

A rosy outlook

Legislators say UM mission enhancement enjoys support.

A panel of Missouri legislators brought a reassuring message to the MU campus last weekend: The state budget outlook for higher education is promising, lawmakers are receptive to the UM System's mission enhancement proposal, and the General Assembly's overall perception of the University is upbeat.

Those comments came at a Jan. 31 panel discussion sponsored in part by the MU Alumni Association, the association's Legislative Information Network Committee, and the MU Political Action Committee. Panel members included House Speaker Steve Gaw, D-Moberly; Rep. Tim Harlan, D-Columbia; Rep. Ted Farnen, D-Mexico; Rep. Vicky Riback Wilson, D-Columbia; and Rep. Chuck Graham, D-Columbia.

Gaw urged the University to continue building bridges to communities around

Missouri. "At this point in time, I think the overall view of the University itself, and particularly this campus, is better now than it was a year or two ago," Gaw said. "Getting beyond some of the controversy that surrounded this campus has been helpful, and I think that the current leadership has been a steady hand that has helped that perception."

"All the rest of it really depends on where you go from here, because there is somewhat of a clean slate. There is an openness to see what direction you need to go in the future."

"I think it depends on how it is played and whether you take advantage of the opportunity that now exists to strengthen your relationship with the legislators in Jefferson City. And more importantly what you do to continue to build support for the University back in their home districts. I think you have a lot of

opportunities that you can take advantage of."

Chancellor Richard Wallace agreed with that upbeat assessment. "Right now it looks like a wonderful year for the University of Missouri in the legislature," Wallace said. "The governor's recommendation on the operating budget is super. It's clear that with that recommendation we will be able to keep pace with the Higher Education Price Index, and that is in a sense our continuing highest priority — to preserve, in a quality way, that which is already in place."

The legislators also had an encouraging outlook for the University of Missouri's mission enhancement proposal. In his budget recommendation for the 1998-99 fiscal year, Gov. Mel Carnahan included \$15 million for the first year of the University's four-year enhancement proposal. The monies would be used to provide permanent funding for the endowed professors program; improve the educational experience for students, in part by adding more ranked faculty in the classroom; enhance research in the life sciences and in programs that affect the

quality of life for Missourians; and help lead the state's transition into the global information age.

Harlan said one reason the enhancement proposal has received a good reception is because of the emphasis on classroom teaching. Gaw agreed that adding ranked faculty in the classroom makes the proposal more attractive to legislators.

"I think that by itself is such a great lead that the rest of it just kind of comes in behind it without much trouble. The research element of this is very important, but it would not by itself be an easy sell," Gaw said. "I feel good about it. I think (mission enhancement) has been approached well at this point. We'll see if we have any red flags that come up later, but right now I don't see any."

Most of Missouri's other four-year public institutions already have gone through the mission enhancement process. Farnen said that he sees a possible advantage to the University being last in the process: "The fact that the other

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Ready, set, learn

MU study shows rural child care in Missouri is 'mediocre to poor.'

Although rural mothers say they are satisfied with the child care their children receive, more than six out of 10 kindergarten teachers said students are less ready for school than they were five years ago, according to an MU study.

The study comes at a time when President Bill Clinton and Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan have proposed spending increases for child care.

"Most parents in both rural and urban areas perceive their child care as good when it's not," said Kathy Thornburg, professor of human development and family studies. "It has been well documented that the quality of child care available in many areas is poor to mediocre. Since over a million children ages 1 to 5 live in rural Missouri, this is what we looked at."

It is difficult for parents, she said, "to admit that they are dissatisfied with the overall quality of care their children receive. Perhaps because child care enables mothers to meet financial needs, mothers in this study reported being 'very satisfied' with their child care programs. This study suggests that child care satisfaction may be more a measure of parental well-being than the well-being of the children."

Human development specialist Michelle Mathews said child care can be improved and attitudes

changed "when rural people are provided with information regarding quality child care."

The study, soon to be reported in the *Journal of Research in Rural Education*, was conducted in 11 rural Missouri communities that were representative of low-income rates and maternal employment. These included Brunswick, Glasgow, Hermitage, Holden, Mt. Vernon, Neosho, Portageville, Salem, Troy,

Unionville and West Plains.

Sixty of Missouri's 114 counties have a child care capacity that is less than 25 percent of total estimated need. Twenty-five rural counties have no licensed child care centers, Mathews said. More than 70 percent of the providers care for children in their own homes.

The kindergarten teachers rated nearly a third of the children (32 percent) as deficient in problem-solving skills. They said 28 percent of the children were unable to sit and pay attention, 25 percent were incapable of taking turns and 25 percent were not ready to learn math and literary concepts.

The study also included the mothers'

employers, who reported that 78 percent of their employees had little-to-no control scheduling their work and that 82 percent of their employees had little-or-no conflict between job and family.

Although most of the mothers had complete responsibility for taking their children to and from child care, getting them ready in the morning, and staying home with them when they're sick, the mothers report little job-family role strain. In fact, 88 percent of the mothers say that they balance the demands of work and family 'well' to 'very well'.

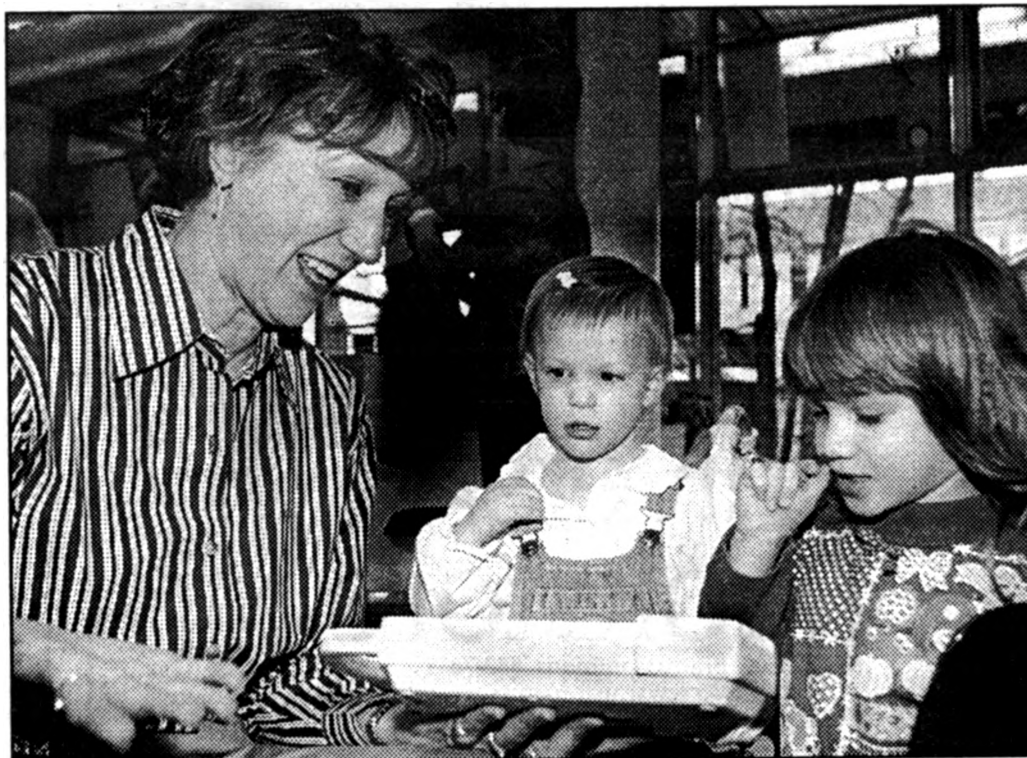
"It may be that rural women accept their responsibilities as inevitable and essential elements of the mothering role," Thornburg said. "Another explanation might be that rural mothers are more reluctant to express dissatisfaction or resentment."

The first step, she said, is to recognize the system needs improvement. "The challenge is to convince parents that they need to be educated about quality child care, to encourage employers to offer more family-friendly work policies and facilitate child care providers with support and professional development."

The study has led to the development of REACH (Rural Early Childhood Institute), a specialized training program for child-care providers, she said.

As director of MU's Child Development Lab in Stanley Hall, Kathy Thornburg and her staff provide child care to students such as Rebecca Wilson, center, and Laura Davis that is rated among the best in the country. Often that's not the case in rural Missouri, Thornburg found in a recent study.

