



Developing excellence

Among them, Pete Dohm, Mary Seewoster and Henry Tharp share more than a half-century of service as Mizzou staff members. They share something else as well — they're all winners of MU's Staff Development Award. And they agree the award has made an impact not only on their professional development, but also on their performance in the workplace.

They're not alone. Since the award program was established in 1990, more than 340 MU staff members have been able to take courses, workshops and conferences that help them develop professionally.

For Pete Dohm, senior fiscal clerk with the College of Engineering, the development award allowed him to take a course over the Internet that addressed ways to adapt information technology for persons with disabilities.

As the college's contact person on issues relating to the Americans With Disabilities Act, Dohm is in a position now to offer advice on disability issues as the engineering college acquires new technology in the future.

"The awards encourage staff to broaden their knowledge base in the same way that faculty build their knowledge base," Dohm says. "I hope I can use this new knowledge to help the college provide more access."

Three times a year, staff at Mizzou can submit their proposals for development awards. The deadline for the latest round is noon on Sept. 28. Application forms have been sent to all benefit-eligible, full-time staff. Individual awards are limited to \$3,500 and group awards may not exceed \$7,000. Additional application forms are available from the Staff Advisory Council office, 319 Jesse Hall.

The awards helped Mary Seewoster expand her professional horizons. A senior secretary at MU's Research Reactor, Seewoster was able to attend two professional photography workshops. Now, in addition to her regular duties and often working after

hours, she photographs some of the research going on at the reactor. Her goal is to make that research more accessible to the public.

Her photos have appeared in reactor publications and at scientific conferences. "The workshops have helped me work more efficiently and more creatively. I think the level of my work has improved," she says.

"Without the development awards, I could not have attended the workshops. They have been a huge blessing. I don't think I would be doing what I'm doing now if it weren't for the awards."

Seewoster won't get any argument from Suzanne Schoonover, chairwoman of the volunteer staff committee that administers the award. "There is not another program like this for staff on campus," Schoonover says. "Without these awards I don't think staff would have the same opportunity to improve themselves. Many departments just don't have the money for staff members to receive training."

Schoonover, a coordinator with the International Agriculture Program, has been involved with the development awards since their beginning. She was a member of MU's Staff Advisory Council when that group originated the idea for the awards. Administrators backed the concept enthusiastically. In its first year, \$30,000 was allocated for the development awards, and that funding quickly increased to \$50,000. Last year, funding increased to \$60,000.

Schoonover and the 11 other staff volunteers on the award committee are appointed by the Staff Advisory Council. The award committee has a big job on its hands. Every member must read and rate each of the nearly 200 applications that staff members submit each year.

Even after five years, Staff Council continues to fine-tune the award program. Most recently, council members are taking a hard look at ways to involve more staff from across campus.

In particular, the council is encouraging more applications from staff in the secretarial/clerical and the crafts/maintenance peer groups. One possibility is for council members to meet with staff in the workplace to discuss the award program. Another consideration would be to enlist the help of supervisors to identify worthwhile development opportunities for staff. The council's focus on the award program will continue.

Henry Tharp looks at the development awards as an additional benefit, just like health insurance or dental insurance. "Without it, working here at the University wouldn't be as attractive," says Tharp, supervisor of performance services in the Department of Theater.

For nearly 20 years, he has run the scenery shop for MU theater productions. He's won several development awards over the years, and they have allowed him to participate more fully in the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology, the nation's premier organization for theater professionals. From the national conferences he brings back ideas and technical know-how that benefit his entire department.

Through the development award program, Tharp says, the University administration sends the message that it wants staff "to improve ourselves professionally and keep current in our fields."

