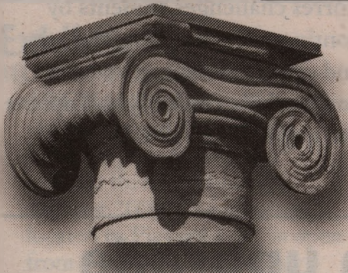


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Faculty/Staff e-mail quotas nearly double.  
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**Tap Into Tradition**  
Tap Day will be held at 2 p.m. April 17 on Francis Quadrangle.

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## Terrific Teachers

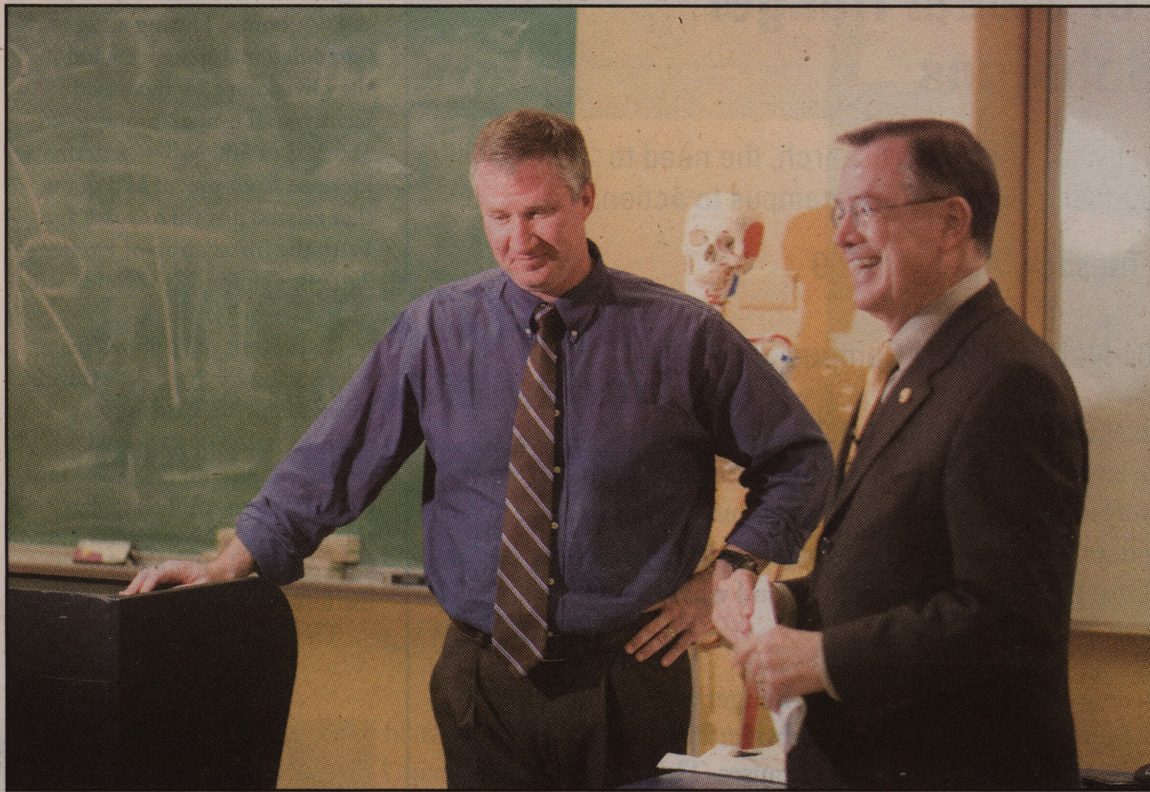
### CLASS ACTS

Surprise visits have become a Kemper tradition

Chancellor Brady Deaton has become an old hand when it comes to springing surprise classroom visits each spring to award Mizzou's finest faculty members with Kemper Fellowships for excellence in teaching.

But earlier this week, in addition to a gaggle of reporters and representatives of Commerce Bank, Deaton had an unusual bystander when he presented the first award on April 6 to **Kyle Gibson**, clinical assistant professor of physical therapy.

