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Violinist Rachel Barton will perform at 7 p.m. Feb 18 in Jesse Auditorium. For tickets, call 882-3781.

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College-planning workshop helps MU faculty and staff weigh the options.

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A reader asks if state funding will permit 4 percent raises next year.

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On the front lines

CIVIC LEADERS New internship program introduces more than 40 MU students to state government

Across all levels, the University is working to increase its civic engagement and to build closer relationships with state government. Those efforts are taking a big step forward with a new corps of student interns working in the front lines of the General Assembly and in state agencies.

This new initiative, called the Civic Leaders Internship Project, kicked off this semester with a total of 43 interns. The program was inaugurated by MU's Office of Service-Learning and the Governmental Affairs Office.

The student interns come from disciplines all across campus. They can work full time or part time, and earn from three to 12 credit hours during the internships. Each has a faculty mentor who guides the educational experience.

"We're trying to make good matches," says Anne-Marie Foley, director of the Service Learning Program. "We want to match the interest, expertise and skills of the students with the internship opportunities." The



Rob Hill photo

LEARNING EXPERIENCE Neil Kessler researches upcoming legislation in the Senate Bill Room in the Missouri State Capitol Building. Kessler is one of a new corps of MU student interns who work in state government.

assignments this semester demonstrate more than a few of those serendipitous pairings.

A student in human environmental sciences is working with the secretary of state's office on a citizenship project for teens called the First Vote Program. A sociology student interested in criminology issues is working with Rep. Quincy Troupe, D-St. Louis, a legislative leader in corrections. One biochemistry major is working in prevention and care of sexually transmitted

disease for the Department of Health.

Neil Kessler is one of 18 MU students performing full-time internships in Jefferson City. The senior journalism student works for Sen. Steve Ehlmann, R-St. Charles, who as Senate minority floor leader is the highest ranking elected Republican official in the state.

Kessler writes press releases, helps with research and responds to some of the nearly 50 letters from constituents that Ehlmann

receives in a typical week. The work's been fun so far, but there's another side to the experience that's even more valuable, he says. "You're learning more practical knowledge than theoretical knowledge," Kessler says.

"You can take a class and learn how a bill becomes law, but when you see it really happen the process is a little different. There's just so much more to it than what you might learn in a classroom. I definitely feel I'm on the inside loop here."

MU addresses problem drinking

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY Initiative will promote responsible use of alcohol

Faculty Council members were updated Feb. 10 on some of the ways in which MU is fighting a problem that affects campuses across the country — binge drinking by students.

Charles Schroeder, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, briefed the council members on national data that highlights problem drinking in fraternities. "Seventy percent of heavy

drinkers in high school end up as fraternity members. So they come into a culture that reinforces heavy drinking and that's a problem. People who are light to moderate drinkers in high school that come into fraternities often become heavy drinkers," Schroeder said.

"How heavy? Our data suggest that fraternity men drink three times as much on a weekly basis as independent men." On a national level, Schroeder said, 28 percent of college drop-outs are alcohol related and 40 percent of

academic problems in college are alcohol related; 33 percent of college students spend more on alcohol than on books and school supplies.

"I think we have a very fine Greek system," Schroeder said. "What's getting in the way, in my judgment and I think in their judgment, is an alcohol-centered focus. If we can remove the alcohol-centered focus I think we'll have a much stronger Greek system."

The first step in combating binge drinking is for an

institution to acknowledge the problem, he said. "So we are acknowledging that we have a problem and we're trying to face up to it. I don't think our problem is any greater than other institutions — it may not be as great — but it is serious."

Schroeder also discussed how faculty could support campuswide efforts to discourage binge drinking by students. "For some students, the weekend starts on Wednesday," he said. Encouraged by drink specials at local bars, students "can start drinking on Tuesday and go right through the weekend.

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Sedentary epidemic

INACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Labor-saving technologies can contribute to chronic diseases

A silent epidemic has been slowly taking over the country during the past century. As Americans' lives have been helped by technology, their cardiovascular health has been harmed. In an article published in this month's issue of the *Journal of Applied Physiology*, MU researchers reveal comprehensive, alarming statistics to support this correlation.

