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Reminder: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday is Monday, Jan. 17.

Parking Preview

What's the status of plans for a new garage at MU, a reader asks Q&A.

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Missouri legislature shifts into high gear

With a bang of gavels, the Missouri General Assembly got down to business Jan. 5. The University's state appropriations for the 2001 fiscal year is one of many issues that lawmakers will grapple with over the next few months.

Already they've received a recommendation from the state Coordinating Board for Higher Education that suggests an increase of more than \$37 million, or 8.9 percent, in the UM System's core budget — from \$418.7 million in the current year to nearly \$456 million next year.

On top of that figure, the CBHE is recommending that the state continue to fund the

University's mission enhancement proposal with an additional \$15 million for the coming year.

Now, legislators are waiting for Gov. Mel Carnahan to unveil his budget recommendations during his Jan. 19 "state-of-the-state" speech.

While some lawmakers have worried publically about a tight budget year on the horizon, several legislators who are leaders in higher education issues hope that budgets for the state's colleges and universities will continue to see steady, moderate increases.

Although he's hesitant to second-guess Gov. Carnahan's recommendations, Rep. Ted

Farnen, chair of the House Higher Education Committee, thinks it's "doubtful we could give that whole increase" suggested by the CBHE, said Farnen, D-Mexico.

Still, Gov. Carnahan's budget recommendations "have been very good to the University especially over the past four or five years. I hope he'll come through again," Farnen said. "The legislature has tried, we really have tried, to get more resources for higher education. It's fair to say the legislature has done its part."

Much of the action on the University's budget will take place in the House Appropriations Committee for

Education and Public Safety, chaired by Rep. Scott Lakin, D-Kansas City North.

Lakin said that members of his committee are "supporters of education, particularly higher education. We realize that in order to compete — not only in this state, but nationally and internationally — access to quality higher education is essential.

"The University has a long tradition and well-known programs that are respected throughout the country. We want to continue to support that," Lakin said.

He particularly applauded UM President Manuel Pacheco's
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Welcome to your new *Mizzou Weekly*

Mizzou Weekly has a new look for the new year. We've redesigned it with bigger type, more photos and illustrations, and more features of interest to the campus community.

We think the redesign makes *Mizzou Weekly* more informative and reader-friendly, but we want to know what you think. Please send any comments on our new look to *Mizzou Weekly*, 407 Reynolds Center. You can also phone in your comments to 884-6984, fax us at 882-7290, or shoot us an e-mail at publications@missouri.edu

Preserving Mizzou's architectural heritage

A couple of art history and archaeology sleuths are digging up valuable information on MU's buildings, particularly those 50 years old or older.

Poring over newspaper clippings, photos, blueprints and drawings, graduate students Amy Benedict and Lori Hanna look for structures' construction dates and renovations, and architectural and cultural histories.

Their investigations serve as the foundation for a database that will be accessible via the internet to anyone interested in the University's historic fabric.

"What we find is compiled into a report that highlights a building's history," says Benedict, a doctoral candidate specializing in Greek archaeology who started working on the database in fall '98. "A bibliography is included that will link to additional resources containing more specific details."

The idea to keep information of this kind in one place came from the campus' historic preservation committee, formed a couple of years ago under the direction of Campus Facilities. For years Osmund Overby, a professor of art history and archaeology, was the onsite consultant for issues relating to historic preservation. "When he retired, it became clear we

needed to come up with another source of wisdom," says committee member Ruth Brent, chair and professor of environmental design, and chair of the campus planning committee. "It was proposed and implemented that we pull together some interested, knowledgeable individuals who care about historic preservation."

Whenever buildings undergo renovation or repair, committee members study proposals outlining the changes and then make recommendations to ensure the historic integrity remains intact. "The committee wanted more information on the buildings' histories, and so did we in Campus Facilities," says Larry Edwards, director of facilities management and a HPC member. "We decided we could use a database that eventually will be available to anyone who wants to know about all of our buildings' characteristics, materials and style, as well as what significant events occurred there." The project has been under way since January 1998, and Edwards estimates that students, working in pairs, will spend about five years collecting and organizing the data.

