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GROWTH POTENTIAL

Gov. Holden stressed the importance of education and life sciences research in a talk to members of the University community

During a talk on the MU campus last weekend, Gov. Bob Holden called on Missouri citizens to work together to get through the tough budget challenges ahead. "I wish I had better news for you," Holden said at a Jan. 26 gathering at the Memorial Union. "Any governor loves to stand up and be able to tell you all the great things that they can do and have just done. But you know as well as I do that not only the state of Missouri, but basically the entire nation is in a recession."

Earlier last week, Gov. Holden delivered his "state-of-the-state" address in the State Capitol that outlined deep cuts to the state's budget. In that Jan. 23 speech, Holden called for 10 percent cuts in state appropriations for public higher education institutions.

For the MU campus, that 10 percent cut in the state appropriation would translate into a \$20 million reduction for Mizzou's budget in the 2002-



Steve Morse photo

BALANCED APPROACH Gov. Bob Holden, left, joined Chancellor Richard Wallace at a Jan. 26 legislative breakfast at MU where he discussed the tough budget challenges that face Missouri and the University.

2003 fiscal year.

Holden's comments Saturday came at an annual legislative

breakfast sponsored by the MU Alumni Association and its legislative information network

committee, the Associated Students of the University of Missouri and MU political action committee.

The governor stressed his support for education because of opportunities it provides Missouri's children and its potential to boost economic growth. Holden also described research in the life sciences as a key to future economic development in the state.

"I had to cut \$480 million just to balance the budget, because constitutionally I have to have a balanced budget. There are no options; I can't print money and neither can you," Holden said. He described those budget cuts as the deepest core cut in the state's history.

Holden's budget plan for next year also asks the legislature for authority to dip into the state's "rainy day" fund for the first time since 1993 in order to avoid further cuts.

In addition, the governor has called for boosting state revenues from gambling to fully fund the school foundation formula. His proposed budget also calls for eliminating nearly 700 state jobs, mostly positions that currently are vacant.

"Now we can always drop our heads and say, 'Oh, woe to us,' but I'd like to take a different approach," Holden said. "We must work through these challenges and face them head on

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Happy birthday to you, Mizzou

As the years slip by, some folks would just as soon forget about their birthdays, but it wouldn't seem right not to show a little Tiger spirit when Mizzou's anniversary comes around. That's why the MU Alumni Association is hosting its annual Time of the Tiger Founders' Celebration in honor of the University's 163rd birthday. The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Reynolds Alumni Center.

Be sure to wear your sportiest black and gold to be in the Spirit Contest where judges will determine who is the best-dressed Tiger. Or enter the office decorating contest and dress your office up with a Mizzou theme to compete for prizes. To enter the decorating contest call Nicole Fischer at 884-9097; judging will take place the week of the event.

Even if you don't get gussied up, be sure to attend the party. There will be snacks, cake, ice cream, door prizes and a virtual tour of the new Tiger Plaza. To reserve your place at the celebration, click on www.mizzou.com.

Chancellor Wallace: In spite of buget, 'We will move forward'

BUDGET TIGHTROPE

The administration is working to minimize impacts of state budget cuts

Chancellor Richard Wallace had an important message for the MU community when he briefed Faculty Council on budget issues at the council's Jan. 24 meeting.

As the campus responds to Missouri's serious financial situation, MU must remain committed to the goals of the campus strategic plan. "We also must realize our progress will be slower - but we will move

forward," Wallace said. "We have the road map, but two years of tight state budgets may cause us to temporarily reduce our speed."

University planners are wrestling with recently announced shortfalls in state appropriations for the University. For the current fiscal year, Gov. Bob Holden has called for withholding 10 percent of state funding.

As the campus identified ways to meet that challenge, a worsening state economy prompted Holden to call for a 10 percent reduction in UM System's core budget for the next

fiscal year, which begins July 1. That cutback would amount to a loss to the MU campus of \$20 million in state funding.

Chancellor Wallace outlined some of the ways that MU might meet that shortfall next year. The University could look at increasing student fees beyond the rate of inflation, but Wallace stressed that the University would not attempt to recover all of the state budget reductions by a student fee increase. Raising student fees by 5 percent, he said, would generate an additional \$5 million, far short of the \$20 million shortfall.

Currently, the UM System's

long-range goals call for an annual 4 percent increase in salaries for faculty and staff, but that might not be possible. A 4 percent raise would cost the campus nearly \$9 million on top of the \$20 million state shortfall. That means MU would have to look at reducing expenses even more.

Wallace said the Board of Curators is likely to address the question of student fee increases and salary issues at the board's March meeting.

There are other areas the University could look to cut spending. It could reduce slightly the amount it spends on building

maintenance - from 1.5 percent of a building's replacement value to 1.25 percent - for a savings of \$2 million. Further reductions, Wallace said, would have to come from operating units within the University.

Both faculty and administration leaders worry about the impact that minimal salary increases could have on faculty and staff retention. What message would it send to a faculty member who's had a spectacular academic year, perhaps publishing a book or becoming a leader in a national academic organization? asked

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All they do for MU

If you tried to count all the years of service from Mizzou's nearly 3,000 mid-Missouri retirees, you'd quickly be tallying up many millennia of experience and dedication to the University. Each spring, Mizzou honors the contributions of its former employees with the annual Retirees' Recognition Week. A highlight of that week of activities is the annual chancellor's luncheon for retirees and recognition awards to two retirees for their outstanding achievements

since retirement.

This year the weeklong event will be held April 8 to 12, and the chancellor's luncheon will be April 10. The awards are given to both a faculty and a staff member who have been retired for at least five years. If you would like to nominate someone for either award, contact Patsy Higgins in 311 Jesse Hall for a nomination form or for more information. The deadline for nominations is March 1.

The campus also encourages individual units, such as schools and colleges, to sponsor their own events

during Retirees Recognition Week to honor and interact with former University employees. However, departments are asked not to schedule events during the April 10 luncheon. In past years, some of those activities have included receptions, tours and special lectures and programs.

Discussing critical issues

Throughout this academic year, the Graduate School is sponsoring a series of national discussions on critical issues in graduate education. The series

continues with a discussion titled "Diversity in the Post Affirmative Action Environment" that will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Orlando Taylor, the dean of Howard University's graduate school and professor of communication. Taylor also is board chairman of the national Council of Graduate Schools. He will be joined in the discussion by Roosevelt Johnson, director of the National Science Foundation's

Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate; Helen Moore, professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Michael Middleton, MU's deputy chancellor.

The discussion is one of many activities that will be held on campus during MU's annual Teaching Renewal Conference from Feb. 14-16. There will be a question-and-answer session following the discussion. Information about connecting to a live webcast of the event is available at www.missouri.edu/~gradschl/CI GE

Building MU's inclusive graduate community

INNOVATIVE IDEAS A proposal that outlines ways to create an inclusive graduate community at MU won top honors from the national Council of Graduate Schools association.

Campuswide initiatives that yielded a 56 percent increase in the number of underrepresented students pursuing graduate studies in the past six years led to MU receiving the prestigious CGS/Peterson's Award for Innovation in Promoting an Inclusive Graduate Community last fall.

"I can think of no other recognition or honor that means more to me personally or to this institution," says Suzanne Ortega, vice provost for advanced studies and dean of the Graduate School. "We are determined to increase inclusivity here. It is a fundamental commitment and value."

The heart of a great institution of higher education,

Ortega says, is one that fosters a clash of ideas, and the "excitement that different perspectives bring to an academic community. We are committed to the power of education to transform people."

