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A climate of inclusion

New policy fosters environment of understanding, respect.

In an open letter to the MU community, Chancellor Richard Wallace pledged the University's support for the education, safety and well-being of all members of the University family.

"Your welfare and ability to pursue academic goals in an environment conducive to success is the No. 1 priority at the University of Missouri-Columbia," the chancellor said. "We commit ourselves to actively pursue the eradication of any discriminatory practices from the University, whether or not defined by federal or state law."

Wallace reaffirmed that commitment to a climate of inclusion in order to address concerns that were raised after the Board of Curators took action recently on the University's nondiscrimination policy. A number of individuals and organizations throughout the UM System had asked the board to include sexual orientation in the list of categories specifically protected by

the University's nondiscrimination policy.

At their Jan. 29 meeting, the curators formally adopted a strengthening policy which commits the University to maintaining a positive work and learning environment where all individuals are treated fairly and with respect.

The policy is an extension of Executive Order 3, established by interim President Mel George in 1997 to create a positive work environment and to enable all members of the University community to effectively perform their work or achieve their educational goals.

That executive order was intended to include all legal categories of nondiscrimination as well as other types of discrimination, including that based on sexual orientation. Executive Order 3, formally adopted as amended by the curators Jan. 29, has the power of University policy and provides a policy basis for students, faculty and staff to

pursue remediation if the policy is violated.

The curators' policy also calls upon campus chancellors to provide educational programs, training programs and other measures to foster a climate of understanding, acceptance and respect in regard to human dignity.

"The nurturing of such a climate has long been a campus priority, and we will make available to divisions and departments across campus a training program which focuses on racial discrimination, sexual discrimination, sexual orientation and disability awareness," Wallace said.

"In addition to the training program, I am scheduling meetings with campus leadership groups to see what short- and long-term actions should be considered that will support the basic values of the MU community."

Wallace also said the campus plans to invite prominent speakers to raise awareness and further stimulate discussion about ways to further a climate of inclusion.

The chancellor also urged that any

faculty, staff or student at MU who encounters discrimination based on factors unrelated to work or educational performance to report the situation immediately to the University. Students should contact the vice chancellor for Student Affairs at 211 Jesse Hall. Faculty should contact the chancellor's office, and staff should contact Human Resource Services at 130 Heinkel Building.

Wallace noted that last year, a group of MU students, faculty and staff identified four values which they believed to be the very foundation of our identity as an academic community.

"As a campus, we have committed to these values, pledging ourselves to act, in the totality of our life together, in accord with them. They are: respect, responsibility, discovery and excellence," Wallace said.

"The values to which we have committed ourselves are diminished when any member of our community, whether student, faculty or staff, is affected by unjustifiable discrimination. Such discrimination will not be tolerated."

Responding to life's challenges

Employee Assistance Program helps MU faculty, staff deal with worries at home, in the workplace.

Stress is a part of life, but it doesn't have to be a way of life. "A moderate amount of stress is a natural part of any accomplishment; it causes us to focus our attention and to take action," says Elizabeth Hosokawa, director of the Employee Assistance Program. Chronic stress, on the other hand, depletes one's energy reserves and begins to cause physiological problems that vary in individuals. Some, she says, may develop respiratory problems, others encounter gastrointestinal or back problems, or battle migraine headaches.

Under stress the body mobilizes to fight or flee. Unfortunately, fighting or running is a rarely useful response to the modern-day challenges of relationship upheavals, changes in employment, money worries, interpersonal conflicts or job expectations. "These changes cause us to function less smart," Hosokawa says. "We forget how to prioritize. Everything gets equal time and equal energy, and we stop managing our life efficiently because we are so overwhelmed and bogged down."

Healthy, effective individuals are

those who develop ways to manage stress rather than avoid it. That involves spending time doing what one enjoys as an activity and what will replenish one's energy reserves. Most can manage stress-related tensions with little difficulty, Hosokawa says. "When the tensions get out of hand, it's smart to look for resources and people to help you get squared away again."