Sept. 28 is deadline for staff development proposals

The eyes have it

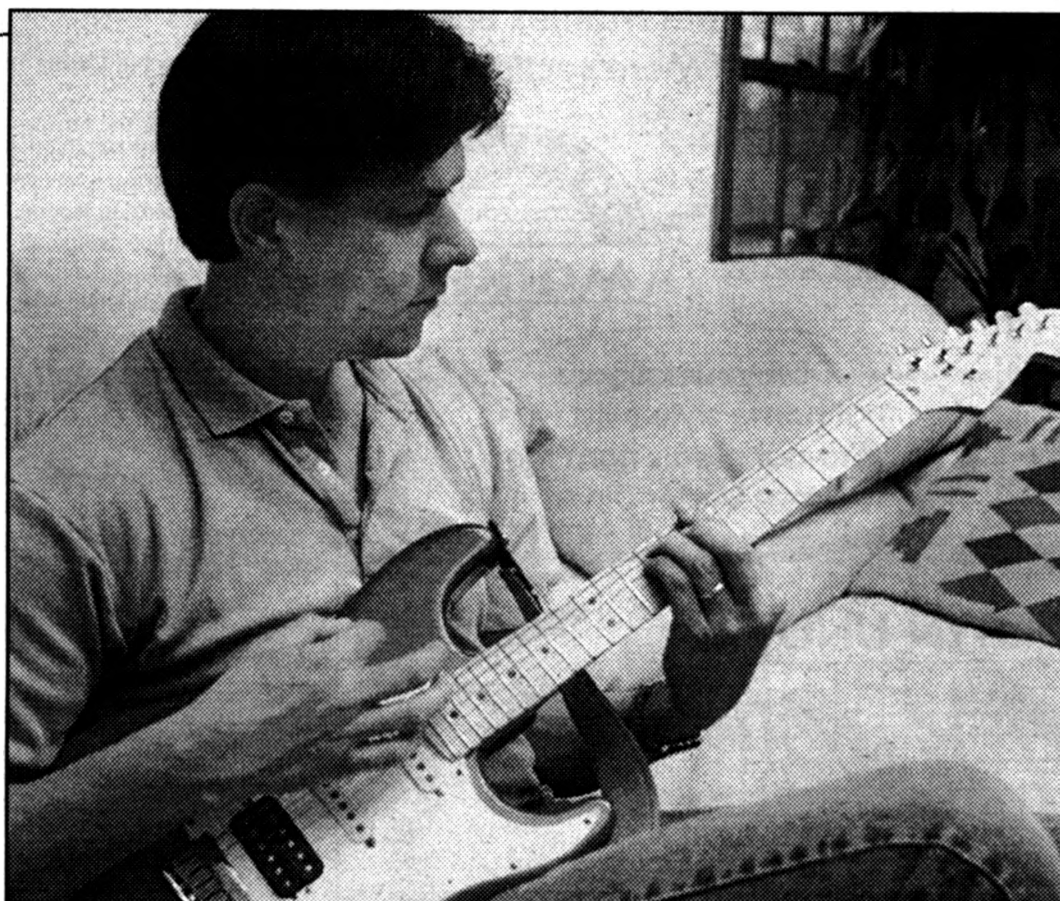
Ruth M. Kraeuchi's gift has created the nation's most comprehensive veterinary ophthalmology team.

The life of a veterinary ophthalmologist doctor might not be as hectic and glamorous as the portrayal of medical doctors a la *ER*, but to Mark Nasisse, who holds the Ruth M. Kraeuchi endowed professorship in veterinary ophthalmology life at MU can be very exciting.

"I have an incredibly diverse job here. I can do anything from seeing patients, doing surgery, to doing research. What is unique about this position is that it is by design a research position. What also attracted me is the number of faculty positions and resources we have committed to animal eye diseases here."

Because of the relatively small level of funding available for animal disease, there are few veterinary

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Nasisse plays a mean rock 'n' roll guitar in his off-hours. But for the time being, he says, his off-hours are few and his rock career is on hold.

Nancy O'Connor photo

RECYCLING IS IMPORTANT

Two new, roll-off recycling containers are now in place at the corner of Virginia and Lake streets, in the south central corner of parking lot CG10 near Pershing and Defoe halls. These roll-off containers were obtained with a \$29,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources. Jim Crossley, a member of the MU Recycling Committee, applied for the grant.

Mixed glass, milk jugs, aluminum cans, food cans, newsprint, magazines, brown paper bags and corrugated cardboard can

be deposited in the containers. They are taken to Civic Recycling by Columbia's Public Works Department.

The Recycling Committee reminds students, staff and faculty of the importance of recycling. The blue barrels on campus are for newspapers and magazines; the green barrels are for office paper, such as envelopes, bond and copy paper, card stock, pamphlets and file folders.

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RETIREES NEWS

MU Retirees Association's annual fall informational meeting will be held in the Reynolds Alumni Center Columns Room from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 30. At 10 a.m., Robert Duncan, director of the Columbia Social Security Office, will present "Social Security Programs in Perspective."

