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## Scholars for a global century

*Federal funding will help internationalize curricula for MU undergraduates.*

**A** new program that provides MU faculty who have little or no international experience with an opportunity to travel abroad received funding earlier this month from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Global Scholars Program, which has been awarded \$127,000 over two years, is aimed at MU faculty who are on the front line teaching undergraduate courses that might not necessarily include an international component. The goal is that once they have completed an international experience, faculty will

blend a global component into the focus of their courses.

"We are providing those faculty who teach the core undergraduate curriculum with an international experience so they will be better prepared to internationalize their courses," said John Heyl, director of MU's International Center. "We hope this experience leads faculty to both strengthen the global dimension of their courses and to encourage study abroad and foreign language study among their students."

The Global Scholars Program includes

international seminars, teaching workshops and foreign language acquisition. The seminars and workshops will address global problems such as media and democratization in the post-Cold War era, trade and environmental degradation in the global economy, human rights and dispute resolution in an era of ethnic conflict, and health care policies and population trends in the developing world.

Nine MU faculty members departed for Bulgaria in early June for the first of the program's summer seminars, and nine will

go to Korea on July 11.

Enthusiasm for the program has spread to all schools and colleges on campus with undergraduate programs, and they have contributed funding to a pool that now totals more than \$100,000, Heyl said. The MU Provost Office and Development and Alumni Relations also have contributed to the fund.

"MU's land-grant mission is inherently multidisciplinary. Internationalizing that mission means to apply it to critical global problems," Heyl said. "That all nine deans with undergraduate teaching responsibilities are supporting the effort reflects the wide-ranging interest in making our curriculum relevant for the global century that is before us."

## A 20/20 vision

*Stevie Wonder spent two days at MU increasing awareness of the sight-impaired's need for technology in the work place.*

**A**lthough blind from birth, Stevie Wonder has a crystal-clear vision: to help the blind and visually impaired gain employment in today's competitive work force. In an effort to reach this end, last year Wonder strategically teamed up with the German-based company, SAP (Systems, Applications and Products in Data Processing) to create the SAP/Stevie Wonder Vision Awards program.

The first-of-its-kind charity seeks out, recognizes and rewards products, people and organizations that are furthering the development of technology and workplace solutions for the visually impaired.

"The goal of this program is to break down the technological barriers that inhibit blind and visually impaired individuals from entering the workplace," Wonder says. "Just because one cannot

see, doesn't mean he has no vision. There are 4 million blind, partially blind and visually impaired people nationwide, and I can't see why we can't end the problem of them not having accessibility to the same information that is possible for a sighted person."

Paul Wahl agrees. "At SAP, we have always believed that information technology holds the key to improving our lives," says Wahl, company CEO. "The business world can profit enormously from creative and practical talents of the sight-impaired, while helping to exercise their right to an enjoyable, rewarding career." Besides SAP, sponsors include Microsoft, Intel, Compaq Computer and Siemens.

The program grew tremendously in its initial year, Wonder says, with 200 submissions from individuals and organizations worldwide wanting their

work considered for the award.

Announcement of the 30 finalists, 10 each in the categories of Product of the Year, Vision Pioneer of the Year and Role Model Organization of the Year, were made at a press conference June 15 at MU. One winner in each category will be announced Aug. 12 in New York City. The awards have the dual purpose of detecting the latest technological products and recognizing everyone who works to help the visually impaired.

"It's not only new technology we're looking for," Wahl says. "We're also looking for companies acting like a role model on how you can employ visually impaired and blind people."

