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University of Missouri-Columbia



## Making a difference

### A CAMPUS FOCUS

Faculty and staff are stepping up to the plate to support Mizzou

### FOR ALL WE CALL MIZZOU

*The Campus Campaign*

**W**ith iffy budgets and tight money, investing in Mizzou is a good thing to do because it will help us be less dependent on state money."

That's how Gail Lawrence sums up her decision to give regularly to the College of Arts and Science's Staff Enrichment Award. Lawrence, an administrative assistant in anthropology, has contributed to this fund for at least 15 years. The award, funded solely by private dollars, was created in the early 1990s by the Arts and Science Staff Network to support the professional development of the college's nonacademic staff. Staff members can benefit from University courses, workshops, seminars or conferences, Lawrence says. "This fund makes that possible for many of us."

Her relationship with Mizzou

extends back 20 years. Over time, Lawrence has made sure that part of every paycheck is donated to the University because, as she puts it, "Just because we're not faculty or administrators doesn't mean we don't care about the University or that we should not contribute."

Though she has been a longtime financial supporter of Mizzou, she recently decided to help sustain a couple of other areas on campus through It's My Mizzou: The Campus Campaign, a campaign especially for faculty, staff and retirees. This campus drive is part of MU's overall comprehensive campaign, For All We Call Mizzou. For Lawrence, the campaign's main selling points are the ability to earmark gifts for specific purposes and the fact that it is focused more on faculty and staff participation

than the amount of the donations.

Every gift counts, says development director Terri Gray. All campaign gifts, regardless of size, have an impact and help the University achieve its long-term goal of creating a culture of giving on campus.

"We are encouraging faculty and staff to identify the programs or areas that are important to them and support them with a contribution, no matter how large or small," Gray says. Donors may choose what to support, how much to contribute and whether to make their gifts by check, credit card, as a pledge or through payroll deduction. No administrative costs are deducted from the gift, so they can be sure that 100 percent of every dollar they contribute will support the area of their choice.

"Campus support makes a strong statement to others that people working here day in and day out value the University not only as an employer, but also as an important asset to the community and the state," Gray says.

Lawrence prefers to make her contributions to the college through payroll deduction. "It's



Adam Masloski photo

**IT'S MY MIZZOU** Gail Lawrence, administrative assistant in anthropology, is one of many faculty and staff members who are giving back to the University through their contributions to the It's My Mizzou: The Campus Campaign.

done automatically before taxes," she says, "and it is a painless way to make a difference in the area about which you strongly feel."

For many years she has

fervently championed the cause of MU's staff members, serving on numerous campuswide committees that work on specific

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## Accreditation report: MU is 'committed to excellent teaching'

### SOLID FOUNDATION

Review team gives Mizzou a clean bill of health

**W**hen a review team visited campus last November, it was another step in the long process of reaccrediting Mizzou by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The reviewers from the association's Higher Learning Commission — all faculty members or administrators at peer universities — spent three days at MU talking to faculty, staff, students and administrators in open meetings and one-on-one sessions. They also reviewed a detailed self-study that MU faculty and staff committees had worked on for nearly a year.

The review team liked what it saw. In a report to campus leaders, reviewers praised many

of MU's academic initiatives and student programs, and recommended the University be reaccredited for 10 years.

"It was an excellent report," says Ken Dean, interim associate provost. "Essentially, we were given a clean bill of health." Dean and his staff helped coordinate the review team's campus visit and the extensive, campuswide self study that preceded that visit.

Although the review was a lengthy and time-consuming process, "If you treat it properly, which I think we did, it's a useful learning experience," Dean says. "Anytime you look at yourself — how you're doing things and how you can do them better — that's a good process."

Mizzou, the reviewers found, is building on a solid foundation. "In spite of the fiscal stringencies

confronting MU, the faculty and staff, like those at many doctoral research-extensive universities, have started to garner the financial resources to maintain quality through the next decade," the report said.

The University has replaced decreasing state support with increases in student fees, federal and foundation funding, private gifts, outside collaborations and new educational programs that generate additional revenues.

The report also praised faculty participation in campus decision-making — "Faculty governance at MU, very simply stated, works" — and noted "excellent measures in place for developing junior faculty as teachers with appropriate reward structures for outstanding teaching."

