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Staff social

KEY PLAYERS

Staff Recognition Week
highlights important role of
staff members

Abnormally chilly
spring weather April
9 may have deterred
a few staff members from
attending the ice cream social
and talent show on Plaza 900
Amphitheater, but nearly 75
people made it to the noontime
event that kicked off this year's
Staff Recognition Week.

In some ways the cool
weather was actually beneficial,
says Rebecca Bergfield, chair
of the Staff Advisory Council,
which sponsors the annual
weeklong celebration of staff
members' contributions to
Mizzou. "The ice cream didn't
melt," Bergfield says. "The soda
stayed cool, and the popcorn
was hot and enjoyed by all."

The goodies were an added
bonus for a talent program that
included a pair of down-home
country music groups, a vocalist
and one MU staff. The College
of Veterinary Medicine's
Raptor Rehabilitation Club
displayed birds of prey that
club members have rescued.

Other events during the
week included a fashion show,
the awards ceremony, a tour
of the MU Botanic Garden,
workshops for staff sponsored
by Human Resource Services
and a silent auction to benefit
Staff Council's scholarship
fund that helps staff members
further their education.

"Staff Recognition Week is
a time we use to show staff how
much we appreciate all that they
do," Bergfield says. "The week's
events give staff a chance to visit
with each other and see how
big a role they play in keeping
the campus functioning."



CHILL OUT A trio of staff members, from left, David Cavins, John White and Amber Gaddy entertained the crowd that gathered over the lunch hour April 9 on Plaza 900 Amphitheater for the staff ice cream social and talent event that kicked off MU's annual Staff Recognition Week.

Rob Hill photo

Curators name Gordon Lamb as interim UM System president

TIME OF TRANSITION

Board also approves
UM-Rolla name change

Gordon H. Lamb, a
longtime educator
and a former
college president who lives in
Columbia, began his new duties
this week as interim president
of the University of Missouri
System. The Board of Curators
unanimously named Lamb to
the interim position at its April
4-6 meeting in Rolla.

Outgoing UM System
President Elson Floyd will
serve as a consultant for the
University until April 30, when
he leaves for his new position
as president of Washington
State University. Curators
also announced that Lamb
will not be a candidate for
the permanent position.

Lamb served as interim
chancellor of UM-Kansas
City from February 1999 to
March 2000. Over his long
higher education career,
Lamb also was president
of Northeastern Illinois
University from 1986 to 1995,

vice president for academic
affairs at the University of
Texas-San Antonio and interim
chancellor at the University
of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Since 2000, he has been
senior vice president in the
higher education practice
of EFL Associates, an
executive search firm based
in Kansas City, Mo.

Curators considered a
number of candidates for the
interim position but decided
Lamb "would be the best
person to serve the University
of Missouri System during
this time of change," said
Don Walsworth, chair of
the Board of Curators,

"Gordon has a tremendous
academic and administrative
background. He knows
Missouri and he knows the
University of Missouri, as
he was once part of our
UM family. I'm pleased to
welcome him back to the
family to develop our blueprint
for transition to the next
president," Walsworth said.

At the Rolla meeting,

curators also approved a 3.8
percent increase in tuition and
fees beginning this summer
session — from \$227.30 per
credit hour to \$235.90 per
credit hour for undergraduates
who are Missouri residents,
and from \$276.40 to \$286.90
for graduate students.

Curators also endorsed a
name change for UM-Rolla.
Acting on a recommendation
from Rolla Chancellor John
Carney, curators approved
changing the name of the
Rolla campus to the Missouri
University of Science and
Technology — or "Missouri
S&T." the change takes
effect Jan. 1, 2008.

"Missouri S&T will better
define the university as a
leading technological research
university," Carney says. "We
believe the new name will help
to differentiate this university in
a highly competitive university
market and provide a national
competitive advantage."

The decision follows
more than six months of
research and discussion with

numerous UMR constituents,
including alumni, students,
prospective students, faculty,
staff, corporate recruiters
and community leaders.

Carney says the name
change will help the institution
have a stronger identity
while remaining a part of the
four-campus University of
Missouri. "We believe a more
distinctive name would afford
UMR several advantages
in recruiting students on a
national level," he says.

The university was founded
in 1870 as the University of
Missouri School of Mines and
Metallurgy. It was informally
known as the Missouri School
of Mines, or MSM, until
1964, when it was renamed
the University of Missouri at
Rolla. The campus became
known as the University of
Missouri-Rolla in 1968.

Curators also renamed
MU's General Classroom
Building for a legendary
history professor. Since it was
completed in the early 1970s,
tens of thousands of Mizzou

students have attended classes
in the building — also known
as "GCB" — in the heart of
the Arts and Science Mall.

Curators renamed the iconic
building in honor of another
campus icon: emeritus history
Professor Arvarh Strickland.
Strickland was the first African-
American faculty member
when he came to MU in 1969.
He retired in 1996 after 26
years of mentoring students;
helping create MU's Black
Studies Program; advancing
scholarship on African-
American and Southern history;
and serving as a campus,
community and statewide
leader on diversity issues.

Board members also gave
the go-ahead for the project
designs of the new 526-bed
Mid-Campus Residence
Hall and for an expansion
of MU's Research Animal
Diagnostic and Investigative
Laboratory (RADIL) on land
at Discovery Ridge Research
Park at South Farm.