That's where her office comes in. MU was one of the first four higher education institutions to start an Employee Assistance Program in 1975. Since then, Hosokawa says it has led the way in helping to establish more than 175 new programs in other higher education settings, as well as provided confidential assistance to more than 5,000 MU employees and family members.

"We are a screening and referral

service," says Hosokawa, program director since 1982. "Our purpose is to help people find resources to deal with personal problems or those affecting the work life." The programs, she says, have developed across the country because they are cost effective. "Sustained problems tend to spill over in the work place, affecting the quality of work or the ability to concentrate, and employees often end up being absent more for illness. Colleges and universities, like MU, have found it helpful to provide ways for valued employees to get help in the workplace."

Annually, about 300 employees or family members seek the MU Employee Assistance Program's help with concerns about career change, emotional or physical health problems, personal or family relationships, financial pressures, job stress or substance abuse. Clients are seen in the office for up to three 50-minute sessions as needed, in which professionals help them sort out their problems. Often the office also refers them to resources in the community. "Sometimes, we just validate that they are doing all the right things and resolution will take longer than they or family members think it should," Hosokawa says.

EAP staff members always take into consideration the financial situation of an individual in arranging referrals. All contacts with the office are free and confidential. For more information about the Employee Assistance Program, call 882-6701.

Elizabeth Hosokawa heads the Employee Assistance Program, a screening and referral service for MU's employees and family members.

Rob Hill photo



SPINNING STORIES

There will be storytelling, gospel music, lectures and performances as the MU campus celebrates Women's History Month in March. "Spinning Stories" is the theme that runs throughout this year's events.

The month of activities kicks off at 7 p.m. March 1 with a lecture and opening reception in the Reynolds Alumni and Visitors Center. Mary Jo Neitz, professor of sociology and women studies, will speak on "Contemporary Witchcraft: Gendered Experiences of Empowerment and Ecstasy." Based on a decade of observation with witches from all over the United States, Neitz argues that spiritual

paths are gendered, that is they have different meanings for males and females in a society.

A number of exhibits around campus celebrate women's history. Throughout March, the Western Historical Manuscript Collection will feature "The Ear of the Soul is Ever Awake," which explores the life and work of Laura Redden Searing (1840-1923), a deaf poet, journalist and author. Searing graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, studied with Alexander Graham Bell, and during the Civil War interviewed Abraham Lincoln as a correspondent for the St. Louis Republic. The exhibit is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through

Friday in 23 Ellis Library beginning March 1.

Women in the Arts, the fifth annual juried exhibition of works from Missouri women artists will be on display March 8 to 18 in the Brady Commons Gallery, with an opening reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. March 11. A complete list of Women's History Month activities will appear in next week's Mizzou Weekly.

CLARIFYING UM'S COPYRIGHT POLICY

Has the University's copyright policy kept up with the Internet and with the electronic information age? The UM System committee on patent, copyright and University-sponsored educational materials wants to hear what MU faculty and staff think. The committee is sponsoring an open forum at 3:30 p.m. March 2 in Fisher Auditorium in Gannett Hall.

The policy was last revised in May 1984, says Connie Armentrout, director of UM System Patents and Licensing, and since then there's been a wave of new multimedia technologies and

courses provided over the Internet. "The committee decided it was time to look at the University copyright policy to see if it provided the right guidance about what to do with copyrighted materials," Armentrout says. "We would like to chat with faculty and staff about their concerns and the problems they run into dealing with the policy as it relates to new avenues of learning."

Committee members will review the policy to recommend any changes, additions or corrections to bring the policy up to date. With questions about the forum, Armentrout can be reached at 882-2821.

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Committed to diversity

MU tops Big 12 in recruiting African-American freshmen.

For the second year in a row, Mizzou enrolled more African-American freshmen in its fall 1998 class than any other school in the Big 12 according to available data.