A human skeleton, one of Gibson's physical therapy teaching tools, looked on silently as Deaton shook hands with the new Kemper winner and Jim Schatz, Commerce Bank chairman, presented Gibson with a \$10,000 check.



Rob Hill photo

**REWARDING EXCELLENCE** Kyle Gibson, left, was the first of five MU faculty members to be honored with the Kemper Fellowship for excellence in teaching when Chancellor Brady Deaton paid surprise visits to their classrooms this week. The prestigious award has been recognizing professors' teaching accomplishments since it was established in 1991.

Gibson, who teaches orthopedic physical therapy, was honored for the energy he brings to the classroom and his unique gift of communicating

difficult concepts. His students and colleagues say he appreciates the spectrum of teaching styles and abilities of his students and strives to make sure

they understand the material through his creative lectures and innovative teaching styles.

Gibson isn't alone in his

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## A Web site is updated

### USER FRIENDLY

Human Resource Services unveils a revamped Web site

Mizzou employees will notice something different about the Human Resource Services (HRS) Web site next week. The site, which has been completely revamped, is set to launch April 16 and promises to be one-stop shopping for employees and applicants by becoming the central area to field a wide range of questions regarding payroll, benefits, training and other personnel and HR-related information.

The department had one of the oldest Web sites on campus and when it came to getting hits, only MU's home page got more, says Karen Touzeau, assistant vice chancellor of human resource services. "Our new Web site is organically created," she says. "MU Web Communications conducted focus groups with approximately 40 users that included current employees, new hires, faculty and staff members, hiring managers and supervisors, department chairs, and HR and fiscal officers."

The focus groups offered feedback on what they liked about the old site and what they wanted to see in the future, Touzeau says. "There were lots of things they didn't like with the old site, because it was content-rich, and our user community had to drill down several layers to reach important information," she says.

The collaboration with Web Communications and Publications and Alumni Communication resulted in HRS creating a well-organized site that is easier for users to access the information they need, Touzeau says. The site has a warmer, more informal feel, helps users understand what Human Resource Services does, and links users quickly and seamlessly to resources not managed by HRS, such as payroll, faculty and staff benefits, MU Healthcare or information technology.

"Overall, the new site is

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## Missouri Energy Summit features MU faculty experts

### HOT TOPICS

Two-day summit focuses on energy answers

Plenty of big names will be coming to MU in two weeks for the University of Missouri Energy Summit. The summit, to be held April 22 and 23, will bring to campus some of the brightest minds in the world on energy issues. Speakers will explore the next frontiers in energy research, development, management and consumption.

Some of those people are household names, such as businessman T. Boone Pickens, a national advocate for alternative energy and the creator of the Pickens Plan to reduce U.S. energy reliance on foreign suppliers. Pickens will give the summit's keynote address at 12:15 p.m. April 22 in Jesse Auditorium.

Pickens will be joined by other notable speakers during the summit, including Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon; Karen Harbert, president of the U.S. Chamber

of Commerce Institute for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy; and Dale Klein, chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Many of the speakers will travel across the country to attend the summit, but others won't have much of a journey at all. The roster of energy experts attending the event include a number of Mizzou faculty members who have made names for themselves with their energy research.

For instance, a team of faculty researchers from the MU Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute — Pat Westhoff, FAPRI co-director; Seth Meyer, FAPRI research assistant professor; and Wyatt Thompson, assistant professor of agricultural economics — will give a presentation on the biofuels industry.

Westhoff and his team have studied the impact of ethanol production on food prices. "Government ethanol mandates have an effect, but probably not

as much as some people might think," he says. "The current food prices probably have a lot more to do with other factors that have nothing to do with ethanol."

A team from MU's Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute — Mark Prelas, Tushar Ghosh, Sudarshan Loyalka, Robert Thompson and Dabir Viswanath — will discuss a research program to directly convert nuclear energy into electricity.

University of Missouri researchers are developing an energy conversion system that uses relatively safe isotopes to generate high-grade energy. "The system we are developing is mechanically simple, potentially leading to more compact, more reliable and less expensive systems," Prelas says.