Nancy O'Connor photo



TIME FOR A TIGER

MU Alumni Association President Jean Snider and Truman the Tiger will be on hand Feb. 11 to help the association celebrate Mizzou's 159th birthday. The festivities get under way at 5 p.m. in the Reynolds Alumni and Visitor Center, and the entire community is invited to stop by for ice cream and cake, says Valerie Goodin, director of alumni activities.

At the reception, a special Tiger Tribute will be offered in memory of deceased alumni; student leaders will select three spirit contest winners from among those who wear black and gold to the party, and a campus video '97

Snapshots, will be shown.

At noon, the Alumni Association Student Board will provide birthday cake to students in Brady Commons and in the Memorial Union.

Web surfers will be able to celebrate online beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Virtual Celebration web site is www.mizzou.com.

Alumni worldwide won't be overlooked, Goodin says, as 30 alumni chapters will sponsor local celebrations on Sunday, Feb. 8, to



watch the Tiger basketball team take on KU in Lawrence, Kan.

The MUAA has honored Mizzou's birthday for the past three years, when it hosted the first Time of the Tiger Founder's Celebration.

"The Time of the Tiger is an annual celebration to honor the founding of the University of Missouri in Columbia," Goodin says. "The bill that established the University was presented by Henry S. Geyer of St. Louis, and signed Feb. 11, 1839."

The Geyer Act specified that the University be built in one of six

central Missouri counties. The county that offered the most inducements in land and money would be named home of the University. Boone County won the bid with \$117,921.25 in cash, plus land.

For more information about this year's celebration, or to reserve your place at the party, call the MU Alumni Association at 882-6612.

TALKING IT OVER

Faculty Council will sponsor two open forums to discuss a recent proposal to establish an Office of Ombuds at MU. That office would provide informal mediation for

faculty members. The forums will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Feb. 18 in S204 Memorial Union, and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Feb. 24 in N208 Memorial Union. They will be moderated by Gilbert Youmans, chair of Faculty Council; Chancellor Richard Wallace will attend the Feb. 24 meeting.

"I urge faculty who are in support of the proposal, who oppose the proposal, or who have suggestions about revising the proposal, to come to the meetings and express their views," Youmans says. "We may, as a result of these forums, revise this proposal and present it for consideration by the faculty at a later time. Any

MU to administer assessment test

Starting this spring, MU will join Missouri's other four-year public universities in administering a general education assessment exam to all seniors who have fulfilled their general education requirements as recommended by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE). After testing a sampling of students for the past several years, MU is returning to its former practice of testing all students.

The assessment will help MU officials determine the success of the University's general education program and demonstrate the learning success of its students. "Our campus takes seriously our responsibility to the students, parents and citizens of this state," said Chancellor Richard Wallace. "One way we can show accountability is by demonstrating that we are fulfilling our charge of effectively educating our students. This test will help MU do that."

"It is essential the University knows it

is achieving its academic objectives," said Acting Provost Brady Deaton. "The assessment will provide deans and faculty with important insight on the success of their efforts as well as information on how they might improve their academic programs. This will ultimately benefit the students."

In 1992, as part of its Funding for Results program, CBHE asked that all two-year and four-year institutions in Missouri measure student performance on assessments of general education and based a small percentage of each school's budget on the results. Budget allocations proportionate to the number of students scoring above the 50th percentile are distributed to all four-year institutions. About 1 percent of MU's budget is affected by the results of the general education assessment.

In the past, the expense and logistics of administering an assessment test to such a large number of students led MU to test a

sampling of students rather than the entire student body. The academic assessment committee, a faculty group appointed by the MU Faculty Council, recommended this year to test all students.

"I think the assessment is a worthwhile endeavor that will benefit the University and our students in many ways," Wallace said. "Our faculty has made general education a priority at MU and has worked diligently to develop an impressive new general education curriculum, which won a national award only a year ago. It makes sense to test our success, and I believe we will shine."

Several years ago, an MU faculty group reviewed a number of national general education tests and chose the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP). Schools and colleges will administer the CAAP at varying times throughout the school year to those students who have fulfilled their general education requirements.

RETIREES ASSOCIATION

- The MU Retirees Association personal finance group will meet from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Feb. 9 in S207 Memorial Union. The subject for discussion will be Roth IRAs and the new tax law. Future meetings of the personal finance group will be Feb. 23, March 9 and 23 at the same place and time. All retirees are welcome to attend.
- The retirees association annual spring business meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to noon March 4 in Columns Rooms 1 and 2 at the Reynolds Alumni Center. Robert Duncan, director of the Columbia district Social Security office will speak at 10 a.m. on "Social Security — Now and in the Future." The business meeting will follow.

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Although Faculty Council has endorsed the ombuds proposal, any decision about whether or not to establish the position will be made by the chancellor, Youmans says. "Chancellor Wallace would like to hear faculty opinion both in favor and in opposition."

UM FEE INCREASES WILL MATCH HEPI

Meeting at UM-St. Louis Jan. 29, the Board of Curators voted to increase undergraduate educational fees 3 percent, as was recommended in December. The increase is equal to the projected

Higher Education Price Index for 1998-99. As a result, the charge per credit hour for University undergraduates will increase by \$3.70, from \$124.80 to \$128.50. Similar percentage increases also were approved for graduate and professional programs at MU. Curators also approved a \$35 per credit hour supplemental course fee for health related professions students at MU and a \$1 per credit hour increase to \$8 in the instructional computing fee charged to all students.

President Manuel Pacheco detailed the Governor Mel Carnahan's Jan. 21 budget recommendations for the UM

System. The Governor recommended additional operating funds that would protect the University from the costs of inflation, and he recommended funding for the full \$15 million in first-year mission enhancement efforts recommended by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, Pacheco said. Carnahan also recommended a total of more than \$50 million for capital improvements throughout the UM System.

The governor proposed an inflationary increase of \$14.6 million to UM's existing appropriation of nearly \$364.4 million. With the mission

enhancement recommendation and a proposed \$947,258 for maintenance and repair, the University's recurring budget would grow 8.4 percent to nearly \$395 million. The board's next meeting will be March 26-27 in Rolla.

SOME SWEET SCENTS FOR YOUR SWEETIE

A Valentine rose purchased from any other vendor might smell as sweet, but it won't help support student activities like the roses that are available from MU's Horticulture Club. The club will hold its annual

Valentine Day sale from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Horticulture Club greenhouse



located just west of the Chemistry Building. The sale features roses — of course — with prices ranging from \$3 for a single rose to \$30 for a boxed dozen. Other flowering plants suitable for gift giving will be available.

Tracking Asia's economic tiger

Ag economic outlook shifts as exports slow with strong U.S. dollar.

The price outlook for feed-grain and oilseed crops is going downhill with the rapid changes taking place in the exports to Southeast Asia, says Abner Womack, co-director of MU's Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI).

As he speaks, banks of computers in the background are grinding away on the latest numbers. Last week, economists from seven universities gathered to analyze the economic outlook for farmers in the United States.

FAPRI at Missouri, which maintains a computer model of U.S. agriculture, has a sister institute at Iowa State University, which maintains an international agriculture model. Other cooperating land-grant universities are Arkansas, Arizona, Texas, North Dakota and Kansas. The FAPRI price-outlook and policy-analysis work is funded in part by the U.S. Congress.

As the economists work, the numbers, and the news of developments, change almost hourly as the economic crisis in Southeast Asia continues to grow. "We are dealing with a great deal of uncertainty," Womack said. "We are continually revising."

"This is the most difficult baseline analysis we've done since the disintegration of the former Soviet Union," he added. "That was confined to just one country. This currency crisis has spread to several countries around the Pacific Rim."

Those countries, ranging from Indonesia to South Korea, had been major trading partners for U.S. meats and agricultural commodities. Australia is a major competitor in the region for U.S. farmers.

One of the greatest uncertainties facing the economic outlook is the role China will play, Womack said. "So far, China

has stayed on the sideline and has not given any indication of what they will do.

"If they devalue their currency, to stay competitive in their export markets, then the outlook will change dramatically," Womack said. So far, China has continued buying from the U.S. producers, particularly in the soybean oil meal market. "China has helped sustain strong prices for soybeans," Womack said. "If they stop buying, prices will drop."

What would be bad news for crop farmers could provide some relief for U.S. livestock producers. "Swine and cattle rations could become cheaper. That would help hog farmers who now face some of the lowest prices in two decades," Womack said.

