MU and the Kansas City campus, 3 percent at Missouri Science & Technology in Rolla, and 5 percent at St. Louis.

Increases are at the level of inflation.

Tuition for Missouri resident undergraduate students remains below the national average of public doctoral-granting institutions and significantly below the private doctoral national average, a UM System news release said.

"The University of Missouri continues to set the pace nationally in keeping education affordable for our students, while also providing the resources necessary for the university to remain a quality academic institution," UM Board of Curators Chair Don Cupps said in the news release.

Over the past five years, the UM System has on average raised tuition and required fees 2.4 percent annually, compared to 5.4 percent by comparable institutions in surrounding states.

Curators also voted to increase nonresident undergraduate tuition rates at MU by 3 percent. The three other system campuses also received increases: 0.8 percent at Kansas City, 3 percent at Rolla and 2.9 percent at St. Louis. Nonresident graduate tuition rates will rise 3 percent at MU, 0.8 percent at Kansas City, 6 percent at Rolla and 2.5 percent at St. Louis.

Increases go into effect during the summer session.

In other developments:

- Curators approved new rules and regulations regarding the procedure when allegations of sexual harassment or
 discrimination are brought against a faculty or staff member. A complaint is given to the provost or Title IX coordinator,
 followed by fact-finding. If a complainant wishes to pursue the case, among the options are conflict resolution,
 administrative resolution and hearing before a panel. An adviser can accompany the accused at administrative
 hearings. If the case is deemed to have merit, sanctions against the accused may be imposed, such as through a
 warning, counseling, training, pay loss or job loss. The accused and complainant can appeal the decision.
- Curators approved \$16 million for a new 1,800-seat softball stadium east of the Hearnes Center. Completion is estimated for December 2016. The funding will include \$13.5 million in private gifts and \$2.5 million in debt financing.

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Employees can still access email and calendar on smartphone

Information security has never been more important. As chair of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council, Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin is engaged in information security efforts on a national level, and he's charged Beth Chancellor, the University of Missouri's associate chief information security officer, with cultivating responsible cyber citizens on campus.

Information security, also known as InfoSec, are the practices used to keep information and data in the right hands. At the university, this information could be anything from student and patient information to intellectual property to an employee's performance evaluation.

The MU security staff work to identify and address security threats and risks. "One risk that was recently identified and acted upon quickly," Chancellor said, "was the vulnerability in the Outlook application released by Microsoft."

On Jan. 29, Microsoft released a new Outlook application that puts employees' data at risk. Employees should not use the app, Chancellor said. The application has security flaws that allow your data — login ID, password, emails, contacts and calendar events — to be stored in the cloud and accessed by Microsoft.

To avoid a security breach, on Feb. 3 the MU <u>Division of IT (https://doit.missouri.edu/)</u> (DoIT) blocked the app on Apple and Android devices from connecting to the university's Microsoft Exchange email servers.

However, that doesn't mean you can't access your email and calendar on your smartphone. Users can use the default email application that comes with their phone, as well as any number of email applications that can be downloaded from app stores.

Questions about information security can be directed to isam@missouri.edu or to IT Tech Support at 882-5000.

- Kelsey Allen

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Sandra Davidson, professor at the Missouri School of Journalism and the School of Law, was one of four speakers at the event. Photo by Rob Hill.

School of Journalism and RJI host symposium

On Jan. 7, two Islamist extremists killed 12 people in the office of the French satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo*. The magazine, known for, among other things, its controversial cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, was the target of another terrorist attack in 2011. Arising out of the aftermath of the 2015 attack, supporters of free expression adopted the slogan "Je suis Charlie," or "I am Charlie."

On Feb. 3, the Missouri School of Journalism and Reynolds Journalism Institute hosted a symposium to discuss issues related to free expression in the wake of the attack.

Speakers included:

- Sandra Davidson, professor at the Missouri School of Journalism and the School of Law
- · Kahlil Bendib, political cartoonist
- Aidan White, director of the Ethical Journalism Network
- Marty Steffens, professor at the Missouri School of Journalism

The consensus among speakers was that the *Charlie Hebdo* cartoons demonstrate how complicated the issue of free expression is.

Davidson, a press law expert, gave the standing-room-only crowd a brief overview of Supreme Court decisions that have curtailed freedom of speech in the United States, including the 1969 Brandenburg v. Ohio case, which limited expression when intended and likely to incite violence.

"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it," Davidson said, alluding to a quotation by Voltaire's biographer Evelyn Beatrice Hall that often is attributed to the 18th-century French satirical writer. "That is freedom of speech."