"Currently, 250,000 premature deaths and \$1 trillion in health-care costs can be attributed to the American sedentary lifestyle each year," said Frank Booth, professor and research investigator in the College of Veterinary Medicine. "This lifestyle, which has become increasingly more prevalent in the past century, results in a metabolic state that is linked to at least 17 chronic diseases and other health conditions. Since 1900 there has been a 29-fold increase in heart disease deaths, compounded in the past 40 years by a six-fold increase in diabetes and a two-fold increase in obesity."

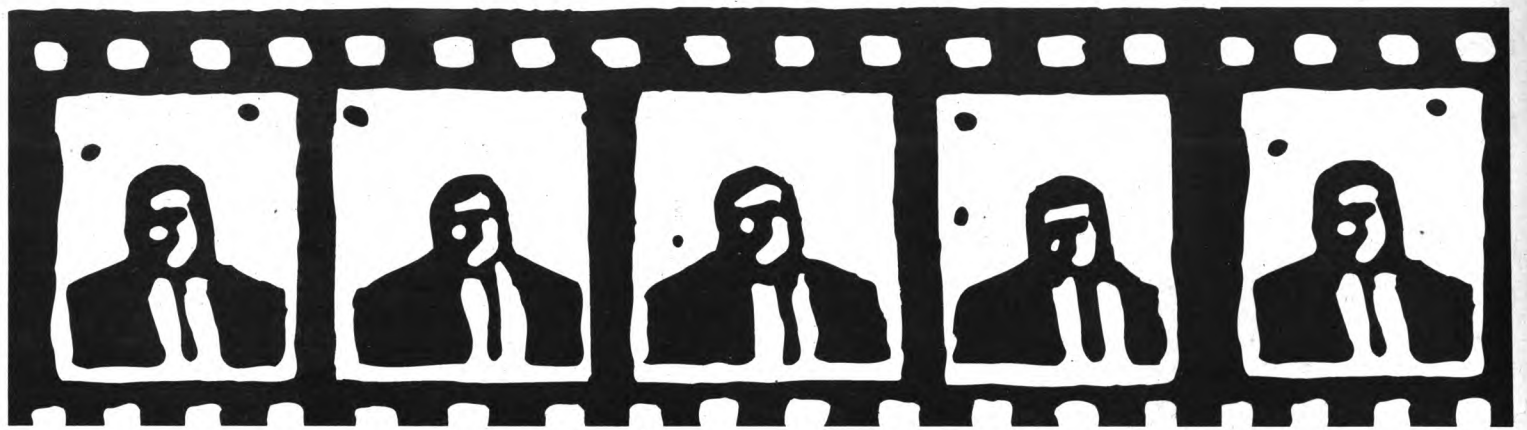
To combat this trend, Booth calls for "primary prevention," which requires attacking the environmental roots of these conditions, and a conceptual change among exercise biologists. Even though physical inactivity is today's norm, researchers should base their studies on a physically active control group.

Booth is working nationally with other researchers to establish an organization, Scientists Against Inactivity-Related Diseases, to create awareness of the problem.

The study also continues the "one medicine" trend, in which human and veterinary medical researchers' work complements and advances one another.

Prospects for peace

After nearly a century of violence in Northern Ireland, chances for peace often seem illusory. Mairead Corrigan Maguire has never given up. The Belfast native, a 1977 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, has been active in the peace movement ever since three young family members were killed by an out-of-control IRA getaway car. Maguire, a co-founder of Women for Peace, now called the Peace People, will present a public lecture on "Building a Community of Peace and Non-Violence" at 8 p.m. Feb. 22 in Fisher Auditorium in Gannett Hall.



Picture perfect

One of the world's oldest and most highly respected photojournalism contests got under way this week at the School of Journalism. Now in its 57th year, the Pictures of the Year competition is the only

such contest judged openly before an audience. A panel of 11 eminent photojournalists got down to business Monday judging the work of more than 2,000 photographers in 52 categories.

The judging continues

through Feb. 28, and all sessions are open to the public. Judging for the newspaper divisions take place in Tucker Forum in Gannett Hall through Feb. 18. Magazine entries will be judged in Tucker Forum from Feb. 20 to 23. Judging for

the editing division will take place Feb. 25 in Tucker Forum, Feb. 26 in 110 Lee Hills Hall, and Feb. 27 and 28 in the Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge.