The review team also noted "a

very impressive and integrated plan for improving the research profile of the University" and praised MU's "remarkable programs for hands-on learning" with more than 2,000 undergraduates engaged in sponsored research.

The report singled out such student programs as the Student Success Center — "a lively and helpful amenity for undergraduate students" — and the new Nutter Information Commons at Ellis Library, calling it a "beautiful example of the 'best of all worlds.'"

It also lauded MU's educational accomplishments by citing MU's six-year graduation rate of 66 percent, the highest among Missouri's public universities, and campus progress in assessing student learning.

"While there is still work to

be done to strengthen a culture of assessment," the report says, "the institution has made exemplary progress in developing both across-the-board and departmentally based assessment programs," including capstone course requirements and integrating assessment into regular academic program review.

Although the report is overwhelmingly positive, the review team did raise several concerns. For instance, it cited the pending name change for Southwest Missouri State University and said the change "has the likelihood to create confusion as to which institution is the flagship university of the state of Missouri."

It also cautioned that the increasing cost of attending MU

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### Thinking globally

Chancellor Brady Deaton will moderate the second in a continuing series of open forums on topics of special interest to the community. The forum, which will focus on higher education in a global context, will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, in N222/223 Memorial Union.

Panelists will include Richard Wallace, MU chancellor emeritus, who will discuss the financing of higher education locally, statewide and nationally. Ron Turner, former UM System executive vice president, will discuss the future of the land grant

university, how to position the university across the state, and how to build a life sciences agenda. Mel George, UM president emeritus and professor of mathematics emeritus, will discuss external constituency development and management, building relationships in and among higher education institutions, and the political nature of higher education.

### Creating a community for new MU students

For the second year, a campuswide program will unite new MU students before they

even meet. To provide students from different backgrounds with a shared experience, the Freshman Summer Reading Program encourages students to read a pre-selected book before arriving on campus in August. The 2005 reading program will feature *Enough*, a non-fiction work by Bill McKibben.

A faculty and student committee selects the book for the reading program, says Dave Rielley, new student programs coordinator. "The committee looks for a book that can accommodate a broad range of student ability and interest. Our hope is that the

program will create a sense of community and spark conversations among students and faculty." In *Enough*, McKibben looks at the dangers and environmental changes that accompany the continuing development of genetic engineering, robotics and nanotechnology.

Shortly before the fall semester, students will divide into discussion groups facilitated by volunteer faculty members. Students are assigned to groups based on living communities and Freshman Interest Groups.

In the program's first year, participation surpassed the 50

percent goal. Rielley would like to improve on last year's numbers by stressing the benefits of the program and increasing program awareness among students and faculty. "MU places a strong emphasis on new students' social transitions through the University's welcome programs. Now, more will be done to transition students academically," he says.

### Change of colors

Latino immigration is changing the face of Missouri. The state's population of Latinos has more than doubled over the past 10

## Helping MU students excel on a national stage

### FACULTY MENTORS

Mizzou aims to make students more competitive for national fellowships

**V**icky Riback Wilson had a riddle to tell faculty at the March 10 Faculty Council meeting: When it comes to winning prestigious national fellowships and grants, Mizzou students often lag behind students at some peer institutions, even though their average ACT scores are as high or higher and the campus has support programs in place to identify them and groom them for success on a national stage.

Wilson, a specialist in the

Honors College, asked faculty for their input on "how you think we can better serve our students to apply for and to be more competitive for these fellowships and grants." Her office is studying MU's current efforts in providing that support. "What we're trying to do is to change the climate of expectations on this campus," Wilson said.

"I think the reason we have not been as successful is because our efforts have been fragmented," she said. "We have many of the support mechanisms available, but students and faculty are not aware of them."

Wilson also works in the Office of Service Learning to help incorporate community service into MU's classrooms and curricula. She told faculty about an upcoming effort to showcase the University's student involvement.

On March 29, a service learning forum in the Memorial Union called "Engaged Mizzou" will give faculty, staff and students an opportunity to meet representatives from nearly 100 service agencies and learn about the benefits of service learning and explore potential projects. More information is available by calling the Office of Service

Learning at 882-0227.