As currencies in some of the Asian countries were devalued against the strengthening U.S. dollar, imports from the U.S. were scaled back. In November, when FAPRI economists started work on

the baseline economic projection for 1998, Japan and other Pacific Rim countries, were purchasing about half of the beef and pork being exported from the United States.

"The outlook has changed drastically, since we started," Womack said. At the beginning, most charts on exports — and on prices — had lines slanting sharply upward. As the baseline review continues, those lines will be redrawn.

In January of each year FAPRI economists develop a baseline of the economic outlook for the year. All analysis of policy changes are checked against that baseline, which is based on assumption of continued current policies and on the assumption of normal weather.

"If we were to get a drought this summer, it would throw considerably more turmoil into the outlook," Womack said. "A drought, with sharply reduced grain production, has a lingering effect on the economy for about four years."

The economists released their first look at the price-outlook and policy analysis work at the Breimyer Conference, Feb. 2, during the MU Ag Science Week.



Early warning system

What? It can't be time for grades to come out already this semester.

For most MU students that's still the case. However, some freshmen and sophomores who are struggling in a class will be receiving an unofficial "midterm grade" later this month to let them know how they're doing.

It's part of a pilot program being conducted this semester by MU's council on advisement. The program is called Early Alert; the idea is to set up an early warning system for students who are having difficulty in class and then connect them with the campus advising and support services that can help them succeed.

Early Alert is MU's latest student retention effort. The grades are unofficial, of course, and they don't appear on the students' transcripts. But if students are notified this early in the semester about their substandard work they still have time to seek help or to buckle down and improve.

Similar programs already are in place at a number of Mizzou's peer

institutions, such as Michigan State, Wisconsin at Madison, Minnesota and Carnegie-Mellon. Last fall, the council on advisement began looking at developing an Early Alert program at MU.

"This is a volunteer, faculty-driven program," says Rose Porter, who headed up the council's effort. "The idea behind Early Alert is very basic and is supported by research data: The more feedback you give students consistently, the better they do. That feedback loop is so very important."

After seeing how the program works this semester, the advisement council will "determine the value of making this a campuswide effort," says Porter, associate professor and associate dean of nursing.

Here's how the Early Alert program works: A number of faculty from departments all across campus have volunteered to participate in this pilot phase of the program. More than 220 class sections in disciplines that range from chemistry to physics, and from

French to geology are taking part.

It's important to remember, then, that only students in those participating classes will be receiving Early Alert grades. Also, the program is only for students who have fewer than 60 credit hours or are first-semester transfer students. And only students who at this point are receiving a C- or less will be notified.

The Registrar's office plans to send grade forms to faculty volunteers Feb. 17. The instructors then have a week to assign grades and return the forms by Feb. 25. Early alert notification forms will be mailed to students and their advisers beginning Feb. 26.

A list of classes participating in the program is available through the Early Alert website, which also provides a roster of advising and support services available on campus. The website for the Early Alert program is at

<http://www.missouri.edu/~wwwcqi/alertpro.htm>

Going for the gold

Mizzou's Gold Card program welcomes prospective students.

Coast to coast, thousands of high-school seniors like Justin Lurk of Bloomsdale, Mo., now carry gold cards. — MU Gold Cards. Lurk and 6,013 other students have been admitted to the Class of 2002, and the cards are one tactic the campus uses to help sway their decisions to enroll at MU this fall.

"The MU Gold Card is a great, collaborative campuswide effort to help admitted students feel welcome," says CeCe Leslie, assistant director of admissions, student recruitment and campus visits. "To my knowledge, no other school nationwide offers a program like this."

Between now and May 1, these students may use their cards to redeem free gifts from 31 different places on campus. The first stop, of course, is 230 Jesse Hall, where prospective students pick up a free T-shirt and lunch passes from the admissions office. Then, with gold cards and maps in hand, students embark on a veritable treasure hunt, picking up freebies and learning their way around.

Lurk, a senior at Valley High School in St. Genevieve, Mo., is somewhat familiar with campus. Several months ago, he visited friends at Farmhouse and took in a play at Jesse. His decision to apply to MU was based on that visit. "Everyone made me feel welcome. This is a friendly environment, and I'd like to come here," says Lurk, who has applied to two other state schools. On Jan. 30, he and parents Linda and John made a formal visit to campus to talk with students, faculty and staff in the College of Engineering, as well as take advantage of all the Gold Card offers, including scoops of Tiger Stripe ice cream from Buck's Ice Cream

Place in Eckles Hall.

Creator of the famed dessert, Bob Marshall, and cohort Richard Linhardt see this effort as a way to promote the product and the University. "We want to win friends for Tiger Stripe ice cream," says Marshall, professor of food science and nutrition, "and show the tiger spirit that exists among the food scientists on campus." In agreement, Linhardt, coordinator of research operations, says, "We're happy to do it."

Each school and college now has a Gold Card item to offer students and, for the first time since the program began nearly a decade ago, two departments have joined the long list of gift givers. Although history and political science have yet to come up with a particular token, chairs of both units have decided on what they want to accomplish.

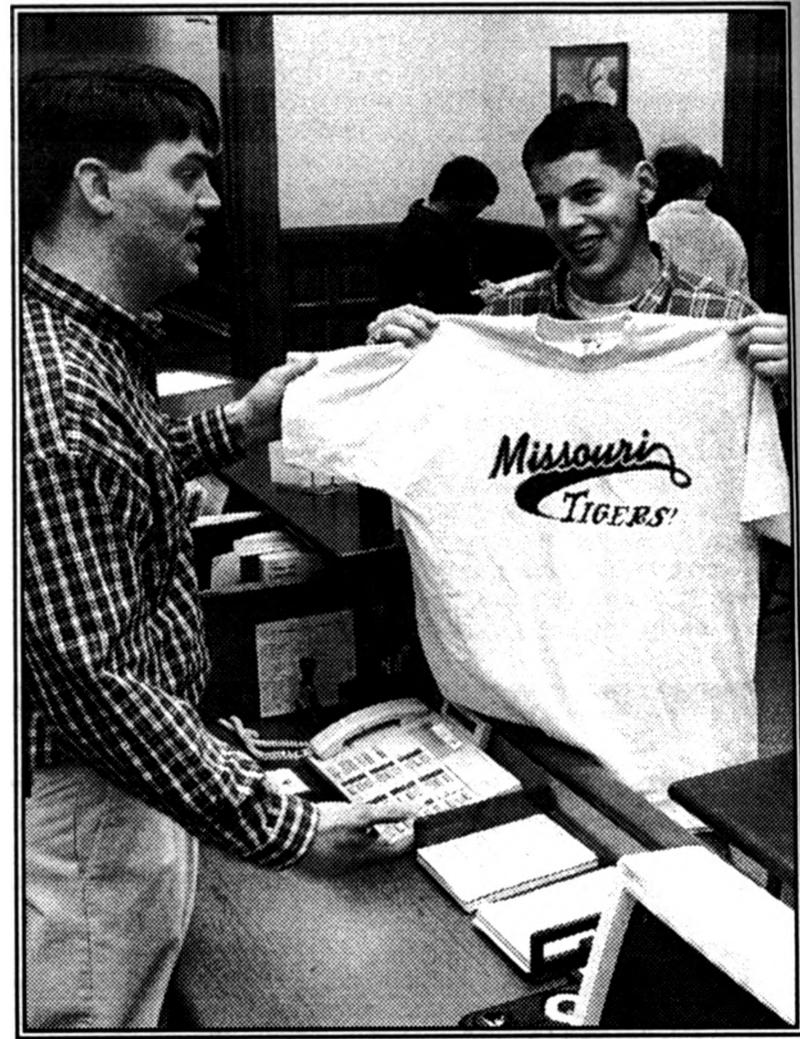
The history department hopes students who have been admitted and expressed an interest of possibly majoring in history would come by the office to meet the undergraduate academic adviser, and to get information on the Undergraduate History Association and a tour of Read Hall, says Chair Charles Timberlake. The Undergraduate History Association is a good way for freshmen to get to know many of the upperclass students, he says, and to gain useful tips on surviving the rigors of academics.

Birol Yesilada, chair of political science, says it is one of the larger departments on campus in terms of number of undergraduate majors. "We get a lot of interest in political science, and we want to meet students as they come for a visit, give them information about our program and let them meet our faculty and other students." Participating in the

Gold Card program, he says, is a way "to add another dimension to our already very good recruitment efforts."