Making the college search process fun

COLLEGE PLANNING MU's admissions staff holds workshops for college-bound students

Choosing a college can be nerve-racking for many families, and the process can be especially harrowing for parents whose first child is making the selection process.

"We know this is a topic that causes anxiety," says Georgeanne Porter, director of undergraduate admissions. "The admissions process has become a large marketing enterprise for colleges. Parents are bombarded with information, and if they don't know all the ins and outs, they have trouble sorting out reliable information."

The top questions admissions representatives hear repeatedly are "Where do I start the planning process?" "How much does it cost?" and "Do I have to pay for it in one lump sum?"

Relax, Mid-Missourians, help is on the way. MU's admissions staff will hold its seventh annual College Planning Workshop, complete with door prizes, for high-school juniors and their parents Feb. 27 in Memorial Union. Check-in is at 12:45 p.m. "We especially invite to the workshop all MU students, faculty and staff who have children struggling with these same issues," Porter says. The discussion groups are designed as a public service MU offers throughout the year in St. Louis, Kansas City and to the University's top feeder high schools across the state.

The staff has developed five specific sessions as well as handouts that are entertaining and informative. Through hands-on activities, information sharing and small-group discussions, participants will learn tips on applying for financial aid, making a

successful transition from high school to college, getting involved with internships, study abroad opportunities or student organizations, choosing colleges and narrowing the choices, and making the college search process fun.

The messages given in each section are standard, Porter says, and not a hard sell for MU or any other college. "We believe this is the kind of advice we can offer on a generic and helpful basis and not jeopardize our own recruiting efforts," she says. "The more informed the students and parents are, the better choices they will make and, quite frankly, the better MU is going to look as an alternative."

Porter says the first step in the selection process is self-exploration. Students need to look at their own needs and goals, why they want to go to college and what they expect

from the next four years. Once they've developed a working plan based on their needs, it's time to prepare, making sure their college preparatory curriculum is in sync with the requirements of the colleges they are interested in and that they meet all the deadlines for taking the ACT or SAT tests.

Meeting deadlines, she says, keep their options open and keeps their choices in tack.

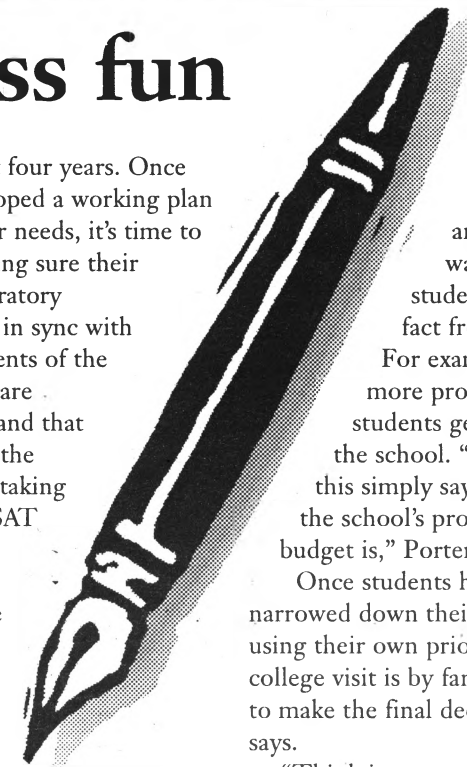
Parents and students need to be aware of what Porter calls "myths of the college marketplace." One of the workshop's purposes is to dispel these legends, she says. "The average high-ability student

will hear from 300 colleges trying to recruit them, and in an amusing way, we help students sort out fact from fiction."

For example, the more propaganda students get, the better the school. "In reality, this simply says how big the school's promotional budget is," Porter says.

Once students have narrowed down their choices using their own priorities, the college visit is by far the best way to make the final decision, Porter says.

"Think in terms of a good fit," she says. "The college visit lets you see yourself in the campus and if it's the kind of place you would want to spend four years. You would not buy a car without test driving it, and you should not invest in a college without making a visit."