The 1998 freshman class at MU includes 278 African-American freshmen. The University of Oklahoma reported the next highest number of African-American freshmen with 272, and Texas A&M is third with 197. No data was available for the University of Nebraska.

MU topped the Big 12 in the number of African-American freshmen in fall 1997 as well with 284 African-American students in its freshman class. Oklahoma also was second in 1997 with 252 African-American freshmen.

"After tripling the number of African-American freshmen at MU five years ago, our focused recruiting efforts have continued to help the University attract a steady number of African-American students to campus each year," said Gary

Smith, director of admissions and registrar. "I am very enthusiastic that this positive trend will continue next fall. Our applicant pool and the number of African-American students admitted so far this year is right in line with the freshman classes from the last few years."

The University's success in recruiting African-American students started in 1994 when MU's African-American freshman enrollment increased to 334 from 97 in 1993. Since then, about 280 new African-American freshmen have enrolled at MU each year.

"Attracting a student to MU is one thing, but retaining a student is the real evidence of success," Smith said. "We are so pleased to see the success of so many African-American students at MU."

"We remain firmly committed to increasing the diversity of our campus," Chancellor Richard Wallace said.

The retention rate for African-American freshmen, which measures the number of students that return for their sophomore year, has increased over the last few years. This year's rate currently

stands at 84.2, which is a slight dip from 1997 when the rate was 85.4 percent, but is still in line with the retention rate for the entire freshman class, which is 84.5 percent.

To help ensure Mizzou's continuing success in recruiting minority students, the administration recently restored out-of-state tuition waivers for students who have been awarded minority scholarships.

As a way to control the growth in scholarship costs, MU decided to cut back several scholarships by \$1,000 beginning in the fall 1999 semester. Three scholarships for minority students were included: the George C. Brooks Scholarship Award, the Diversity Scholarship and the Transition Scholarship.

At that time, a decision also was made to end the out-of-state tuition waivers for the three minority scholarships.

The out-of-state waivers were reinstated for fall 1999 to allay any concerns about MU's affordability among the students it recruits. Out-of-state tuition averages \$7,400 a year.

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INSIDE THE BELTWAY

Increasing federal funding for research is a top priority of the University. Early next month, several hundred University alumni, representatives of Associated Students of the University of Missouri, administrators from throughout the UM System, along with members of the Board of Curators, will visit with members of the Missouri congressional delegation and representatives of federal funding agencies in Washington, D.C.

The March 10 and 11 visit is part of the University's new federal funding initiative and is designed to inform University representatives of

processes and procedures in making the case for federal research funding.

Members of the University's faculty, staff and student body, who may be in the area, are invited to attend a reception from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. March 10 in Room 106 Senate Dirksen Building. Please notify Janet Waibel at 882-1998 (waibelj@umsystem.edu) if you plan to attend.

SHOULD WE CHILL OUT ON GLOBAL WARMING?

MU atmospheric scientist Anthony Lupo takes issue with media reports on man-caused global warming. Current climate changes are more likely the work of nature, he says. "The study of climate systems using satellites and other advanced technology is young. It will take more time, 15 to 30 years, before we really know what's going on," Lupo said.

Climate systems are complex, involving the atmosphere, oceans and glacial fields interacting, he said. Missouri and the Midwest are particularly sensitive to interactions in the Pacific Ocean, he said. Lupo

predicts a warmer and dryer summer than usual in this region as a result of La Nina or cooler ocean surface temperatures that affect weather patterns.

"The climate in the Missouri has become more moderate or agreeable," he said. "The number of days with either extremely high or low temperatures has decreased." The growing season in Missouri has also extended about seven days over the last 50 years, he said.

North America is what Lupo calls a sinkhole of carbon dioxide compared to other parts of the world. He said one reason is that its young growing plants and

widespread agriculture take up more carbon dioxide. Under controlled experiments, plants such as corn or soybeans have been shown to increase their biomass with an increase in carbon dioxide, he said.