In other action, council members unanimously passed a motion to encourage faculty to accommodate students who have a conflict with a class or examination because of religious obligations. An addition to the Faculty Handbook will point instructors to an interfaith calendar of religious holidays and days of special commemoration for world religions at [www.interfaithcalendar.org/](http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/).

In addition, the council action included recommended wording to be included in all class syllabi that asks students who anticipate such a conflict with class

responsibilities because of religious obligations to "request excused absence and makeup information from the instructor as soon as possible in the semester."

The council also unanimously passed a resolution from the fiscal affairs committee that endorses efforts by the UM System and the Mizzou administrations to develop guidelines for incentive plans that provide extra compensation to faculty.

The resolution notes that "issues of transparency, comparison to appropriate peer groups, inclusivity of stakeholders and performance review" are crucial to such plans. The resolution also stresses Faculty Council's opposition to any incentive plan that would compromise excellence in the University's research, teaching and service missions.

By an 11-5 vote, the council also approved a framework to establish an organization of former chairs of Faculty Council. The members would be available to advise the council and to carry out special assignments.



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years, but until now little research has looked at the impact. An annual conference, *Cambio de Colores* (Change of Colors), sponsored by the University of Missouri and MU's *Cambio Center*, explores the issue of Latino immigration.

This year's conference, which has the theme "Latinos in Missouri: Connecting Research to Policy and Practice *Hoy y Manana*," will be held from March 30 to April 1 at MU's Reynolds Alumni Center. Registration information and a complete schedule of events is at [www.cambiodecolores.org](http://www.cambiodecolores.org).

MU faculty and graduate

students will join other experts in discussing issues such as the integration of the Latino population in U.S. communities, impacts on local schools, Latinos in agriculture and impacts on health care.

#### Cutting-edge service

Yard-care enthusiasts — and even those who aren't as enthusiastic about cutting their grass — have another chance to get their lawn mower purring like a kitten at the same time they benefit a student organization. The MU Agricultural Systems Management Club will hold its

second lawn mower clinic of the season during the first weekend in April. Students steam clean each mower, clean the air filter, put in a new spark plug, change the oil and sharpen the blade for \$30. The service is only available for push-type mowers, not for riding mowers. This year students will make minor repairs at an additional cost. Customers can drop off their push-type mowers at the east end of the Agricultural Engineering Building on Rollins Street from 4 to 6 p.m. March 31 and from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on April 1. Pickup

times and dates are 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. April 4 and 4 to 6 p.m. April 5.

#### An Easter tradition

The Easter lilies that Americans buy by the millions each year have had a long journey before they reach their destination. The bulbs require two years to reach salable maturity and are handled as many as 40 times before being shipped to greenhouses.

Lily blooms also are short-lived, says David Trinklein, associate professor of horticulture, so consumers should look for a plant that has

blossoms in various stages of development. The flowers open at about two-day intervals from the bottom to the top of the stem. Plants that have all their flowers fully open when purchased will not provide a floral display as long as ones that have just started to open their bottom-most flowers, Trinklein says.

Place your lily in bright, indirect light and keep it cool; daytime temperatures of 60-65 F are ideal, Trinklein says. Be careful not to overwater. Easter lilies do not survive as houseplants, but can be planted outdoors.

## A financial bonanza for baby boomers

**NET WORTH** Higher stock investments pose more potential risks in retirement

New research from a MU financial planning study shows that the first generation of baby boomers, who are now in their 50's and approaching retirement, have accumulated more wealth at the same age than the pre-boomers.

Personal financial planning faculty members Michael Finke and Sandra Huston, assistant professors, and Deanna Sharpe, associate professor, found that "early boomers" — individuals born between 1946 and 1957 — have an average net worth of \$494,000 compared to \$375,000 for "pre-boomers" born between 1933 and 1945.

Those figures come from the Survey of Consumer Finances, a nationally representative data set collected by the Federal Reserve Bank. To ensure that both groups were approximately the same age when sampled, Finke took the pre-boomer figures from a 1989 measurement, adjusted for inflation, and the early boomer numbers from 2001 figures.

The researchers also found that the boomers have more of their wealth tied to the stock market, a condition they say could lead to trouble if Social Security reform encourages even broader investment in equities.