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"How do we address that challenge? One thing you could do would be to make sure that we have a full five-day academic week," Schroeder said. For example, if students know that a professor occasionally gives pop quizzes on Friday they would be less likely to party late into the night on Thursday.

"There are all kinds of things I think you can do to focus more attention on why students are here — a rigorous academic intellectual experience, not the bar scene," he said.

In other action, Faculty

Council:

◆ passed a resolution that asked the administration to devote more resources to acquisitions for the library system. That action came after a report from Dan Edidin, associate professor of mathematics, which pointed out that budget constraints prompted the MU Libraries to cancel 852 journal subscriptions for the current calendar year.

Unless the funding situation improves, the library could be forced to cancel an additional 800 to 1,000 journals each year for the next

four years. "Without a serious library, we're all handicapped," Edidin said. "If you don't buy journals today, they're gone. They're unavailable for the future."

"It seems the library is an orphan in terms of the budget," he said. "Somebody's got to speak for the library. It belongs to all of us and we all lose when the library is devastated, which is basically what is going on."

◆ passed a resolution asking that specialist physicians who recently were dropped as providers in the University of

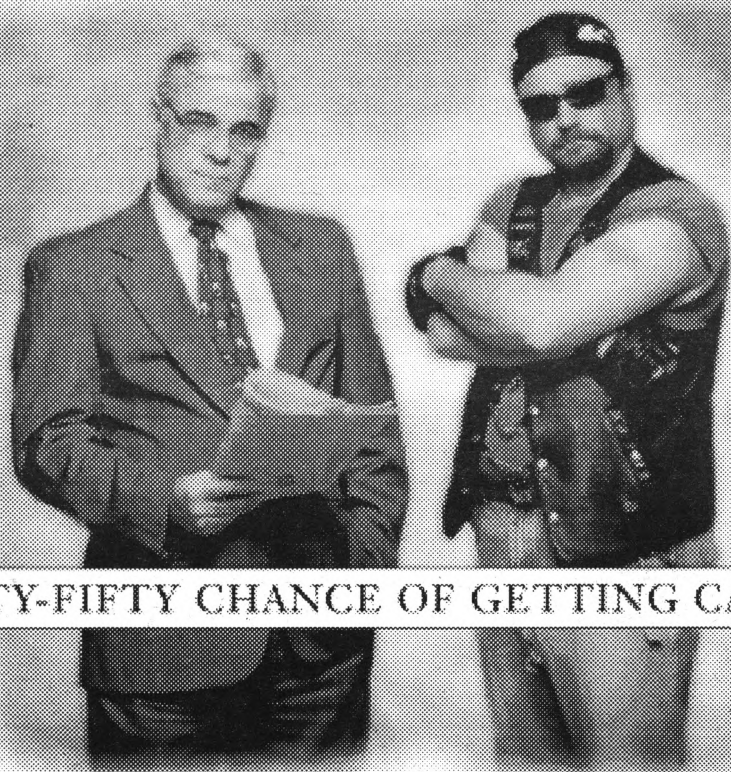
Missouri Point of Service health plan be reinstated.

"People felt like they were caught off guard," said Judith Goodman in a report to the council. "The open enrollment materials were worded in a way that made it very hard to realize this was going to happen."

Goodman, associate

professor of communication science and disorders, said that nearly 38 percent of MU faculty and staff are enrolled in the POS plan. The change has a heavier impact on women employees, she said, because nearly half the physicians that were dropped are obstetricians and gynecologists.

THEY HAVE A LOT IN COMMON



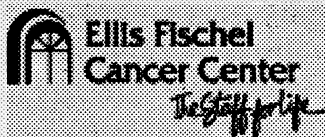
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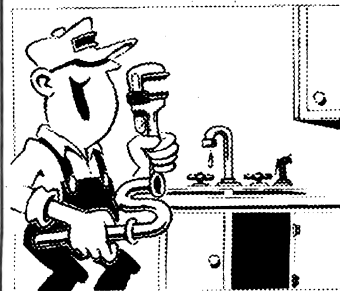
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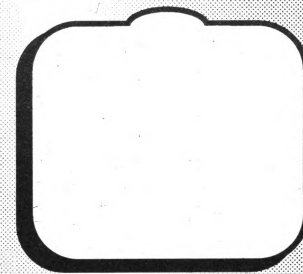
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calendar



Concerts & Plays

Thursday, February 17

THEATER SERIES: *Tartuffe* will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight, Feb. 18-19, and Feb. 24-26, and at 2 p.m. Feb. 27 in Rhynsburger Theatre. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

Friday, February 18

UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES: Violinist Rachel Barton will perform at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781.