Overby catapulted the collaboration between Campus Facilities and art history and archaeology graduate students



Rob Hill photo

HISTORIC INTEGRITY Amy Benedict is one of two graduate students who, with help from mentor Osmund Overby, are developing a historical database on MU's older buildings like McKee Gym. Built in 1923, the building was called "the women's gym" until 1974, when it was named in honor of Mary McKee, longtime women's physical education professor.

who share his fondness for MU's architectural history and for research. "I've always been interested in the history of the place where I've been lucky enough to work for the past 35 years," says Overby, who retired in 1998. "I've been collecting information about it and had students writing about it since I

came here in 1964. So it is something I know a lot about."

Too often students conduct research from secondary sources, reading what someone else had discovered and put together, Overby says. "With this project, students actually use archival materials and get real practice of doing basic research."

Not only will the students' discoveries help decide the immediate fate of some buildings, Overby points out, but they will benefit historians in the long-run. "Someday it will be possible for someone to write a good history of the architectural climate of the campus, and having this kind of information will make that work better and easier."

To help ease the students into this project, Overby handed them a couple of boxes of term papers saved from his classes. After gleaning relevant information from this source, they struck out on their own, scouring the State Historical Society and University Archives for written reports and photographs, and studying blueprints, floor plans and drawings at Campus Facilities. They pay close attention to buildings a half century old or older, as that is the required age for any structure to be considered for the National Register of Historic Places.

Having information like this accessible from one location has helped the committee do a more responsible job in deciding the future of some buildings. "We were trying to decide whether to remove the chimneys on Read Hall," Edwards says. "They serve no functional purpose, but when we looked at the old photos and thought about how the building would look without them, the committee recommended we should not tear them down, but repair and maintain them."

The forgotten King

In honor of the Martin Luther King holiday, MU will host a special symposium Jan. 21 titled "The Forgotten King: Struggles Against Poverty in the New Millennium." The symposium will build on the later work of the slain civil rights leader, especially his interest in addressing critical issues of the poor.

In addition to local and campus experts, the event will feature panel discussions by three nationally known scholars: Manning Marable, founding director of the Institute for Research in African

American Studies at Columbia University and the author of 13 books; Linda Burnham, an activist and scholar and founding director of the Women of Color Resource Center in Berkeley, Calif.; and Gerald McKnight, author of *The Last Crusade: Martin Luther King, Jr., the FBI, and the Poor People's Campaign*.

The keynote speakers will hold a panel discussion from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in

Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge, followed at noon by a discussion between the panelists and students. From 1:30 to 3 p.m. there will be concurrent workshops looking at the connection between

poverty and education, health and welfare reform. A closing panel titled "Think Globally, Act Locally:

Transforming Mid-Missouri," will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Stotler



Lounge. A reception and creative writing reading by children from local schools will be held from 4:45 to 6 p.m. in the Black Culture Center

All events are open to the public; and continuing education or graduate credit is available for attending the symposium. With questions, contact Helen Neville at 882-2770, or by e-mail at nevilleh@missouri.edu.

Registration information and a complete list of activities is available on the web at: www.missouri.edu/~mlkwww

An unqualified success for United Way

The University has a lot to be proud of. Its 1999 United Way campaign went way over the top. When the final tally was counted up, University employees had pledged \$412,000 to assist the 29 member agencies in the mid-Missouri area. That total is nearly 5 percent above the \$393,500 campaign goal.

Several individual University departments earned bragging rights for their efforts during the United Way campaign. Student Financial Aid and Construction Management

Planning for the long term

EARLY RETIREMENT Forums provide answers to faculty, staff questions about early retirement

The questions came fast and furious at a recent series of open forums to discuss the University's early retirement program. Mike Paden, director of faculty and staff benefits, explained the new voluntary program and then fielded questions from the nearly 200 faculty and staff who filled the Memorial Union Auditorium Jan. 4.

If you file an intent to retire, are you then obligated to retire? "Yes," Paden explained, "it's an irrevocable election."

Are there cost-of-living increases for pension?