"Social Security and defined benefit plans are a hedge against increased exposure to stock market risk," Finke says.

"Exposure to stock market risk seems to be greater for boomers in this study at every wealth level despite reduced participation in defined benefit plans and reduced confidence in Social Security."

The wealth differences between the two groups narrowed considerably when researchers looked at median, rather than average, net worth: \$135,000 for early boomers and \$134,000 for pre-boomers.

One surprise finding, Finke says, was that early boomers pay no more of their income toward debt repayment than pre-boomers, and they also appear to be saving more for retirement. "The fascinating thing we discovered was that the debt-to-

income ratio between the two groups was the same," he says. "It was exactly 11 percent."

The data do not support the commonly held stereotype of the free-spending boomer, Finke says. "In fact, boomers have much more wealth in financial assets than pre-boomers, more than tripling the amount of savings in stock funds compared to their predecessors."

The bottom line? Early boomers had the good fortune to invest in the stock market during the high-flying 1990s, "which was a good time to be in the stock market," Finke says. "In a way, they got lucky."

There is a potential downside, however. Finke says this shift in

the proportion of wealth held in financial assets, such as stocks, makes the boomers more vulnerable to market shifts.

"Since Social Security can serve as a hedge against possible losses in defined contribution retirement plans, this increase in vulnerability is noteworthy," Finke said. "Boomer-generation investors have chosen to accept greater financial risks, and their net worth in 2001 reflected the potential rewards. A decrease or stagnation of the market over the next decade, however, will have a comparatively larger impact on the retirement prospects of boomers than on previous generations."

*Twenty-fifth*

### Samuel Brody Memorial Lecture

MARCH 30, 2005

3:30 P.M.

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**WHERE:** Stotler Lounge Memorial Union

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# calendar



## Concerts & Plays

### Thursday, March 17

**JAZZ SERIES:** Wynton Marsalis, one of the most recognizable personalities in jazz, will perform with his group at 6:30 and 9 p.m. at the Blue Note. Ticket information is available at all Ticketmaster locations or call 449-3001.

### Monday, March 28

**UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES:** *Smokey Joe's Café*, featuring pop anthems from the '50s and '60s by legendary songwriters Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, will be performed at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781.

### Thursday, March 31

**JAZZ SERIES:** Jazz pianists Marian McPartland and JoAnne Brackeen will perform at 7 p.m. at the Missouri Theatre. Ticket information is available at all Ticketmaster locations or call 449-3001.

**UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES:** The Trinity Irish Dance Company will perform at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For

ticket information, call 882-3781.

## Conferences

### Wednesday, March 30

**CAMBIO DE COLORES CONFERENCE:** The Cambio Center will hold its fourth annual conference on issues related to the current Latino immigration to Missouri and the Midwest today through April 1. For more information, contact Christiane Quinn by phone at 882-2978 or by e-mail at [decolores@missouri.edu](mailto:decolores@missouri.edu)

## Courses & Workshops

### Thursday March 17

**CHEMICAL WORKER TRAINING:** The class will be held from 10 a.m.-noon in 103 Animal Science Research Center. No registration is required.

**HUMAN RESOURCES WORKSHOP:** "Steven Covey's The 8<sup>th</sup> Habit" will be presented from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in 146 Heinkel Building. Registration is required; call 882-7760.

## COMPUTER TRAINING:

- "XHTML 1: Links, Graphics, and Lists" will be presented at 8:30 a.m. in N3 Memorial Union.
- "Excel 2003 Macro Magic" will be presented at 1 p.m. in N3 Memorial Union.
- "Photoshop CS: Workspace and Selections" will be presented at 1 p.m. in 4D11 East Ellis Library. Registration is required; call 882-2000 or visit [iatservices.missouri.edu/training](http://iatservices.missouri.edu/training).

## SAFETY WORKSHOP:

- "Introduction to Biosafety Training" will be presented from 10 a.m.-noon today and April 14 in the Environmental Health and Safety classroom in the Research Park Development Building. Registration is required; call 882-7018.