The residence hall project
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Future benefits

The issue of salaries and medical benefits are often the topic of discussion among MU employees, but retirement benefits also make up an important component of the University's compensation and benefits package. The Faculty and Staff Benefits office is sponsoring two one-hour workshops April 25 to give employees an overview of their retirement benefits.

The first session will be held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, in 146 Heinkel Building. Participants will learn when one becomes vested in the University

Retirement, Disability and Death Plan; what benefits the plan includes and how those benefits are calculated.

The second session will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, in 146 Heinkel. It will cover the options available to University of Missouri employees to enhance their retirement savings. This session will give an overview of the UM Tax Deferred Annuity (403B) Plan and the UM Deferred Compensation (475b) Plan, including contribution limits, tax benefits and how to enroll in the plans. Registration is required for both sessions

at www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/hr/benefits.

Making the grade In graduate school

Graduate education is one of the things that sets Mizzou apart as the flagship public research university in Missouri. Because graduate students make vital contributions to the teaching and research that underpins the state's new knowledge-based economy, Gov. Matt Blunt has designated April 16 to 21 as Graduate Education Week in Missouri.

MU is sponsoring a series of events to celebrate the contributions of graduate education. From 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in 103 Arts and Science Building, Norma Jackson, the student recruitment coordinator for MU's Graduate School, will present "Getting Into Grad School: A Primer for Prospective Students." The session will explore topics such as choosing a school, the admissions process, GRE basics, funding sources and tips for writing a personal statement and requesting recommendation letters.

On April 20, *Chronicle of*

Higher Education columnist James Lang, an associate professor of English at Assumption College, will present "Energizing the Classroom — and Your Teaching Career: Graduate Education and Beyond." The session will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in 115 Cornell Hall.

On Saturday, April 21, graduate students from departments across campus have organized an "Adventures in Education Fair" that will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jesse Hall Rotunda. The event features interactive exhibits

Life Sciences Week highlights an incredible array of MU research

SCIENCE SHOWCASE

Annual event brings together scholars from a diversity of disciplines

Some of the most accomplished scientists in Missouri and from around the world will converge on MU's Bond Life Sciences Center next week for Missouri Life Sciences Week. However, a few of the participants will be long on enthusiasm but short on scientific expertise.

For the first time ever, the annual event will include "Exploring Life Science at MU," a conference for mid-Missouri high school students and their teachers. On April 16, high school biology students will hear talks by MU life science researchers, listen to a panel discussion by MU student researchers, and talk with scientists and professors during research poster presentations from 300 researchers throughout the Life Sciences Center.

And that's just the start of

a busy week of activities that will include another poster session on April 18, tours of MU's core facilities and research centers, workshops, a networking reception, a vendor show and lectures by distinguished scientists. Many of the scientific presentations will be webcast, with links available on the Missouri Life Sciences Week Web site at lifesciencesweek.missouri.edu.

One highlight of the week will be seminars by keynote speakers who widely known for their innovative research. The speakers and their topics are:

- John Doebley, professor of genetics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Doebley's research group is trying to understand the genetic basis of the evolution of new morphological traits in plants by using maize and its wild relatives as a model system. His lab is trying to determine how many genes contribute to new trait evolution and whether the genetic alterations

affect protein function or gene expression. Doebley will present "The Evolution of Plant Form: An Example From Maize" at 3:30 p.m. April 16 in Monsanto Auditorium.

- John Allman, professor of biology at the California Institute of Technology. Allman's research group is concerned with brain evolution as revealed through the comparative study of brain structure and with the neural mechanisms of economic and social decision-making. Allman will present "Intuition and Deliberation" at 3:30 p.m. April 17 in Monsanto Auditorium.

- Alan Cooper, professor of earth and environmental science at the University of Adelaide in Australia. Cooper's lab studies the impacts and timing of environmental change on animals, plants and microbes by measuring genetic records preserved in plant and animal remains and even sediment cores from marine and aquatic sites. Cooper

will present "Using Ancient DNA to Record Genetic Responses to Environmental Change" at 3:30 p.m. April 19 in Monsanto Auditorium.

- Virginia Valian, professor of psychology at Hunter College. Valian's research team studies language acquisition, sex differences in math, and gender and advancement in science. Her projects have included rating science and humanities organizations according to their representation of women and analyzing interventions to improve the status of women in science. Valian will present "Why So Slow? The Advancement of Women" at 3:30 p.m. April 20 in Monsanto Auditorium.

As a relative newcomer to MU, Jack Schultz, director of the Bond Life Sciences Center, says he is looking forward to participating in the annual week of activities. "The Bond Center was designed to be a place where scientists of all disciplines gather — and

Life Sciences Week is a one excellent way of encouraging that," Schultz says. "We have an interesting lineup of seminars and other programs, plus a large exhibition of nearly 300 research posters representing many academic disciplines. I encourage anyone interested in knowing more about science at MU to join us."

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The 15-20 minute walk begins on the north steps of Jesse Hall and proceeds around Francis Quadrangle. Four stations with history of the Red Campus will be featured.

Chancellor and Mrs. Deaton
will join in the event to visit with staff.

For more information, please call 882-4269

In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled.

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that demonstrate all the possibilities that are available when kids continue their education. Families with children in grades two to six are especially encouraged to attend. More information is available online at www.gradedweek.org.

Unsung heroes

Building coordinators and their assigned alternates serve as important liaisons between occupants of their building and various campus service and support units, including Campus Facilities, Administrative

Services and MU's Police and Environmental Health and Safety departments.