One of the program's charter members is the College of Business and Public Administration. Being a stop on the treasure hunt is just another way to continue supporting the college's efforts in recruiting and retaining students, says Clarence Wine, senior academic adviser. "If we are able to provide information to students early, along with an MU-related item, this obviously will help us get to know each other a lot better."

The Gold Card program extends beyond academic units to the MU Alumni Association, which also plays an important role in recruiting, enrolling and retaining students, as well as welcoming students and their families to the Mizzou family. "We encourage prospective students to stop by the Alumni Center and pick up a gift when they visit campus,"



Rob Hill photo

Scot Wanamaker, left, of the admissions office, helps size up an MU T-shirt for newly admitted freshman Justin Lurk of Bloomsdale, Mo.

says Todd Coleman, executive director of the association. Making a connection with the organization early in a student's college career is important in fostering a lifelong relationship, Coleman says. "When you join the Mizzou family, it is for a lifetime."

STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE CLASS OF 2002 MAY BRING THEIR GOLD CARDS TO MU BEFORE MAY 1 AND RECEIVE:

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- ice cream cone at Buck's Ice Cream Place
- 10 percent discount at the Museum of Art and Archaeology's gift shop
- coupon for free order of fries at McDonald's on campus
- free visit to the Rec Center
- free career interest inventory and pass to use the Career Center
- free consultation on study abroad opportunities at the International Center
- free "Go Tigers" sticker from the MU Alumni Association
- free game of bowling or one-half hour of billiards at T.A. Brady's
- gift from Student Life
- free car decal and button from MU Parents Association

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- free Frisbee for students admitted to natural resources
- free magnet and information packet for pre-veterinary students
- free gifts from history and political science departments

To add your unit to this list, call the admissions office at 882-2456. "We'd love to add anyone who is interested," says CeCe Leslie, assistant director of admissions, student recruitment and campus visits.



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A tiny tale

The Missouri Review discovers early story by Charlotte Bronte.

A never-before-published childhood story by Charlotte Bronte that provides a glimpse into the mind of a young literary genius will appear in the next issue of *The Missouri Review*, Mizzou's literary magazine, due out next week.

"The Search After Happiness," which Bronte started writing on July 29, 1829, when she was 12 years old, is one of several early childhood stories written in tiny booklets by the Bronte children. Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne, more than 170 years ago. The booklets disappeared from notice for 40 years and eventually were scattered among collectors and libraries.

"The early writings of the Bronte children are a fascinating study in literary precocity and the development of young writers' minds," Editor Speer Morgan said. "This particular story, written by Charlotte more than 15 years before *Jane Eyre* was published, provides a glimpse into the effervescence of young genius, unmasked by the self-consciousness of adulthood."

Morgan used a magnifying glass, microscope and tweezers to read the tiny manuscript, which he stumbled upon in the British Library. "I was looking for an unpublished play for *The Missouri Review's* 'Found Text' series, and instead found this story composed in miniature in a tiny booklet scarcely larger than a postage stamp," he said. "How it was made in such a small hand is a mystery of childhood dexterity."

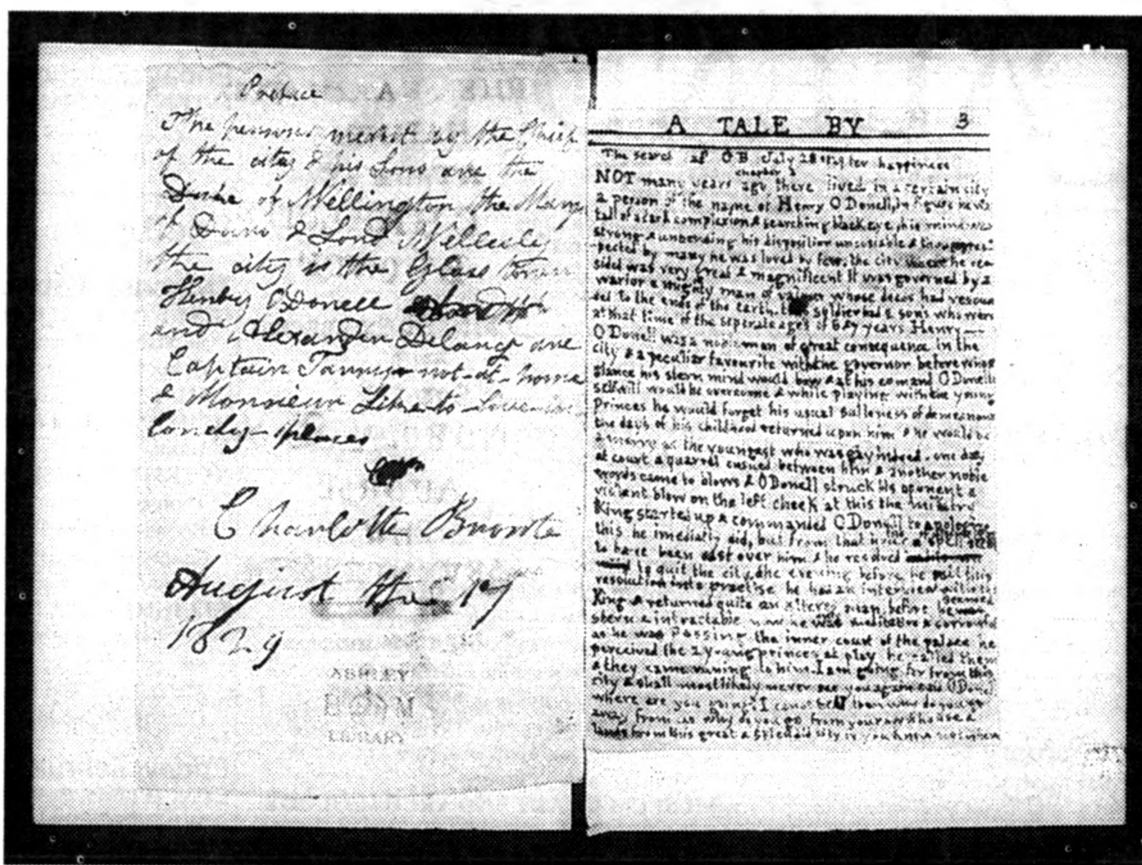
The quality of the copies is one of the

reasons that Bronte juvenilia long resisted the efforts of scholars. They were first noted in 1857, when Charlotte's first biographer visited the author's widower, who showed her the tiny manuscripts, but was not willing to part with them.

A friend who accompanied her surreptitiously "borrowed" a bundle of them. She noted in the biography, "I have had a curious packet confided to me, containing an immense amount of manuscript, in an inconceivably small space; tales, dramas, poems, romances, written principally by Charlotte, in a hand which it is almost impossible to decipher without the aid of a magnifying glass."

"How she wrote in such a tiny hand is part of the intrigue of these manuscript artifacts, but their real fascination lies in the fact that they are windows into the untutored mind of a great writer," Morgan said.

The Brontes lived in the parsonage of a tiny village on the lonely Yorkshire moors. At quite young ages they began to create stories to entertain themselves.



They made "plays," which were interconnected sagas that evolved like television serials, Morgan said. When Charlotte was 11 years old, she began to write them down. "The Search After Happiness," a tale about a soldier who leaves his home and two sons in search of happiness, was one of the earliest of these surviving Bronte manuscripts.

The Missouri Review's "Found Text" series has printed more than a dozen never-before published works by well-known authors such as William Faulkner, Mark Twain and Jack Kerouac.

"The purpose of the 'Found Text'

While researching at the British Library, Speer Morgan, editor of *The Missouri Review*, stumbled across this tiny manuscript of a childhood story by Charlotte Bronte. It will be published next week in the Review's "found text" series.

Photo courtesy of British Library

series has always been to highlight the work of new writers by placing them alongside the greats of the past," Morgan said. "We have a lot of fun discovering these unpublished pieces, and we hope they are a treat to our readers."

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schools already are into their first, second or third year of their funding makes it very awkward for any legislator to say, 'Hey, I know I'm getting enhancement funding for the school in my area, but you can't have yours.'

"The past few years have been very good for funding of higher education, and as long as the economy stays at a sound level I think we'll have the money to complete our mission enhancement in the new few years. If there should be a

downturn you might see there being a call to — maybe not eliminate it — but just stretch it out a few more years or so."