Gary Stacey, professor of plant sciences in the Bond Life Sciences Center, will discuss the work of MU's Center for Sustainable Energy. Stacey is director of the center, which

coordinates the efforts of more than 70 Mizzou faculty members who analyze energy policies and work to develop sustainable, affordable and renewable energy solutions.

"There is nothing as complex as energy, and 80 percent of energy consumption is a personal choice," Stacey says. "The center provides an 'honest-broker' analysis of the issues that underlie the myriad array of complex energy issues."

Peter Pfeifer, professor and chair of physics, will discuss he and his colleagues' work to make natural gas-fueled cars a reality by using existing Missouri resources, such as corn cob waste and methane generated in landfills.

Hydrogen-fueled cars would reduce smog, greenhouse emissions and dependence on foreign oil, but current designs require bulky tanks of compressed hydrogen gas, and those tanks have a small

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dedication to academic excellence at Mizzou, and the Kemper awards are one way that MU acknowledges faculty members' efforts in the classroom. The awards were established in 1991 with a \$500,000 gift from William T. Kemper, a 1926 MU graduate and a well-known Kansas City civic leader. His 52-

year banking career included top positions at banks in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Other faculty members who received Kemper awards this week were:

• **Mary Beth Marrs**, associate teaching professor of management and assistant dean for undergraduate programs and strategic initiatives.

Her colleagues and students commended Marrs for giving students real-life experiences and opportunities to excel inside and outside the classroom.

• **Mitchell McKinney**, associate professor of communication. Students credit McKinney for dedication and enthusiasm that makes a lasting impact on their educational

experience. An expert on political communication, McKinney is a role model for graduate students.

• **Jennifer (Moeller) Rowe**, associate professor of journalism. Rowe, who is known as a "grammar guru," uses a combination of energy and expertise to engage students in the classroom and in the school's magazine laboratory.

• **Robert Torres**, professor of agricultural education and director of graduate studies. Known to many as a true "teacher's teacher," Torres challenges students by continuously designing unique and creative learning materials and working tirelessly to improve the quality of K-12 education.

## Chancellor's Global Issues Forum

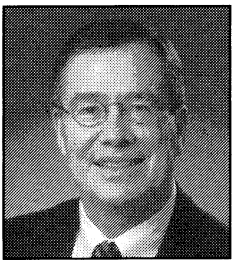
## The Scourge of Global Hunger: Problems & Solutions

From student activism to faculty research, the need to address world hunger calls our entire campus to action.

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

4 - 5:30 p.m.

204 Neff Hall, MU Campus



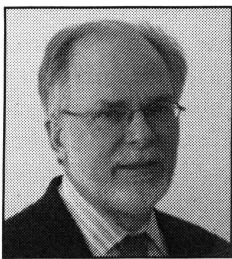
MU Chancellor  
Brady J. Deaton

Join MU Chancellor Brady J. Deaton as he moderates the latest in a series of open forums on global topics of interest to the community. This discussion will provide an opportunity to engage in a campuswide conversation on global hunger, its consequences and what can be done about it.

According to the United Nations, hunger and malnutrition are the leading risk to health worldwide; 25,000 people die *every day* from hunger and related causes. The consequences of hunger affect the world's social, political and economic fabric as well.

Douglas Casson Coutts will outline the challenges that lie ahead as we move forward in responding to this critical world issue. There will be time for questions.

The Chancellor's forums are free and open to the public.



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## E-mail gets an upgrade

Faculty and staff quietly received a spring break bonus. During a regularly scheduled maintenance window, the Division of IT increased faculty/staff e-mail quotas from 300 MB to 500 MB — a dramatic increase from the 50 MB quota that existed just three years ago. With the installation of Exchange 2007 this summer, the quota will further increase to 2 GB.

To prevent the campus from outgrowing the hardware during the system's life span, quotas were set based on expected usage. Because the MS Exchange e-mail system will be replaced this summer, all currently unused storage space will be allocated in the form of additional quotas.