The spring building coordinators meeting will be at 9 a.m., Thursday, April 19, in Columns CD&E in Reynolds Alumni Center. Building coordinators are encouraged to attend to learn more about upcoming construction projects from Larry Hubbard, director of Planning, Design and Construction, and to hear announcements from Peter Ashbrook, director of Environmental Health and Safety, and MU Police Chief Jack Watring. For more information,

contact Campus Facilities Associate Director Phil Shocklee, associate director of Campus Facilities, at shockleep@missouri.edu.

A taste of Thai

The Songkran Festival is one of Thailand's best-known celebrations. Held in mid-April, Songkran is a time of renewal. The Thai Student Association brings the tastes, smells and sounds of the Thai traditional new year and water festival to campus when it holds the Grand Songkran Festival from

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Tiger Plaza between Cornell Hall and the General Classroom Building. The free event features authentic Thai cuisine and traditional music performances.

A faculty 'Festschrift'

The MU School of Law is calling this April 13 and 14 conference a "Festschrift" for longtime Professor Dale Whitman. According to Webster's, a Festschrift is a collection of articles written in honor of a noted scholar by his or her colleagues and

former students. In this case, it will be a symposium with legal scholars from around the country delivering talks in honor of Whitman, a noted expert on property law.

Whitman, the James E. Campbell Missouri Endowed Professor of Law, will officially retire after 19 years of teaching law. He came to MU in 1976 as a visiting professor and then returned in 1982 as dean of the law school.

A complete schedule of events is available online at law.missouri.edu/faculty/symposium/symposium07.html.

'Denim Day' takes aim at violence toward women

A STRONG STAND

MU students further nationwide rape awareness

A convicted rapist in Italy had his conviction overturned in 1999 when the Italian Supreme Court judges decided the victim's jeans were so tight she had to have helped him take them off. The women in the Italian legislature expressed their outrage by coordinating their attire: They all wore jeans to work.

This is the foundation for "Denim Day," which is acknowledged by many states in America but is not yet a coordinated effort. MU is working to change that. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services gave \$10,000 to the MU's

Department of Textile and Apparel Management in the College of Human Environmental Sciences to push the "Denim Day" effort forward. Students in the computer-aided design class created a "Denim Day" logo and designed pins. The brand-marketing class students created posters, fliers and bookmarks

On April 11, eight MU students and representatives of DHSS were at the state capitol as Governor Matt Blunt signed a proclamation officially declaring April 26, 2007, as "Denim Day."

"We want to see this effort go nationwide. We have been writing to Oprah every week for six months," says Lynn Boorady, assistant professor of textile and apparel management. "Our department is predominantly

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female, and rape touches a lot of college women, so it makes sense for us to take on this project. I feel good about the way we are taking a strong stand for rape awareness."

The members of the Association of Textile and Apparel Management student group decided to take the effort even further. They are creating 'rape kits' to be distributed to police stations and hospitals. The kits include

drawstring pants, a T-shirt, flip-flops and personal hygiene products in a tote bag. The idea is for the entire outfit to be considered disposable.

"When a woman goes to the hospital after being raped, she leaves her clothes. Whatever she wears home is always going to be associated

with that, and we don't want them to have any reminder of the rape," Boorady says.

Students in the apparel production class are sewing the bags, and the department donated fabric scraps to state prisoners, who will stitch the pants. The scraps will be used to make quilts for foster children. The other contents of the rape kit bags are being donated.

MU will provide "Denim Day" materials to Columbia College, Stephens College, Lincoln University in Jefferson City and Williams Woods University in Fulton. All campuses will distribute the items and hold rape awareness activities and events on April 26.

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April 14, 1 p.m.

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calendar

Concerts & Plays

Friday, April 13

ODYSSEY MUSIC SERIES:

"Dramatic Soiree" will be performed at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1112 East Broadway.

STUDENT RECITAL:

Christine Jarquio, mezzo-soprano, and Priscilla Yuen, on piano, will perform at 8:30 p.m. in the Whitmore Recital Hall.

STUDENT ENSEMBLE:

The World Percussion Ensemble will perform at the Missouri Theatre at 8 p.m. Suggested donation: \$5.

Saturday, April 14

STUDENT ENSEMBLE:

Hitt Street Harmony will perform at 8:30 p.m. in the Whitmore Recital Hall. Suggested donation: \$5.

Sunday, April 15

JAZZ SERIES:

Pianist Robert Glasper will perform with his trio at 3:30 and 7 p.m. at Murry's, 3107 Green Meadows Way. For ticket information, call 449-3001.

STUDENT ENSEMBLE:

For All We Call Mizzou will perform at 6 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall. Suggested donation: \$5.

Tuesday, April 17

STUDENT RECITAL:

The Student Composers Recital will be performed at 8 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall.

Wednesday, April 18

STUDENT ENSEMBLE:

The Horn Choir will perform at 7 p.m. in the Whitmore Recital Hall. Suggested donation: \$5.

Thursday, April 19

FACULTY RECITAL:

The Missouri Quintet will perform at 3 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall. Suggested donation: \$5.

THEATER SERIES:

The Pedlar, adapted by Mary Barile and directed by Cheryl Black, will be presented at 8 p.m. today, April 20 and 21, and April 26-28, and at 2 p.m. April 29 in Rhynsburger Theatre. For ticket information, call 882-PLAY.