Wilson said the proposal's emphasis on applied research also is a strong selling point around the state. "As the University proves itself to be an excellent partner through applied research out in the field that involves both graduate and undergraduate students, more of the communities around the state will begin to recognize the value that MU has for their communities and for their individual lives," she said.

That University's impact on Missouri communities was a common theme among

the panel members. One statewide impact they pointed out is the transfer arrangements between the University and other two- and four-year institutions in the state. The legislators said that issue is likely to become a hot topic in this session of the General Assembly.

Graham said the transfer question is not a recent concern for the state's community colleges and regional universities. "It's been a concern for a long, long time. It's just that they flexed enough political muscle that we woke up here," Graham said.

"The perception they have is that institutions like MU are trying to dictate to them what these agreements will be. That's the perception that's out there. I'm not saying that's what's happening, but perception unfortunately becomes their reality.

"I think we need to be very careful in how we enter into those conversations so they feel like they do have input. Maybe we need to get out of Columbia and go out to some of these community colleges and see what their programs are — evaluate some of those programs and really try to understand that we're in a partnership together."

Gaw said discussion about transfer arrangements between Missouri's colleges and universities could be a "blessing in disguise" in the long run. "We're talking about a gateway here," he said. "Community colleges are an access to other institutions of higher education and

it is absolutely necessary that that access works.

"So it's important to communicate what is required of those community colleges and get agreements lined out so students are not caught in a trap where they have to repeat courses, pay additional monies to do that and spend additional time to do that," Gaw said. "I hope to see this turned into something very positive, and I think it will be."

Farnen, who is chair of the House Higher Education Committee, said he has drafted a resolution that calls on Missouri's colleges and universities to update articulation agreements and work to resolve the transfer issue.

"There are other legislators, including some on the appropriations and budget committees, that would like to have legislation — in other words changes in the statute — that would make permanent any whims of the legislature," Farnen said. "I'll tell you what. That would probably create more problems than it would solve. I like my approach a lot better, which is urging the colleges to take care of this problem themselves."

Wallace assured the lawmakers that the transfer issue is a high priority at MU. "That is terribly important to us," Wallace said. "We are working on it very hard. It is in the best interests of our students, the people of the state, and also in the best interests of this particular institution. Frankly, we need good transfer students."

2nd Annual MU Peter H. Raven Environmental Leadership Award



Faculty, staff, students or organizations may nominate an undergraduate student who has demonstrated initiative and leadership in addressing environmental issues at MU. The award and a \$500 check will be presented on April 9, 1998 as part of the 2nd Annual Environmental Sustainability Conference.

Deadline March 10, 1998. Nomination form available from Jan Weaver, 220 Gentry, 882-7116, or <http://www.missouri.edu/~esiww/raven.html>

CALENDAR

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Mizzou Weekly Calendar, 407 Reynolds Center,
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Events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Concerts & Plays

Thursday, February 5

THEATER SERIES: The Department of Theatre will present *The Diviners* at 8 p.m. today and Feb. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Corner Playhouse. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES: The Prague Chamber Orchestra with Valentina Lisitsa on piano will perform at 8 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3875.

Friday, February 6

JAZZ SERIES: Mulgrew Miller's "Wingspan" and Terrell Stafford and the Hickman High School Jazz Band will perform "The Pianistic State of the Art" and "The Educator Brings His Classroom to US" at 8 p.m. in Missouri Theatre. Call 882-4640 for individual and jazz series season ticket information.

FACULTY RECITAL: Janice Wenger, professor of music, will perform a solo piano recital at 8 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building.

Saturday, February 7

UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES: The Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3875.

Thursday, February 12

STUDENT RECITAL: The MU Chamber Soloists will perform at 3 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building.

BLUES, JAZZ AND FOLK CONCERT: The popular Western group Riders in the Sky will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Missouri Theatre. For ticket information, call the MSA Box Office at 882-4640.

Friday, February 13

STUDENT RECITAL: The MU Chamber Soloists Valentine Special will be performed at 7 p.m. and the MU Jazz Trio, featuring Joe Rackers, Matt Wood and Kevin Danz, will perform at 8:30 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building.

Courses

Saturday, February 7

WOMEN'S CENTER WORKSHOP: Stephanie Westwood Rothermitch of Insurance and Financial Management will present "Personal Financial Investing" at 10 a.m. in 229 Brady Commons. Call 882-6621 to register.

Monday, February 9

HUMAN RESOURCES WORKSHOP: Brian Weimer will present "Workplace Violence" from 9 a.m.-noon in S203 Memorial Union. Call 882-2603 to register.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP: "Dealing with Difficult People in the Workplace Part I" will be offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in 119 Parker Hall. Call 882-6701 to register.

Tuesday, February 10

WOMEN'S CENTER WORKSHOP: The MSA Craft Studio staff will present "Creative Clay Jewelry" at 5 p.m. in 229 Brady Commons. Cost: \$6. Call 882-6621 to register.

Exhibits

ART FOR LIFE

•This exhibit features drawings, paintings, ceramics and photography from Rock Bridge High School art students and instructors through March 26 in the lobbies of University Hospital and Ellis Fischel Cancer Center.

MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY:

"Photography by Eldon Leiter: Ancient Maya Art and Architecture" is on display. The Museum's exhibits focus on Native American cultures and the history and prehistory of Missouri. The museum, located at 100 Swallow Hall, is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Special Exhibits:

•"India's Artistry: The Unseen Revealed" is on display through May 10.

Ongoing Exhibits:

- "The Saul and Gladys Weinberg Gallery of Ancient Art"
- "Early Christian and Byzantine Gallery"
- "European and American Gallery"
- "The Aesthetic Energy of the Twentieth Century"
- "Expressions of Africa"

The museum, located in Pickard Hall, is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 6-9 p.m. Thursday and noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

BRADY GALLERY:

•Works by Adelia Parker will be on display Feb. 9-19 as part of Black History Month celebration. The gallery, located in 203 Brady Commons, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

ELLIS LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

•"A Sense of Place," an exhibition of books by Wallace Stegner, dean of Western writers, will be on display from Feb. 2-March 31. The collection, which is located in 402 Ellis Library, is open 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI

•Works by famed Missouri wildlife artist and MU alumnus Charles W. Schwartz are on display in the gallery through April 1. The gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

•Sketches, paintings and drawings by St. Louis artist and architect Victor Joseph Kunz are on display in the north-south corridor through April 1.

•"Decades: 1887-1977, Editorial Cartoons" are on display in the east-west corridor.

The corridors are open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

•An exhibit celebrating women's history is on display through April 30 in the Memorial Union's south wing exhibit case.

•"Memorial Union 75th Anniversary;" "Getting Physical," an exhibit on women's athletics at MU; and "Mizzourah! Football at MU, the Early years" are on display online at www.missouri.edu/~archwww/news&ex.htm

WESTERN HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

•"A Gift of Music - John William "Blind" Boone (1864-1927) - His Life and Times" will be on display through Feb. 27 in the display cases in front of Jesse Auditorium and in 23 Ellis Library.

Films

Friday, February 6

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FILM: Argentina will be shown at noon in N52 Memorial Union.

Lectures

Thursday, February 5

GIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SEMINAR: Charles Atkins, retired Columbia businessman and supporter of MU's Peace Studies Program, will present "Haiti Today" at noon in S204 Memorial Union.

NUTRITION RESEARCH SEMINAR:

Thomas Lafontaine and Thomas Smith from Boone Hospital Center will present "Exercise Management in Congestive Heart Failure" at 3:15 p.m. in 209 Gwynn Hall.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES LECTURE:

Allen Singleton from the University of Chicago will present "The Body of the Dao: Metaphysics and Religious Practice in Early Daoism" at 5 p.m. in 5 Hulston Hall.

Friday, February 6

LUNCHTIME CONVERSATIONS ON WRITING:

Faculty members Marty Townsend, Mike Porter, Tom DiLorenzo and Mike Lueker will discuss "English 20, FIGS and Writing Intensive: Fostering Intellectual Growth for Freshmen" from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in 325 General Classroom Building.

CHEMISTRY COLLOQUIUM:

Isiah Warner from Louisiana State University will present "Improved Separations in Capillary Electrophoresis Using Polymerized Surfactants" at 4 p.m. in 103 Schlundt Hall.