### Friday, March 18

## COMPUTER TRAINING:

- "Photoshop CS: Pixels, Color and Layers" will be presented at 8:30 a.m. in N3 Memorial Union. Registration is required; call 882-2000 or visit [iatservices.missouri.edu/training](http://iatservices.missouri.edu/training).

## Exhibits

### BINGHAM GALLERY:

- An exhibit in a wide variety of media by MU art faculty is on display through March 24.
- "A Common Humanity," a thesis exhibit of sculptural works by Luke Helms, will be on display from March 28-April 14.

The gallery is located in the Fine Arts Building and is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**BRADY GALLERY:** "Women in the Arts" will be on display through March 31. The gallery is located in 203 Brady Commons.

## MUSEUM OF ART & ARCHAEOLOGY:

- "Cityscapes: Visualizing the Built Environment," which includes prints, drawings and paintings that depict the man-made landscape in cities and towns from the 16th to the 20th centuries, is on display through July 16.
- "Fashioning Identities: Portraiture through the Ages" is on display through May 21.
- "Greek and Roman Crafts: Metalwork, Textiles and Pottery" is on display through August. The museum, located in Pickard Hall, is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

## STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

- "The Great Rivers: Artists Interpret the Mississippi and Missouri" is on display in the main gallery through May 13. The main gallery is free and open 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- "Idyllic America: The Woodcuts of Fred Geary" is on display in

the north-south gallery through June 17.

## Films

### Thursday, March 17

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY FILM:

*Blossoms of Fire* will be shown at 5:30 p.m. at the Ragtag Cinemacafe. For ticket information, call 449-3001.

### Wednesday, March 23

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY FILM:

*Born into Brothels* will be shown at various times through March 29 at Ragtag Cinemacafe. For times and ticket information, call 449-3001.

### Wednesday, March 30

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY FILM:

*Girl, Interrupted* will be shown at 8 p.m. in Wrench Auditorium at the Memorial Union.

## Lectures & Seminars

### Thursday, March 17

#### ENGINEERING LECTURE:

Harapanahalli Muralidhara, vice president of corporate plant operations at Cargill Inc., will present "Challenges and Opportunities in the Food and Bioprocessing Industry for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at 3:30 p.m. in W1004 Engineering Building East.

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**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**SEMINAR:** Katrin Duevel from Princeton University will present "Signal Transduction Pathways Regulating Cell Growth in Yeast" at 3:30 p.m. in Monsanto Auditorium in the Life Sciences Center.

**MUSEUM LECTURE:** James

Curtis, professor of Russian, will present "The Wyeths: Pennsylvania's First Family of the Arts" at 5:30 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. in the Museum of Art & Archaeology Cast Gallery.

**WOMEN'S HISTORY**

**SEMINAR:** "bell hooks: A Critical Look" about the feminist theorist and cultural critic will be presented from 4-6 p.m. in S203 Memorial Union.

**Monday, March 28****WOMEN & GENDER**

**LECTURE:** Pat Okker, professor of English, will present "Representations of Women in Boarding Houses" from noon-1 p.m. in 303 Switzer Hall.

**Tuesday, March 29****HEALTH INFORMATICS**

**SEMINAR:** Sue Boren, clinical instructor in health management and informatics, will present "Diabetes Education Via the Telephone" at noon in 426A Clark Hall.

**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**SEMINAR:** Lorne Wolfe from Georgia State University will present "The Evolutionary Ecology of a Biological Invasion: A Story of Murder, Mayhem and

STDs" at 3:30 p.m. in Monsanto Auditorium at the Life Sciences Center.

**Wednesday, March 30****NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASE**

**SEMINAR:** The University of Missouri Health Care and the Muscular Dystrophy Association will present "Advances in Neuromuscular Disorders" from 8 a.m.-noon in Acuff Auditorium in the Medical School Building.

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**LECTURE:** Ian Johnson, the former Beijing bureau chief for the *Wall Street Journal*, will present "Religious Protest and Persecution in China: A Journalist's Experiences in Reporting on the Falun Gong Movement" at 4 p.m. in Wrench Auditorium at the Memorial Union.

**WOMEN'S HISTORY**

**LECTURE:** Feminist theorist and cultural critic bell hooks will present the keynote address for MU's Women's History Month observance. "Ending Domination: What's Love Got to do with It," at 8 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium.