The press conference kicked off a two-day international testing event at the Adaptive Computing Technology Center in Blair Hall, during which a panel of judges evaluated finalists in the Product of the Year category. Individuals from each company were on hand to demonstrate their contest entry. Testing teams consisted of five judges, including Wonder and two MU representatives, and five college-level sight-impaired students. Organizers chose MU to host this event

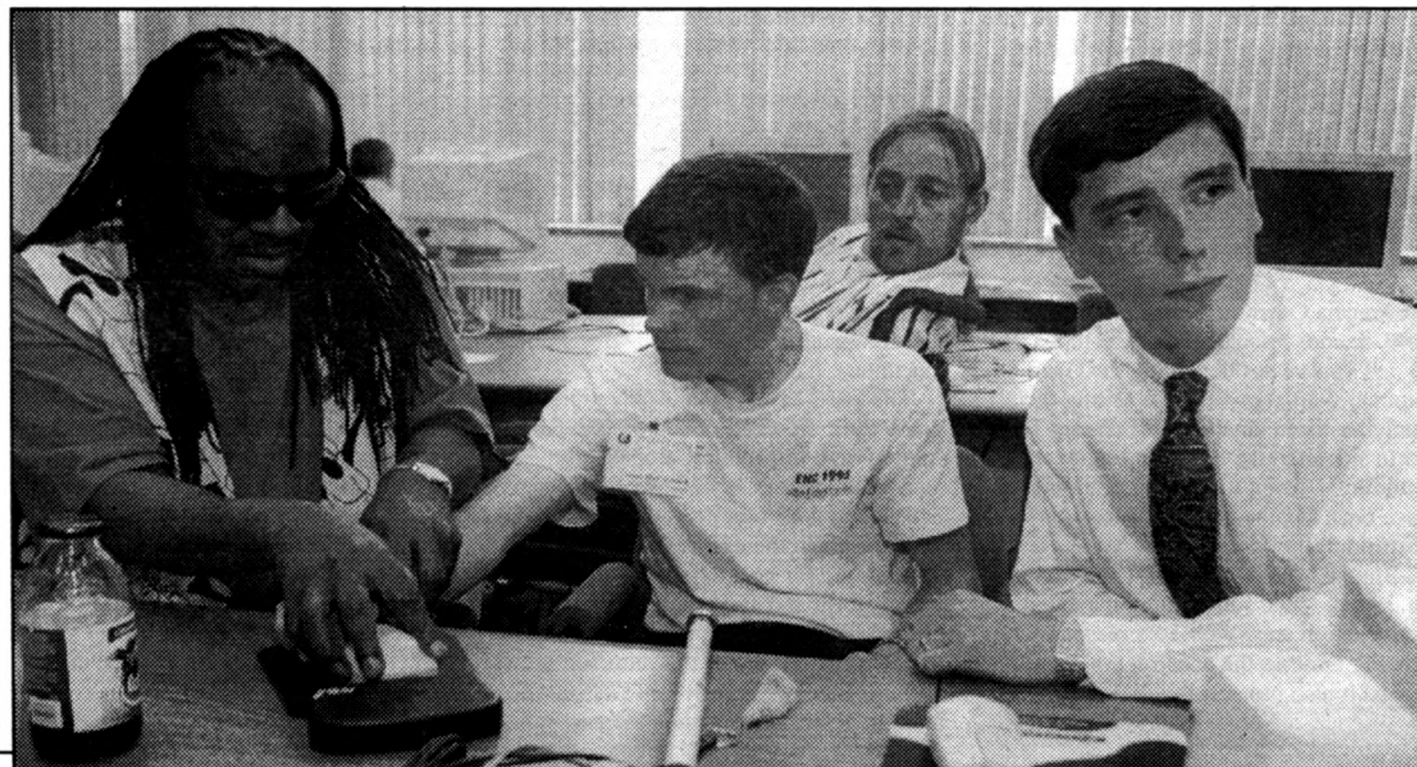
because of the strength of the ACT center says judge Kevin Price, adaptive technology specialist, who worked to bring the event to MU. The center, part of Information and Access Technology Services, is one of the nation's largest computer laboratories for people with disabilities, and Price says the goals are the same as those of the SAP/Stevie Wonder Vision Awards Program. "The center is dedicated to making sure computers help people be productive, more independent and work side by side with their peers."

For two full days, June 15 and 16, Wonder and company used various criteria to rate screen readers, Braille printers, tactile mouse controls, photo copiers that talk, scanners that convert text to the spoken word and a virtual reality mouse control that talks.