Carrying a \$10,000 cash prize, the award is co-sponsored by Peterson's, a global provider of integrated information solutions for business, education and professional customers, and the Council of Graduate Schools, the largest national association that represents graduate education.

Vying for the coveted prize were 14 other universities. "I was even more delighted with this award after I saw who didn't win," Ortega says. Mizzou's winning proposal "Directors of Graduate Studies Network" was chosen over nominations from universities such as Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Howard, Penn State and Washington State.

MU's approach will build on previous successes and strengthen the role and leadership skills of graduate

studies directors. "This award recognizes not only our efforts in increasing the numbers of underrepresented students, but our efforts in building an inclusive curriculum and climate at this University," Ortega says.

"We have incredibly dedicated people often working by themselves in discrete specialty clusters. Our proposal focuses on creating a forum for people to get together, talk and share ideas and best practices. We need to broaden the number of people and programs that are involved, and we believe the best way to do so is to develop a critical mass of leaders who can bring the rest of their faculty colleagues along."

Across campus, graduate studies directors often are the first departmental contact for most graduate students. The roles they play in the recruitment, integration and success of students are critical.

One such person is Michael Kelly, professor of social work. As director of graduate studies for the School of Social Work, one of his duties is to ensure that

course syllabi reflect diverse racial, ethnic or lifestyle concerns of underrepresented groups.

"Social work is a profession that traditionally has been oriented to meeting the needs of social justice and welfare which, unfortunately, falls very heavily upon underrepresented groups in society," Kelly says. "Every course we have is supposed to have some component in which we deal with those issues. I'm confident that they do."

The award enables the entire campus to recognize the leadership and skills of graduate studies directors, and it strengthens the campus' reputation among students who want to pursue graduate studies. "Prospective students, particularly those from underrepresented groups, pay close attention to places that have developed innovative programming that complements the traditional excellence of research-based graduate education," Ortega says. "So we really believe this will be an important recruiting tool."

Ortega believes the award will enhance retention, as well.

"Retention is tough," she says. "We don't have good data on it, but I think we do a pretty good job. A big part of what we proposed to do over the next couple of years is develop a series of initiatives that we think will help institutionalize diversity across recruitment, professional development and curricula change. It's too early to tell, but I believe these will help in our retention efforts, too."

Kelly says that social work faculty members developed a plan about three years ago to enhance diversity among the school's students. "They voted to shoot for two targets for admitting underrepresented students. One was that in the first year of our plan, we would try to reach the percentage of minority students in our combined undergraduate and graduate programs that is equal to their numbers in the state, which is about 12 percent."

"Our future efforts will focus
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A history of dedication to higher education

Each year, the Geyer Public Service Awards recognize two individuals for their efforts on behalf of higher education and the University. At a Jan. 29 ceremony in Jefferson City, the 2002 Geyer Awards were presented to state Rep. Ted Farnen, D-Mexico, and Harry M. Cornell Jr., chairman of Leggett & Platt.

The awards are sponsored by the MU Alumni Association's legislative information network committee (LINC), and are named for

Henry Geyer, a former state representative who believed education was the key to progress and prosperity in Missouri and introduced a bill to establish the University of Missouri in 1839.

Farnen, an MU journalism alumnus, chaired the House Higher Education Committee and the House Special Opportunities Committee that oversaw hearings on the new basketball arena in the past legislative session. During his legislative career, Farnen has sponsored many bills for higher education.

Cornell, of Carthage, is

recognized for his ongoing support for MU in many areas, ranging from the College of Business to legislative issues in Jefferson City. A graduate of MU's School of Business, he, his wife Ann, and his corporation have contributed more than \$3 million towards the development of Cornell Hall, the future home of the College of Business.

Eyes on crime

The MU Police Department is investigating a kidnapping on the MU campus, and is asking anyone with information

to contact the department. The incident happened between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 29, near the Trowbridge Livestock Center on Ashland Road.

Lt. Brian Weimer provided the following details: The victim, an MU student, told police that an unknown masked male forced her into her car and demanded money from her. The male then drove the vehicle to a local ATM where he had her make two withdrawals. Then the suspect drove her to the area of Quail Drive and Sylvan Lane where he left the car and told the

victim to drive off and not call police.

The suspect is described as a black male with facial hair on his chin. He had a black mask on his face, and wore dark jeans and a gray hooded sweatshirt covered by a dark jean jacket. The suspect claimed to have a gun, but no weapon was displayed.

Weimer said that anyone with information about the incident should call Lt. Scott Richardson at 884-0154 or

Missouri River management makes waves

MUDDY WATERS

Newly formed MU Missouri River Institute to host town hall meeting on river issues

The Missouri River has thousands of tributaries, and as the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition approaches, there are almost that many points of view about the future management of the river.

Three researchers from a National Academy of Sciences panel will visit the MU campus to present a long-awaited report on the river, then face questions from the general public and a group representing river-related

interests.

The Missouri River Institute (MRI) is sponsoring the Missouri River Town Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Reynolds Alumni Center. Three members of the academy's National Research Panel - Steven Gloss, Steve Light and Robert Davis - will discuss the report "The Missouri River Ecosystem: Exploring the Prospects for Recovery." The report was commissioned two years ago by the U.S. government and released on Jan. 9.

MRI, an interdisciplinary center that was established last year, wants all sides to be

included in the debate, director Tony Prato said. "We'll be the first group to have one of these town hall meetings with the members of the panel who have written this report," he said. "They don't represent any particular interest, and they're not working for anyone with a specific agenda. The report carries the weight of the National Academy of Sciences, which is the strongest scientific approval you can get in this country."

After the three speak, a diverse group of panelists will question them. The panel will include representatives of the Farm Bureau, Missouri River

Communities Network, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and river shipping and navigation interests. Then, the audience may ask questions of the speakers.

Prato anticipates a lively debate. "Management of the Missouri River is hotly contested," he said. "The river is managed for multiple uses, including navigation, fish and wildlife habitat, flood control, recreation, water supply and water cooling. People have different opinions about the importance of these uses. I

expect we'll hear them at the town meeting."

MRI itself "doesn't have a particular point of view," Prato said. It is made up mostly of MU researchers - "primarily folks who have a desire to bring a spotlight on Missouri River issues."

Pointing to what he called "the contentious state of affairs in managing the river," he said the university-based institute has definite advantages. "We have access to all the disciplines: biology, archeology, history, economics, geography, engineering, the humanities - you name it, we have it. We don't have a particular constituency, so we can be objective and impartial."



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The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the College of Business at 884-1726.

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MU's Black History Month asks 'Is Racism Dead?'

In celebration of Black History Month, Mizzou has kicked off a month-long series of events that include art exhibits, concerts, lectures and performances by members of the University community and others.

To conclude the celebration, MU will rename the Black Culture Center the Lloyd L. Gaines - Marian O'Fallon Oldham Black Culture Center. The renaming ceremony will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Black Culture Center, 813 Virginia Ave.

Gaines was the first African-American to apply to the MU School of Law in 1936, but was denied admission because of his race. He fought the decision all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ordered the state to admit him or provide "separate but equal facilities." Gaines disappeared before he had the opportunity to take his first law class.

Oldham applied to MU in the 1950s and also was rejected based on race. However, in 1977 Oldham became the first black woman to serve on the UM Board of Curators.

"This will be a great day for all students, faculty, staff, alumni and residents within the state of Missouri," said Karsten Cash, director of the Black Culture Center. "We will honor two of our greatest heroes. These two

altruistic individuals made great personal sacrifices for our benefit."