**Thursday, March 31****INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**SEMINAR:** Byron Scott, professor of journalism, will present "Managed Democracy" in Modern Russia" at noon in S203 Memorial Union.

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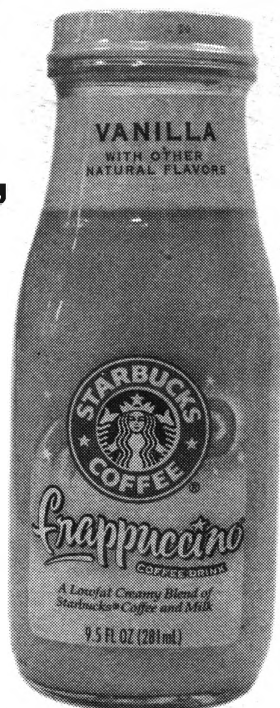
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**POETRY READING:** Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon will read from his poetry at 7:30 p.m. at Stotler Lounge in the Memorial Union.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY

**LECTURE:** Gaynell Simpson, assistant professor of social work, will present "Grandmother Caregivers" at 7 p.m. in 229 Brady Commons.

## Meetings

### Thursday, March 24

**STAFF COUNCIL:** The Staff Advisory Council meets at 1:15 p.m. today and May 12 and 26 in S206 Memorial Union.

### Thursday, March 31

**FACULTY COUNCIL:** The council meets at 3:30 p.m. today and April 21 and May 5 in S203 Memorial Union.

## Special Events

### Friday, March 18

**BLACK & GOLD DAY:** This student recruitment event will take place throughout the day in the Memorial Union. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.admissions.missouri.edu](http://www.admissions.missouri.edu).

### Monday, March 28

**TRAVEL FAIR:** Accounting Services will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Travel Fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Stotler Lounge in Memorial Union.

### Tuesday, March 29

#### ENGAGED MIZZOU

**FORUM:** The annual Engaged Mizzou Forum will be held today from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in N214/215 Memorial Union. Students and faculty will meet to hear about successful community-classroom partnerships and to explore future service-learning collaborations. For more information, contact Sarah Courtney at 882-0227.

### Wednesday, March 30

**RETIREE LUNCHEON:** The annual event honoring University of Missouri retirees will be held today in the Hearnes Center.

### Friday, April 1

#### WOMEN'S POETRY NIGHT:

The closing event for MU's Women's History Month features an evening of creative expression from campus and community poets and spoken word artists at 7 p.m. in the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center.

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"appears to have resulted in reduced access for students coming from modest economic circumstances," and suggested that MU, its leaders and the state "consider strategies to remedy the situation." The report stressed that to ensure campus diversity "continued attention at the highest levels of administration is critical."

The team urged careful monitoring of distance education programs to ensure their integrity equals those of courses offered on campus. It also cautioned that "strategies that have been used to deal with the financial stringencies may not be sustainable indefinitely," citing, in particular, losses of senior faculty and staff, and replacing retiring professors with non-regular faculty.

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# Drinking data

## ALCOHOL-RELATED

College students not at more risk than non-students

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Surgeon General confirm that binge drinking among college students is a major public health problem. It is linked to 1,400 student deaths, 500,000 injuries, 600,000 assaults and 70,000 sexual assaults on college campuses each year. New research conducted at MU shows that while college students tend to consume more alcohol than those not enrolled in higher education institutions, they are at no greater risk for developing alcohol-related problems.

"There is consistent evidence suggesting that college students drink more than their non-college attending peers," says Wendy Slutske, associate professor of psychology. "The goal of our research was to determine whether they were more likely to suffer from alcohol-related illnesses due to their drinking habits at an early age."

Slutske's research used data from the 2001 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, which surveyed 6,352 young adults ranging in age from 19 to 21. Each participant identified the frequency and quantity of their drinking on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. Binge drinking also was taken into consideration.

Results from the study indicated that college students exceeded their peers in all yearly, monthly and weekly alcohol use, including binge drinking. However, non-college students exceeded college-attending students in daily alcohol consumption. In addition, 18 percent of college students suffered alcohol-related problems, compared with 15 percent of their non-college peers.