One common thread the judges looked for was how a device would enhance sight-impaired users' abilities in the workplace or in educational centers. "The judging was difficult on the surface, because we were comparing non-similar products," says judge J.J. Jackson, human resource executive for Amoco in Chicago, who is blind. "One of the crucial questions we asked is 'Can this product enable blind or visually impaired individuals to compete successfully and put them on an equal playing field with their sighted peers?'"

Judging team Stevie Wonder and Scott McCormack of Colorado State University feel the computing experience using a tactile mouse control developed by Immersion Corp. of San Jose, Calif. The FEELit Mouse heightens a user's sense of touch as the person moves around the screen and comes in contact with icons, buttons, highlighted text or textures. Representing Immersion Corp. is Christopher Hasser, chief research engineer. In the background is Mike Peplow, a user consultant for Information and Access Technology Services at MU.

Nancy O'Connor photo



**GOV. CARNAHAN  
SIGNS UNIVERSITY  
APPROPRIATION BILL**

In a bill-signing ceremony June 19, Gov. Mel Carnahan signed the appropriations bill that will provide \$395.3 million in state support for the UM System operating budget in the 1998-99 fiscal year. That figure is an 8.5 percent increase over the current year and includes \$15 million for the first year of the UM System's four-year mission enhancement proposal.

In addition, the governor approved capital budget items for the System that at MU includes \$2.5 million for renovation at Townsend Hall, \$6 million for a new

building for the College of Business and Public Administration, \$400,000 for engineering equipment, \$150,000 in planning monies for a life sciences research building, and \$425,000 for improvements at agricultural experiment stations.

"We are very pleased that Gov. Carnahan and the legislature supported an operating budget for the University that will keep pace with inflation while providing significant new funds for our mission enhancement priorities," Chancellor Richard Wallace said. "At MU, we will use these funds to place more faculty in the lower division undergraduate courses and

bolster our research efforts in life sciences.

"The capital budget will provide needed funds to complete Townsend Hall's renovation and is a significant first step toward full funding of Cornell Hall for the College of Business and Public Administration. We also are grateful to receive funds for engineering equipment, improvements in the agriculture experiment stations and for planning purposes for our Center for Life Sciences Research. We understand the Governor's reluctance to release most of these funds until the Hancock lawsuit is settled, and we are hopeful those funds will be forthcoming soon

before delays in the projects result." Funding for Townsend Hall is not subject to the Hancock lawsuit.

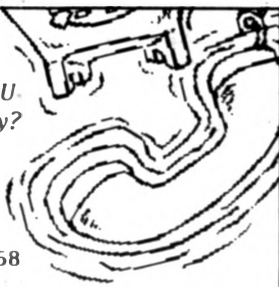
**MUSEUM 'TOONS IN  
TO COMIC ARTISTS**

Match your wits with artists who challenge our cultural assumptions at the Museum of Art and Archaeology's summer exhibit "Three Centuries of Comic Art." It includes selections of some of the best of the comic artists' mezzotints, engravings, lithographs, drawings and paintings. The exhibit is on display through late August in the museum in Pickard Hall.

These insights into the human condition transcend time and place. Comic art themes include gender and family relations, self-indulgence, art, academics, religion

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## Faculty Council takes up non-tenure track issues

**A**t its June 11 meeting, MU's Faculty Council received a report from a campuswide faculty committee that is examining the status of non-regular faculty. The council appointed members last semester to this ad hoc committee which includes a number of non-regular faculty.

In his letter to the Faculty Council, committee chair Edward Adelstein, associate professor of pathology, wrote: "In order to reach our potential for a rich University environment, complete with controversy and challenge, specific changes are in order. I believe that the tenured faculty should champion the rights of the non-regular faculty as to their academic freedoms."

Committee members recommended that rules regarding non-regular faculty be standardized across the University. As the number of non-regular appointments has increased in recent years, the report noted, some departments already have established definitions for these employees. The College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and the School of Medicine have developed guidelines for promotion of non-regular academic positions, Adelstein said.