Black History Month 2002

Black History Month exhibits

◆ "The Jazz Age in Paris, 1914-1940," organized and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, will be on display through Feb. 28 in the Black Culture Center. Hours: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

◆ "Blue Note Records Revisited: The Work of Photographer Francis Wolff" presented by the "We Always Swing" Jazz Series, will be on display through March 9 in the lobby of the Boone County Bank at Eighth Street and Broadway. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

◆ The art of MU student Christopher Burch will be on display at the Black Culture Center through Feb. 28. Hours: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. A reception for the artist will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 16 in

Room 116 of the Black Culture Center.

◆ A selection from the "Songs of My People" exhibit will be on display through Feb. 28 in the Museum of Art and Archaeology. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays; noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Black History Month events

◆ The Delta Sigma Theta Alumni Chapter soul food dinner will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Black Culture Center. Cost: \$7. With questions, contact Tiwana Ware at 474-7591.

◆ The Alpha Phi Alpha Alumni Chapter "Men Who Cook" scholarship dinner will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Black Culture Center. Cost: \$5. For more information, contact Terrance Farmer at 886-6377.

◆ Robert Williams, MU distinguished visiting professor of black studies and psychology, will present "Racism at an Early Age: Its Origin, Transmission and Development" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Black Culture Center.

◆ Robert Weems Jr., professor of history, will present "Black Americans During the 1920s: A Golden Age of Both Artistic Achievement and

Business Development" at 3 p.m. Feb. 6 in Room 116 at the Black Culture Center.

◆ Michael Cuscuna, Grammy-winning record producer, will discuss the work of jazz photographer Francis Wolff and Blue Note Records, at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at Ragtag Cinemacafe, 23 N. Tenth St. A reception will follow. The cost is \$5 and reservations are recommended. For ticket information, call 449-3009.

◆ Keynote speaker Jayne Cortez will present "The Color Line Revisited: Is Racism Dead?" from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Black Culture Center.

◆ Spoken word and jazz music with Jayne Cortez and her band will be presented from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Black Culture Center.

◆ Cecil Abrahams, a visiting professor from South Africa at UM -St. Louis, will speak at 3 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Black Culture Center. A reception will follow.

◆ The Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students will present the third annual Jazz and Poetry Event from 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge.

◆ The jazz concert "Arts and Crafts" with Matt Wilson, Terrell Stafford, Larry Goldings and Dennis Irwin will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Murry's, 3107 Green Meadows Way. Cost: \$22. For ticket information, call 449-3009 or the Brady Commons Box Office.

◆ Free oral HIV testing will be offered as part of Sexual Responsibility Week from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 12 in Rooms 115/117 Black Culture Center. With questions, call 882-1550.

◆ "Laugh the Beloved Country: With Apologies to Alan Paton" will be a presentation by Paula Roper, a librarian at Ellis Library, about her impressions of Capetown, South Africa from 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 12 in the reference conference room of Ellis Library.

◆ Singer Earl Coleman will present "Celebrating African-American Music and Musicians" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Missouri Theatre, 203 S. Ninth St. Cost: adults, \$7; students and seniors, \$5; children under 12, \$2.

◆ MU poet-in-residence Ahmos Zu-Bolton will present "Remembering Langston Hughes" at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Black Culture Center.

◆ Geoffrey C. Ewing, will present "A Tribune to the Greatest," a one-man show about the life and times of Muhammad Ali at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge.

◆ The film "Lumumba," with a presentation by director Raoul Peck, will be shown at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Memorial Union Auditorium.

◆ The University of Missouri Singers and the Lincoln University Concert Choir, directed by David Rayl and Loretta Galbreath, will present "A Musical Celebration of Black History Month" at 8 p.m. Feb. 23 at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, and again at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 at Columbia's First Baptist Church, 112 E. Broadway. A \$3 donation is suggested.

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Russ Zguta, chair of Faculty Council.

"The most productive faculty will suffer the most immediate consequences," said Zguta, a professor of history. He is in his 35th year as a faculty member at MU, and said he can't remember a similar level of cuts in state funding during that period. Zguta is concerned that steep increases in student fees could make the University less accessible for students.

The budget-planning process for MU that Wallace has put in place during his tenure as chancellor should help this

campus weather the storm, Zguta added. That planning process includes panels of faculty, staff and students – the Resource Advisory Council and the Strategic Planning Advisory Council – that advise the administration on budget issues.

"In comparison to the other three campuses we are miles ahead with the system we have in place," Zguta says. In addition, after Gov. Holden's budget message, Wallace briefed all MU employees through an e-mail message that spelled out some of the difficulties ahead.

Zguta said the e-mail communication to faculty and

staff was particularly useful because it detailed, step by step, the progression of the budget problems. "Many of us on faculty, myself included, lost sight of the forest for the trees," he said.

The administration is moving forward on plans to meet the financial challenge. Wallace has announced that before any open faculty or staff position can be filled, it must first be approved by the senior division head who reports to him.

As the campus administration looks at ways to handle the budget reduction and reduce operating costs, officials have

said that any reduction in the workforce will first be accomplished through attrition or by leaving positions open. Layoffs would be a last resort, Wallace has said, with no particular positions or areas of the University presently being considered.

That announcement was encouraging news for staff, said Gail Lawrence, chair of MU's Staff Advisory Council. "I think that will alleviate a lot of fears in a lot of departments," said Lawrence, administrative assistant in the Department of Anthropology. "In times of potential layoffs, staff feel the

most vulnerable."

Lawrence said she also worries that if raises are curtailed next year, that lower-paid staff will be hardest hit by any increases for medical insurance. "I just hope that if there are raises given that they're across the board," Lawrence said.

Zguta agreed with her assessment. "We're all in this together," he said. "I would hate to think that one segment of the University community will suffer inordinately. In terms of fairness, I think the pain needs to be spread across the board."

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so that we can be stronger."

The governor stressed again that his No. 1 priority is education. "My goal is to make the University of Missouri one of the best public institutions in this entire country, and I will try to move mountains to help us get the resources to do that," Holden said.

"Education is the one thing that gives every child in our society – whether they be rich or poor; black, white, Hispanic or whatever; and of every economic circumstance – an opportunity. It doesn't guarantee anything, but it gives every child that opportunity. That's the reason I have been and am so committed to education."

Gov. Holden also called for investments in life sciences research as a key to Missouri's economic future. "I don't want Missouri just to be one of 50 states in this global economy; I want us to be a leader," he said.

"You don't do that without a commitment to education, and I don't believe you do that in Missouri without a commitment to life sciences. When people talk about the economy of the 21st century and what the keys are going to be, they talk about food and they talk about medicine, and both of them are based in the life sciences."

Chancellor Richard Wallace agreed that upcoming budget challenges in the state "are going to require some tough decisions at many different levels." But Wallace urged the University community not to lose sight of the goals that MU has been working to reach.

"We have a vision, and we're making progress and moving toward that vision of a stronger institution better prepared to serve the good folks of this state," Wallace said. "It would just be a shame if we let one or two years of tough budgets get so much in our way that we give up."

The chancellor also thanked Holden for his support last year in providing state funding to help get the new Life Sciences Center at MU under construction. "That would not have been possible without your being willing to make a hard decision to invest in us and invest in this state," Wallace said.

"We know from what you've done and what you've said that you have a strong commitment and belief in education across the board. You are a governor who has, and we believe will always, support higher education as a part of that broad spectrum of education from kindergarten all the way to graduate and professional education."