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Concerts and Plays

Friday, February 26

JAZZ SERIES: Ray Drummond's "All-Star Excursion Band" will perform at 8 p.m. in Launer Auditorium at Columbia College. For ticket information, call the MSA Box Office at 882-4640.

UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES: The Berlin Philharmonic Woodwinds will perform at 8 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781.

Wednesday, March 3

MIDDAY GALLERY EVENT: Alexander Pickard, associate professor of music, will direct "Contemporary Brass Music" at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Art and Archaeology.

Courses

Wednesday, March 3

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: Open to all new benefit-eligible employees from 8:30 a.m.-noon in 234 Brady Commons.

Thursday, March 4

ACCOUNTING COURSE: Judy Schulz, accounts payable supervisor for Accounting

Services, will present "Basic Form Presentation," a course about preparing vouchers, from 8:30-11 a.m. today and also April 1 and May 6 in the second-floor conference room of Turner Avenue garage. To register, call 882-2755.

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-Friday.

MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY:

Special Exhibits:

- "Expressions of Africa" is on display through March 14
 - "Buckminster Fuller-Inventions" is on display through April 4
 - "Twentieth-Century Sets and Series" is on display through May 9
 - "Icons of Pop" will be on display through June 27
 - "Wrapped Creatures: Animal Mummies from Egypt" is on display through August 29
- 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.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

• "Masterworks of Thomas Hart Benton: A Salute Continued," is on display in the gallery from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday through Feb. 26

• "Decades: 1899 to 1969, Editorial Cartoons" is on display in the east-west corridor. The corridors are open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

BINGHAM GALLERY: "A View of One's Own" by Jane Barrows, a faculty member from the University of Illinois-Edwardsville, is on display through March 12. The gallery, located in A125 Fine Arts, is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

BLACK CULTURE CENTER GALLERY: A Black History Month exhibit titled "Journey," featuring works by MU student Michael Fugate will be on display through Feb. 28.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT: In honor of Women's History Month, "The Ear of the Soul is Ever Awake," an exhibit of the life and work of Laura Redden Searing, a deaf poet, journalist, and author known as Howard Glydon, will be on display in the reading room of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection in 23 Ellis Library March 1-31.

Films

Thursday, February 25

MUSEUM FILM: "Buckminster Fuller: Thinking Out Loud," will be shown at 5:30 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall.

Lectures

Thursday, February 25

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR: Terry Weidner, director of MU's Asian Affairs Center will present "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished: Chinese Reform and the Asian Financial Crisis" at noon in S16 Memorial Union. A brown-bag lunch begins at 11:40 a.m.

WRITING INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS: Campus Writing Program staff will present "Now What? Writing Intensive Scenarios and Solutions" from noon-12:45 p.m. in 325 General Classroom Building.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURE: Joseph White, professor emeritus of psychology and psychiatry at the University of California-Irvine, will present "African-American Male Psychology: Challenges and Conflicts in the Journey of Living" at 2 p.m. at the Black Culture Center. A reception and book signing will follow.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SEMINAR: Tom Langen, behavioral biologist faculty candidate, will present "Developmental and Cognitive Issues in Foraging Behavior: Insight from the New World Jays" at 3:30 p.m. in 18 Tucker Hall.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES SEMINAR: Marta van Loan, a research physiologist with the Western Human Nutrition Research Center, will present "Restrained Eating Behavior and Bone Health" at 4 p.m. in 209 Gwynn Hall.

Friday, February 26

BLACK HISTORY MONTH WORKSHOP: Joseph White, professor emeritus of psychology and psychiatry at the University of California-Irvine, will present "Mentoring Minority Students" at 10 a.m. in the Black

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Culture Center.

FORESTRY SEMINAR: Sandy Liebhold, U.S. Forest Service research entomologist, will present "Geostatistics: A Tool For Spatial Analysis in Ecology" at 3 p.m. in 210 Natural Resources Building.