"The Board of Curators has a history of providing these cost-of-living increases, but they are not guaranteed," Paden said, and added that those increases would depend on available resources and the retirement fund's

performance. Retirees may, however, opt for a guaranteed annual cost-of-living increase that would slightly decrease their monthly pension payment.

Will the Feb. 29 deadline to sign up for early retirement be extended?

"There will be no extension," Paden said. "This program has been approved by the Board of Curators, so that window is set."

Slightly more than 1,000 faculty and staff are eligible for the early retirement program on the MU campus and at University Hospital and Clinics. Employees who will be at least 55 years old by Sept. 1, and with at least 10 years at the University, will be eligible to retire without a pension reduction or will receive credit for three additional years of service, whichever provides the greater benefit.

Paden's staff will conduct another round of information sessions on the early retirement plan at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Jan. 18 in the Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge.

However, faculty and staff have other opportunities find out what their benefits would be under the early retirement program. Eligible employees received an information booklet that included worksheets to help them estimate pension benefits.

Faculty and Staff Benefits also launched a web site last week that allows interested employees to work through their early retirement options based on actual University salary and employment history.

To use the web site go to: www.system.missouri.edu:80/hrs/benefits/welcome.htm and click on the box titled "Estimate Your

Retirement Benefits."

"Our objective has been to put at least general tools in your hands to make many of the decisions on your own," Paden said. "We're working hard to make sure you don't have any surprises down the road."

Interested faculty and staff can first go through the worksheets in the early retirement booklet, then obtain pension estimates from the web site, and decide if early retirement is financially feasible.

Then, employees can make appointments with their campus or hospital benefits office to get an individual estimate of their early retirement benefits. For some employees, particularly faculty members with summer appointments, the benefits computations are more complicated. "We're probably going to need to sit down with you and go through your benefit with you," Paden said.

He also urged those interested in the early retirement program

Early retirement plan

- Eligible employees would have to elect to participate in the program before March 1, and must retire before on or before Sept. 1.
- Individual dates of retirement will be subject to administration approval, but in no event may the date of retirement be later than Sept. 1, 2000.
- The retiree's post-retirement medical insurance costs would be reduced. The University's current plan requires the retiree to pay part of the premium based upon age at retirement and length of service.

to think through their options carefully — for instance, retirees can select from different annuity payments that provide different pension levels depending on survivor benefits, guaranteed payment periods and cash payouts, among other options.

It's so important to make good decisions on annuity selection," Paden said, and he passed on a message from the MU Retirees Association: "They stress the importance of thinking in the long term."

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received special honors as departments with at least 10 employees that had 100 percent or more participation. Two other campus units narrowly missed out on the special honors designation and instead received "special accolades." Although the Chancellor's Office had 100 percent participation, it has only nine employees, and the Department of Veterinary Biological Sciences had 99 percent participation.

The University United Way campaign effort is divided into units called regions. The academic 1 region raised 107

percent of its goal; the administrative region raised 112 percent of its goal, and University retirees raised 117 percent of their goal. "All in all, we were very pleased with the participation and the willingness to support United Way on behalf of the University," said Gary Smith, director of admissions and registrar, who served as the University's campaign co-chair this year.

And the winner is...

The window of opportunity is closing, but you still have a chance to cast your cyberballot in The New Yorker Book Awards. Why bother, you ask? Well, two of the 15 finalists have better than average Mizzou connections.

One of the five finalists in the poetry category is Sherod Santos, professor of English and director of MU's creative writing program. Santos was nominated for his recent collection of lyric poems, *The*



Pilot Star Elegies. In the nonfiction category, 1973 journalism graduate Bob Shacochis was nominated for his book, *The Immaculate Invasion*, which details the lives of U.S. Special Forces

commandos in Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy.

The deadline for voting is tomorrow, Jan. 14. Visit the awards web site at: www.newyorker.com

And, oh yes, you can only vote once.

Millennium members

The University Club is sponsoring a membership drive, and new resident members who join the club by Feb. 29 will receive a 50 percent reduction in the initiation fee along with other incentives.

Those interested in learning more about the University Club are encouraged to attend the Winter Warmer Welcome from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 20 in the Reynolds Alumni Center. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres, live music and a cash bar; R.S.V.P. to 882-2586.