The committee also suggested that non-regular faculty whose salaries come from "hard dollars" — in other words, are not from grants or other nonrenewable

funding — be given the added security of rolling one-year appointments for probationary employees, three- and five-year rolling appointments, or the possibility of indefinite appointments.

These appointments, the report said, should be tied to departmental criteria for both salary increases and academic promotions. The committee also recommended that all non-regular appointments should have:

- equal access to University funding for research and travel
- representation within academic departments and the University at large, including committee appointments
- written criteria for hiring and dismissal, with an appeal process
- opportunities for "track-switching"

The council is expected to vote on whether or not to endorse the report at its July 23 meeting. Also coming up at that meeting, Faculty Council will discuss whether to propose a new standing committee on campus that would deal with policies on computing and information access technology.

In other business, the council elected Rob Hall, professor of entomology, to serve as Faculty Council vice chair for the upcoming academic year. Council members also discussed results of a special mail ballot held in May, in which faculty voted 364-308 not to establish an

ombudsman office at MU. The ombud would have worked informally to resolve disputes involving faculty.

One member asked council Chair Gilbert Youmans whether the cost of the proposed ombud office was the biggest factor in its defeat. "Each individual had different reasons for supporting and opposing this proposal," said Youmans, professor of English. "I think in the end the budgeting issues were rather important here." He said that he understood faculty skepticism of "any expenditure outside the core mission of the University."

At the same time, Youmans noted, proponents were able to explain their reasons for supporting the ombud, even though "it didn't carry the day. I think it's important to let everybody speak and get their opinions out."

At some universities, the ombud role is performed by a panel of volunteer faculty, Youmans said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see something surface eventually along those lines."

Other council members agreed that the campus debate over the ombud issue was a healthy exercise in faculty governance. "If we don't get our noses bloodied occasionally, we're probably not dealing with enough controversial issues," said Don Schilling, associate professor of economics.

## Another update from the trenches

**F**rancis Quadrangle is normally one of the most placid spots on campus. But if you've strolled along the Quad this summer, you know that the setting there lately has been anything but serene. The north side of Jesse Hall, the Engineering Building — even the historic Columns — have been swathed with construction scaffolding.

But why the jigsaw-puzzle pattern of chain link fence surrounding the Quad construction site? Well, two reasons. The fencing outlines the construction project limits. It also protects the root systems of the 50-year-old pin oak trees that line the

Quad from excavation damage and from soil compaction by workers and machinery.

The good news is that excavations are going right on schedule in both the Red Campus and the White Campus construction areas. By last week, workers had carved a 15-foot deep trench nearly 100 feet down the east side of Francis Quadrangle for new domestic, chilled-water, storm and sanitary sewer lines. No utility outages are planned at this point in the construction. Later this summer, crews will dig side, or "branch runs," from the main trench to buildings on the east side

of the Quad for water and sewer lines.

On the White Campus, work around Schweitzer Hall should be complete by late this week, with all piping laid and the excavation backfilled. The next step will be to replace the sidewalk on the west side of Schweitzer.

Workers on the White Campus continue to dig their way east from the Memorial Union to Stewart Hall carving another 15-foot trench that will hold an underground utility tunnel tall enough for workers to walk through and new steam and water lines to serve the surrounding buildings. There are no planned utility outages, and this phase of the project should be wrapped up by the start of the fall semester. Workers then will extend the tunnel on to Schlundt Hall by the end of the year.



and mortality. The show examines comic art and artists from three time periods.

Satire is the mode often employed in English comic art of the 18th century and British artist, John Collet, took great delight in satirizing the changing role of women, the institution of marriage and the rough-and-tumble of everyday life. Honore Daumier, the 19th century French artist, called into question the shared classic ideals of liberty, civic obligation and sacrifice by substituting themes of indulgence, lust and adultery in his series of lithographs titled "Ancient History."