GEOLOGY SEMINAR: Rick Wilkin from Pennsylvania State University will present "Pyrite Formation near Redox Transitions: Reaction Pathways, Textures and Bacteria" at 3 p.m. in 108 Geological Sciences Building.

CHEMISTRY COLLOQUIUM: Greg Choppin from Florida State University will present "Complexation Chemistry of the Actinide Elements" at 4 p.m. in 114 Physics.

Monday, March 1

PHARMACOLOGY SEMINAR: Roberta Magai, a pharmacology graduate student, will present "The Effects of Lipoproteins on Smooth Muscle Cell Signaling and Proliferation" at 11 a.m. in M558 Medical Sciences Building.

SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES

SEMINAR: James Brown, professor emeritus of soil and atmospheric science, will present "The Contributions of a Long-Term Project to Soil Testing" at 4 p.m. in 123 Natural Resources Building.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

LECTURE: Mary Jo Neitz, professor of sociology and women studies, will present "Contemporary Witchcraft: Gendered Experiences of Empowerment and Ecstasy" at 7 p.m. in Columns Rooms A&B of the Reynolds Alumni Center. The event also will feature an opening reception for Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 2

WRITING INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS:

MU faculty are invited to join Campus Writing Program staff, Byron Scott, Pam Benoit and colleagues from around campus to discuss the influence of technology on student writing. A light breakfast will be served. RSVP to Andy White at 882-1795, or e-mail: andy@missouri.edu

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SEMINAR:

Kevan Shokat from Princeton University will present "New Chemical Approaches to Tracing Cellular Signal Transduction Cascades" at 3:30 p.m. in 18 Tucker Hall.

ECONOMICS SEMINAR: Francisco Cribari-Neto from Universidade Federal de Pernambuco will present "Monotonic Improved Critical Values for Econometric Asymptotic Criteria" at 3:30 p.m. in 211 Middlebush Hall.

Wednesday, March 3

POEHLMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE:

Peter Bretting, national program leader for the Agricultural Research Service plant germplasm and genomes program, will present "Integrating Genomics Into Traditional Agricultural Research" at 4 p.m. in 133 Mumford Hall.

Thursday, March 4

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR: Winn Burggraaf, professor of history, will present "Venezuela's Chavez: People's Champion or Threat to Democracy?" at noon in S16 Memorial Union. A brown-bag lunch will begin at 11:40 a.m.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SEMINAR:

Johannes Schul, a behavioral biologist faculty candidate, will present "Song Recognition Serving Species Isolation: Acoustic Communication in Three Closely Related Katydid Species" at 3:30 p.m. in 18 Tucker Hall.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING LECTURE:

L.S. Fan, professor and chair of chemical engineering at Ohio State University, will present "Gas-Liquid-Solid Fluidization Engineering: Fundamentals and Applications" at 3:30 p.m. in Ketcham Auditorium in Engineering Building East.

PUBLIC HEALTH LECTURE: Quentin Young from the University of Illinois Medical Center will present "Public Health and the Public's Health in the Era of

Corporate Medicine" at 4:30 p.m. in the School of Medicine's Acuff Auditorium.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY LECTURE: Paul Ellefson from the University of Minnesota College of Forest Resources will present "State-Level Policies and Programs for Private Forestry" at 7:30 p.m. in Conservation Hall in the Natural Resources Building. His lecture is the keynote address for a two-day conference on environmental sustainability titled "Towards a Vision for Missouri's Private Forests." For a complete list of conference sessions, and registration and cost information, call Jan Weaver at 882-7116 or visit the web site: www.missouri.edu/~esiwww/forests.html

Friday, March 5

ECONOMICS SEMINAR: Marcus Berlaint from Washington University in St. Louis will present "Increasing Returns and Perfect Competition: The Role of the Land" from 3-5 p.m. in 211 Middlebush Hall.