Saturday, February 19

MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERT: The University Singers will perform at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. A \$3 donation is suggested.

Sunday, February 20

TROMBONE DAY CONCERT: MU Trombone Day, including a class and concert by Charles Vernon, Chicago Symphony Orchestra trombonist, will be held at 2:30 p.m. for the class and at 7 p.m. for the concert in Whitmore Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERT: The MU Music Department will host a Millennium Concert at 8 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. There will be special appearances by the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the University Philharmonic, Hitt Street Harmony, Jazz Ensemble I, University Singers, and pianists Janelle Rackers, Brooks Hafey and Opera Workshop. Cost: \$5 for adults, free for students.

Thursday, February 24

UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES: *Victor, Victoria* will be performed at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERT: The Concert Band, conducted by Steve Williams, and the Symphonic Band, conducted by Gary Schallert, will perform at 8 p.m.

for the concert in Macklanberg Playhouse at Stephens College.

Conferences

Monday, February 21

CARDIOVASCULAR DAY: Cardiovascular Day VII will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. in the Veterinary Medicine Building conference center. For more information, call 882-8059.

Thursday, February 24

MEDICINE & RELIGION CONFERENCE: "Holistic Care as We Age: Understanding the Relationship Between the Physical and Spiritual Dimensions" will be held from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Lenoir Community Center in Columbia. For cost and registration, call 882-7373.

Courses

Tuesday, February 22

ET@MO WORKSHOP: "Internet Interaction" will be held from 2-3:30 p.m. in N222/223 Memorial Union. It also will be held April 12 from 2-3:30 p.m. in S203 Memorial Union. To register, call 882-3303.

WOMEN'S CENTER WORKSHOP: "Candlemaking" will be presented at 4 p.m. in the MU Craft Studio, Brady Commons. For more information, call 882-6621.

Wednesday, February 23

WOMEN'S CENTER WORKSHOP: Survivors of sexual assault have found an outlet of expression through the "Survivors Quilt" and the Women's Center will have all the materials available for you to make a quilt panel in expression of support or survival. Sessions will be today in 234-235 Brady Commons from 4-8 p.m., and March 2 in 229 Brady Commons from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 882-6638.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP: "Making the 403(b) Retirement Advantage Work for You" will be presented from 5:30-7 p.m. in 218 Parker Hall. Registration is required, call 882-6701.

Thursday, February 24

LIBRARY DATABASE WORKSHOP: A workshop on searching the PsycINFO database will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. today and Mar. 22, and from 10-11:30 a.m. Apr. 25 and May 31 in 126 Health Sciences Library. For more information, call 882-6141.

Films

Friday, February 18

MSA/GPC FILM SERIES: *South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut* will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow in Memorial Union Auditorium.

Wednesday, February 23

MSA/GPC FILM SERIES: *Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* will be shown at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union Auditorium. Free with MU ID.

Friday, February 25

MSA/GPC FILM SERIES: *Frozen Hot* will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow in Memorial Union Auditorium. Cost: \$1 with MU ID.

Lectures & Seminars

Thursday, February 17

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR: Danny Wedding, director of the Missouri Institute of Mental Health, will present "Mental Health Treatment in a Buddhist

Society" at noon in S16 Memorial Union.

GENETICS LECTURE: Alan Wolffe from the National Institutes of Health will present "Acetylation Responsive Transcriptional Control: the TRRXR and v-erbA Story" at 3:30 p.m. in 18 Tucker Hall.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES LECTURE: Henry Lukaski with the USDA Agricultural Research Service will present "Creatine-Ergogenic Aid and Therapeutic Agent" at 4 p.m. in 209 Gwynn Hall.