Cartoonist and ethics leader offer perspective

Bendib, an Algerian Muslim born in France who works as a political cartoonist in Berkeley, California, offered an analogy on freedom of expression in France.

"I like to compare it to a tasty French cheese called Gruyère," Bendib said. "It looks like Swiss cheese but tastes even better. Just like that Gruyère cheese, freedom of the press in France is truly delicious, but it's full of holes."

One of those holes is the country's history of colonialism.

"A lot of the problems the French are having integrating the 10 percent of their population who happen to be Muslim stems from the unhealed past of colonialism," he said. "When you draw cartoons that are perceived as anti-Muslim, when these sorts of insults come after the injury of millions of people who have been killed and ignored and swept under the rug, it becomes more difficult to make the case that it doesn't really matter."

On the day of the *Charlie Hebdo* attack, Bendib drew a cartoon of a fountain pen accompanied by the words, "A mighty new river is born from the ink of your pens, the blood of your veins and the tears of your fans."

"A couple of those people were heroes of mine, people who made me want to become a cartoonist in the first place," he said. "I think the cartoonists were dreamers. They were utopians who really believed in that freedom of expression."

White had advice for journalists who cover these issues: "Take your time, lower the temperature, don't jump to conclusions, take it easy, reflect, think about what your responsibilities are as a journalist."

To contrast, he showed a video clip of Fox News legal analyst Jeanine Pirro saying, "We need to kill them. We need to kill them — the radical Muslim terrorists hell-bent on killing us."

White charged the journalists in the room with eliminating hate speech in stories.

"If we don't strengthen the capacity of journalism to react in a forceful, intelligent and humane way to the issues that are raised by the *Charlie Hebdo* killings, then we run into real problems, not just about free expression but also about the sort of democracies we'd like to have." he said.

MU professor in France at time of attack

When the attack happened, Professor Marty Steffens was leading a group of MU students on a winter break study-abroad program in France. They arrived in Paris that morning. She said the event provided an opportunity to discuss the importance of a free press.

Steffens, an executive board member of the International Press Institute, said that, besides the Paris attack, there are many other acts of violence happening around the world in an effort to suppress freedom of expression. "Nineteen journalists have been killed in the world in 2015. In 2014, we had 100 journalists killed; in 2013, there were 120; in 2012, there were 130. Freedom of the press isn't just an abstract concept."

Following the symposium, the speakers, joined by freshman journalism major Jack Herrick who was with Steffens in Paris, participated in a panel discussion moderated by Gareth Harding, Missouri School of Journalism Brussels program director.

Harding asked the crowd if they would have published the controversial Jan.14 *Charlie Hebdo* cover featuring a caricature of the Prophet Muhammad holding a "Je suis Charlie" sign. A timid dozen raised their hands. More than a dozen indicated they wouldn't republish the image.

Reasonable arguments can be made on both sides (The Washington Post published the cover; The New York Times didn't).

"The problem is, in Europe, wasn't there a little thought behind some of those decisions where someone was saying, 'If we publish it, someone might throw a bomb through our front window?' "White said. "The moment that consideration creeps into the editorial department, you're no longer dealing with freely made editorial decisions — journalism at its best — you're dealing with self-censorship. Because that's editorial decision-making fermented and driven by fear. That's the real danger," he said.

"The most important thing is to give journalists the freedom to make those decisions without any form of restraint."

- Kelsey Allen

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The boat race is a cooperative effort of CAFNR and the Food Bank



Contestants compete in their Yellow Submarine last year on the Bass Pro Shops Lake in northeast Columbia. Photo by Kyle Spradley.

Registration has opened for people wanting to compete in the fourth annual Float Your Boat for the Food Bank cardboard boat regatta. The race will take place April 25 at the Bass Pro Shops Lake in northeast Columbia.

The event is a fundraiser for <u>The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri (http://sharefoodbringhope.org/)</u>. More than \$41,000 in sponsorships and donations was collected in the previous three races. The race is a cooperative effort of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and the Food Bank.

Student groups, community organizations, businesses, individuals and families construct vessels. Boats are made out of cardboard, duct tape, glue and the imagination of their builders. Last year's boats included a cardboard school bus, the Beatles' Yellow Submarine, an Easter basket, a hot dog and a corn cob.

The boat crew paddles along a course at Bass Pro Shops Lake, 3101 Bass Pro Drive. In previous events, about half of the boats sank during the two-minute voyage across the lake. Boats must have at least two people to paddle, but some have had

as many as eight. There is a shorter course for kids.

Registration information is available at <u>floatforthefoodbank.org</u> (http://floatforthefoodbank.org).