More than half of the show

highlights four 20th century artists: Aline Kominsky-Crumb, Robert Crumb, Gilbert Shelton and Mizzou's own Frank Stack. Baby boomers will recognize such underground comic icons as Mr. Natural, Fritz the Cat, and the Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers. In addition to his reputation as professor of art at MU, Stack is known in the comic art world as "Foolbert Sturgeon," and is recognized for publishing the first underground comic book, *The Adventures of Jesus*, in 1962.



A detail from Frank Stack's "Ping Gets Lost" in *Doorman's Doggie* published by Kitchen Sink Press Inc. Comic art by Stack, professor of art at MU, is featured in a new exhibit at the Museum of Art and Archaeology.

## It's a small world

*New agreement links China with Missouri, engineering and MU.*

The College of Engineering is playing a pivotal role in bringing Chinese, MU and Missouri state officials together. With much of the groundwork being laid by Dean James Thompson and three of his directors, agreements were signed in late May to establish:

- exchanges between MU and the Zhejiang University of Technology;
- an industrial cooperative group between the state of Missouri and Zhejiang province; and
- various exchanges between the College of Engineering and Zhejiang University of Technology.

"The Chinese are interested in our technology and in learning more about the way we do business in Missouri," Thompson says. "Similarly, we're interested in technology transfer, along with various research and teaching opportunities."

As an example, there is a good

possibility that two groups of managers from China will visit the college later this year to receive training in such things as food processing, control systems and industrial plant layout, says Dick Potter, director of continuing education and distance education for the College. A plan is also in the works for Zhejiang University to send students to the college and pay for their assistantships here.

Another plan is to set up a "virtual organization" where MU engineering students would do research for Chinese managers on a fee-for-services basis. "For instance, the Chinese may want to establish a potato chip operation, and they need to know where to get the equipment and how to set up the plant," Potter says. "Our students could help them with that information."

Potter is working with Shawn Xu, coordinator of the college's China program, and Gene Krentsel, director of

the college's program for collaboration with the former Soviet Union, in setting up the initiatives. In addition to welcoming the Chinese managers later this year, the college is also hoping to attract managers from Russia for training in other areas.

On the University level, the agreement allows for research collaborations and the exchange of information, materials, faculty and staff between MU and ZUT. On the state level, the cooperative group is designed to stimulate economic development between Missouri and Zhejiang province through marketing research and project consulting. Zhejiang, with 43 million people, is on China's southeastern coastline and is one of the country's fastest growing regions.

**President Tianzu Wu and Chancellor Richard Wallace discuss the preliminary exchange agreement between MU and Zhejiang University of Technology.**

College of Engineering photo



## Certified Tigers

*Review process earns MU full NCAA athletic certification.*

Following a yearlong review process, MU has received full certification from the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The association's committee on athletics certification announced the certification May 7.

Mizzou began the certification process in August 1996 when Chancellor Richard Wallace appointed a 15-member steering committee of faculty, alumni and athletic department officials to conduct a self-study. Four subcommittees were formed to closely examine the areas of governance and rules compliance, academic integrity, fiscal integrity, and commitment to equity.

"I am very proud that our Intercollegiate Athletics program received certification from the NCAA. This is a very positive stamp of approval for our program, which we are continuously striving to improve," Wallace said. "The certification process was a very thorough one, and I applaud the leadership of the steering committee co-chairs, Dr. Mike Middleton and Dr. Ed Blaine, and the

entire committee who worked so hard to complete the self-study."

A designation of "certified" means that an institution has demonstrated that it operates its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Division I membership. Other possible designations are "certified with conditions" and "not certified."

Legislation mandating athletics certification was adopted by a vote of all Division I members in 1993. The program's purpose is to ensure integrity in the institutions' athletics operations and to assist athletics departments in improving their programs. MU was one of 19 NCAA Division I member institutions to receive a designation May 7. So far, 196 institutions have received certification status decisions. All 308 Division I members will undergo the certification process within five years.