Friday, April 20

STUDENT ENSEMBLE:

The Show Me Opera will perform at 8 p.m. at the Missouri Theatre.

Courses & Workshops

Monday, April 16

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"2781: Designing Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Server-Side Solutions" will be offered at 10 a.m. in 215 Telecom Building. Registration is required; call 882-2000 or register online at training.missouri.edu.

Tuesday, April 17

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"Word 2007 Primer" will be offered at 1 p.m. in N3 Memorial Union.

"Dreamweaver 8 1: Getting Started, Text & Publishing" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in N3 Memorial Union. Registration is required; call 882-2000 or register online at training.missouri.edu.

Wednesday, April 18

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"Flash 8 3: Buttons & ActionScript" will be offered at 1 p.m. in N3 Memorial Union.

"Access 2003 Forms and Reports" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in 4D11 East Ellis Library.

Registration is required; call 882-2000 or register online at training.missouri.edu.

Thursday, April 19

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"Excel 2003" Formatting & Printing" will be offered at 1 p.m. in N3 Memorial Union.

"XHTML 1: Links, Graphics & Lists" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in N3 Memorial Union.

Registration is required; call 882-2000 or register online at training.missouri.edu.

Friday, April 20

COMPUTER TRAINING:

"PowerPoint 2007 Primer" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in N3 Memorial Union.

Registration is required; call 882-2000 or register online at training.missouri.edu.

Exhibits

MUSEUM OF ART & ARCHAEOLOGY:

"Final Farewell: The Culture of Death and the Afterlife," explores cross-cultural themes of the afterlife and their impact on art.

"The Forgotten Art of Engraving" is on display through July. It explores the history of engraving technique and displays prints by such masters as Albrecht Durer, Hendrick Goltzius and William Blake.

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.

BINGHAM GALLERY:

"We Clean Up Nice" a showcase of art by graduating seniors in art is on display through April 20. The gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building, is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

MU LIBRARIES EXHIBITS:

"Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" features photographs and historical documents on display in the first-floor colonnade of Ellis Library through April 20.

The Miniature Book Society's traveling exhibit along with items from the MU Libraries' special collections are on display in the first-floor colonnade of Ellis Library through April 23.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

"Light & Life in Missouri: Photos by Notley Hawkins" will be on display through May 12 in the north-south corridor gallery.

"The Stories They Tell: Understanding Missouri History Through Maps," an exhibit of more than 30 maps that explore Missouri history topics organized by Walter Schroeder, associate professor emeritus of geography, is on display through June 30 in the main gallery.

Lectures & Seminars

Thursday, April 12

HISTORY LECTURE:

Donald Critchlow, editor of *Policy History* and author of numerous books on American politics will present "How the GOP Right Made History" at 4 p.m. in Allen Auditorium in the Arts and Science Building.

MUSEUM LECTURE:

Bill Young, professor of classics, philosophy and religious studies at Westminster College, will present "Crossing Over: Images of Death and the Afterlife in the World's Religions" at 6 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall. A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Pickard Hall Cast Gallery

MU Remembers

Please join the campus community for a time to remember the lives and dreams of students who have departed from us.

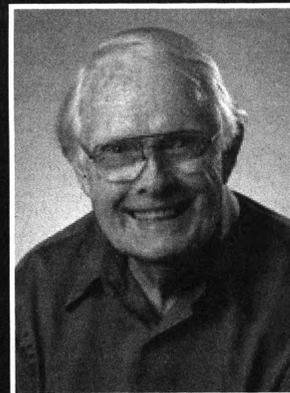
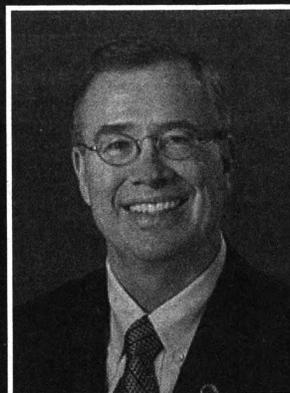
In Memoriam

Tyler Downey - A & S, Fulton, Missouri
 Marianne Osorio - Nursing, Columbia, Missouri
 Kyle Zammar - Education, Lake Winnebago, Missouri

Friday, April 13, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union



Please join
Chancellor Brady J. Deaton
 and
Faculty Council Chair Rex Campbell
 for the
Spring General Faculty Meeting
 3:30-5 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 17, 2007
 Ellis Auditorium



Friday, April 13

GRADUATE EDUCATION

LECTURE: William Germano, author and former editor-in-chief at Columbia University Press and publishing director at Routledge, will present "What Will Your Dissertation Do After Graduate School?" at 5:30 p.m. in Allen Auditorium in the Arts and Science Building.

PEACE STUDIES

LECTURE: Nobel Prize Winner Jody Williams will present "One Person Can Make a Difference" at 7:30 p.m. in Ellis Auditorium. Williams led the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. She pioneered the use of technology to organize trans-national political action and her efforts culminated in the signing of an international treaty to ban antipersonnel landmines.

Saturday, April 14

SATURDAY MORNING

SCIENCE: John Viator, assistant professor of bioengineering, will present "Shining a Light on Medicine: Applications of Laser Technology" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Life Sciences Center's Monsanto Auditorium. This lecture series is intended for everyone, a science background is not required.