Medical dean finalists visit campus

Daniel Winship, vice chancellor for health affairs, has released the names of the three finalists for the position of dean of the MU School of Medicine. The candidates will come to campus this month for a series of interviews. The candidates are:

■ William M. Crist is professor of pediatrics and chair of pediatric and adolescent medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Crist graduated from the MU School of Medicine in 1969, and was a resident and fellow in pediatrics and pediatric hematology at Washington University School of Medicine.

Crist has been a faculty member at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he was director of pediatric hematology and oncology at the Children's Hospital; at the University of Tennessee in Memphis; and was chair of hematology and oncology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

■ James. M. Herman is associate dean for primary care and

chair of family and community medicine at Penn State College of Medicine at Hershey Medical Center. He also serves as the director and chief of family and community medicine with Penn State Geisinger Health System and director of outpatient clinics.

Since 1993 Herman has been project director for the Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center. Previously he was director of education in the Department of Family Practice at Harrisburg (Pa.) Hospital, medical director for utilization management with HealthAmerica of Central Pennsylvania, and a faculty member at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, NC. He earned his medical degree from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and has completed a master's degree in public health at MU.

■ Russell T. Joffe has been vice president and dean of health sciences at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario since 1997. Previously he was professor

and chairman of psychiatry at McMaster, and was a psychiatry faculty member at the University of Toronto.

Joffe completed medical

school at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and continued his psychiatry training at the Biological Psychiatry Branch of the National Institute of Mental

Health, Bethesda, MD; the Psychiatry Consultation-Liaison Service at the National Institutes of Health; McMaster University and the Royal Ottawa Hospital at the University of Ottawa.

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The MU Retirees Association computer interest group is planning a series of monthly meetings during the winter semester. All retirees interested in taking part should send their e-mail addresses to persvn@hotmail.com to be included in the group. Retirees can also call Vernon Nettles, who chairs the computer interest group, at 442-2768.

The association's personal finance group meets at 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in S207 Memorial Union. For more information, contact Dabney Doty at 442-1210.

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What's the largest small department on campus? It's one that most people have never heard of, but its work touches the lives of thousands in various ways. The answer: it's the Electronic Instrument Lab.

"We have staff and faculty come in all the time and say they had no idea we were here," says supervisor Mark Hulse. He and the lab's three technicians work out of the Physics Building to maintain and repair a multitude of electronic devices around campus. Whether it's a centrifuge, a power supply, or sophisticated analytical instrumentation, if it's electronic these guys can fix it or build you a new one.

When Hulse started at MU in 1961, he was only the lab's second full-time employee. The first had been hired in 1958 to work on the University's original electron microscope, then located in the basement of Stewart Hall. The Electronic Instrument Lab is a unit of Information and Access Technology Services.

During the 1970s, lab technicians began collaborating with campus plant pathology and horticulture departments on a project which continues today. Hulse and his staff designed and built sensing units to report plant growing conditions in the field.

The sensors measure critical growth factors such as air and soil temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, wind speed



Steve Morse photo

REMOTE CONTROL Campus weather information is at your fingertips, thanks to the crew at the Electronic Instrument Lab. Supervisor Mark Hulse, second from left, and senior electronics technicians, from right, Kent Edwards, Roy Parker and Bill Bennett developed and maintain this weather sensing unit at Sanborn Field.

and direction, leaf wetness, even solar radiation. The data is transmitted via radio to a computer, sometimes miles away, and placed on the internet.

Sensors located at Sanborn Field make current weather conditions accessible on the University's web page. Since the counter was reset in mid-May, that site already has had more than 116,000 "hits." The web site is located at: eil.iats.missouri.edu/wx/sanborn.htm

This up-to-the-minute information helps researchers predict the onset of plant disease and insect infestation. They then can apply pesticides or fungicides when it does the most good, reducing chemical use as much as 50 percent while at the same time lowering production costs and environmental impact. There are 30 of these sensor units in use across the United States and

one in Beirut, Lebanon.

But this is far from being the lab's only project. The staff also designed a monitor that actually attaches to insects with tiny wires to monitor their feeding habits on plants. The device is used by a number of researchers and was even purchased by Disneyworld to help maintain plants and minimize insect damage at the popular amusement park.