"MU's steering committee was recruited from a broad base and included representatives from both the University and the city of Columbia," said Blaine, director of the Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center. "More than a year of hard work went into the self-study during which no stone was left unturned. The University and the people of Missouri can be proud of the Tigers, not only their won/loss record, but also the integrity of the entire system."




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# CALENDAR

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## Concerts and Plays

### Saturday, June 27

#### SUMMER REPERTORY SERIES:

"Nunsense" will be presented tonight and June 30 and July 1, 7, 9 at 8 p.m., and June 28 at 2 p.m. in Rhynsburger Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

### Saturday, July 4

**SUMMER REPERTORY SERIES:** "The Fantasticks" will be presented tonight and July 8 at 8 p.m., and July 5 at 2 p.m. in Rhynsburger Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

## Courses

### Monday, June 29

**HUMAN RESOURCES COURSE:** Phil Shearer will present "Managing Meetings" from 9 a.m.-noon in S203 Memorial Union. Registration is required; call 882-2603.

### Tuesday, June 30

**SAFETY TRAINING:** "Fire Safety/Fire Extinguisher Safety" will be offered from 9-10 a.m. in the Environmental Health and Safety classroom in the Research Park Development Building. The class will be offered again Aug. 19. Registration is required; call 882-7018.

**JEWELRY MAKING CLASS:** MSA Craft Studio offers this session on making creative polymer clay jewelry from 6-8:30 p.m. in 203 Brady Commons. Class will be offered again July 21. For cost and registration information, call 882-2889.

### Wednesday, July 1

**SAFETY TRAINING:** "First Aid/CPR" will be offered from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the

Environmental Health and Safety classroom in the Research Park Development Building. The class will be offered again Aug. 11. Registration is required; call 882-7018.

#### NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION:

Session is open to all benefits-eligible employees from 8:30 a.m.-noon in S203 Memorial Union.

### Tuesday, July 7

**HUMAN RESOURCES COURSE:** Debbie Snellen will present "Customer Service in the Information Age" from 9 a.m.-noon in S203 Memorial Union. Registration is required; call 882-2603.

**JOURNAL MAKING CLASS:** This two-session class will be offered by MSA Craft Studio from 6-8:30 p.m. tonight and July 14 in 203 Brady Commons. For cost and registration information, call 882-2889.

**SAFE SITTER CLASSES:** This two-day program to teach children ages 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children begins today from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The program also is offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. August 4-5, and August 17-18. Cost is \$30; registration is limited, call 882-6565.

### Wednesday, July 8

#### TELECOM CLASSES:

•"Using Telephone Features Effectively" will be offered from 9-11 a.m.

•"Using Voice Mail Effectively" will be offered from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Both classes will be held in the second level of Turner Avenue garage. To enroll, call Kim Duncan at 882-2177.

## Exhibits

**MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY:** 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:

•"Three Centuries of Comic Art" is on display through late August.

•"Greek and Roman Crafts" is on display through Oct. 4.

•"Passages: The Art of Jorg Schmeisser" will be on display from July 5 through Nov. 8. 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:** Prints by Peggy Guest will be on display through July 9. The gallery, located in 203 Brady Commons, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

#### STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

**MISSOURI:** "Decades: 1897-1968, Editorial Cartoons" is 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.

#### GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM GALLERY:

The Charles Lindbergh Conservation Exhibition will feature landscape and wildlife photographs by Robert Lindholm through July 24. The gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building, is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Lectures and Seminars

### Friday, June 26

#### HEALTH INFORMATION SERIES:

"Seniors Surfing the Net" will be presented from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Health Information Center in the Columbia Mall. Enrollment is limited, call 882-6565 to register.

### Wednesday, July 1

**MIDDAY GALLERY EVENT:** Cynthia Foht, an undergraduate student in art history and archaeology, will present "John Collet" at 12:15 p.m. at the Art and Archeology Museum in Pickard Hall.

### Wednesday, July 8

**MIDDAY GALLERY EVENT:** Debra Page, associate curator of European and American art, will present "Honore Daumier" at 12:15 p.m. at the Museum of Art and Archaeology in Pickard Hall.