Several local lawmakers also spoke at the event Saturday, and they warned that legislative term limits will become a reality in the next few years. The University will have to work harder to get out its message, they said, because new lawmakers won't have experience in working on higher education issues or the clout that comes from seniority.

Rep. Ted Farnen, D-Mexico, noted that nearly half of the 163 members of the House of Representatives will leave after this year. Rep. Chuck Graham, D-Columbia, said it's critical for legislators to have an understanding of higher education.

"I have people on our appropriations committee who think that a professor at a community college is equal to and should be paid the same as a professor at the medical school," Graham said. "They think the cost of a medical student's education should be no greater than a student at a community college. They don't understand higher education."



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Concerts & Plays

Saturday, February 2

STUDENT RECITAL: Students will be performing "Black History: A Celebration in Song" at 2p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building.
GUEST RECITAL: Pianist Daniel Schene will perform at 8p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall.

Monday, February 4

FACULTY RECITAL: Stephen Bottom, assistant professor of music, will perform a trumpet recital at 8p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall.
UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES: The Assads, a classical guitar duo, will perform at 8p.m. in Jesse Auditorium.

Tuesday, February 5

UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES: The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7:30p.m. in Jesse Auditorium.

Wednesday, February 6

UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES: "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" will be performed

at 7p.m. in Jesse Auditorium.
GUEST RECITAL: Trombonist Paul Hunt will perform at 8p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall.
Thursday, February 7
THEATER SERIES: "Euripides' *PSYCLOPS*," by MU doctoral student Eric Love will be performed at 8 p.m. today through Feb. 9, and from Feb. 14-17 at the Corner Playhouse. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

Courses & Workshops

Wednesday, February 6

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: Open to all new MU staff, this orientation will be held from 8:30a.m.-noon in S203 Memorial Union. These orientations will be held throughout the semester on the first and third Wednesday of each month.
CPR WORKSHOP: "Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)" will be presented from 1-5p.m. today and April 2 in the Environmental Health & Safety classroom. To enroll, call 882-7018.

Thursday, February 7

ACCOUNTING SERVICES WORKSHOP: "MoCodes and Peoplesoft Chartfields" will be presented from 9a.m.-noon today, March 7, April 4 and May 2. For enrollment and location, use the MU training registration web site: <http://iats.missouri.edu/servlets/ASPRagTraining>.
HUMAN RESOURCES WORKSHOP: "Performance Management" will be presented from 9a.m.-3p.m. in 234/235 Brady Commons. Registration is required. Call 882-2603.
RADIATION SAFETY WORKSHOP: "Radiation Safety at MU-New Radiation Workers" will be presented from 1-3:30p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the Environmental Health & Safety classroom. To enroll, call 882-7018.

Exhibits

GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM GALLERY:

◆ "Annual Graduate Students Exhibition," an exhibit featuring work by current graduate students in the Master of Fine Arts degree program, will be on display through Feb. 1 in A125 Fine Arts Building.
 ◆ "Annual Art Department Faculty Exhibition," an exhibition of works in a wide range of media by current faculty members, will be on

display Feb. 7-March 1 in A125 Fine Arts Building. An opening reception will be held from 4-6p.m. Feb. 8 in the Bingham Gallery.

The gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

MUSEUM OF ART & ARCHAEOLOGY:

◆ "The Legacy of the Harlem Renaissance: Influences and Inspirations" will be on display Feb. 2-March 31.
 ◆ "Newspaper Lithographs by Honore Daumier: Social Satire in the Nineteenth Century" will be on display through May 26.
 ◆ "Tradition and Change: Art from Oceania" will be on display into 2003.

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:

◆ "To War with Pen and Brush: Artists Respond to World War II" is on display through February.
 The corridors are open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Thursday and noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES: The University Archives offer a number of online exhibits that document the history of MU. The most recent exhibit is "Mizzou on Canvas, A Portrait in Leadership," which features

portraits of former University officials. Links to the archives' exhibits are located at www.system.missouri.edu/archives/exhibitlist.html.

Films

Thursday, February 7

MUSEUM FILM SERIES: *Do the Right Thing* will show at 8p.m. in 106 in the Museum of Art and Archaeology.

Lectures & Seminars

Thursday, January 31

PSYCHOLOGY COLLOQUIUM: Denis McCarthy from the University of California-San Diego will present "The Role of Expectancies in the Bio-Behavioral Development of Alcohol-Related Behavior" from 3-5 p.m. in 313 Psychology Building, 200 S. Seventh St.
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SEMINAR: Tony Sanderfoot from Michigan State University will present "Genetic and Biochemical Dissection of the Syntaxis Gene Families of Arabidopsis" at 3:30p.m. in 106 Lefevre Hall.
RELIGION LECTURE: Andrea Bartoli from the Seminar on Conflict Resolution at Columbia University will present "The Role of Religions in International Conflict Resolution" at 7:30p.m. in Memorial Union Auditorium.

Monday, February 4

PHARMACOLOGY SEMINAR: John Lever, research associate professor of radiology, will present "Molecular Imaging of Opioid Receptors" at 1p.m. in M558 Medical Sciences Building.

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Tuesday, February 5**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

SEMINAR: David Sheff, a cell biologist from Yale University School of Medicine, will present "Are Recycling Endosomes Required for Endocytic Recycling" at 3:30 p.m. in 106 Lefevre Hall.

Wednesday, February 6**FAMILY MEDICINE**

SEMINAR: Kristofer Hagglund, professor of health psychology and associate dean for health policy in the School of Health Professions, will present "Health Care Initiatives of the 107th Congress" from 9:30-11 a.m. in MA3060, Medical Sciences Building.

GRADUATE ISSUES

SEMINAR: James Groccia, director of MU's Program for Excellence in Teaching, will present "The Scholarship of Teaching vs. Scholarly Teaching" at a brown-bag seminar that begins at noon in N208 Memorial Union.

MIDDAY GALLERY EVENT:

Anjail Rashida Ahmad, poet and

graduate instructor in English, will present "Harlem on My Mind: Poetic Reflections on Harlem Then and Now" at 12:15 p.m. in Pickard Hall.

Thursday, February 7**PSYCHOLOGY**

COLLOQUIUM: Mark Wood, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Rhode Island, will present "Social Influences in College Student Drinking: Peers, Parents and Pledges" from 3:30-5 p.m. in 313 Psychology Building.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

SEMINAR: Andrew Dancis from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine will present "Mitochondrial Iron Homeostasis" at 4 p.m. in 209 Gwynn Hall.

MUSEUM LECTURE: Kristin Schwain, assistant professor of art history and archaeology, will present "There Was Race in It: The Religious Art of African American Artists Henry Ossawa Tanner and Aaron Douglas" at

6 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall.

Meetings**Thursday, February 7****FACULTY COUNCIL**

MEETING: A meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. in S203 Memorial Union.

Special Events**Monday, February 4****CARDIOVASCULAR DAY:**

This day-long event of poster and oral presentations highlighting cardiovascular research at MU will begin at 8:30. There will be poster presentations at 1:15 & 4 p.m. The James O. Davis Distinguished Lecture will be presented at 11:30 a.m. and a reception and awards will be held at 4:45 p.m. All events will take place in the Reynolds Alumni Center. Registration is required. For more information, call Melissa Peterson at 882-8059.

MIZZOU IN THE media

Thomas Altena, a postdoctoral fellow in nutritional sciences, was featured in the December issue of *Self* magazine in an article about his research that compared the effectiveness of treadmill and elliptical exercise machines.

Sandy Camargo, assistant professor of English, was quoted in the Dec. 5 *Orlando Sentinel* for a story about war films.