CALLIGRAPHY SEMINAR:

Lampo Leong, associate professor of art and a recognized master of brush painting and calligraphy, will present a seminar on Chinese calligraphy from noon to 6 p.m. in the Brady Craft Studio. Cost is \$75 for MU students, \$100 for the public.

Monday, April 16

WRITING PROGRAM

WORKSHOP: Louise Miller, assistant professor of nursing, and John Bowders, professor of civil and environmental engineering, will present "Improving Curricula through Writing Enhanced Courses" at noon in 108 Conley House.

Wednesday, April 18

RELIGION LECTURE:

Mary Jane Engh, an independent scholar, novelist and poet, will present "What Gets Left Out: Religious Persecution in Context" at noon in 85 Gannett Hall. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Thursday, April 19

ART & ARCHAEOLOGY

LECTURE: Kathleen Warner Slane, professor of art history and archaeology, will present "Mortal Remains: Death and Burial in Roman Corinth" at 6 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall. A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Cast Gallery.

GRADUATE EDUCATION

SEMINAR: "Getting Into Graduate School: A Primer for Prospective Students" will be offered from 5-6 p.m. in 103 Arts and Sciences. The seminar will address how to select a graduate school, the application process, recommendations and funding.

AGING RESEARCH

SEMINAR: Panelists Steven Zweig, professor of family medicine and director of MU's Interdisciplinary Center on Aging; Sarah Breier-Mackie, assistant professor of nursing; and Daniel Westcott, assistant professor of anthropology; will discuss the exhibit "Final Farewell," now on display in the Museum of Art and Archaeology.

Friday, April 20

GRADUATE EDUCATION

LECTURE: James Lang, associate professor of English at Assumption College and a columnist for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, will present "Energizing the Classroom — and Your Teaching Career: Graduate Education and Beyond" at noon in 115 Cornell Hall.

Meetings

Thursday, April 19

FACULTY COUNCIL: The Faculty Council on University Policy will meet at 3:30 p.m.

in S203 Memorial Union.

Special Events

Saturday, April 14

NATIVE PLANT SALE:

The Native Plant sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bradford Research and Extension Center. The sale will include native plants and seed for sale by Missouri producers, seminars and raingarden demonstrations. A special bird watch tour will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. To reserve a spot on this tour, call Nadia at 573-289-2018. The event is free and open to the public.

LIBRARY DISPLAY

DEDICATION: A ceremony to dedicate a permanent display of English loving-cups in the Ellis Library colonnade will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 16

QUAD WALKING TOUR:

"Take a Walk with the Chancellor" will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Chancellor Brady Deaton, Mrs. Anne Deaton and other campus leaders will conduct the 15- to 20-minute strolls on Francis Quadrangle starting from the north steps of Jesse Hall.

Tuesday, April 17

GENERAL FACULTY

MEETING: The spring general faculty meeting will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. in Ellis Auditorium. Chancellor Brady Deaton will provide a campus update and Rex Campbell, chair of Faculty Council, will discuss the council's recent work.

Thursday, April 19

ASIAN FILM SERIES:

The Singaporean film *I Not Stupid* will be shown at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union's Wrench Auditorium.

Adding up to success

ACTIVE LEARNING

Study calls for changes in math instruction

A study published April 6 in *Science* shows that elementary teachers spend too much time delivering basic information and are not providing a rich, interactive learning environment.

The study, funded by the National Institutes of Health, found that children spend more than 90 percent of their school days sitting at a desk listening to the teacher or working alone.

Barbara Reys, professor of mathematics education and director for the Center for the Study of Mathematics Curriculum, calls the study an affirmation that changes in mathematics curriculum and instruction are needed.

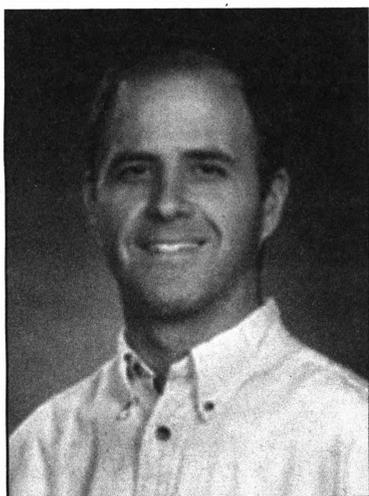
"This study affirms that the traditional lecture method of teaching children is not helpful to most students. Teachers cannot simply deliver information to students; they must get children to take more responsibility for actively learning," Reys says. "Our main message is that teachers must have an engaging, rigorous curriculum. We need to get children both physically and mentally engaged. True learning does not occur until a child is asked to participate in answering challenging questions and work with other students to struggle and problem-solve. When students actively participate, they learn more, and it sticks with them."

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Associate Professor of English, Assumption College



"Energizing the Classroom—and Your Teaching Career: Graduate Education and Beyond"

Graduate Education and Beyond"

Friday, April 20, 2007
Noon-1:30 p.m.
Cornell Hall, Room 115

In addition to being an associate professor of English at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., James Lang is a columnist for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Lang is also author of two books including his most recent, *Life on the Tenure Track: Lessons from the First Year*.