## Meetings

### Thursday, June 25

**STAFF COUNCIL:** Group will meet at 1:15 p.m. in S206 Memorial Union.

### Thursday, July 9

**STAFF COUNCIL:** Group will meet at 1:15 p.m. in S206 Memorial Union.

## Special Events

**IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM:** The Health Information Center in Columbia Mall will offer combined diphtheria and tetanus booster immunizations from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays throughout the summer. Cost: \$8.

### Saturday, June 27

**DOG WASH:** The Student Chapter of Veterinary Medicine Auxiliary is sponsoring a dog wash from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. outside the small animal clinic on East Campus Drive. Cost: \$5 for small dogs, \$7 for large dogs.

# RETIREES ASSOCIATION

•The MU Retirees Association board of directors will meet from 2-4 p.m. July 2 in S203 Memorial Union.

•The retirees association investment club will meet at 2 p.m. June 30 in S203 Memorial Union.

•The association's personal finance group will meet from 10-11 a.m. July 13 in S207 Memorial Union. Jeff Smith of A.G. Edwards will speak on "Threats to Today's Income Investor." All retirees are welcome.

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## Group will review athletic nominees

Chancellor Richard Wallace last week named the members of a screening panel that will review candidates for the position of MU athletic director. The nine-member screening panel includes MU faculty, staff, students and alumni.

"We are very pleased by all the interest shown in our athletic director position and have referred all nominations and letters of application to our search consultant, Chuck Neinas," Wallace said. "I believe we are attracting outstanding candidates to lead our intercollegiate athletic program, which testifies to the excellent progress we have made and to a very exciting future at Mizzou."

Panel members will review the consultant's recommendations and submit their candidate evaluations to the chancellor. Finalists for the position will be invited to campus for more extensive interviews and evaluation. Members are:

•Susan Taylor, chair of the MU intercollegiate athletic committee and professor of nursing;

•Carl Settergren, the NCAA faculty representative and professor of forestry;

•Rick McGuire, head track coach;

•Joe Moseley, general counsel for Shelter Insurance Companies and chair of the Sports Park at MU capital campaign;

•Charles Robert Brown, a member of the MU Athletic Hall of Fame and associate superintendent for site support, non-instruction and governmental affairs for the St. Louis Public School District;

•James H. Whitaker, an alumnus and physician in Prairie Village, Kan.;

•Charles E. Brown, an alumnus and president and chair of Brown Beverage Co. of Lebanon, Mo.;

•Sarah Reesman, associate director of athletics at MU;

•Nicki Webber, an MU graduate student, former chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and director of Varsity M Association.



# Gaining ground

*Senate committee approves \$2 million for MU life sciences.*

**T**he plan to construct a \$49 million Center for Life Sciences Research at Mizzou moved one step closer to reality early this month when the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 million allocation for the research and laboratory facility.

The funds were approved as part of the Senate's appropriations subcommittee for Veteran's, Housing and Independent Agencies chaired by Missouri's Sen. Kit Bond.

"The Center for Life Sciences Research will be an integral part in developing the I-70 corridor in Missouri as a flourishing hub for biotechnology," said MU Chancellor Richard Wallace. "This federal support will be critical as we move forward with the construction of this facility, and we are deeply grateful to Senator Bond for his leadership on this very important initiative."

The Center for Life Sciences Research is a key part of MU's increasing focus on the life sciences. MU researchers from several schools and colleges, including the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; the College of Arts and Science; the School of Medicine; the College of Human Environmental Sciences; and the College of Veterinary Medicine, will be housed in the new facility.

"MU already has significant strengths in the plant sciences, in biochemistry, in molecular biology and in animal reproductive physiology," said Jack Burns, vice-provost for research at MU. "We will be adding many new researchers through mission enhancement over the next four years. Improving research facilities is the next logical step in our plan."

To fund the Center for Life Sciences Research, MU envisions \$10 million in support from the federal government, \$10 million in support from private industry, and the remaining \$29 million in state funds to complete this facility — the first new laboratory structure in the life sciences areas built at MU in 25 years.