FORESTRY SEMINAR: Tom Draper, district forester for the Missouri Department of Conservation, will present "The Impact of Chip Mills on Forest Management in Missouri" at 3 p.m. in 210 Natural Resources Building.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES SEMINAR: Jerry Kaplan from the University of Utah will present "The Molecular Biology of Iron Metabolism in Yeast and Its Relevance to Human Disease" at 3:30 p.m. in 209 Gwynn Hall.

GEOGRAPHY LECTURE: Larry Brown, instructor in geography, will present "Landscapes of Fear: The Rise of the Christian Identity Movement in Missouri" at 4 p.m. in 100 Stewart Hall.

Meetings

Thursday, February 25

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

FACULTY COUNCIL: The council will meet at 3:30 p.m. in S203 Memorial Union.

Special Events

Friday, February 26

HEARNES CENTER EVENT: The Columbia Home Builders Association will sponsor the Home and Garden Show today from 2-9 p.m., tomorrow from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Hearnes Center. Cost: \$3 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

Sunday, February 28

RECRUITMENT EVENT: "College Planning Workshop Columbia," a recruitment event for prospective students and parents, will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in Hulston Hall.

Friday March 5

RECRUITMENT EVENT: "Black and Gold Day," a recruitment event for prospective students and parents will be from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Reynolds Alumni Center.

BLACK CULTURE CENTER EVENT: The Ujamma Professionals Organization presents "Night of Professional Development Program" from 7-10 p.m. at the Black Culture Center. The event includes a lecture by Wayne James, the founder of the Homeward Bound Foundation. Cost: \$4 for students, \$5 for others. Reservations required by February 26. Call 882-2664.

Sunday, March 7

OPART FOR KIDS: The Museum of Art and Archaeology will present "Vibrating Vision: An Op Art Lesson on Vasarely," a course about viewing Vasarely prints, discussing processes, and creating two-dimensional op art from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the museum. Open to children ages 7-9. Registration is required by Feb. 26; call 882-3591 for cost and registration information.

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Big bang theory

In the past 10 years, Americans have seen the World Trade Center, the Oklahoma City federal building and American embassies in foreign countries become victims to terrorists' bombs. In some cases, the buildings collapsed under the immense stress and lives were lost. An MU researcher, with the help of a special grant from the National Science Foundation, is hoping to stop these scenarios from repeating.

Zhen Chen, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, is one of only 300 researchers in the nation to receive an NSF's Career Award, a grant dedicated to the early development of academic careers and stimulation of the discovery process. The award program combines the support of research and education, encouraging award winners to go out into the community and teach students about the project. The award level and duration, which has not been determined for Chen's project, ranges from \$200,000 to \$500,000 over a four- to five-year period.

"With this award, we will be able to conduct first-class research at the

university, and investigate a topic that has a great national interest at all levels," Chen said. "We felt that there was an urgent need to set up this particular kind of research because of the terrorist threat that faces the world."

Chen's will use the award to develop a computer test-bed for a prototype simulation of blast-resistant structures, and to improve education in this area. Due to the large cost involved in actual field testing of such structures, it is safer and cheaper to develop a computer program that simulates a terrorist bomb detonating next to a building with blast-resistant design.

Once developed, the computer test-bed will be used by the National Center for Explosion Resistant Design based at MU. The center's mission is to create new and improved structural designs and strategies for protection from explosions and transfer the technology through publications, short courses and university degree programs. The center will use the computer simulations to test all types of explosions including terrorist bombings, accidental explosions and force protection.