MURA's personal finance group continues to meet biweekly in Room S207 of the Memorial Union at 10 a.m. Meetings are open to all members. The Sept. 25 meeting will feature an open discussion.

Caring crowd

Pictured here are those MU employees, faculty and staff, who have served the Columbia Area United Way or any of its member agencies as volunteers. MU employees contributed \$248,000 to the United Way's local campaign last year. This year's campaign gets under way on Saturday, Sept. 30, with the MU Day of Caring. First row: Marsha Root, Paula Koebel, Karen Olinger, Susan Novinger, Emily Smith, Sherri Helm, Audrey Spieler, Cindy Monnig, Mary Smith. Second row: Martha Alexander, Susan Gray, Cindy Cover, Pat Higgins, Janet Waibel, Marilyn Selovich, Michele Smith, Retha Nichols, Barbara Goosey, Tom Murray, Patsy Hart, Jim Clark, Dan Kennedy. Third row: Sherry Kilgore, Jan Thornton, Mary Ann Canton, Donna Johanning, Rose Porter, Chris Koukola, Joe Castiglione, Terry Jordan, David Lendt, Jan Van Buren, Todd Coleman, Mary Ann Williamson, Jennifer Winn.



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United Way gears up for 1995 campaign

Two "Days of Caring" will launch the Columbia Area United Way's fall fund-raising campaign. The Columbia area campaign will begin Friday, Sept. 29, with a Day of Caring for the business community. This year's Day of Caring for the MU community will follow on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The official campus campaign gets under way Tuesday, Oct. 3, with a United Way kickoff at 8 a.m. in Rooms 222-223 North Memorial Union.

1995 campus campaign coordinators are: Tom Murray, operations director, University Hospital and Clinics; David Lendt, UM director of University Relations; Rose Porter, associate dean of nursing; and Patsy Higgins, manager of business and fiscal operations.

"We are hoping for another really good year," Porter says, noting MU last year reached 108 percent of its goal, raising \$248,016. MU's goal this year is \$255,000.

The Columbia Area United Way provides funds for 30 nonprofit agencies. Last year, these agencies provided services to 76,994 people in the area, 67,460 from Boone County. The United Way has three new member agencies this year: Rainbow House and Central Missouri Food Bank in Columbia and Harvest House in Boonville.

Jerry Price, owner of Summit Travel, will chair the Columbia area campaign which runs through November. This year's community goal is \$1,575,000. MU employees wanting to get involved in this year's campaign may call Rose Porter, 882-0228, or the Columbia Area United Way office at 443-4523.

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ophthalmologists in academic institutions and, when you find them, those institutions have at the most two each, Nasisse says. The desire to be part of a group of scientists bent on conquering eye diseases is the reason he accepted the Kraeuchi professorship.

"I would not have taken the endowed professorship to come here to work by myself. I can do that anywhere. The goal here is to have a team and have a team approach to solving eye disease problems in a way that isn't possible otherwise," Nasisse says. The team includes Cecil Moore and Keith Collins, associate professors of veterinary medicine and surgery and ophthalmology. A fourth team member is being recruited.

The creation of the Kraeuchi endowed professorship will enable MU to have four research and clinical ophthalmologists on board. It will be the only place in the world where that many scientists will be committed to the study of animal eye diseases. It also is the first endowed professorship in veterinary ophthalmology in the nation.

"We can no longer afford to speak in terms of animal science and human science," Nasisse says. "There is medical science, period. It's so tightly related that the boundaries are very indistinct. I plan to work not only with the people at the veterinary college and basic sciences people, but also with people at the medical school and elsewhere."

Endowment funds are vital to the program, he says, but its goal is to be

completely externally funded within three years and for it to support several additional graduate students.

Nasisse's research has focused on ophthalmic laser surgery and an infectious eye disease in cats caused by a virus.

"It's extremely similar to one found in humans, Herpes Simplex Type I, which is

a common cold sore virus," Nasisse says. "But it's also an important cause of eye disease, especially corneal infections, and it does the same thing in cats."

This is the type of work that first drew him to the veterinary profession.

"It's medical science with animal orientation, which is totally different from

human medicine."

Nasisse says he's driven by challenges and opportunities to do new things. "I hope that five to 10 years from now I will have been successful enough at my research that I will need a new challenge."