Glen Cameron, professor of advertising, was quoted in a Dec. 2 article in the *Tulsa World* about targeted e-mail marketing.

Andrew Clarke, associate professor of food science, and **Melinda Hemmelgarn**, associate state nutrition specialist, were quoted in a November issue of *USA Today* magazine about food safety when cooking a Thanksgiving turkey.

Marilyn Coleman and **Larry Ganong**, professors of human development and family studies, were quoted in a Dec. 19 *Christian Science Monitor* article about divorced families' holiday celebrations.

Suraj Commuri, assistant professor of marketing, was quoted in a Nov. 30 article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and in a Dec. 12 article in the *Chicago Tribune* about his research on how couples reconcile their salary differences.

Randy Curry, associate professor of electrical engineering, and **Kenneth McDonald**, research associate professor of engineering, were featured in a Nov. 20 online article in CNN Money for their work on a new compound that eradicates anthrax and other airborne pathogens.

Research by **David Geary**,

professor of psychological sciences, and **Mark Flinn**, associate professor of anthropology, that found that parents do matter in their children's success was featured in a Nov. 24 article on HealthScout.com.

Sheila Grant, assistant professor of biological engineering, was quoted in Dec. 10 articles on HealthNewsDigest.com and CNNMoney, and the Jan. 13 *USA Weekend* magazine about her research on an HIV home test kit that could allow HIV patients to monitor their drug therapy from home.

Jana Iverson, assistant professor of psychological sciences, was featured in a Dec. 7 article in Yahoo!News and a Dec. 8 article in SafetyAlert.com for her research on hand gestures and developing speech in babies.

Bob Lawless, professor of law, was quoted in the Dec. 22 issues *Houston Chronicle* and *Black Enterprise Magazine*, and Dec. 23 on CNNMoney in stories about Compaq-Hewlett Packard and the European Union.

Ruth MacDonald, professor of food science, was quoted in the November issue of *Redbook* magazine in an article about the safety of soy and soy supplements.

Karen Multon, associate professor of educational and counseling psychology, was quoted in a Nov. 14 article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* about Rorschach personality tests.

Mary Neth, associate professor of history and women studies, was featured in an article about her research on the history of tap dance in the Oct. *Sunday Sun-Times* in Chicago and the Dec. 3 *Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal*.

Jeff Pasley, assistant professor of history, was quoted in a Nov. 18 article in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* about the changes in everyday life caused by war. Pasley also was quoted in Nov. 21 on ABCNews.com in a story about the history of the Pilgrims.

Elizabeth Rogers, assistant professor of nutritional sciences, was featured in a Dec. 11 story on CNNMoney about her research on iron deficiency.

Jean Sternlight, professor of law, was quoted in an article about arbitration that appeared in the Oct. 7 *San Francisco Chronicle*.

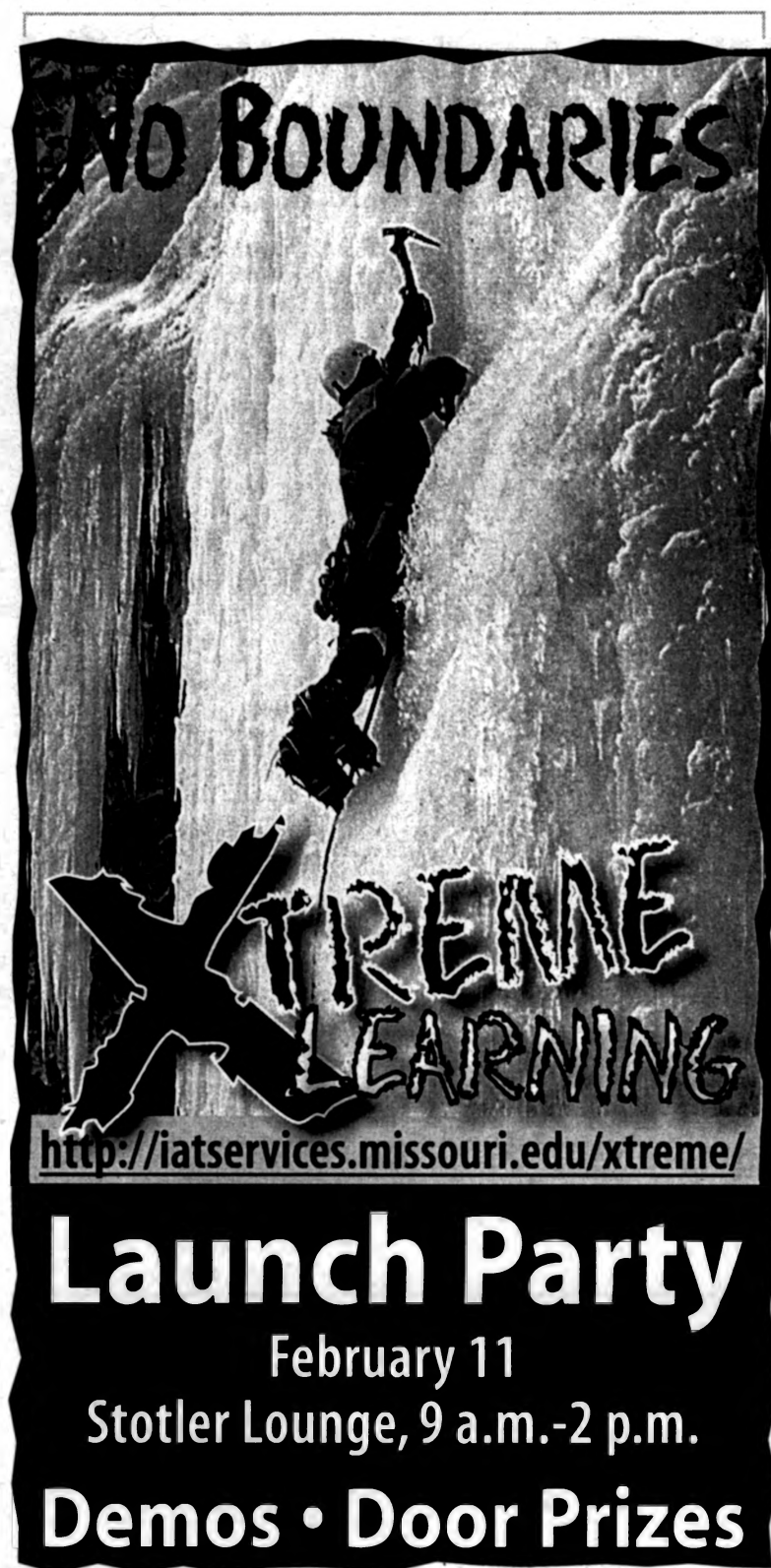
Roger Sunde, professor of biochemistry and nutritional sciences, was quoted in Nov. 21 articles on Yahoo!News and HealthScout.com about his research with the nutrient selenium that could lead to individualized nutrient requirements.

Jack Tanner, assistant professor of chemistry, was quoted in a Dec. 10 article on HealthNewsDigest.com and Dec. 17 on CNNMoney about his study on an antibody that could lead to new treatments for lupus.

Judy Wall, professor of biochemistry, in a Nov. 26 article on the Environmental News Network and a Nov. 27 article on CNNMoney about her research on a bacterium that might be used to clean up uranium contamination.

Rob Weagley, associate professor of consumer and family economics, was quoted in stories about the national economy on CNNfn Sept. 15, on ABCNews.com Sept. 23, and on Yahoo! News on Oct. 1 and Oct. 16. He also was quoted in articles about life insurance that were published in Dec. 2 editions of the *Los Angeles (Calif.) Daily News*, the *Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.) Sun-Sentinel*, the *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times*, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, the *Orlando Sentinel*, the *Orange County (Calif.) Register*, the *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram* and the *Sacramento Bee*.