WOMEN'S CENTER LECTURE: Christine Andrews from the School of Metaphysics will present "Visualization: Turn on Your Whole Mind" at 7 p.m. in 229 Brady Commons.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURE: Samuel Pieh, executive director of Mid South/Africa Link whose great-great grandfather led the 1839 revolt on the slave ship Amistad will present the Black History Month keynote address "Putting a Face on History: The Lessons of the Amistad" from 7-10 p.m. in the Black Culture Center.

Friday, February 18

GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES LECTURES: Mike Williams from the University of Massachusetts will present "Age Mapping and Dating of Monazite on the Electron Microprobe: a New Tool for Tectonic Analysis" at noon in 109 Geological Sciences Building, and "Looping P-T Paths, Polymetamorphism, and the Behavior of the Middle Crust: Proterozoic Evolution of Southwestern North America" at 3 p.m. in 108 Geological Sciences Building.

ECONOMICS SEMINAR: Mark Jensen, assistant professor of

economics, will present "Time-Varying Long-Memory in Volatility: Detection and Estimation with Wavelets" at 3:30 p.m. in 309 Middlebush Hall.

MUSEUM LECTURE: Susan Wood, painting conservator at St. Louis Art Museum, will present "Painting Conservation: The Care and Preservation of Our Collections" at 6 p.m. at the Museum of Art and Archeology. A public reception will precede at 5:15 p.m.

Monday, February 21

CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH LECTURE: Gordon Williams, professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, will present "Use of Genetic Tools in the Diagnosis and Management of Complex Diseases: Essential Hypertension as a Model" at 11:30 a.m. in the College of Veterinary Medicine conference center. Registration is required, call 882-8059.

BIOCHEMISTRY LECTURE: Jim Bashkin from the Monsanto Company will present "De Novo Design of Ribozyme Mimics: A Combination of Inorganic Chemistry, Catalysis and Bioorganic Chemistry with an Eye Towards Catalytic Antisense Reagents" at 3:30 p.m. in 103 Schlundt Hall.

SOIL & ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES LECTURE: Michael Aide from Southeast Missouri State University will present "Soils and Geology at Southeast Missouri State University" at 4 p.m. in 123 Natural Resources Building.

HONORS COLLEGE LECTURES: Mel George, UM System president emeritus, and Kenneth Sufka, associate professor of psychology at the University of Mississippi, will

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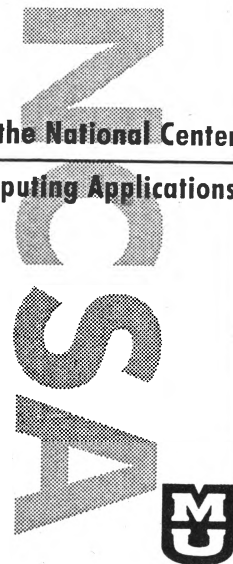
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WOMEN'S CENTER

LECTURE: Women's Center counselors Lavonne Brown and Jameca Woody-Falconer will present "Redefining Womanhood: A Discussion on Challenges Facing Young African American Women in the 21st Century" at 7 p.m. in 229 Brady Commons.

Tuesday, February 22

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

LECTURE: Thomas Vida from the University of Texas Medical School will present "Genetic and Biochemical Analysis of Intercompartmental Transport to Lysosomes" at 3:30 p.m. in 18 Tucker Hall.

HONORS COLLEGE

LECTURE: Mel George, UM System president emeritus, and Kenneth Sufka, associate professor of psychology at the University of Mississippi, will present "Biological Determinism and the Maturing Neuro Sciences—Or How Free is Your Free Will?" at 4 p.m. in Memorial Union Auditorium.

Wednesday, February 23

MIDDAY GALLERY EVENT:

Jane Biers, curator of ancient art at the Museum of Art and Archeology, will present "Ancient or Modern? Problems of Authenticity in Ancient Art" at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Art and Archeology.

ANTHROPOLOGY

LECTURE: Akira Y. Yamamoto, professor of anthropology and linguistics at the University of Kansas, will present "What Do We Lose When a Language Dies?" from 3-5 p.m. in 104 Tate Hall.

NEUROSCIENCE SEMINAR

SERIES: Lixing Reneker, assistant professor of ophthalmology, will present "Growth Factor Signaling in Ocular Lens Development" at 4 p.m. in 106 Lefevre Hall.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

LECTURE: Elizabeth A. Johnson, professor of theology at Fordham University, will present "Imagining God: Creating Worlds" at 4 p.m. at the Newman Center, 701 Maryland Avenue.