— By Ernie Gutierrez

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FOUNDATION OF COMPUTERS

3: SEPTEMBER 21 AND 28 (THURSDAY), 9:00 AM - NOON

4: SEPTEMBER 22 AND 29 (FRIDAY), 9:00 AM - NOON

5: SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 2 (MONDAY), 9:00 AM - NOON

Through lecture and hands-on exercises, the student will learn the fundamentals in both IBM and Macintosh platforms of computer hardware, what they do and how they function; different categories of software applications; terminology and basic computer manipulation; and disk and drive preparation for file management. The student will learn to interpret computer advertising and jargon to make educated decisions about purchasing and upgrading. The course will also include a discussion of how computers are linked together in networks through which they can share resources and information. The course concludes with a complete presentation of the University's computing facilities, training and where to get help.

INTERNET CONCEPTS

2: SEPTEMBER 18 (MONDAY), 9:00 - 11:00 AM

3: SEPTEMBER 22 (FRIDAY), 1:30 - 3:30 PM

4: SEPTEMBER 26 (TUESDAY), 9:00 - 11:00 AM

5: SEPTEMBER 29 (FRIDAY), 9:00 - 11:00 AM

This basic Internet lecture/demonstration course covers the general concepts for individuals with little or no experience with the Internet. This course is also ideal for beginning users who want to gain a better understanding of how things work behind

the scenes. Although the course is a lecture rather than hands-on format, participants will learn about the broad spectrum of activities that one may do with Internet access. Participants will compare the differences between text-only and graphical user interfaces, and between modem and backbone connection. This course is a good foundation for those who later want to take a more advanced, hands-on Short Course such as RiceMail or Hands-On Internet. Specifically, participants will learn the concepts behind the email, telnet, and File Transfer Protocol (FTP) functions, as well as World Wide Web functions. Other than a desire to learn and basic computer experience, there are no other prerequisites. This is not a hands-on course; you do not need an Internet ID.

HANDS-ON INTERNET: CLIENTS ONLY

1: SEPTEMBER 27 (WEDNESDAY), 1:00 - 4:00 PM

This hands-on course is for individuals who do not have a MIZZOU1 or SHOWME account. This course is ideal for cc:Mail users who have access to Internet client software (Turbogopher or Windows Gopher, Fetch or Windows File Transfer Protocol (FTP), Netscape, or Telnet). Participants will explore the Internet by using these programs distributed by Campus Computing in the SLIP software packages. Configuring client software for individual preferences will also be covered. **Prerequisite(s):** Access to Internet clients such as WinGopher or MacGopher, Fetch or WinFTP, Netscape, etc. A MIZZOU1 or SHOWME account is not required. Please bring a formatted 3.5" diskette to class.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD 5.0

3: SEPTEMBER 19 (TUESDAY), 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Participants will learn basic functions such as creating, saving, renaming and relocating documents, entering and editing text (cut, copy and paste), formatting text (margins, tabs, line spacing, page breaks, columns and tables), choosing font options and creating headers, footers and footnotes. Other topics covered include the spell-check feature, finding and changing text, and inserting graphics. A question and answer session will be held at the end of class. **Prerequisite(s):** Foundation of Computers course or basic experience with the Macintosh or Windows platform.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT EXCEL 5.0

2: SEPTEMBER 26 (TUESDAY), 1:00 - 4:00 PM

This is a hands-on class in which participants will open, save and retrieve a spreadsheet workbook, learn the meanings of grid addresses, rows and columns, and learn how to navigate the cell grid and distinguish cells, sheets and workbooks. Participants will also enter data into a workbook, build basic formulas, manage data, create a chart and learn to customize the appearance of their workbook. The print and help facilities will also be discussed. **Prerequisite(s):** Foundations of Computers or knowledge of file management with Macintosh or Windows, and mouse skills.

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| 12:15 p.m. Valerie McKay,
contemporary music | 3 p.m. Krystal Agler |

The Fall Festival will be held rain or shine. For more information, call 882-6565.



Q&A

Q. Why does *Mizzou Weekly* list all Faculty Council members and show all their pictures each year, but only run photographs of the newly elected Staff Council members? Without a complete list at the beginning of the year, it's hard to know who is still on the council and who has been replaced.

A. You're right. We should run photos of all members of the staff and faculty councils. We'll do it that way next year.

Q. I understand that criminal background checks are now conducted on all new University employees. Why was this policy put in place? Does it apply only to staff members? Is employment automatically denied if any criminal convictions are found?