Although the results confirm that college students drink more than their non-college attending peers, they are no more likely to exhibit symptoms or be diagnosed with alcohol dependence in the long term.

"The results of this study provide a more encouraging message about the consequences of college drinking compared to recent reports," Slutske said. "Although college students suffer from consequences of their heavy drinking, they do not appear to be at a greater risk from more pervasive problems associated with alcohol dependence."

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concerns such as salary and benefits issues. Most recently she was chair of the MU Staff Advisory Council. During her term, the University of Missouri System extended educational assistance to spouses and children of employees, a benefit she had doggedly pursued while on the council and that the group had sought for more than 20 years.

Lawrence says her service on

the council opened her eyes to the big picture. "It gave me a better understanding of the UM System and Mizzou, and helped me realize how important staff is to its day-to-day operation." Staff members contribute daily to the University, she says, but it's a two-way street. Mizzou invests heavily in staff through the employee and retirement benefits programs.

In recent years, the University's share of the state's

budget has dwindled, she says. Today, state appropriations provide only one-fifth of Mizzou's total budget, and student fees contribute about 15 percent. Private gifts must make up part of the difference if MU is to continue its tradition of excellence in teaching, research and service.

"The time has come for MU staff to invest in ourselves," Lawrence says. "We can make a difference. A donation, no matter

how large or small, will allow us to remain a quality University, show staff's pride and dedication to our workplace, provide our students with a great education and support our employer."

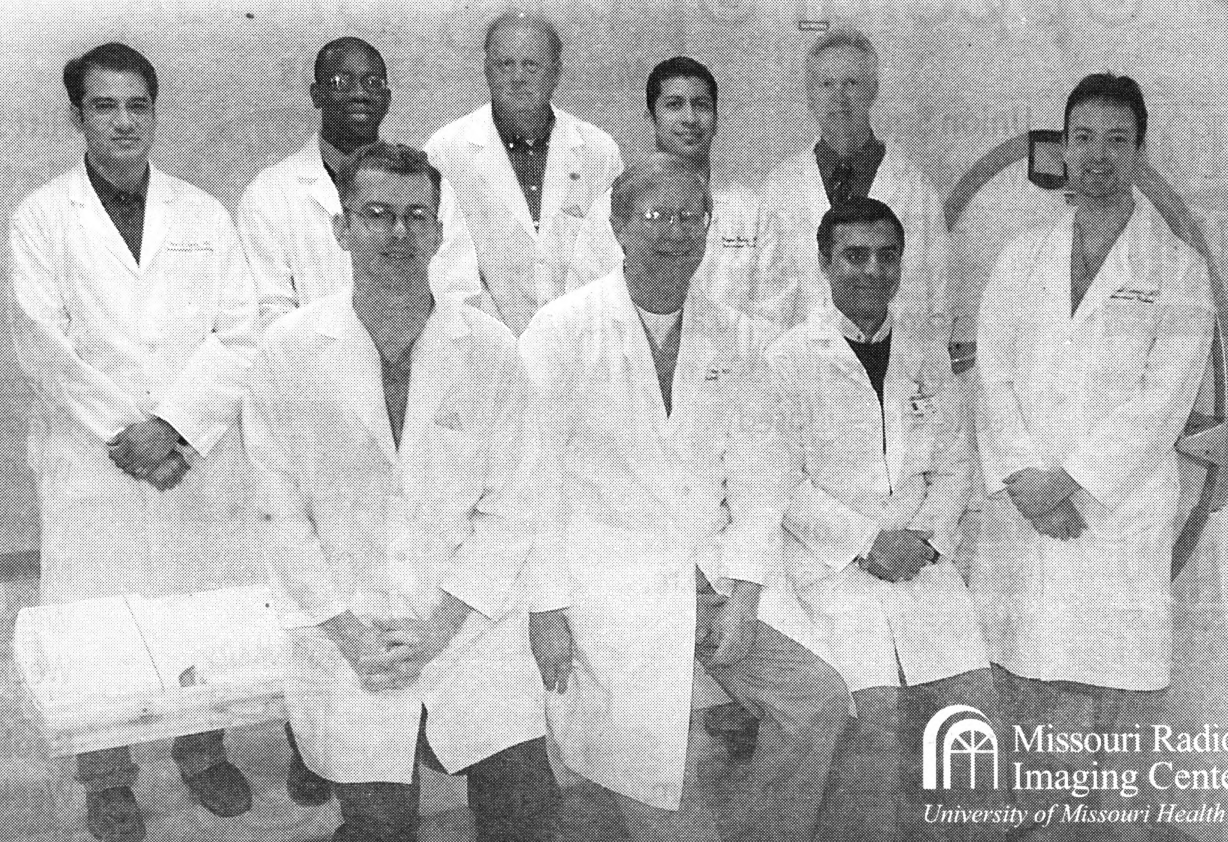
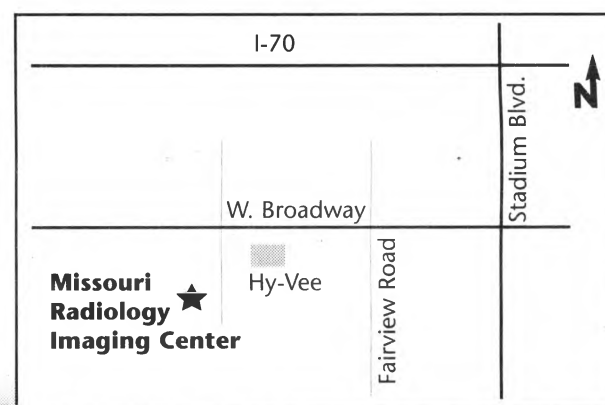
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# Joining the generations

