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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Campus planners mull options for changes to Rollins Street

Why did the student cross Rollins Street?

Well, to get to the other side, certainly, but also to walk to class from residence halls and Greek houses clustered south of the busy roadway. Or to catch a shuttle bus for outlying commuter parking lots after a long day of classes. Or maybe to drop in for a workout at the Student Recreation Complex, grab lunch at Brady Commons or buy class supplies at University Bookstore.

Rollins Street between Maryland and College avenues is a major east-west campus corridor. The constant crush of pedestrians and a steady stream of car traffic is a mix that has raised safety concerns for years.

Now campus planners are studying three options to improve pedestrian safety on

Rollins, and they are asking the campus community to weigh in on which plan would work best.

Gary Ward, assistant vice chancellor for facilities, says that he and his staff will spend the next several months working with student, faculty and staff groups to encourage feedback.

"This will change how the campus feels; it will have an impact on the way we use Rollins," Ward says. "It's too important an issue for a single group to make that decision, so we want to get a consensus on what the campus thinks is best. We want to make sure this is properly vetted."

Faculty, staff and students with comments or concerns can e-mail ShockleeP@missouri.edu. In addition, the Rollins Street project will be discussed at the annual campus master plan hearing, which will be held this year at noon, April 11, in the Reynolds Alumni Center.

"It is very important to hear from members of the University community about



Steve Morse photo

TRAFFIC PATTERNS A flood of students and thousands of cars raise concerns about pedestrian safety on Rollins Street. Campus planners are looking at some safer options for the busy thoroughfare..

this," says Jackie Jones, vice chancellor for Administrative Services. "We know there are

different perspectives on this issue and we want to hear those concerns." After the campus

presentation, "I would hope that we would be ready to

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MU to host national conference on stem cell research

HOT TOPIC

Missourians have a stake in the stem cell debate

Stem cells, whether derived from adults or an early cellular form, hold great promise. The primitive cells can be coaxed into developing into most of the 220 types of cells found in the human body, such as nerve, blood, heart or brain cells. Researchers believe stem cells can lead to developing treatments or cures for billions of humans worldwide stricken with diabetes, Parkinson's, cancer, heart disease, ALS also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, sickle cell disease, spinal cord injury and certain types of cancer.

Notwithstanding the potential, research on stem cells is controversial. In fact, it is arguably one of the hottest political, religious and ethical topics of the day. To shed some

light on the implications on the science behind the research, Mizzou will host the public symposium, "Stem Cell Research in the Heartland," March 8 and 9 in the Christopher S. Bond Life Sciences Center.

The meeting is organized by the Life Sciences and Society Program and brings together top experts in the research, teaching, ethics and public-policy communities who will "talk and discuss with the hope of improving understanding of the stem-cell issue," says Brian Kierland, assistant professor of philosophy. He will preside over a panel discussion March 9 on "The Founders and the Ethics of State Science."

The conference is free and open to the public. A complete schedule of events is at lifescienceandsociety.missouri.edu. Anyone who cannot attend will be able to obtain transcripts

of the presentations and pod casts from the Web site.

The conference is timely for the state of Missouri for a number of reasons. "Like people of all geographical regions, Missourians have a stake in the issue," Kierland says. "Many Missourians could potentially benefit from applications of stem-cell research, and many Missourians care about moral issues surrounding human embryos."

Leonie Marks, director of the Life Sciences and Society Program says the conference also is timely for Missourians because the Missouri Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, a voter referendum measure, is proposed for the November 2006 statewide ballot. The measure was developed by the Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures, a coalition of concerned citizens, medical experts, medical

and patient organizations and civic and business groups.

The initiative will make it clear in the state's constitution that any stem cell research, therapies or cures that are permitted by federal law will continue to be allowed in Missouri — provided that such activities are conducted ethically and safely, and do not involve human cloning.

A mixture of on- and off-campus presenters will help conduct the symposium. These include Linda Hogle, director of the Robert and Jean Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; John Evans, associate professor of sociology at the University of California-San Diego; Diana Schaub, chair of political science at Loyola College of Maryland and a member of the President's

Council on Bioethics; Fiona Murray, assistant professor of management and technological innovation and entrepreneurship at MIT; Arlene Chiu, director of scientific programs at the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine; and Mike Roberts, MU's Curators' Professor of animal science. Panelists and discussants include representatives from MU's departments, schools and colleges of sociology, law, family and community medicine, nursing, agricultural economics, philosophy, health management and informatics, research and biological sciences.

"We wanted to bring in national experts along with our local experts to help the citizens of Missouri get the scientific and social science information so they can make an informed decisions based on research itself and its implications," Marks says.

Focus on faculty

MU's Faculty Council is sponsoring a forum next week to discuss several topics that will go to a campuswide faculty vote later this semester. One topic is a proposal for automatic approval of requests by new parents to extend the tenure probationary period. A second proposal would formalize the extension of faculty governance to departments and colleges. Although it is not scheduled for a vote, faculty also will review recent recommendations on the campus policy for indirect cost recovery from research grants. The forum

will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in N208 Memorial Union. Background material is available online at facultycouncil.Missouri.edu.