A. The practice of requesting criminal background checks is not new at the University, says Jatha Sadowski, associate director of Human Resource Services. Criminal checks have been conducted for some time on selected positions. This summer the practice was extended to include all full-time, benefit-eligible administrative, service and support staff positions that are filled at the University. "Criminal background checks — like reference checks — are an additional screening tool to help ensure that the University hires the most qualified individual for the vacant position," Sadowski says.

Her office requests the criminal background checks from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Criminal checks currently are not requested for faculty positions, since the information provided is restricted to Missouri convictions and most faculty positions are recruited nationally.

If the background check turns up a record of a conviction, employment is not automatically denied, Sadowski says. "The conviction must be both relevant and job-related before it disqualifies an applicant from consideration."

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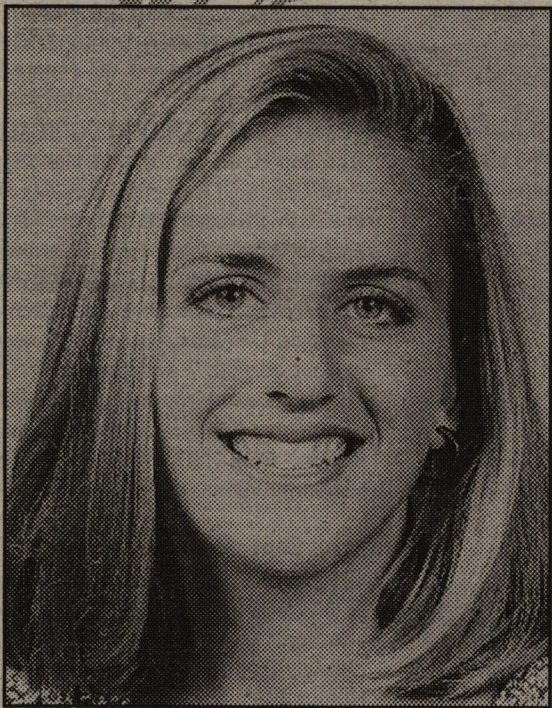
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by noon Thursday the week before publication.
Events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Concerts & Plays

Friday, Sept. 15

UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES

SPECIAL EVENT: Wines of the World
Wine Tasting Benefit will be held at 7:30
p.m. at Reynolds Alumni Center. For ticket
information, call 882-3781.

Sunday, Sept. 17

NEW FACULTY SHOWCASE CONCERT:

The Music Department introduces six new
faculty in a showcase concert at 8 p.m. in
Whitmore Recital Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

AQUILA THEATRE COMPANY presents
Homer's *Iliad* at 8 p.m. in Francis
Quadrangle. Admission is free. Presented by
the MSA/GPC Fine Arts Committee, the
Honors College and Classical Studies.

Thursday, Sept. 21

FINE ARTS SERIES: The Department of
Theatre will present the musical *March of
the Falsettos* at 8 p.m. in Corner Playhouse.
Cost: \$5 all seats. For ticket information,
call 882-PLAY.

GUEST RECITAL SERIES: The Department
of Music presents the "Mississippi Winds"
Woodwind Quintet, U.S. Air Force Air
Mobility Command Band of Mid-America,
at 2:40 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall.

Friday, Sept. 22

FINE ARTS SERIES: The Department of
Theatre will present the musical *March of
the Falsettos* at 8 p.m. in Corner Playhouse.
Cost: \$5 all seats. For ticket information,
call 882-PLAY.

AQUILA THEATRE COMPANY presents
Shakespeare's *Macbeth* at 7:30 p.m. in Jesse
Auditorium. Cost: \$5 for students and \$7 for
the public. Tickets available at the
MSA/GPC Box Office in Brady Commons
or charge by phone, 882-4640

Conferences

Monday, Sept. 18

NURSING CONFERENCE: "1995 Staff
Development Conference" will be offered

Sept. 18-19 at the Holiday Inn Executive
Center. Cost: \$240 both days, \$125 one day.
For registration information, call Jan Pickett
at 882-0215.

Friday, Sept. 22

GARDENING CONFERENCE: "Missouri
State Gardener Conference" will be offered
Sept. 22-23 in and around Columbia. Cost:
\$60, plus an additional \$5 fee for optional
tours. For information, call Denny Schrock
at 882-9633.