**POSITIVE IMPACT** Model program will bring together seniors and children

As people live longer and couples wait until later in life to have children, the burden of caring for both young children and aging parents will continue to grow. To assist with this challenge, MU's School of Health Professions is creating a model approach to caring for all generations.

A \$270,000 gift will help start the first phase of a new intergenerational initiative, bringing young children and seniors together. The gift also will be used to create the nation's first intergenerational studies minor and start a research consortium.

The project, two years in the making, has MU collaborating with an award-winning private program called ONEgeneration in Van Nuys, Calif. The model is an adult day-care and an infant and toddler day-care program on a shared site. The children and seniors are brought together at least eight times a day for structured activities to enrich the

lives of both groups.

"We will be the first to launch this type of program in an academic setting," said Richard Oliver, dean of health professions. "It is obvious from observing the program in California that good things are happening and now MU will be able to provide the science to support this model."

ONEgeneration will assist the co-directors, Richard Hessler, professor of sociology, and Cheryl Shigaki, assistant professor of health psychology, with launching this new initiative.

The timeline calls for a pilot program to be up and running by June 1. The School of Health Professions already has several on-campus components of the program such as the Eldercare Center, an adult day health-care facility, and the Robert G. Combs Language Preschool, serving children with normal and delayed language development.

Administrators want to include the speech, occupational and physical therapy departments, as well as services from The Health Connection to create comprehensive health, wellness

and educational programs for seniors and children. The MU College of Human and Environmental Sciences and the Student Parent Center also will be involved in this project.

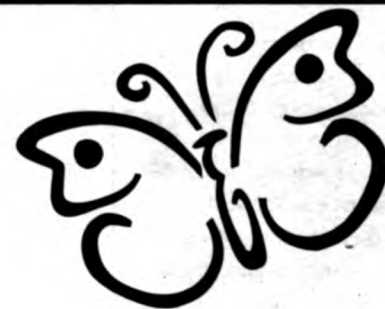
"Mixing the generations has a positive effect on both the children and the seniors," Oliver said. "I believe it is more important than ever for children to grow up knowing the value of older adults and breaking stereotypes."

At ONEgeneration, the children refer to the seniors as "the neighbors" and love it when they come over to visit. The groups interact in a variety of ways that are educational including therapeutic physical exercise and dance, skill-building activities such as cooking and painting, as well as dining together, storytelling and reading books.

"Our dream is that there would be no more separate child cares and adult day cares but that they would all be intergenerational," says Kelly Bruno, vice president of ONEgeneration.

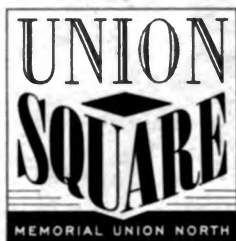


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