Less is mower

The grass might not always be greener across the fence, but it usually seems to be shorter. The lawn-mowing season isn't far away, and that chore is always easier when your mower is in tip-top shape.

Homeowners can have their lawn mowers cleaned and tuned at the annual clinic offered by students in the MU Agricultural Systems

Management Club. The students steam clean each mower, clean the air filter, put in a new spark plug, change the oil and sharpen the blade for \$30. All machines must be in working order, and no riding mowers can be accommodated.

Customers can drop off their mowers at the east end of the Agricultural Engineering Building on Rollins Street from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 9, and from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on March 10. Pick-up times and dates are 7 to 9 a.m. March 13 and 4 to 6 p.m. March 14. For more information, call 882-2731.

Reconstructing the Middle Passage

As many as one-third of the Africans who were kidnapped, sold and transported to the Americas through a trans-Atlantic slave-trade route known as the Middle Passage were children. Like the adults, these boys and girls had no way of knowing what was in store for them. Wilma King, professor of history, has been working to reconstruct the experiences of those children through the use of first-person

narratives. King will discuss her work in a talk titled "Africa's Progeny Cast Upon American Shores" at 2 p.m. March 7 in 201 Ellis Library.

make a recommendation to the chancellor," Jones says.

Sasaki and Associates, the Boston-area consulting firm that currently works on MU's master planning, developed the three options. They are:

- Close Rollins to cars between Hitt Street and Maryland Avenue during the same hours the pedestrian campus is in force.
- Install "calming" devices to choke down Rollins at busy spots and slow car traffic. Stagger the shuttle bus pull-offs by Brady Commons so they aren't directly across from each other. Add tree plantings. Require cars traveling north and south on Hitt and north on Virginia Avenue to make only right turns at the intersections with Rollins.

- In addition to the features in the second option, include more long-term architectural features. For instance, move Rollins' north curb line several feet farther south between the Arts and Science Mall and Hitt Street to widen the sidewalk and narrow Rollins. Add two raised pedestrian crosswalks by the A&S Mall and line the area between Brady Commons and Brewer Fieldhouse with trees and tree wells. Require right turns only onto Rollins for cars traveling north and south on Hitt and traveling north on Virginia.

Each of the options has pros and cons, Ward says. "Obviously, if you close Rollins it's going to be a less congested street," he says. At the same time, though, Rollins is the major east-west

pathway through the south campus. Closing it would funnel drivers north to Elm Street or south to Hospital Drive.

"You could end up spreading the congestion and push the problem to other areas," Ward says. "It's like a balloon; when you squeeze a balloon in the middle, it pops up in other places." Closing Rollins also could limit access for delivery and maintenance vehicles to buildings in that area.

The remaining two options — narrowing Rollins and adding trees and calming devices — would "create more of a feeling that it's pedestrians first and vehicles second. It would create an environment where vehicles are guests," he says. "Now, because the road is so

wide and so sterile, it looks like a major thoroughfare. With these last two options, you increase the aesthetics but you haven't totally restricted access to vehicles."

A fall 2004 study by one of Professor Mark Virkler's civil engineering classes conducted detailed traffic counts on Rollins. The study found that nearly 5,000 cars used Rollins between College Avenue and Providence Road daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Between 15 percent and 16 percent of that traffic was through traffic.

A campuswide group called PAVE — an acronym for the Pedestrian and Vehicle Education program — is building awareness about pedestrian safety issues. Peter Ashbrook, director of MU's Environmental Health

and Safety department, has been working with that program.

He notes that safety becomes a concern any time large numbers of pedestrians and vehicles have to interact in a relatively small area, such as the core of campus.

"No matter what we do, pedestrian safety is going to be an issue," Ashbrook says. "I think the challenge that we have is to try to engineer our road system and our walkways to minimize these potentials for conflict. I think these options try to do that."

Because Rollins is a city-owned street, Columbia officials would have to sign off on any changes. Ward says the current thinking is for the campus to proceed with plans for right-turn-only lanes at the Hitt Street and Virginia Avenue intersections with Rollins, since the cost would be minimal and the outcome would be the same no matter which option is selected.

"We would like to make some impact for next fall by the time students return," he says. "Once we have a consensus on a direction the campus thinks we should go in, we will develop an action plan for implementation."