On a sweeter note, they worked with a local soft-drink company to put 50 soda machines around campus "on line." The pilot project placed sensors in the machines which tell the company when the machines jam or need restocking.

The list of special projects goes on and on. "We have file cabinets full of projects," says Hulse. "Some are one-of-a-kind, and others go on for years."

calendar



Send calendar items by Campus Mail to Mizzou Weekly Calendar, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, by noon Thursday the week before publication. Events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Concerts and Plays

Sunday, January 16

JAZZ SERIES: Joanne Brackeen-Ray Drummond Duo will perform at 3:30 p.m. at Murry's. For ticket information, call 874-1944.

Saturday, January 22

CONCERT SERIES: I Musici de Montreal, a 14 member orchestra under the direction of Yuli Turovsky, will perform at 8 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781.

1:30-5 p.m. in S203 Memorial Union.

Thursday, January 20

ACCOUNTING SERVICES CLASS: "Account Information on the Web," with a prerequisite of FRS on the Web and Account Types and Subcodes, will be presented from 9-11:30 a.m. in the second-floor computer lab in the Turner Avenue garage. Registration is required, call 882-3051 or visit www.missouri.edu/~muacct/training.htm.

Conferences

Friday, January 21

MARTIN LUTHER KING SYMPOSIUM: "The Forgotten King: Struggles Against Poverty in the New Millennium" will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Memorial Union. A reception and creative writing reading will be held at the Black Culture Center from 4:45-6 p.m. For locations and times, visit www.missouri.edu/~mlkwww.

Courses

Wednesday, January 19

FIRST AID TRAINING: Red Cross-certified training in adult first aid and CPR will be offered from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Environmental Health and Safety classroom in the Research Park Development Building. Registration is required, call 882-7018.

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Lectures and Seminars

Thursday, January 13

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR: Provost Brady Deaton will present "Thailand 35 Years Later" at noon in S16 Memorial Union.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES LECTURE: Wesley Harris, professor and chair of chemistry at UM-St. Louis, will present "Binding and Transport of Fe(III) and Other Metal Ions by Serum Transferrin" at 4 p.m. in 209 Gwynn Hall.

Thursday, January 20

CAMPUS WRITING PROGRAM DISCUSSION: "Micro/Macro-Evolution and the Teaching of Science: Seventy-Five Years After the Scopes Trial" will be discussed at 4 p.m. in 113 Arts & Science Building. Moderator John Kultgen, professor of philosophy, will lead panelists Becky Litherland, science coordinator for Columbia Public Schools; Gerald Summers, associate professor of biological sciences; and Jan Weaver, director of environmental studies.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES LECTURE: Tom Lyons, post-doctoral fellow in molecular biology, will present "Genomewide Techniques for Studying Nutrient Regulation of Gene Expression" at 4 p.m. in 209 Gwynn Hall.

Meetings

Wednesday, January 19

MU WOMEN'S NETWORK: The Women's Network meeting will begin at noon, with a program by Rebecca Smith from University Hospital Health Connection on "Post-Holiday Harmony: Wellness Through Tai Chi" from 12:15-1:15 p.m. All events will be held in 234-235 Brady.

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Uniting 'gown and town'

To the editor:

Due to the enormous generosity of the residents and organizations in our community, at least 29 United Way agencies in mid-Missouri will receive financial resources to help them serve over 100,000 needy people in seven counties during the year 2000. Thanks so very much to all of the employees and retirees of MU, the UM System office, and University Hospital and Clinics who made a contribution to the 1999 United Way campaign. It is so heartwarming to witness an entire community work together to make a difference in other peoples' lives.

A wonderful "gown-town"

relationship has been demonstrated again this year with the University's tremendously successful United Way campaign. In a very real sense, this is the second time in the last four years that the community-wide campaign has attained its goal due to the University surpassing its goal. The goal for the 1999 Columbia Area United Way campaign was \$2.1 million. The total raised thus far is \$2,124,682, which is a 4.3 percent increase over last year's results.