- Randy Mertens

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Get help filing your taxes

To assist Missourians with their tax return preparation, experts in the personal financial planning department in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, the School of Law and MU Extension are ready to assist.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites will be open at the following times and locations:

- 162 Stanley Hall, 4:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays-Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturdays
- Hulston Hall law library 4-7:30 p.m. Mondays
- Family Impact Center on 105 E. Ash St. in Columbia from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Missourians can also file their taxes for free online at www.MyFreeTaxes.com/MoTax (http://www.myfreetaxes.com/MoTax)

VITA is an IRS-sponsored program that provides free tax preparation assistance for households that earn less than \$53,000.

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Professor brings art to I-70 billboards

The billboard gallery runs through March



Mel Bochner's artwork Blah Blah appeared on the main billboard last summer. Photo courtesy of Anne Thompson.

More than 300 billboards dot the landscape along the 250-mile stretch of Interstate 70 between Kansas City and St. Louis. Ads for gas stations, hospitals and restaurants stand next to signs for insurance providers, religious organizations and politicians. On one of those billboards, near Hatton Exit 144, facing westbound traffic, adjunct assistant professor Anne Thompson launched an art exhibit.

"You have this thing that wants to get your attention, and people try very hard to ignore them," Thompson said. "But billboards are such a part of the landscape. Let's really look at them. Let's pay attention not just to what the sign is telling us, but what does it mean in conversation with the signs surrounding it?"



Blurred by artist Kay Rosen was the first piece to go up in the *I-70 Sign Show*. Photo courtesy of Anne Thompson.

With the support of the Mizzou Advantage Media of the Future initiative, the Office of the Provost, the Missouri School of Journalism and DDI Media, the *I*-70 Sign Show (http://www.i70signshow.org) premiered April 2014. Every two months through March, the artwork of a new artist has appeared on the main billboard. Five of the works have then cycled off to another available I-70 billboard.

With assistance from MU Honors College students, Thompson is also photographing and categorizing all of the I-70 billboards to create an <u>online archive (http://www.i70signshow.org/database/all-billboards)</u>.

This story was adapted from an <u>article by Kelsey Allen that appeared on mizzoumag.com</u> (<u>http://mizzoumag.missouri.edu/2014/12/billboard-blowout/</u>).

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Women often miss heart disease symptoms, physician says

Symptoms experienced by women typically are less dramatic than men's



Many Americans believe heart disease affects mostly men, but the reality is that more women than men die each year from the condition.

Women typically experience different and less dramatic symptoms than men do, said Mary Dohrmann, a cardiologist at MU Health Care. "Symptoms are usually more subtle in women, and symptoms may be dismissed initially because they're not as well-known as the symptoms men experience," she said.

The most common cause of heart disease is the narrowing or blockage of coronary arteries. It's the major reason people have heart attacks. For men, the classic symptoms are crushing pain in the chest or in one or both arms.

Women also experience chest pain related to heart disease, but the pressure or discomfort is not always severe or the most painful symptom, Dohrmann said.

In fact, women are more likely to have symptoms unrelated to chest pain, such as:

- · neck, shoulder, upper back or abdominal discomfort
- · shortness of breath
- · nausea or vomiting
- · profuse or abnormal sweating
- · lightheadedness or dizziness
- · unusual fatigue

"Because these symptoms usually are not associated with a heart attack, many women take longer to come to the hospital and eventually show up in an emergency room with more severe heart-muscle damage than do men," Dohrmann said. "The result is a poorer outcome, which is something we want to avoid. Prevention and awareness are very important to reverse this cycle."

Dohrmann suggests the first step in awareness for women is to know the risk factors for heart diseases. High cholesterol, high blood pressure, family history and obesity are risk factors for both men and women. There are other factors that tend to affect women more than men:

- metabolic syndrome, a combination of issues that includes an increase in the amount of fat around the abdomen, high blood pressure, high blood sugar and high triglycerides
- · lack of exercise
- · mental stress and depression
- smoking, which, though it raises the risk of heart disease for both genders, is a greater risk for women
- · low levels of estrogen after menopause

"Choosing to actively exercise and to quit smoking are the first steps for prevention," Dohrmann said.

MU Health Care cardiovascular specialists are offering free heart screenings 7–10 a.m. Feb. 28 at the Activity and Recreation Center, 1701 W. Ash St. Body mass index measurements, blood pressure tests and cholesterol screenings will also be offered. An appointment must be made for a cholesterol screening by calling 882-4283.

For more information about heart health, visit www.muhealth.org/heartmonth/).

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