Films

Friday, Sept. 15

MSA/GPC FILM: *Red Firecracker, Green
Firecracker* will be shown at 7 and 9:30
p.m. in Ellis Auditorium. Cost: \$2 in
advance, \$2.50 at the door.

Saturday, Sept. 16

MSA/GPC FILM: *Red Firecracker, Green
Firecracker* will be shown at 7 and 9:30
p.m. in Ellis Auditorium. Cost: \$2 in
advance, \$2.50 at the door.

Monday, Sept. 18

MSA/GPC FILM: *32 Short Films about
Glenn Gould* will be shown at 7 and 9:30
p.m. in Ellis Auditorium. Cost: \$1.50.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

MSA/GPC FILM: *Andromeda Strain* will be
shown at 8 p.m. in Ellis Auditorium. Free
with MU ID, \$1 public.

Friday, Sept. 22

MSA/GPC FILM: *Circle of Friends* will be
shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in Ellis
Auditorium. Cost: \$2 in advance, \$2.50 at
the door.

Lectures & Seminars

Thursday, Sept. 14

A&S LEADER CAREER SEMINAR:

Ronita Dinger, information specialist at the
MU Research Reactor; David Stalling, vice
president for research and technology at
ABC instruments; Jack Smith, consultant
with Leo Burnett Agency; Steve Neely,
certified financial planner with IDS
Financial Services; will speak at 3 p.m. in
Room 313 Psychology Building. This event
is open to all students in the College of Arts
and Science.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SEMINAR:

Kun Sup Hyun, senior associate scientist at
Dow Chemical Company, presents "Polymer
Processing Research in Industry" at 3:40
p.m. in W0009 Engineering Building East.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

SEMINAR: David Drake, remedial project
manager, U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 7, will present
"Environmental Impacts of Lead and Zinc
Mining and Smelting in Missouri and
Kansas" from 7:30-9 p.m. in Room S203,
Memorial Union.

Friday, Sept. 15, 1995

ANTHROPOLOGY LECTURE: Margaret
Schoeninger, professor of anthropology,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, will
present "Stable Isotope Evidence for Early
Hominid Ecology" at 7 p.m. in 106 Pickard
Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

DESKTOP ORIENTATION SEMINAR:

Printing Services will offer this seminar
from 9 a.m.-noon in Room S203 Memorial
Union. To register, call 882-7801 and give
your name, department and phone number.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: "Using the
VoiceMemo System Effectively" will be
offered from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the basement
conference room of the Telecom Building.
To register, call 882-2177.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

MIDDAY GALLERY EVENT: Bede Clarke,
assistant professor of art, will present
"Contemporary Ceramics: The Language of
Objects" at 12:15 p.m. in the European and
American Gallery at the Museum of Art and
Archaeology in Pickard Hall.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: "Telephone
Etiquette and the Effective Use of
Phone/Voice Mail Features" will be offered
from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the basement
conference room of the Telecom Building.
To register, call 882-2177.

PHYSIOLOGY SEMINAR: Leonard Forte,
professor of pharmacology, will present
"Uroguanylin: An Intestinal/Myocardial
Natriuretic Hormone and Intrinsic Regulator
of Intestinal Transport" at 2:40 p.m. in
M437 Medical Sciences Building.
Refreshments will be served at 2:20 p.m. in
M436A.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES LECTURE: Michael
Lerner, author of *Jewish Renewal* and
Politics of Meaning and editor of *Tikkun*,
will present "The Politics of Meaning: A
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Thursday, Sept. 21

GARDENING/LANDSCAPING

LECTURE: Jim Wilson, host of the Victory Garden television show on PBS, will present "Landscaping with Wildflowers" at 7 p.m. in Townsend Auditorium.

Friday, Sept. 22

CHEMISTRY SEMINAR: Richard Bader, professor at McMaster University, will present "Understanding Chemistry Using the Theory of Atoms" at 3:40 p.m. in Room 115 Chemistry Building.

Meetings

Thursday, Sept. 14

FACULTY COUNCIL: Will meet at 3:40 p.m. in Room S110, Memorial Union.
STAFF COUNCIL: Will meet at 1:15 in S203 Memorial Union.

Friday, Sept. 15

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM: Cluster information meeting at 2:40 p.m. in Jesse Wrench Auditorium, Memorial Union. For information, call Tracy at 882-6805.