Those who receive assistance from agencies affiliated with the Columbia Area United Way include families that have too little food or lack medical insurance, children who have suffered from neglect or abuse, senior citizens who need some type of support, and every "shape and size" of person in between. Without exception, the staff members we've met at various United Way agencies are very competent and extremely hard-working, so we can be confident that quality services

are being provided to those in need.

Thanks again to all the campaign donors and volunteers as well as to the United Way staff and the affiliated agencies for helping to serve the needs of so many mid-Missouri residents. Columbia and surrounding towns are better places to live because of your generosity.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Pam Walker, co-chairs, 1999 Columbia Area United Way campaign

FOR THE record

Call for poster abstracts

Abstracts are now being accepted for the Molecular Biology Program's poster session to be held March 8 and 9 during Molecular Biology Week. The annual event attracts more than 100 posters

from campus researchers using molecular techniques; only students and postdocs are eligible for the contest. Grants are awarded for the top three posters, and ribbons are awarded to the 10 best designed posters.

The deadline for submitting poster abstracts is Feb. 1. Abstract forms must be filled out and submitted electronically at biotech.missouri.edu/mbp/exchange/mbw2k/form.

Compliance Specialist, Health Sciences Institutional Review Board MU Office of Research

The University of Missouri - Columbia (MU) is seeking an energetic and experienced individual to serve as Compliance Specialist for the Health Sciences Institutional Review Board.

The Compliance Specialist will monitor research activity that involves humans as subjects and ensure compliance with federally mandated regulations protecting the rights and welfare of the subjects. Following a claims management model, the Specialist will monitor and maintain regulatory compliance for the duration of each project from initial review and approval through adverse events, amendments and continuing review. Specific duties include: 1) Review all new applications for category of review and substantive regulatory or policy problems; assign IRB reviewer. 2) Resolve problematic applications with reviewer and investigator; 3) Develop tracking system for and track adverse events and amendments. 4) Review and approve applications for exemption.

In addition, the Compliance Specialist will revise, implement and coordinate the continuing review process and contribute to the development and implementation of a comprehensive electronic submission process.

The Compliance Specialist will report to the IRB Compliance Officer in the newly restructured Health Sciences Human Subjects Office which is part of the MU Office of Research.

Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree and 4-5 years experience in a hospital setting. Preferred qualifications include a master's degree, advanced computer user skills and three years of experience in IRB or clinical research activities. Knowledge of the ethics and regulation of human subjects research is necessary for success in this position and experience in health administration and/or clinical research is helpful. Salary will be competitive.

Applications should be sent to Dr. David Holt, Health Sciences IRB, MA 122 Health Sciences Center, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65212, no later than February 1, 2000. Official application must also be made to Human Resource Services, 130 Heinkel Building, Columbia, MO 65211. Reference job vacancy number dc53882.

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INbrief

Rooney named to budget position

Provost Brady Deaton has named Tim Rooney as academic budget and resource officer. Rooney previously served as associate dean for administration at the School of Medicine. As the school's chief budget and financial officer since 1984, he was responsible for the school's \$150 million annual budget, as well as facility improvements, contracts and personnel. In his new position he will serve as principal adviser to Deaton on a wide range of academic policy and budget issues.

"Tim Rooney's in-depth experience with one of the University's most complex academic and service divisions prepares him for the broader dimensions of the Provost Office," Deaton said. "We are so pleased to have someone of Tim's stature and ability who is willing to join us at a very critical time in the life of the campus. Our Mission Enhancement initiatives and the new early retirement program pose major challenges for planning and budget management, and I am confident of Tim's ability to provide essential leadership for addressing these challenges."

Rooney takes over from Gary Zwonitzer, who held the position since 1993. Zwonitzer retired Jan. 3 after more than 30 years of service to the University, including fiscal management positions with Intercollegiate Athletics and Business Services.

Henderson leads MU Extension

Tom Henderson, who served as interim vice provost for extension since August, has been selected to permanently fill the top spot in MU Extension. He replaces Don Fancher, who retired in August after 37 years with the University.