WOMEN'S CENTER

LECTURE: A panel of self-defense experts and instructors will present "Self Defense Options for Women" at 7 p.m. in 229 Brady Commons.

Thursday, February 24

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

LECTURE: Joanne Slavin from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, will present "Chemopreventive Properties of Flax" at 4 p.m. in 209 Gwynn Hall.

WOMEN'S CENTER

LECTURE: Asha Diana Denman from the Deva Dance School will present "A Women's Dance of Power" at 7 p.m. in 229 Brady Commons.

Meetings

Tuesday, February 22

GRADUATE FACULTY

SENATE MEETING: The Graduate Faculty Senate will meet from 3:45-5 p.m. in N208 Memorial Union.

Thursday, February 24

STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING: The Staff Advisory Council will meet at 1 p.m. in S206 Memorial Union.

FACULTY COUNCIL

MEETING: The Faculty Council will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in S203 Memorial Union.

Special Events

Saturday, February 19

INTERNATIONAL CENTER

ACTIVITY: "Brazilian Carnival" will be held from 7-11 p.m. in Mark Twain Ballroom, Memorial Union. There will be live music by Samba Bom and free soft drinks.

Thursday, February 24

MUSEUM FLASHLIGHT

TOUR: "How to Make a Good Impression," a flashlight tour of the Russian Impressionist exhibit for families with children between the ages of 7-12 will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Museum of Art and Archaeology.

Exhibits

BLACK CULTURE CENTER:

Artwork by Melvin Lovejoy, wildlife artist, and Reginald Gay, oil painter of famous African Americans, will be on display through the month of February.

ELLIS LIBRARY: "Songs of My People," an exhibition of photography that chronicles the contemporary African-American experience, is on display through February.

BINGHAM GALLERY: "Annual Faculty Exhibition," works by current University of Missouri-Columbia Art Faculty, will be on display through Mar. 3. The Bingham Gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building, is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY:

Special Exhibits:

- "Los Caprichos" is on display through April 16.
- "Faith Ringgold: Her Story in Text and Image" is on display through May 21.
- "Wrapped Creatures: Animal Mummies from Egypt" is on display through Aug. 27.
- "Jaguar's Realm: Ancient Art from Mexico to Peru" is on display through 2000.
- "In a Favored Light: Contemporary Russian

Impressionist Painting" is on display through June 11.

- "Greek and Roman Crafts: Metalwork, Textiles and Pottery" is on display through May 14.

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:

- Watercolors and drawings by wildlife artist Charles W. Schwartz is on display through

April.

The gallery is open from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

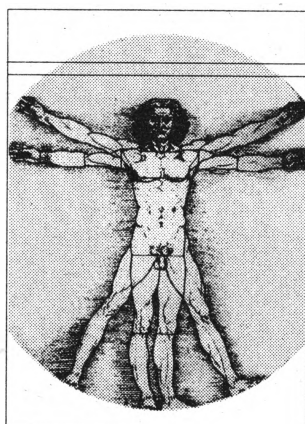
- "Rare Maps from the Collection of the State Historical Society" is on display in the north-south corridor.
- "Decades: 1899 to 1969, Editorial Cartoons" is on display in the east-west corridor.

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

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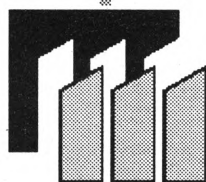


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Retiree Recognition Week planning under way

MU's retired faculty and staff continue to make an important impact on the University and the local community long after retirement. The campus recognizes those contributions

each year during Retiree Recognition Week when two retirees — a faculty member and a staff member — receive the Retiree of the Year Award. The awards reward University retirees for extraordinary achievements during their retirement period of at least five years. Nomination deadline is Feb. 25, and forms are available from Business Services, 311 Jesse Hall.

The Retiree Luncheon and

award ceremony will be held April 19 this year. In addition to campuswide events, University units are encouraged to sponsor their own events.