Betty Winfield, professor of journalism, was quoted in the Nov. 30 *USA Today* and the Dec. 2 *Arizona Republic* in articles about the role of the first lady.



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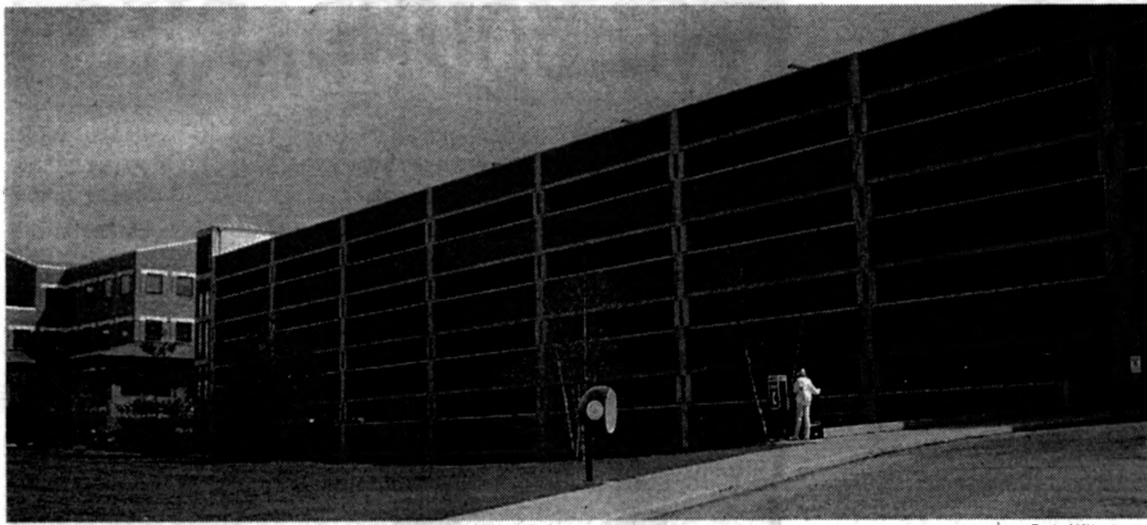
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MU looks down the road at parking



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PARK IT Turner Avenue parking garage is one of five parking structures at MU for faculty, staff and students. The new Virginia Avenue garage will add 1,900 spaces when it opens this summer. The campus has started discussing whether a seventh garage is necessary to meet the demand for parking.

SPACE RACE Campus planners work to balance Mizzou's growing pains with the need for accessible and affordable parking

In mid-December, one week after the fall semester ended, a holiday calm crept over most of the campus. But at the corner of Rollins Road and College Avenue bulldozers roared to life as work crews prepared the site for construction of MU's Life Sciences Center.

The new research center, slated for completion in 2004, represents a giant step forward for Mizzou's research enterprise. However, the project also underscores challenges that University planners face as they balance MU's growing pains with

competing campus needs. Finding enough accessible and affordable parking is only one of those trade-offs.

The new research center will provide critical laboratory and teaching space for the University's life sciences initiative. At the same time, the new building will displace hundreds of students and employees who parked on lots at the site.

Faculty and staff have been moved temporarily three blocks north to the University Avenue garage, and graduate students were moved to the Hitt Street garage. When the new Virginia Avenue garage comes on line this summer, those people will be the first to claim parking spaces in the 1,900-car structure.

"This is just the start of what

will be a major impact on campus over the next few years," said Jim Joy, director of Parking and Transportation Services. Joy recently briefed a campuswide committee that makes recommendations to the administration on parking policy.

Next semester, the parking advisory committee is charged with exploring whether MU should build another parking structure and how to pay for it.

Joy described some of the other major building projects that are in the pipeline, and how each will have an impact on parking assignments:

- When the College of Business moves into its new home in Cornell Hall on the South Quad this summer, the college's faculty and staff will be looking for convenient parking

spots in the heart of campus.

- As construction gets under way this fall on a new basketball arena south of the Hearnes Center, that project will uproot nearly 1,000 students who currently park in commuter lots there and take a shuttle bus to classes on campus.

- Residential Life plans to build a new dormitory on College Avenue a block south of Rollins Road behind Gillette Hall. That project will eliminate an existing 220-space lot for students who live in nearby residence halls.

- Long-range plans call for the State Historical Society of Missouri to move from Ellis Library to the old McKee Gymnasium building on Hitt Street. Although the necessary state funding has not yet been approved, an addition built on the east side of McKee would close a faculty and staff parking lot between Read and Tucker halls.

"The way I see it, we have three options to handle the deficit in our parking system," Joy said. "We could do nothing, and that's a terrible option. We could look at building more surface parking, but it's hard to find surface locations that are still left on campus."

A third option, Joy said, would be to build a seventh parking garage at MU. "I think most people on campus are sold on the idea of garages," he said. "The question is, how do we fund it?"

Jim Bunton, budget director and assistant vice chancellor for Administrative Services, described how the University has financed its existing parking structures.

For each garage, MU has used reserves from the parking fund and financed the remaining cost through revenue bonds. The bonds are then repaid with money generated by campus parking revenues — primarily the monthly parking fee that faculty, staff and students pay.

When MU started building garages in the mid-1980s, that model was an unusual financing approach for universities to take. Today, planning teams from other universities travel to Mizzou to learn how they can apply the same methods on their campuses.

The parking fee currently is \$15 a month, and those who park in garages pay an additional monthly surcharge of \$3. The parking fee was last raised in 1998 from \$13. As part of its deliberations, the parking advisory committee this semester will look at how much of a fee increase would be needed to fund another garage.

Bunton urged the committee to "look at what point parking

fees get too high. Are we getting close? I don't know the answer to that, but we have to be extremely sensitive to how much our employees and students pay for parking."

A new garage would likely cost in the range of \$13 million to \$14 million, or nearly \$9,000 per car space. By contrast, the first two campus parking structures — the Conley Avenue and University Avenue garages — were built in the mid-1980s at a cost of less than \$4,000 a space.

Jackie Jones, associate vice chancellor for Administrative Services, stressed to the committee that all the revenues raised by parking are used only to support that operation.

"The commitment we have always made to the campus is that the money generated by parking will stay in parking," Jones said. "If employees and students are going to pay these fees for parking, they should be able to see that that commitment has been kept."

Jones also asked committee members to consider other possible options as they look at the funding needs for a new parking garage. "I think we need to look at all the issues, because we don't want a one-dimensional view of this," she said. "It's important that we get the collective sense of this group."