"After a major national search, Tom Henderson was the consensus candidate for this important position of academic leadership," said Provost Brady Deaton. "Dr. Henderson has an impressive track record of program leadership, effective communications skills and a reputation as a strong partner in program leadership. We are undertaking some major new initiatives in expanded program offerings and distance learning across all divisions of the University. Tom has the respect and credibility to lead these efforts."

As vice provost for extension, Henderson will lead a continuing education program that reaches more than 100,000 students annually through more than 4,000 courses and cooperative extension programs in agriculture, human environmental sciences, business and 4-H in their charge to enrich the quality of life for all Missourians. Henderson had served as a program director since 1982 for University Outreach and Extension, and previously worked for 10 years as a regional business and industry specialist.

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initiative to increase outside research funding for the University. "That will pay big dividends down the road for us," he said.

Although the legislative session already is under way, state lawmakers are "in sort of a no-man's land," Lakin said, waiting for the governor's budget recommendations. "Budgeting is prioritization," Lakin said. State appropriations "always depend on priorities and the resources available."

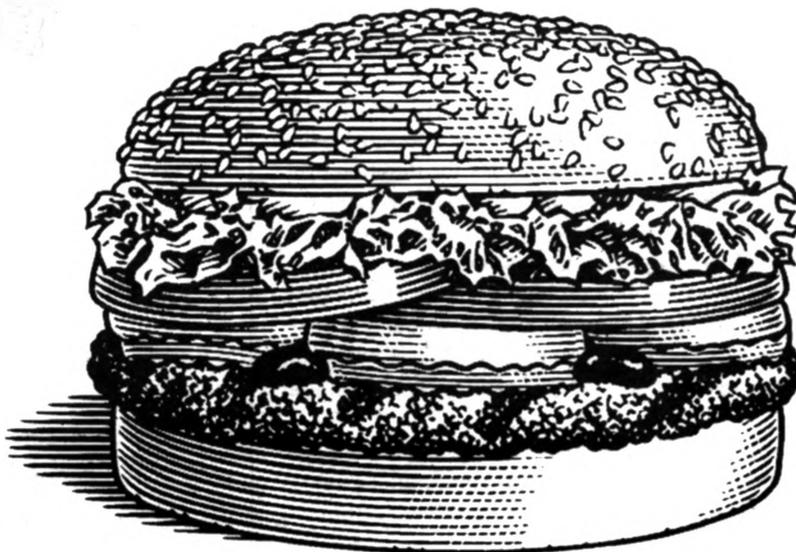
"We're a little hamstrung this session. People are saying the budget will be extremely tight, probably tighter than it has been for years." Among the budget pressures Lakin identifies one issue familiar to the University community: the skyrocketing price of health care. Missouri, he said, is looking at steep increases in the cost of providing medical insurance for state employees and footing its share of the bill for Medicaid.

Missouri's Hancock Amendment, which ties state spending to the growth in

personal income, also will continue to have an influence on the amount of money available for state programs, he said. And improving the state's highways is likely to be a point of debate during this session.

All in all, though, Lakin said he hopes to see another good year for higher education appropriations. "We have one of the best higher education systems in the country; I've learned that as committee chairman," he said. "I'm always impressed when I come up to Columbia."

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A After more than a year of study, the MU administration has given the go-ahead to proceed with what will be the sixth parking garage at Mizzou, says Jim Joy, director of Parking and Transportation Services. A campuswide planning group has been appointed to help coordinate the project. At the

Jan. 28-29 board meeting, curators will be asked to approve the hiring of a technical consultant to proceed with design and construction plans.

Campus planners have decided on the site you mention — behind Johnston Hall and the Black Culture Center and between South Hitt Street and Virginia Avenue. The proposed 1,800-space garage will be called the Virginia Avenue parking structure, and would be built on what is now the CG10 surface lot for residence hall students.

That location was chosen to meet the growing pressure for parking in the southeast section of campus, Joy says. Long-range plans call for the proposed Life Sciences Building to be built nearby on the site of the surface parking lot south of the Physics

Building. The new garage would provide parking for faculty, staff and students. In addition, "we want to increase capacity for residence hall students and increase parking for the Student Rec Center," Joy says.

He cautions, however, that even if planning and construction proceed smoothly it could well be three years before the first car drives into the new garage.

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