A&S Staff Network help meet community needs

During Arts & Science Week, Feb. 21-25, the A&S Staff Network is conducting a drive to collect personal needs items for residents of Rainbow

House, a shelter for abused children, and the McCambridge Center, a chemical dependency treatment center for women and their children.

Suggested items include blankets, sheets, towels, soaps and toiletries. Donation boxes have been set up in a number of A&S departments, including the A&S dean's office. With questions, contact Pat Willis at 882-0122.

Q&A

Q I've read that Gov. Mel Carnahan's budget plan for next fiscal year recommends an increase of slightly less than 2 percent for the University's state appropriation for general operating funds. If that recommendation is approved by the legislature, what impact would it have on the University's stated goal of giving employees an average 4 percent salary increase next year?

A According to the resource planning assumptions in the UM System's strategic plan approved last fall by the Board of Curators, "funds equal to 4 percent of the salary and wage base budget will be provided annually for salary increases, which will be distributed on the basis of merit and market."

Those assumptions also estimate that "annual growth in discretionary funds from state appropriations will not exceed 2 percent to 3.5 percent per year for the foreseeable future."

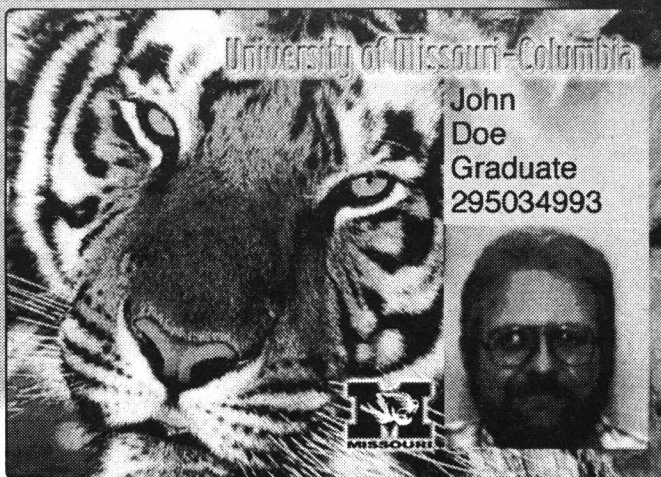
On the MU campus, planners have used those assumptions as they developed Mizzou's five-year budget plan. "The 2 percent from the state is the amount that we are anticipating and have built into the first year of the five-year resource plan that was approved by the Board of Curators last September," says Jim Bunton, assistant vice chancellor for Administrative Services and director of budget.

"This funding along with projected growth in enrollment, increased indirect cost funding from grants and contracts and the 2.5 percent budget reallocations will, when combined, allow us to have the necessary funding to provide for an average 4 percent increase in salaries for the 2000-2001 fiscal year."

Those budget plans were developed, in part, to ensure that the University maintained a financial base to provide competitive salaries and that employees would not be faced with another year of \$400 across-the-board salary increases.

"We cannot permit that to happen again," Chancellor Richard Wallace said in a public forum last fall. "We must be at competitive compensation levels for faculty and staff. We're not going to get anything done unless we keep quality people in place."

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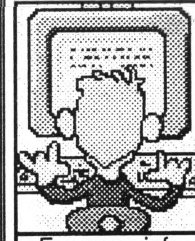
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On-line Propaganda (10:15am-11:45am)

The Worldwide Web has become a weapon in fighting recent conflicts such as Kosovo, Northern Ireland and East Timor. How go the rhetorical wars?

Regulating E-Commerce (1:30pm-3:00pm)

An increasing proportion of the world's trade is conducted electronically. Who watches the multinational deals by citizens, companies and nations?

Keynote Address (6:00pm Statler Lounge, Memorial Union)

Mike Chinoy, Hong Kong Bureau Chief, CNN.

Friday, February 18

Electronic Conflict Resolution (8:30am-10:00am)

The new technologies can serve as a tool for peace-making. Recent efforts in "The Troubles" provide a case study for global study.

Politics, Communication & Genetics (10:15am-11:45am)

The GMO controversy is both scientific and political. Both arguments rage and are mediated on the WWW. Do the media help or hurt resolution?

Transnational Jurisdictional Standards: Can you be sued anywhere? (1:30pm-3:00pm)

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