Monday, February 9

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SEMINAR:

"Constructing a Resume and Job Portfolio" will be presented at noon in 323 Gentry Hall.

JOURNALISM SEMINAR:

Glen Cameron of the University of Georgia will present "Information Pollution? The Role of Advertorials in Newspapers" at a brown-bag seminar at noon in Tucker Forum in Gannett Hall.

BIOCHEMISTRY SEMINAR:

Hazel Holden of the Institute for Enzyme Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will present "The Structure of Carbamoyl Phosphate Synthetase: A Journey of 96 Angstrom from Substrate to Product" at 3:40 p.m. in 18 Tucker Hall.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE LECTURE:

Science educator Sheila Tobias will present "The 'Problem' of Women in Science: Why Is It So Hard To Convince People There Is One?" from 4-6 p.m. in N201 Memorial Union. There will be a reception at 3:30 p.m.

PEACEWORKS LECTURE:

Steve Jacobs, Dan Murphy, Margaret Levin and Ryan Davis will share their experiences at the national demonstration last November in Ft. Benning, Ga., against the U.S. Army's School of the Americas at 7 p.m. at Tucker Forum in Gannett Hall.

ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE:

David Whitehouse, director of the Corning Museum of Glass, will present "Luxury Glass in Ancient Rome" at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum of Art and Archaeology.

Tuesday, February 10

ADVISORS FORUM LECTURES: Science educator Sheila Tobias will discuss career opportunities for college students in a presentation titled "Blue Collar to White Collar to Gold Collar" from 10 a.m.-noon in Ketchum Auditorium in Engineering Building East, and "Gold Collar Careers: Emerging Opportunities for Science-Trained Professionals" from 4-6 p.m. in Memorial Union Auditorium.

PHARMACOLOGY SEMINAR: Ching Wang, assistant professor of neurology, biochemistry and child health, will present "Cloning and Characterization of the SMN

Gene in Spinal Muscular Atrophy" at noon in M558 Medical Sciences Building.

Thursday, February 12

GIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SEMINAR: Ron Ratti, professor of economics, will present "Korea and the Asian Financial Crisis" at noon in S204 Memorial Union.

MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

LECTURE: Usha Chowdhary, associate professor of textile and apparel management, will present "Symphony of Multiculturalism: A Case for Unity in Diversity" at noon in S203 Memorial Union.

MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY

SEMINAR: Christopher Lu from the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center will present "Regulation of Macrophage Activation by Docosahexaenoic Acid" at 2 p.m. in MA217 Medical Science Building.

WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM:

Melynda Barnett and Alicia Bilt of the Financial Aid Office will present "Budgeting and Debt Management" at 4 p.m. in 229 Brady Commons.

WOMEN STUDIES SEMINAR:

Science educator Sheila Tobias will present "The Future of Feminism: Lessons from the Past" from 4-6 p.m. in Memorial Union Auditorium.

ART HISTORY LECTURE:

Richard Kendall, an English independent scholar of modern art, will present "The Tutu and the Glass Box: Degas' Little Dancer Aged Fourteen" at 5:30 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall.

Friday, February 13

WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM:

Rashida Ahmad, graduate student in creative writing, will present "Meditation: A Breath for Life" at noon in 229 Brady Commons. Call 882-6621 to register.

CHEMISTRY COLLOQUIUM:

Gary Glish from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill will present "Understanding the Effects of Primary and Secondary Structure in Sequencing Peptides by Mass Spectrometry" at 4 p.m. in 103 Schlundt Hall.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURE:

Young African-American poets from Cleveland State University will read their poetry from 4-5:30 p.m. in N214-215 Memorial Union.

Meetings

Thursday, February 12

STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL: The group will meet at 1:15 p.m. in S206 Memorial Union.

Special Events

Sunday, February 8

VIRTUAL FOUNDERS CELEBRATION:

Join students, staff, faculty and alumni for an online chat in celebration of the 159th anniversary of MU. The Virtual Founders Celebration will take place online at 4:30 p.m. at <http://www.mizzou.com>.

Wednesday, February 11

VIRTUAL FOUNDERS CELEBRATION:

Join students, campus personnel and alumni for an online chat in celebration of the 159th anniversary of MU. The Virtual Founders Celebration will take place online at 4:30 p.m. at <http://www.mizzou.com>.

TIME OF THE TIGER FOUNDERS

CELEBRATION: The Time of the Tiger is the annual birthday party for MU. Join students, alumni, staff and faculty in celebrating 159 years of MU. Highlights include birthday cake and Tiger Stripe ice cream. The festivities begin at 5 p.m. in the Great Room at Reynolds Alumni Center. Call 882-6612 to RSVP.

MU Black History Month celebrates empowerment

A number of nationally renowned speakers including a syndicated columnist, a critically acclaimed actor and a civil rights activist and author will visit the MU this month as part of the 1998 Black History Month celebration. A variety of campus events and activities reflect this year's national theme, "African Americans and Business: A Path Toward Empowerment."

Julianne Malveaux, an economist, writer and syndicated columnist, will speak at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, in Townsend Hall Auditorium. Malveaux is described as one of the most provocative, progressive and iconoclastic public intellectuals in the country. Since 1990, her weekly column has appeared nationally in more than 20 newspapers. She is currently the host and executive producer of "The Julianne Malveaux Show."

Educator Derrick Bell will visit MU at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, in Jesse Hall. Bell is a Columbia Law School professor, who has served as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice and the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. A former dean of the University of Oregon's Law School and a former professor at Harvard Law School, Bell is the author of *Race, Racism, and American Law* and *And We Are Not Saved: the Elusive Quest for Racial Justice*.

"An Evening With Martin and Langston," featuring Danny Glover and Felix Justice, will be performed at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, in Jesse Hall Auditorium. Glover will recite the poetry of Langston Hughes, a literary leader of the Harlem Renaissance and one of the country's most honored writers. Justice will deliver the words of political and social leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Glover has received widespread acclaim for appearing in several successful films including the Academy Award-winning *Places in the Heart*, *The Color Purple* and the *Lethal Weapon* series. He was inducted into the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame in 1991. Justice, who has been acting and directing for more than 30 years, has performed his one-man Martin Luther King Jr. show "Prophesy" throughout the United States and Africa. Tickets are \$14. For tickets and more information call 882-4640. This event is sponsored by the Black History Programming Committee, Missouri Students Association, Graduate Professional Council and Student Life.

Civil rights activist and author Morris Dees will present "Passion for Justice" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, in Jesse Hall Auditorium. Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit group that maintains a pool of lawyers specializing in lawsuits involving civil rights violations and racially motivated crimes, has won precedent-setting, multi million dollar awards against Neo-Nazi groups and the Ku Klux Klan. He has written three books: *Gathering Storm: America's Militia Threat*, *A Season for Justice*, and *Hate on Trial: The War Against America's Most Dangerous Neo-Nazi*.

Motivational speaker Stedman Graham will speak about nine-step empowerment philosophy, designed to manage both

professional and personal situations, which is the subject of his book *You Can Make It Happen*. The presentation is scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18, in Jesse Wrench Auditorium in Memorial Union. Graham is the chairman and the executive officer of S. Graham & Associates, chief executive officer of Graham Gregory Bozell, Inc.; founder of Athletes Against Drugs; director of George Washington University's Forum for Sport and Event Management and Marketing; and adjunct professor at Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Kids in the community can celebrate Black History Month by participating in Kids' Day, "The Bottom of Heaven." This year's Kids' Day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, is a black heritage tour of Columbia and the MU campus.

Children of all ages will participate in this part virtual and actual site tour. The 20-stop tour includes historical sites such as the Missouri station on the Underground Railroad in the 1850s and 1860s, the building where Langston Hughes spoke on the MU campus in the 1930s, and the Tiger Inn, where CORE and SNCC boycotts and sit-ins took place in the 1960s. For more information, contact Sandy Ross at 882-4898.

Trumpeter Terrell Stafford will spend Feb. 3 through 7 as an artist-in-residence in Columbia as part of the University's Black History Month celebration and the "We Always Swing" Jazz Series. Stafford will visit several public schools and will perform with the Hickman High School Jazz Band at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, at the Missouri Theater. The performance, which also will feature Mulgrew Miller's "Wingspan," is \$16 for the public and \$14 for students.