Please join us for these other events taking place during Graduate Education Week:

Getting Into Graduate School: A Primer for Prospective Students
April 19, 5-6 p.m.
Arts & Sciences, Room 115

Adventures in Education Fair
April 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jesse Hall Rotunda

Dean James E. Thompson and the faculty, staff and students of MU's College of Engineering invite you to join them for the

*Thomas and Nell Lafferre Hall Reconstruction
Groundbreaking Ceremony and Celebration*

Friday, April 13, 2007

*Groundbreaking Ceremony at 3:00 p.m.
South side of Lafferre Hall*

*Celebration at 3:30 p.m.
Lafferre Hall, 1922 Addition
High Bay Area*

Never an easy job

GRIEVING PROCESS

Class teaches veterinary students the facts of life — and death

In his companion animal class, David Ledoux teaches future veterinarians about the care and feeding of their clients' pets. He ends each semester with the toughest part — how to handle the emotional moment when a beloved pet dies or must be put to sleep.

"The veterinarian must understand some basic tenets of the grieving process," says Ledoux, professor of animal sciences. "They must be good listeners. Pet owners are much attached to their pets and go through a grieving process much like they would for a lost family member."

This is particularly true in a pet-friendly country like the United States where many of the 73 million domestic dogs and 90 million domestic cats are pampered to the point that an estimated 50 percent are overweight.

Ledoux draws from *On Death and Dying*, the classic book on human death by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, which describes different stages of the grieving process.

Pet owners, he tells students, may have difficulty because there are no accepted social norms for mourning a pet. Ledoux stresses that each

pet owner must reach their own stage of resolution.

When first learning of an animal's terminal condition some owners express denial, question the diagnosis or show anger, blaming the vet for not curing the condition. Other owners display guilt feelings for not giving their pet proper care.

The decision of when to euthanize a pet should be made between the owner and veterinarian and done in a respectful way, he says. "It usually comes down to the pet owner realizing that nothing else can be done to cure the pet and that euthanasia is the only way to prevent pain and suffering."

Options for disposing of the animal's remains should be discussed early to allow the owner to make an informed decision, Ledoux says.

In some cases, the pet owner chooses not to be with the animal during the procedure. Some owners do ask to see the pet after the procedure to complete physical separation.

Veterinarians should not rush clients into getting a new pet. Ledoux says. "I tell students to be careful and let the client decide when the time is right for a new pet."

Veterinarians are not immune to the emotional stress of euthanizing pets they have treated for years, he says

Putting on the dog, taking off the pounds

CANINE COALITION

Program demonstrates that walking Fido helps human fitness

Some people claim that exercising with friends keeps them on the weight loss track. Now that circle of friends has grown to include man's best friend. A new MU program, "Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound," aims to keep people and dogs fit.

The program consists of weekly community dog-walks held at Bear Creek Trail near the Central Missouri Humane Society on Saturdays. In "Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound," adults and families with children walk shelter dogs on the Bear Creek Trail. Dogs participating in the walks will be selected by shelter staff based on their adoptability, amicable personality and ability to be walked.

"We hope that the program will encourage people to be more active and, at the same time, give shelter dogs the exercise that they need," says Rebecca Johnson, professor of nursing and director of the Research Center on Human Animal Interaction at the College of Veterinary Medicine. "Additionally, we hope that the program will help meet animal shelter needs, by encouraging people to adopt pets."

Organizers of the community dog walking project aim to raise awareness concerning the high rate of obesity among adults and children, increase physical activity, educate the public about the health benefits of walking, increase community awareness about dogs available for adoption, and increase shelter dog adoption rates. The program mirrors one that started in Texas several years ago and is occurring in other cities in the United States.

Local collaborators include the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department, the Central Missouri Humane Society, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and Columbia Second Chance.

"We know that walking is good for the physical heart," says Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman. "Walking these sheltered dogs, I hope, will exercise people's heartstrings. They'll get better health and a new best friend."

In addition to the dog-walks, nutritional information will be available, and participants will engage in warm-up exercises prior to the walks. Johnson, who is also the Millsap Professor of Gerontological Nursing at the MU Sinclair School of Nursing, will use the program in a research study

as she measures weight, blood pressure, mood and self-perceived health before and after the program. The findings could help other communities tailor similar programs to achieve maximum effectiveness.

Those who participate in the program will receive a "Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound" T-shirt and a packet of information. They also will be given the opportunity to enroll in a study of their weight and physical activity patterns before and after participating in the program. The program begins in Columbia on Saturday, April 21.

"This program will show people and help people see that we really do have an overpopulation problem. It also gives us an opportunity to educate potential owners about responsible pet ownership," says Heather Duren, shelter relations coordinator and volunteer with Columbia Second Chance.

The Research Center on Human Animal Interaction studies the human-animal interaction and how that interaction can provide non-pharmaceutical therapy and health benefits. Projects include measuring how visits with dogs can affect mood and perception of health among cancer patients, how pet attachment can enhance the health of ethnic elders and how pets can help older adults relocate to nursing homes.



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"How the GOP Right Made History"

DONALD CRITCHLOW

Thursday, April 12

4 to 5 p.m.

Allen Auditorium

Donald Critchlow, Professor of History at St. Louis University, is the editor of the *Journal of Policy History* and the author of numerous works on American politics and public policy, including *Phyllis Schlafly and Grassroots Conservatism* (Princeton University Press, 2005).

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IN *brief*

Media models negatively impact body image

The rail-thin blonde bombshell on the cover of a magazine makes all women feel badly about their own bodies despite the size, shape, height or age of the viewers. A new MU study found that all women were equally and negatively affected after viewing pictures of models in magazine ads for just three minutes.