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TWELFTH ANNUAL

Multiple Sclerosis Institute Education Day*Staying ahead of MS: Discussions on cognition and treatment***Sunday, March 12**Peachtree Catering and Banquet Center
120 E. Nifong Blvd., Columbia, Mo.**Registration and lunch, noon****Advances in the treatment of MS, 12:30 p.m.****How to maintain cognitive function, 1:30 p.m.**

Learn about Multiple Sclerosis and treatment options at the programs presented by:

Ellen Lathi, MD, Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Center at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston, Mass.**Jeffrey Wilken, PhD**, Director of Neuropsychology, VA Medical Center, Washington, DCThe program is free, but space is limited and registration is required. Please register by calling (573) 882-6767, sending a FAX to (573) 884-4809 or e-mail harperdw@health.missouri.edu by Tuesday, March 7.*This education day will take the place of the March support group meeting.*

This program is sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Institute at University Hospital with financial support provided by the RAMS (Rockin' Against Multiple Sclerosis) philanthropy program at the University of Missouri-Columbia and an unrestricted educational grant from BiogenIdec.



calendar

**Concerts & Plays****Monday, March 4****SPECIAL EVENT:** The Emerging Artists Showcase Concert will be performed at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium.**Sunday, March 5****UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES:** Trumpeter Chris Botti will perform at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781.**Wednesday, March 8****UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES:** Rodger & Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* will be performed at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781.**Exhibits****BINGHAM GALLERY:**

- The Graduate Showcase is on display through March 16.

MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY:

- "American Regionalism: Images from the Heartland" focuses on mid-20th century American Regionalist painters such as Thomas Hart Benton, John Steuart Curry, Grant Wood and Fred Shane. The exhibit is on display through June.

- "Dressing the Part: Fashion in Art in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries" will be on display through May 21.

The museum, located in Pickard Hall, is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and from noon-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

"Selected Photos of Missouri by Oliver Schuchard" displays black-and-white and color images of the emeritus art professor's home state through May 26 in the main gallery. The main gallery is open 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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Is there a baby in your future?

Taking good care of yourself during pregnancy is very important. But, just as important are the months before you become pregnant. Let the experts from University of Missouri Health Care answer your questions as you prepare for pregnancy.

During the free seminar, Mistie Mills, MD, Missouri OB/GYN Associates, and Andrea Fick, MD, Missouri Perinatal Center, will discuss the latest information regarding preconception, such as prenatal vitamins, diet and exercise, in order to help you prepare for the big event.

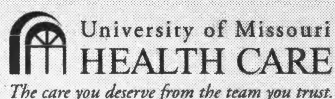
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Lectures & Seminars**Thursday, March 2****ARTS & HUMANITIES**

SALON: Vaughn Wascovich, assistant professor of art, and his photography students will exhibit and discuss their work from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the first-floor parlors of the Conley House.

Friday, March 3**WRITING PROGRAM**

SEMINAR: Writing intensive course tutors Matt Shaw and Antwaun Smith will present "I'm, Like, Confused: How Tutors Help Students Understand Your Assignments" at noon in the first-floor library at the Conley House.

CHEMISTRY COLLOQUIUM:

David Vicic, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Arkansas, will present "Organometallic Aspects of Alkyl Cross-Coupling Reactions" at 3:30 pm in 103 Schundt Hall.

Saturday, March 4**SATURDAY MORNING**

SCIENCE: Silvia Jurisson, professor of chemistry and radiology, will discuss "Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiopharmaceuticals" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Life Sciences Center's Monsanto Auditorium.

EDUCATION FORUM: The No Child Left Behind Public Forum

will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Reynolds Alumni Center. Carolyn Herrington, dean of education, will moderate a panel that includes National Academy of Education members George Hilcocks and Larry Hedges.

Monday, March 6**ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE**

SEMINAR: Athar Hussain, a doctoral candidate in atmospheric science, will present "Atmospheric Blocking" at 4 p.m. in 123 Natural Resources Building.

Tuesday, March 7**BIOINFORMATICS**

SEMINAR: John Gorman from Epic Systems will present "Implementing Computerized Physician Order Entry in an Integrated Delivery System" at noon in 426A Clark Hall.

LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES:

Wilma King, professor of history, will present "Africa's Progeny Cast Upon American Shores" at 2 p.m. in 201 Ellis Library. This project uses first-person narratives to reconstruct the experiences of African children who

were kidnapped, sold and transported to the Americas in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Wednesday, March 8**ARTS & HUMANITIES**

SALON: Gladys Swan, associate professor of English emeritus, will exhibit and present her writings and artwork at 5:30 p.m. in the first-floor parlors at the Conley House.

Thursday, March 9**WRITING PROGRAM**

LECTURE: Marilyn James-Kracke, associate professor of

pharmacology and physiology, will present "Scientific Writing: Tapping the Scientific Process to Perfect Writing Skills" at 3 p.m. in 217 General Classroom Building.

RACIAL JUSTICE LECTURE:

Kimberly Jade Norwood, professor of law at Washington University and an MU law alumna, will present "Blackthink: Who and What is Black?" followed by a question-and-answer session at 7 p.m. at the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center.

Fortunately for Ben, Scout Leader Hainsworth is also Dr. Hainsworth



Ben knows Mr. Hainsworth as a leader who knows his way out of the woods, who tells great stories around the campfire and is pretty handy with a cinder in the eye.

The world of ophthalmology knows him as Dean Hainsworth, MD, University Physician, renowned retina specialist and recent recipient of the Julio Santiago Achievement Award for his research in diabetic eye care.

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