MU Advisors Forum

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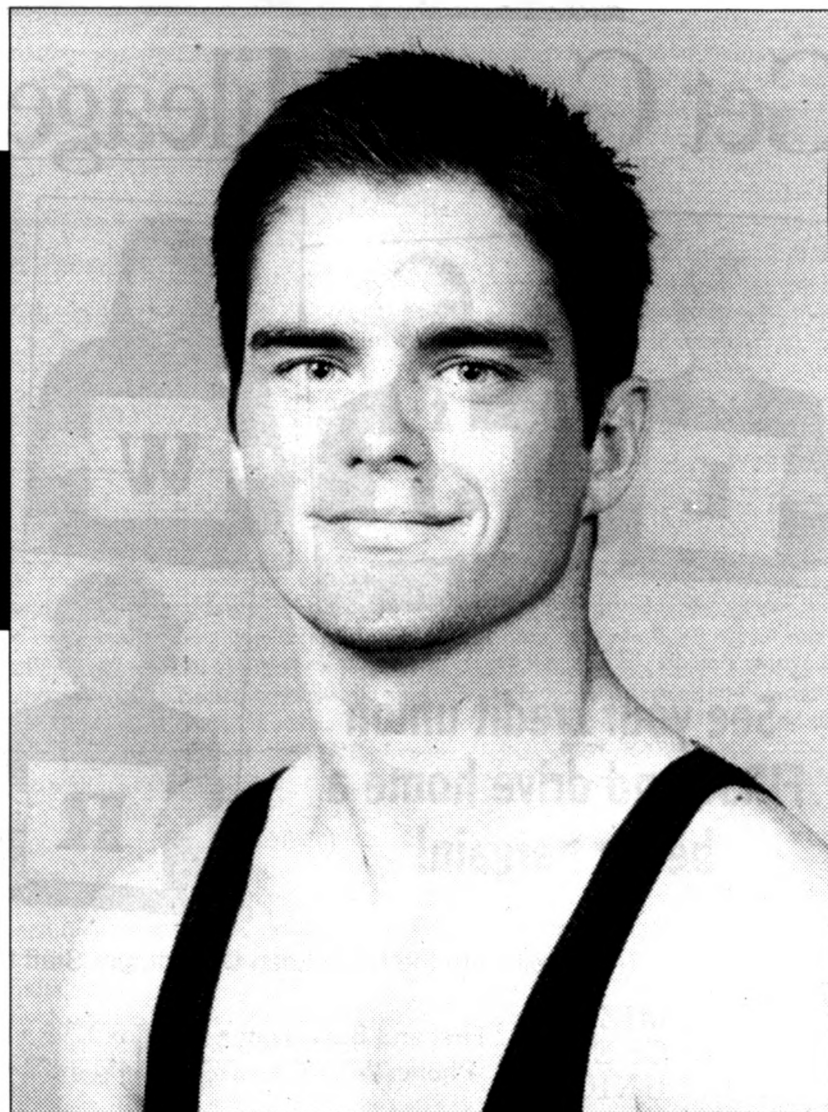
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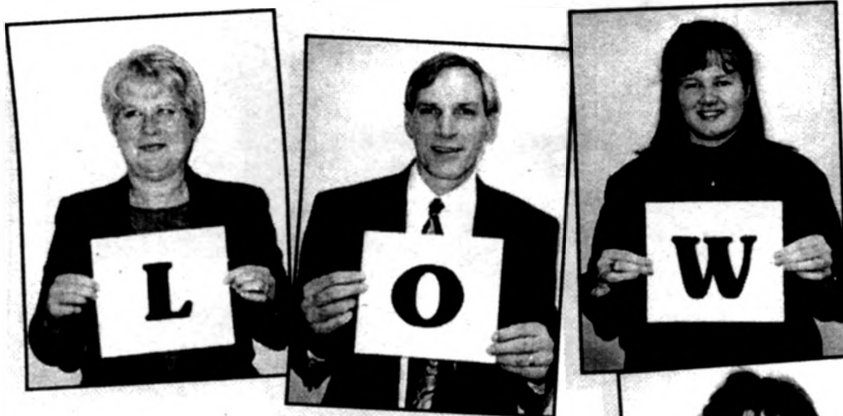


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