The Black Archives of Mid-America Traveling Exhibit, which includes African-American memorabilia, artifacts and documented history, will be on display on Monday, Feb. 16, in Stotler Lounge in Memorial Union. A panel discussion will be held at 6:30 p.m. The Black Archives illuminates the immensity of African-American contributions to the state of Missouri and adds to the significance and educational value of Missouri's black history by holding a mirror to the African-American community, emphasizing its significant achievements.

A series of seminars and films also is taking place throughout Black History Month. At noon, every Monday in February in 323 Gentry Hall a seminar reflecting the month's business theme will be presented as part of the Brown Bag Lunch Series. Topics for the month include, "Applying for Internships," "Constructing a Resume and Job Portfolio," "Job Interview Skills" and "What to Expect During Your First Year on the Job." Films in the Black History Month Film Series will be shown at 7 p.m. every Tuesday during February on the campus cable system and in the Pershing Residence Hall TV Lounge, where a discussion will follow. Films will include "When We Were Kings," "Cooley High," "Panther" and "Dance Black America."

Heart-to-heart

Researchers from across Missouri will share new information on preventing and treating diseases of the heart and blood vessels when they gather in Columbia Monday, Feb. 9, for Cardiovascular Day V. The seminar, sponsored by various University departments and organizations, brings researchers together to explain their work to fellow scientists.

This year's event will feature 17 oral and 60 poster presentations. The oral presentations will be divided into three sessions. The first session will focus on the control of vascular resistance. The second will focus on cellular behavior in the cardiac system, and speakers in the session will address potential therapies for vascular disease.

The featured speaker will be Donald M. Bers, professor and chair of physiology at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. Bers will deliver the James O. Davis Distinguished Lecture. Davis, professor emeritus and former chair of the MU physiology department, is internationally recognized for his

contributions in the areas of congestive heart failure and hypertension.

Oral presentations begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Reynolds Alumni and Visitor Center on the MU campus. The Davis Lecture will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Poster sessions will be from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oral presentations resume at 2:30 p.m., followed by another poster session at 4 p.m. The day concludes with a reception at 5 p.m.

Cardiovascular diseases are the most frequent causes of death in the United States. About 950,000 Americans die each year from heart disease and stroke, including about 23,000 Missourians. However, only 50 percent of diagnosed cardiovascular disease can be attributed to known risk factors, pointing to the need for more research.

Past cardiovascular research has led to such medical advances as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), bypass surgery, the pacemaker, artificial heart valves, microsurgeries and lifesaving drugs.

Black Culture Resource Center



In recognition of Black History Month, Campus Facilities celebrates its association with Student Affairs in the design and construction of the Black Culture Resource Center scheduled to be completed this summer.

The project, managed by Planning, Design and Construction is located on Virginia Avenue. An 11,000-square-foot building costing \$2.4 million, it includes a multipurpose room accommodating up to 225 people; a computer lab; study room; a student lounge; two gallery/exhibit areas; meeting rooms; and administrative and office space.



Timely tax break

Families, communities benefit from Earned Income Credit.

The Earned Income Credit, a tax break for low- and middle-income workers, also can provide relief for economically depressed communities, says a University Extension family economics specialist.

Workers who earn less than \$29,290 per year and have two or more children may be eligible for a tax refund of up to \$3,656 under the program, and childless workers who earn less than \$9,770 can receive a credit of up to \$332.

Although hard-pressed families are the focus of the program, extension specialist Brenda Procter said the Earned Income Credit (EIC) can benefit entire communities as well. She points to studies that show more than 90 percent of EIC dollars are spent locally to meet basic needs.

"When we think of economic impact at the community level, we usually think of cushy incentives to get employers to move

to a town," said Brenda Procter. "People who receive EIC money have a propensity to spend it on a local level. So, the money is automatically targeted in the places that need it most."

The EIC program, initiated during the presidency of Gerald Ford, has grown steadily ever since as policymakers recognized it as an effective tool to discourage welfare dependency. This year, as thousands move off the welfare rolls and into low-wage jobs, the EIC has become an important tool to ease that transition.

"It's kind of scary, and this should make it easier," Procter said. "People who are concerned about the effects of welfare reform in their communities should work to get the word out."

Procter also encourages eligible workers with children to take advantage of the advance payment option, which allows them to collect up to 60 percent of

their benefits in 12 monthly payments. "It's a great money management tool if you're living month-to-month," she said. "It can really make all the difference. One hundred dollars a month will buy a few bags of groceries."

To qualify for the earned income credit, workers raising one child in the home must have earned no more than \$25,760 in 1997. Those earning \$11,930 or less may receive the maximum credit of \$2,210. A working parent raising more than one child and earning less than \$29,290 in 1997 is also eligible for the program. Families whose income is \$11,930 or less may collect the \$3,656 maximum.

In both categories, the child can be the worker's biological or adopted child, grandchild, foster child, niece, nephew or even an unrelated child being raised as a family member. The child need not be claimed as a dependent as long as certain residency rules are met.

Workers age 25 to 64 who are not raising a child are also eligible if they earned less than \$9,770 in 1997. Those who earned less than \$5,430 may receive the maximum benefit of \$332.

EIC payments do not disqualify recipients from also receiving food stamps, SSI, Medicaid or public housing assistance. The EIC benefit must be spent within two months, however, or it might count as a resource when calculating other benefits.

Those who were eligible for EIC during any or all of the past three years but did not collect it may qualify for retroactive payments by filing an amended tax return, Procter said.

Procter said people who believe they might qualify for EIC but need help in filing can contact the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) to find out whether free assistance with their tax forms is available locally. VITA centers are open from January through April 15. For a list of VITA sites in your area, call (314) 539-3660. To get more information about EIC, call the Internal Revenue Service toll-free at 1-800-829-1040; or contact your county University Extension and Outreach office and ask for a consumer and family economics specialist. Free fact sheets are available.

MIZZOU IN THE MEDIA

An article in the Dec. 15 Daily Messenger in Canandaigua, N.Y., featured research on stepfamilies by Mark Fine, professor and chair of human development and family studies.

•David Geary, professor of psychology, was interviewed by the publication APA Monitor about his research that looked at the growing gap in mathematical abilities of American

and Asian students.

•Ron Berliner, senior research scientist at the MU Research Reactor, was interviewed by the journals Research & Development and Civil Engineering about his research into the makeup of cement and chemical reactions that can be adjusted to develop stronger and longer lasting concrete.

•Sarah Weaver, director of Disability Services at MU, was featured in the winter 1997 issue of Careers and the Disabled.

•The Dec. 19 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education included a brief about Edward Deutsch being named director of the MU Research Reactor.

•A live interview with Daniel Turban, assistant professor of management, that featured his research on how

corporate social performance influences employee recruitment was broadcast Nov. 29 on KMOX radio in St. Louis.

•A Sept. 15 article in The Wall Street Journal featured research by Roy Fox, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, on the effects of television advertising broadcast in schools over Channel One.

•Interviews with Marilyn Coleman, professor of human development and family studies, about how divorced parents can make the holidays enjoyable for their children were broadcast on KMOX radio in St. Louis Dec. 20 and KMBZ radio in Kansas City Dec. 23.

•Articles in the Dec. 9 issues of the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Kentucky

Enquirer included an interview with Ernest Kung, professor and chair of soil and atmospheric sciences, about his theory that the El Nino weather phenomenon causes colder winters and more snow.

•Articles in the Nov. 19 issues of the Philadelphia Enquirer and the Charlotte Observer included information about research by Daniel Longo, associate professor of family and community medicine, on doctor accreditation and consumer reports.

•A program that aired Nov. 9 on KMOS, the public television station in Warrensburg, Mo., featured MU's Advanced Technology Center's use of virtual reality in instruction.

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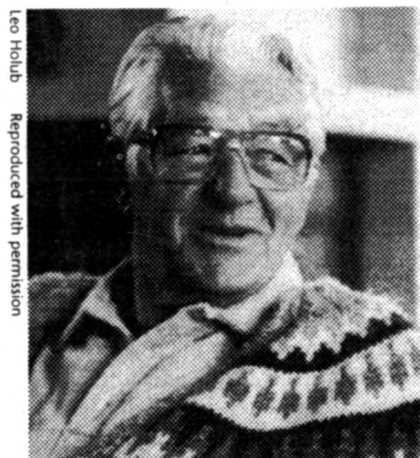
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FOR THE RECORD

Need a ride to work? There currently are three vacancies in the University-operated van pool that commutes to the main campus from the Boonville area each workday. The van program originally was funded with a federal grant during the energy crisis of the late 1970s; it has been self-sustaining since then.