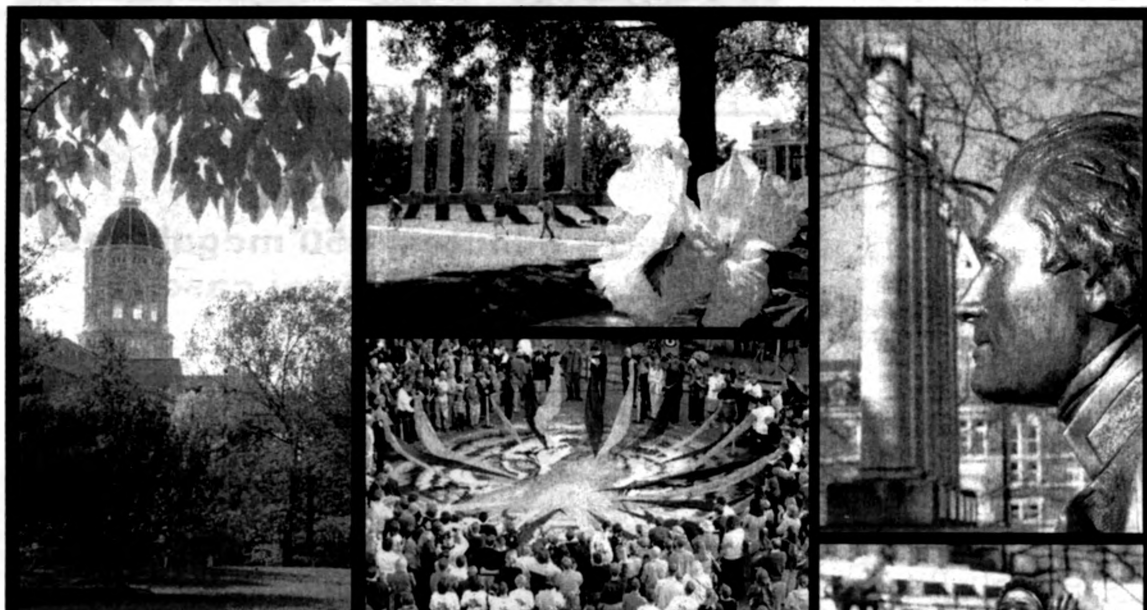
For example, some universities restrict the use of cars by freshmen in order to hold down demand for parking on campus. "But what would that do for our recruitment efforts?" Jones asked. "And if it had a negative impact on enrollment, what would that mean for our student fee revenues?"

Joy said that MU has avoided any campus policy that restricts parking access for students. "Some campuses don't have any student parking," Joy said. "Some campuses increase parking fees as a way to decrease demand. But we would not be taking care of business by pretending the demand doesn't exist."

Another long-term possibility might be an agreement between the University and the city of Columbia to enhance citywide mass transit so that Mizzou employees and students could take buses from their home to campus.

"If a new parking garage is the best option, then so be it. But I think it's important to look at all the options. The buck stops here whether we want it to or not," Jones said.

"No other committee is going to be looking at this issue from the perspective of someone driving a car to campus who wants to find a place to park."



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on admitting persons from underrepresented groups who equal their representation in the United States, which is about 22 percent." Kelly says that the school has met and exceeded its first goal each year since the plan has been in operation. In the past three years, 100 percent of underrepresented students have graduated with master's degrees in social work.

MU is among the very top public institutions in the country that have a broad range of graduate pipeline projects, Ortega says. "Under the leadership of former dean Charles Sampson, as well as faculty and departments, the Graduate School has aggressively sought out and received funding from agencies like the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health to create opportunities to bring talented undergraduates to campus for research experiences and, subsequently, to recruit them. We have good internal fellowship support as well."

An aggressive campaign to gain Marshall Fellowships, along with internal research assistantships for talented students in social work, allows students and faculty to work together in mentoring and research projects, Kelly says. "All of our faculty have indicated they would be willing to work with students, recognizing the duality of the responsibility to help students learn more about the research ethic while advancing their own research goals."

Faculty role models are an important part of retention. Recruiting them in all genders and hues has to be part of any comprehensive strategy, Ortega says. "Our faculty need to validate the experiences of students and reflect society."

Over the past two years, the Graduate School has developed the multicultural teaching scholars program in collaboration with the minority affairs, international programs and faculty development office. The program brings to MU scholars in their last year of doctoral study at institutions across the country who come to campus to teach during the summer session.

The idea is that those scholars will serve as role models to the students, Ortega says. "By giving them a chance to learn more about the University and departments to learn more about them, we'll have a better chance of attracting them as they transition into their first faculty position."

Black belt in theater

MARTIAL ARTS TROUPE

Theater is a passion for MU staffer

Who could have known that a request to choreograph a "fight" on stage would lead to a life-long passion for acting and theater. Long ago, someone asked martial arts buff Russ Brown to help with a fight scene in a theater production. That introduction sparked his interest in the performing arts.

Brown has worked at the University for more than three years as marketing director for the Department of Theatre. He handles all the advertising and promotional materials, and even runs the box office.

Brown likes his job, likes his coworkers and the theater department, but he would rather be acting, directing and writing. "This is what I do," Brown says of his job, "but theater is what I love."

When he is not working his "real job," Brown is involved in community theater, especially musicals and children's theater. He has performed with the Columbia Entertainment Company and the Maplewood Barn Theater.

One of his more memorable moments came last fall when he performed in *We Were Dancing*, written by MU professor Jim Miller. "He practically wrote the part for me," said Brown. "It was quite an honor."

Brown holds a black belt in the martial art of Tae Chuang Do. Along with specialized training through the Society of American Fight Directors, that qualifies him to direct and choreograph theatrical fight scenes.

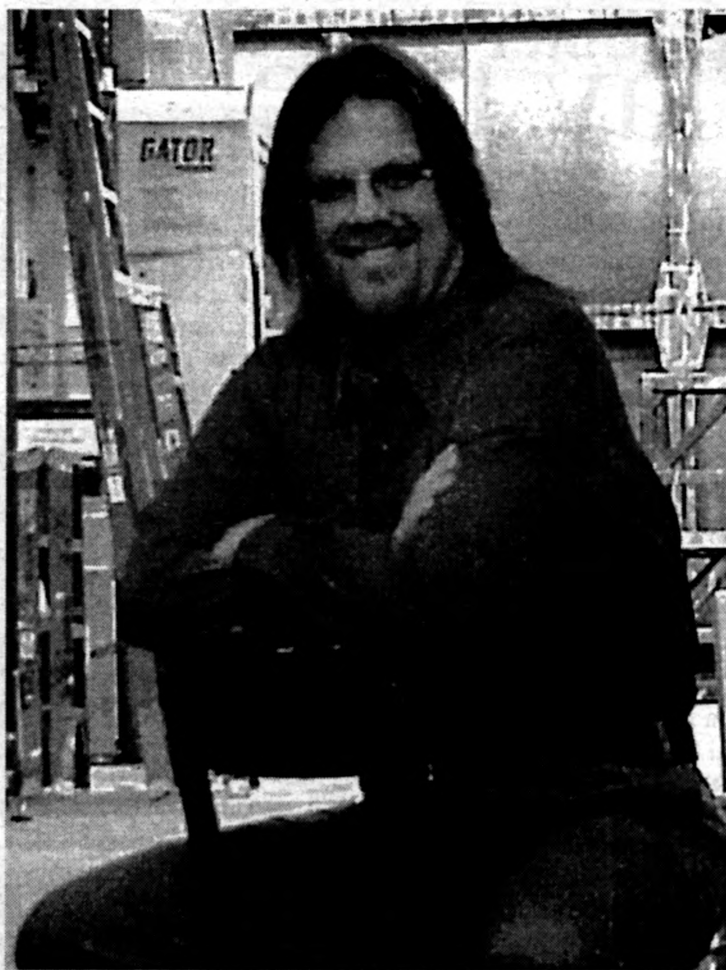
He's quick to explain that his expertise in staging fights has little resemblance to the make-believe mayhem on the professional wrestling tour. "It's nothing at all like that," Brown says. "It's much more

sophisticated."

The scene may be one actor slapping another, a sword fight or maybe a major battle sequence. It is Brown's job to make sure the actors and actresses perform the scene correctly and safely.