Special Events

Thursday, Sept. 14

B&PA CAREER FAIR: The College of Business and Public Administration will host

a career fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union. This event is open to all students.

ENGINEERING FALL RECEPTION:

A welcome-back reception for College of Engineering faculty and staff will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Museum of Anthropology.

Friday, Sept. 15

LIBERAL ARTS CAREER PLANNING:

William Dawson, director of English undergraduate studies, and four English department alumni will present "What Are You Going to do With an English Major?: Career Planning for Liberal Arts Students" at 2:45 p.m. in Room 22, Tate Hall.

Sunday, Sept. 17

BOONE ALUMNI BBQ:

Boone County MU Alumni Chapter barbecue will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the circle drive in front of the Reynolds Alumni Center. Cost: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children, 5 and under free. Call Bill Moyes 446-5078 for tickets.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

HEALTH SCREENING: Free glucose screening will be offered from 1-5:30 p.m. at the Health Information Center in Columbia Mall. Come for the test two hours after eating a well-balanced meal.

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LETTERS

Editor,
 I read with pleasure your front-page story of Aug. 31 titled: "Where is Jesse James?" and thought that I should write and provide you with the answer. He's alive, of course, and living here under an assumed name. An MU faculty member, he looks good for his age and apparently has not been persuaded by his chairman to accept early retirement, an option that ought to offer some outstanding incentives



J. James



J. Dix

to someone with more than 100 years of service.

The key clue is in the two pictures that accompanied the article. Compare the photo of the supposedly deceased Jesse with the portrait of forensic scientist Dix: the beard, the mustache, the receding hairline, the eyebrows, the shape of the nose, even the form of the single ear

visible in each. It was clever of you to publish Jesse's and Dix's photos as mirror images, but that doesn't fool us.

It must be great fun to lead the investigation of one's own death. I'm trying to figure out how to do it myself one day.

Steve Pueppke
 Plant pathology

Editor,
 After reading the article in the Aug. 31 *Mizzou Weekly* about Jesse James, I couldn't resist the temptation to share with you the part Jesse James played in the history of our Fulton church.

I am the current choir director of a

small Baptist church in Callaway County. Ever since childhood, I have heard the older folks talk about Jesse James. The story went something like this:

There was a family in our neighborhood by the name of Wommack who were founding members of our church and well-regarded. During the summer of 1880, they received a mysterious house guest. He called himself John Franklin, but most folks referred to him as Brother Johnson. During his stay with the Wommacks, Brother Johnson attended Unity Baptist Church. He led a singing school and taught Sunday school classes while there. (It was said that he had a beautiful singing voice and a tremendous repertoire of gospel hymns.)

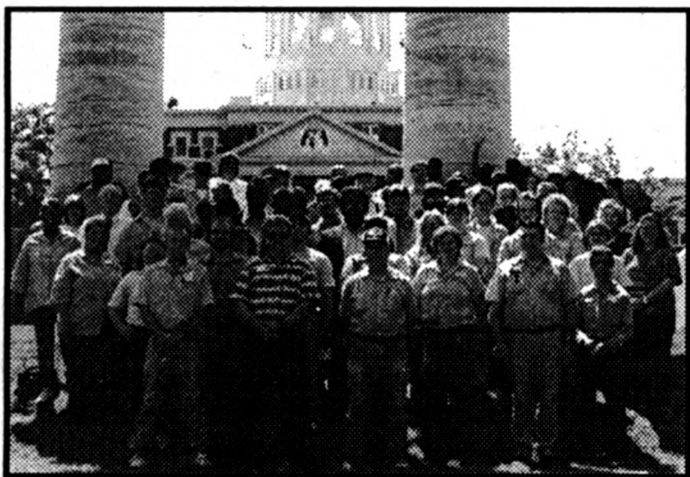
During a Sunday school picnic at the Wommack's home, Brother Johnson received word that special agents were on their way, and he quickly took flight. When the agents arrived to arrest him, he was gone. That's when the majority of the church members learned that Brother Johnson was really Jesse James.

His sojourn with the Wommack family had been arranged by J.W. Pace and John Maloney, Confederate veterans who lived in Callaway County and who had been in several engagements with the James brothers in the Civil War. The Wommack house was chosen because of its secluded location and the sympathies of its owners.

Thanks for allowing me to share a little of the notorious history of Callaway County and Jesse James.

Lori Ann Croy
 Administrative assistant
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