"Surprisingly, we found that weight was not a factor. Viewing these pictures was just bad for everyone," says Laurie Mintz, associate professor of education, school and counseling psychology. "It had been thought that women who are heavier feel worse than a thinner woman after viewing pictures of the thin ideal in the mass media. The study results do not support that theory."

The study suggests that the majority of women would benefit from interventions aimed at decreasing the effects of the media, regardless of weight, Mintz says. "Most women do not go to a counselor for advice; they look to Seventeen or Glamour magazine instead," she says. "These unrealistic images of women, who are often airbrushed or partially computer generated, have a detrimental impact on women and how they feel about themselves."

Defense research has nonmilitary implications

Groundbreaking nanotechnology research has helped MU secure its second defense-related contract in less than a year. During the next five years, the College of Engineering will partner with the Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey to produce devices that could help improve military capabilities.

Under the supervision of Shubhra Gangopadhyay, an electrical and computer engineering professor, MU will receive up to \$10 million for its research and development efforts in the emerging field that works with microscopic particles the size of atoms. In July, MU received a \$3.5 million, two-year contract to build miniature devices to enhance the performance of U.S. Army weapons systems.

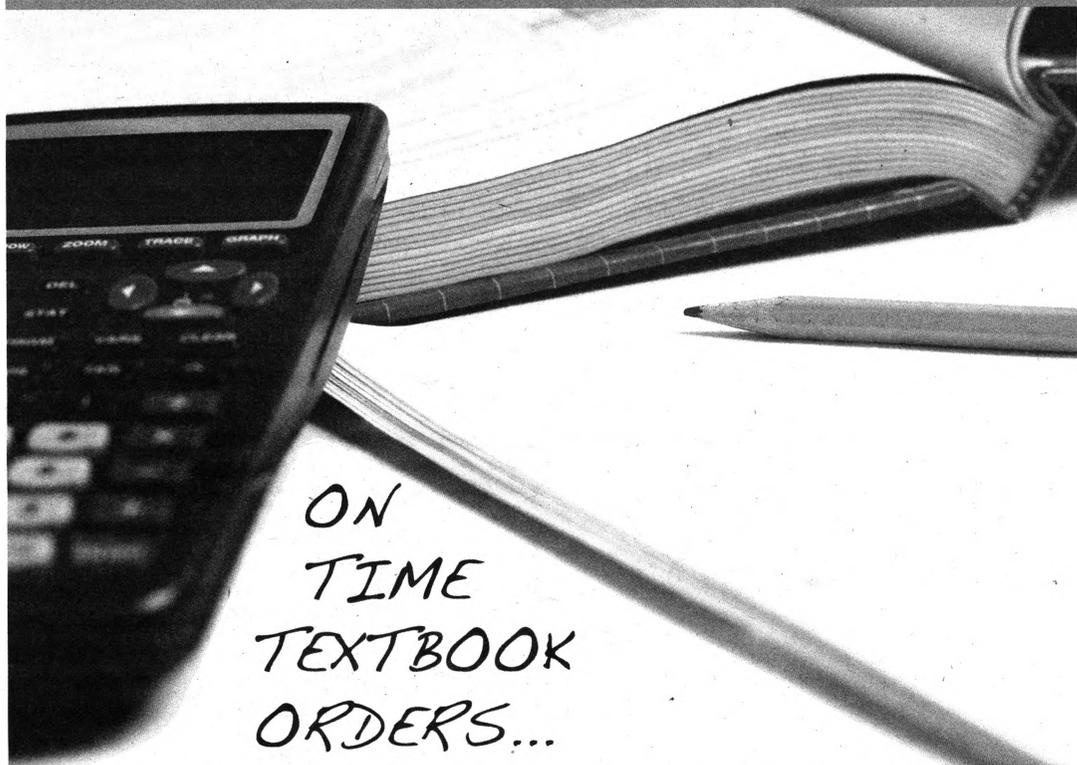
Gangopadhyay, who heads the University's International Center for Nano/Micro Systems and Nanotechnology, says the primary focus of the newest project is to develop alternative energy sources and sensors that will detect biological and chemical weapons. Her devices combine microchip-based technology and nanotechnology to generate a powerful reaction with millions of shockwaves and can also be used for health and medical applications. "Some breakthrough technologies will result from this unique partnership," Gangopadhyay says, "and they will have implications far beyond use by the Department of Defense."

CURATORS from Page 1 will involve demolishing Baker-Park and Gardner-Hyde halls and building a new 526-bed residence hall on the site. In addition, the plans call for renovating Defoe and Graham halls and building a link between the renovated dorms and the new residence hall. The targeted area is south of the Student Recreation Complex on South Hitt Street. The project is part

of Residential Life's comprehensive master plan to renovate or replace all campus residence halls. Plans call for the new and renovated space to include a mix of traditional rooms and semi-suites. Construction is expected to begin the winter semester of 2008. The project is budgeted at \$58.6 million, with funding to come revenue bonds and from Residential Life reserves. At the Rolla meeting,

curators also endorsed a statement of "salary and wage principles." Those principles call for a salary pool of 2 percent for raises in 2007-08, with an additional 1 percent for campuses to "address their most difficult recruitment and retention issues." Curators also encouraged campuses and administrative units "to supplement these pools to further respond to critical market considerations."

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The business of war



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KUWAIT 101 Finance Professor Stephen Ferris was called up in late February to prepare for his Navy Reserve unit's deployment to Kuwait in support of the war in Iraq. Ferris will be chief of staff for a logistics unit and says that military supply operations use the same business principles that he teaches his students at Mizzou.