"That's how I got into theater in the first place," said Brown. "I was practicing martial arts and would choreograph demonstrations. Someone from the junior college in my hometown asked me to help with a fight scene in a play."

Not long after that Brown



Steve Morse photo

CENTER STAGE Martial arts buff Russ Brown, marketing director for MU's Department of Theatre, caught the theater bug when he choreographed an on-stage fight scene in a theater production.

did his first show. His interest and love of the theater has only grown since then. Brown also likes to write plays, particularly pieces for children's theater. Last year he wrote a play based on Oscar Wilde's short story, "The Selfish Giant." The play has been performed by the local TRYPS (Theater Reaching Young People in Schools) organization. The play is

presently entered in the "News Visions, New Voices" playwrighting competition at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Brown is currently rehearsing for his starring role in *Jekyll and Hyde*. The play will be presented by the Columbia Entertainment Company in February.

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PARENTAL VIOLENCE

A 33-year veteran of hockey coaching says he's become all too familiar with 'youth sports rage'

Earlier this week, a Boston man was sentenced to prison for manslaughter after he beat another father to death in a dispute over their sons' hockey practice. The trial brought an end to a case that had horrified the country and turned a national spotlight on the problem of parental violence at youth sports events.

But Doug Abrams says it was only a matter of time before someone was killed. "When children roughhouse, parents always tell them to stop before someone gets hurt," says Abrams, a professor of law at MU.

"Increasing numbers of parents have been roughhousing at their children's games for the past decade, and people have sometimes gotten hurt. Now a parent has died."

Abrams should know; he's been a youth ice hockey coach for 33 years and also is an expert on adult violence at kids' sports events. By using computerized databases each day, he tracks media reports of the violent incidents. He says that adult confrontations have become commonplace in youth leagues, frequently controlled only when

police are summoned to restore order.

Brawling parents have even disrupted preschoolers' T-ball games. The parents usually emerge with little more than hurt feelings, cuts and bruises, and an occasional broken nose or split lip. Their bewildered children leave the event embarrassed by the spectacle.

Abrams blames that parental violence for the large number of children who throw in the towel on sports. More than half of all American youngsters play organized sports at some time during their youth. However, about 70 percent of young athletes quit playing by the time they reach 13, and nearly all quit by the time they reach 15.

Abrams has written and spoken extensively about the youth sports drop-out rate and its causes. More than any other reason, Abrams has found that young athletes quit playing because parents and coaches imposed too much pressure to win, yelled at them for making errors and cut or benched less talented players, taking the fun out of practice games and sessions.

"Children are smart enough to know that play is supposed to be fun, and to grow dissatisfied when it is not," Abrams said.

Abrams said that many children also quit because they are embarrassed by the conduct



ALL THE RAGE Law professor Doug Abrams says that more and more kids are throwing in the towel on youth sports because pressure from parents and coaches take the fun out of competing.

of their parents and coaches. "I see parental 'youth sports rage' in the stands almost every time I coach a game," he said. "I have coached children who were so embarrassed by their parents' lack of self-control at games that they specifically asked the parents to stay home."

"I also have coached some youngsters who probably quit

prematurely to end the family embarrassment. They could not have had much fun playing with one eye always nervously on their parents."

How can adults keep teenagers involved in sports? Abrams advises that "we must begin with a basic proposition: Adult spectators, coaches and league administrators are guests at the children's games. If no adult attended, our hosts - the children - could still choose sides and play. Children do not need the adults unless they have something positive to offer."

Abrams adds that adults must meet the four basic needs of child athletes. Child athletes need to:

- ◆ play without unhealthy pressure to win imposed by parents and coaches;
- ◆ be treated like children, and not like miniature professionals;
- ◆ have adult role models whose sportsmanlike behavior helps make participation fun;
- ◆ play without adult-imposed pressure for financial gain inspired by professional or collegiate sports.

When adults lead a child to quit playing at an early age, the athlete loses opportunities to learn responsibility, perseverance, loyalty, self-control, self-discipline and other virtues, Abrams says. Sometimes, the missed opportunity can be even more detrimental.

"When large numbers of teens are excluded from team sports or from participating with peers in individual sports, many of these teens will drift toward other peer groups, including ones likely to cause trouble," Abrams warns.

"With time on their hands and without the opportunity to 'turn on' to sports, many of these teens will turn on to something else, often drugs and alcohol."

Abrams has just written an article titled, "The Challenges Facing Parents and Coaches in Youth Sports: Assuring Children Fun and Equal Opportunity," which appears in the upcoming issue of the *Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*.

In addition to serving as president of the Jefferson City youth hockey program, Abrams has received numerous awards for working for and with youth. He received the 1994 Meritorious Service to the Children of America Award, recognizing his excellence in teaching juvenile law, his public service on children's legal issues, and his years of working with children as a youth-league ice hockey coach. Since 1968, he has coached more than 4,000 youngsters.

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INbrief

National newspaper group moves to MU

The National Newspaper Association recently announced that it will locate new headquarters in Columbia, and will work with the School of Journalism to establish new partnerships for the association's programs.

Established in 1885, the National Newspaper Association is the voice of America's community newspapers and the largest newspaper association in the country. The group's board of directors also will operate an office in the Washington, D.C. area.

"We believe it is a natural partnership for the school, one that we hope will strengthen both partners' ability to serve U.S. journalism," said Dean Mills, dean of journalism.

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Reaching the masses

E-COMMUNICATION

The MU Alumni Association launches new electronic newsletter

Alumni and friends of the University are linking to @Mizzou to find out what is happening at Mizzou. The new monthly electronic newsletter of campus and alumni news, research and sports had its debut in November, going to more than 21,000 readers via e-mail.

The new communication vehicle is a joint effort between the MU Alumni Association and University Affairs. "We are

responding to the national trend in both commercial business and higher education," says Lori Croy, coordinator of Web Communications. "We researched to find the best examples of e-newsletters and hope we have delivered a product to our audience that reflects the best practices we uncovered."

The original focus for the newsletter was that it be a compilation of the University's most recent news releases, "distributed in a quick, easily digestible format to alumni to keep them up-to-date with campus research and programs," says the newsletter's writer and

editor Kathy Deters, a senior information specialist with the MU News Bureau. "We hope @Mizzou will continue to be a good source of information regarding the latest campus news and research."

Students, faculty and staff may view the newsletter at: atmizzou.missouri.edu.

With the first issue, readers were asked to complete an online survey. Deters says that those responses will help shape the content and layout for upcoming issues. Questions and comments about the newsletter may be sent to her at atmizzou@missouri.edu.

Many universities and schools are using online technologies to interact with alumni, and Mizzou is no exception, says Todd McCubbin, assistant executive

director of the MU Alumni Association. "The primary goal is to communicate with more alumni and friends consistently and in a more timely fashion than ever before," he says. "We sent the first issue in November and we received great comments about it. Alumni seem to really appreciate receiving Mizzou news via this medium."

The second issue was delivered on Jan. 24 and subsequent issues will be sent out monthly. Typically, each mailing will contain a brief description of about 25 various items from University research to Tiger athletics, along with links that connect the readers to the full stories and photographs.

"It's a big initiative for the University, because it allows us

to get in touch with our alumni and friends much faster and in a more cost-effective manner than with a printed publication," McCubbin says. "We are just beginning to scratch the surface in terms of how e-communication can help in our public and alumni relations."

A key to the University's mission, McCubbin says, is to have an informed alumni and donor base.

"We want to better inform our publics of Mizzou's story. Often we rely on outside publications to tell our story, and they do a great job. However, it's better and more effective if you can tell it straight from the source."

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