University officials note it will take two or three years to obtain full funding from the various sectors before construction begins. "With the Center for Life Sciences, MU will be an effective partner with the biotechnology research efforts already under way in St. Louis, giving Missouri statewide strength that will serve as a magnet for new business opportunities, an improved higher education system and national scientific recognition," Wallace said.

At the state level, MU's life sciences effort is central to the recently approved mission enhancement plan that will forward about \$4 million to the campus this year. Much of the funding will go toward recruiting additional faculty and staff in the life sciences areas, therefore strengthening the institution's ability to attract federal and private research dollars.

## And little lambs eat... mint?

**T**o a true connoisseur, rack of lamb without the mint sauce is tantamount to a hot dog without mustard: incomplete.

Now, MU researchers are working with a New Zealand group that plans to add mint, rosemary, sage and other herbs to the diets of newly weaned lambs. They hope the animals will incorporate the herbal savor so that their meat is naturally flavored.

"That's the way you eat lamb: with mint sauce," says Hildegard Heymann, chair of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. "The theory is to make an animal in which that flavor is built-in. All of this is speculation, and we don't know whether it will work."

To find out, Heymann plans to assemble a panel of trained tasters at the MU Food Testing Laboratory and monitor their responses to the mint-fed lamb and other varieties.

"We do the testing to find out whether the meat is substantially different," she says. "We'll ask panelists whether they taste a significant amount of mint. We don't ask them whether they like it. If there are differences, then they (the New Zealand researchers) would do consumer testing."

That testing might not be for the American market, Heymann says. "U.S. consumers are fairly traditional when it

comes to the meat they eat. Americans, as a rule, tend not to like flavored meat, and we don't have a lot of lamb consumption to start with."

Nevertheless, there's no doubt an animal's diet affects the flavor and texture of its meat. For example, gourmets crave certain kinds of ducks that have fed on wild celery in the Maryland marshes. Heymann offers a more mundane example. "Corn feeding changes the flavor of meat. That's why American beef tastes the way that it does."

Andrew Clarke, associate professor of food science and human nutrition, says there are many examples

"of how we manage the animals' diets to have some influence on the quality of the product. If we suddenly found that feeding cows garlic and onions made

them taste wonderful, we'd probably start doing it.

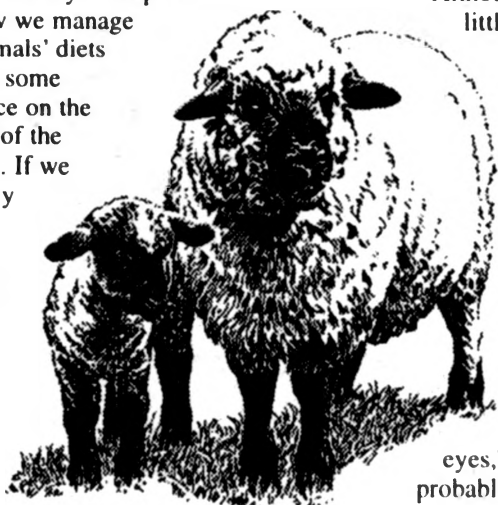
"If the animal can tolerate consuming the herb, we'll see whether we can get some of those products in the meat tissue or the fat tissue," Clarke says. "Since you're going to put mint on a lamb anyway, there's probably nothing wrong with incorporating it."

Clarke says incorporating herbs into the diets of poultry and pork "would probably make a greater change in those animals. Ruminants like cows and sheep are more resistant. Maybe next it'll be lemon pepper chicken, if we could find a way to feed that to the animal."

Although Americans eat relatively little lamb, Heymann notes, "In

many parts of the world, lamb or mutton is the primary form of meat. Producers there tend to feed their animals on grass, but there are parts of the world where there is a premium paid for lamb or mutton because of what the animals feed on naturally."

"This is not a crazy idea, where you just roll your eyes," she says. "It's something that probably could work."



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