The van leaves from a central location in Boonville at 7 a.m. and returns at about 5:50 p.m. The cost is \$45 per month and, as the program coordinator Marsha Root points out, commuting by van means there are no parking fees to pay and riders are delivered as close as possible to their buildings. For more information, contact Root at 882-2778.

A winter weather advisory: There's still plenty of Missouri winter left, so it might be an appropriate time to review the University's policy for canceling classes and suspending operations due to inclement weather. Only the chancellor has the authority to cancel classes in the event of severe weather. Because the University must provide certain essential functions at all times, campus operations will not be suspended in the event of severe weather even though classes may be canceled.

All announcements of changes in operations will be released by the chancellor's office through the MU News Bureau. If classes are canceled, the decision will be communicated through the local media shortly after 6 a.m.

When employees are delayed or prevented from reporting to work because of severe weather, they should make every reasonable effort to notify their supervisor or work site as soon as possible. With the approval of the supervisor, time must be made up in one of the following ways: with accrued vacation leave or personal days, leave without pay, or an adjusted work schedule in the same work week if that alternative is available. Probationary employees may use an accrued personal day, adjust their work schedule if possible, or take leave without pay. Part-time or temporary employees may take leave without pay or adjust their work schedules with their supervisors' approval.

Get those photos picture perfect, and get college credit at the same time. Extension Teaching is offering the course Beginning Adobe Photoshop Workshop, taught by Jim Miller. The course will meet from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 21 and noon-4 p.m. Feb. 22. Other courses to be offered this semester by Extension Teaching include Advanced Adobe Photoshop Workshop, Spring Ozark Photography, and Recent Trends: Investments. For tuition and course information, call 882-3598.

It's time to recognize MU retirees for their accomplishments since leaving the University. The 1998 Retiree Recognition Week will be held April 20-24. Campus departments are encouraged to plan events for retirees which could include receptions, parties

or tours. Each year, the chancellor's advisory committee on retired faculty and staff sponsors two \$500 awards; one for a retired staff member and one for retired faculty. The awards will be presented April 23 at the annual retiree luncheon.

Criteria for the awards are unusual accomplishments in retirement, and may include service to the University, career or professional activities, and volunteer civic services. Nominees must be retired from the University for at least five years. Deadline for nominations is Feb. 16. Nomination forms are available from the MU Business Services office in 311 Jesse Hall.

• **The Staff Advisory Council** will accept nominations for the Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award, the Barbara Uehling Award and the Mick Deaver Award until noon Feb. 6. Forms, which are available in the council's office at 319 Jesse Hall, need to be completed and turned in by the deadline, says Darlene Schroeder, council secretary.

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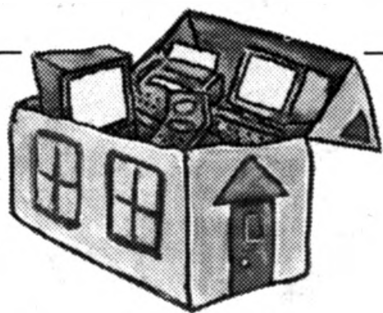
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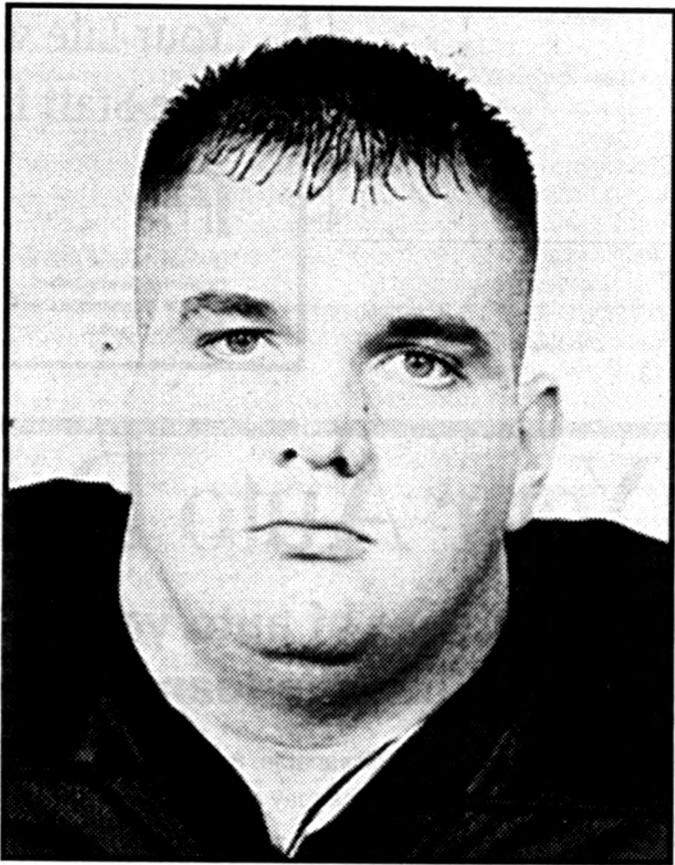
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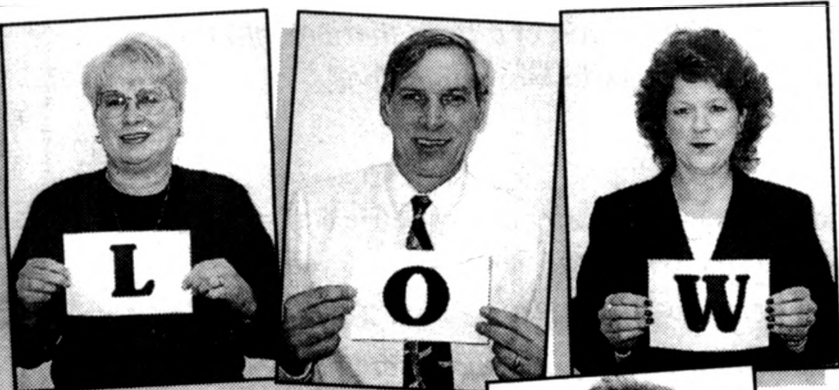


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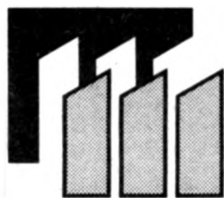
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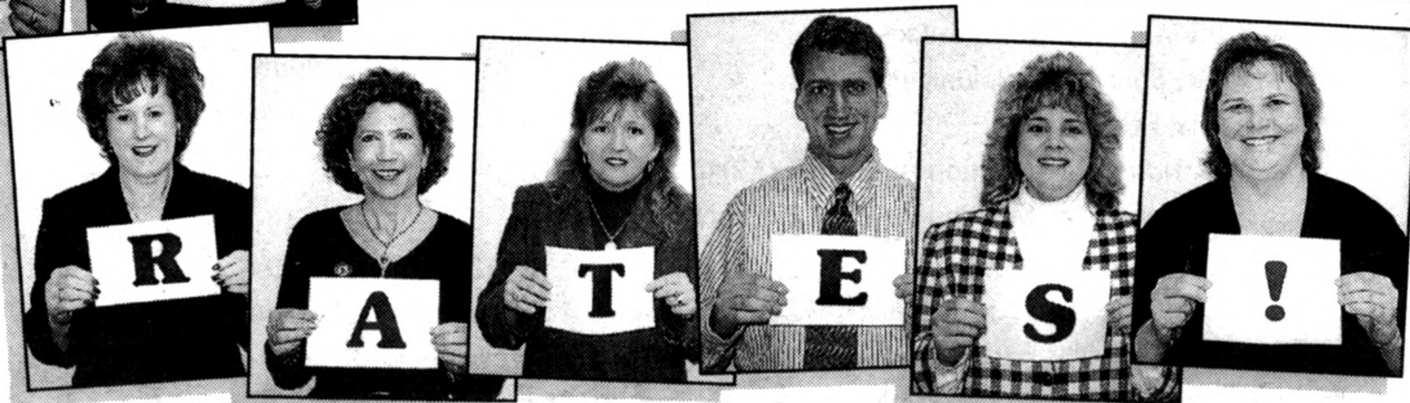
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