BATTLEFIELD MANAGEMENT

Military stint in Kuwait will add experience for academia

A finance professor who urges his students to seek work experience through internships and travel has gone to extremes for his own work in the field. The battlefield, that is.

Steve Ferris is director of the Financial Research Institute and J.H. Rogers Chair of Money, Credit and Banking in the College of Business. He is also a commander and 18-year veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserve who holds a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., in addition to his doctorate in finance.

In late February, he left for two months of training in Virginia, after which he was scheduled to report to Camp Arifjan in Kuwait to serve as chief of staff for a 1,000-person logistics unit in support of the war in Iraq.

"I will come back a more experienced faculty member," says Ferris.

Bruce Walker, dean of the College of Business, ribbed Ferris during a going-away reception, noting that Ferris' reserve unit is based in Phoenix, an incongruous location for the Navy. Walker presented Ferris with a gift bag containing sweat-resistant bug spray, hand sanitizer, duct tape, protective gloves and sunscreen. "We looked for SPF 95 but they didn't have it," he told Ferris, who expects to see temperatures surpass 120 degrees in Kuwait. "We don't want you to get scorched."

As a Navy logistics officer, Ferris handles "all the stuff coming in and going out." Ferris says military supply operations use the same principles of risk management, project prioritization of workflow and inventory management that he teaches at Mizzou. "It's classic issues of logistics that any modern business must address."

He plans to put his academic training to use in the Middle East, and is already planning a workshop for when he returns to Columbia in December. "I'm excited and proud about what I'm doing," he says. "But I'm looking forward to coming back."

Class acts

TEACHING DYNAMOS

Prestigious awards honor Mizzou's special teachers

The final two Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence have been announced, and the prestigious awards went to a medieval historian and a biochemist. Over the past week, Chancellor Brady Deaton interrupted the two faculty members' classes to announce that Lois Huneycutt, associate professor of history, and Frank Schmidt, professor of biochemistry, are the most recent faculty members to join the ranks of MU's Kemper fellows.

Colleagues say that what makes Huneycutt unique is her commitment to developing a sense of critical empathy in her students, her use of active learning.

Schmidt is known for his ability to get students to think creatively and help them develop a genuine interest in science.

MISSOURI Life Sciences Week

is MU's premier annual science event — celebrating life sciences education and research at Mizzou.

Seminars by internationally acclaimed researchers, workshops, an impressive poster session and research competition featuring nearly 300 research projects, MU core facility and research center exhibits, scientific supply vendor show, two networking receptions and a fund-raising auction are included in the week's schedule.

Missouri Life Sciences Week is free and open to the public, with the exception of the Friday poster luncheon. Most seminars, workshops and panel discussions are webcast live for viewing anywhere with Internet access. For more information, go to lifesciencesweek.missouri.edu.

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Featured Speakers



John Doebley



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Alan Cooper



Virginia Valian

Most events take place in the Bond Life Sciences Center — see the web site for details!

Monday, April 16, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
RESEARCH POSTER SESSION and CORE FACILITY/RESEARCH CENTER DISPLAYS

3:30 p.m.
SEMINAR: *The evolution of plant form: An example from maize*
John Doebley, Professor of Genetics, University of Wisconsin

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.:
OPENING RECEPTION

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
WORKSHOP: *Plant Evolution and Domestication*
Chris Pires, MU Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences
Allison J. Miller, Assistant Professor of Biology, St. Louis University
Elizabeth A. Kellogg, E. Desmond Lee and Family Professor of Botanical Studies, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Hsu Shih-Chung, Kate Waselkov, Guoqin Yu, Washington University-St. Louis

3:30 p.m.
SEMINAR: *Intuition and deliberation*
John Allman, Professor of Biology, California Institute of Technology

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
RESEARCH POSTER SESSION and VENDOR SHOW

3:30 p.m.
SPARC WORKSHOP (Scientific Partnership and Resource Connection)
MIZZOU: *Where the Animal Health Corridor Intersects the Plant and Biomedical Sciences Initiatives*

Tom Henderson, Assistant to the MU Provost, Economic Development
Jenny Erdman, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
Jay DeLong, St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association
Bill Folk, Associate Dean for Research, MU School of Medicine
Marc Linit, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
George Stewart, Chair, MU Dept. of Veterinary Pathobiology
Gary Stacey, MSMC Endowed Professor of Soybean Biotechnology, MU Plant Sciences

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
SPARC NETWORKING RECEPTION

Thursday, April 19, 2007

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
SEMINAR: *Using ancient DNA to record genetic responses to environmental change*
Alan Cooper, Professor of Earth and Environmental Science, The University of Adelaide, Australia

Friday, April 20, 2007

11:30 a.m.
POSTER SESSION LUNCHEON (ticketed event)

12:15 p.m.
RESEARCH AWARDS PRESENTATION (Student Recreation Complex, following the luncheon)

1:30 p.m.
SEMINAR: *Why so slow? The advancement of women*
Virginia Valian, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Hunter College, City University of New York

3:00 p.m.
2nd ANNUAL AUCTION OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES — Great opportunity for labs to purchase new and like-new demo models at amazing prices! Goods donated by scientific vendors. See lifesciencesweek.missouri.edu/auction.html for a complete list of items and donors.

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