The upcoming installation

of Exchange 2007 offers many benefits. It will allow for significant disaster recovery improvements. Although the current e-mail system may be restored within hours, it could take weeks to recover and repopulate data. The new Exchange 2007 system will cut the restoration time down to minutes by using redundant, off-campus data storage with high-speed access.

Despite the disaster recovery benefits and the increased storage quotas, the new e-mail environment will be five times less expensive to install than the current system.

More information is available online at [doit.missouri.edu/e-mail/quotas.html](http://doit.missouri.edu/e-mail/quotas.html).

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## Events Planned

- Training Provided through Human Resources
- Tours of Mizzou Arena, Missouri Athletic Training Center, and the Museum of Art and Archaeology
- MU Staff Showcase of Talent Art Show
- Educational Award Fundraiser

## Save the Date:

Staff Recognition Week,  
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## Exhibits

### MUSEUM OF ART &

**ARCHAEOLOGY:** "Narrative of Process and Time in the Prints of Jörg Schmeisser" will run through through summer 2009. 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:** "Keith Crown: A Retrospective" celebrates the nationally known watercolor artist's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in an exhibit that runs through June 5. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Saturday.

### BINGHAM GALLERY:

"Monuments to Water and Air Systems," an exhibit of mixed media assemblages by master's candidate Matt Moyer, will be on display through April 16. A reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. April 10. The gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building, is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

## Lectures & Seminars

### Thursday, April 9

#### NUTRITION & FITNESS

**SEMINAR:** Scott Trappe from Ball State University will present "Botanicals, Oxysterols, Estrogens and Hedgehogs: Evidence That They May Help Cure Cancer" at 4 p.m. in Acuff Auditorium, MA217 Medical Sciences Building.

#### ARTS & HUMANITIES

**LECTURE:** Kathleen Luby from St. John's University will present "Imagined Bodies in John Cleland and William Hogarth" at 4 p.m. in 123 Tate Hall.

### Saturday, April 11

#### SATURDAY MORNING

**SCIENCE:** Steve Alexander, professor of biological sciences, will present "What Do We Know after the 30-Year 'War on Cancer?'" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Life Sciences Center's Monsanto Auditorium.

#### RELIGION & PROFESSIONS

**TALK:** "Prayer and Your Profession" will be presented at 11 a.m. in the Cherry Street Artisan, 111 S. Ninth St.

### Tuesday, April 14

#### GLOBAL ISSUES FORUM:

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### Wednesday, April 15

#### WRITING PROGRAM

**SEMINAR:** Danna Vessel, director of ET@MO, will present "Facilitating Writing with Mizzou Tools" at noon in the Conley House.

### Saturday, April 18

#### SATURDAY MORNING

**SCIENCE:** Eloy Rodriguez from Cornell University will present "How Chimpanzees use Flowering Plants When They are Sick" from 10:30-

11:30 a.m. in the Life Sciences Center's Monsanto Auditorium.

## Films

### Wednesday, April 15

**MSA/GPC FILM:** *Man on Wire* will be shown at 8 p.m. at Memorial Union's Wrench Auditorium.

### Thursday, April 16

#### MUSEUM FILM SERIES:

*Diving Bell and the Butterfly* will be shown at 7 p.m. in 106 Pickard Hall.

## Special Events

### Friday, April 19

**MU REMEMBERS:** This ceremony at 2 p.m. in Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge is in remembrance of MU students who died over the past year.

### Saturday, April 11

#### NATIVE PLANT SALE:

The event will include demonstrations and instruction to plant and maintain native Missouri shrubs, trees and landscaping plants, and local vendors will sell a wide variety of native plants from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bradford Farm, 4968 Rangeline Rd.

### Tuesday, April 14

**PASSOVER SEDER:** The fourth annual Social Justice Seder will honor the Jewish tradition of the Exodus liberation story at 6 p.m. at Hillel Center, 1107 University Avenue. This seder

is free of charge and open to all. Registration required. Please contact Stuby at 882-6549 or strblem@missouri.edu by April 4 to sign up.

### Friday, April 17

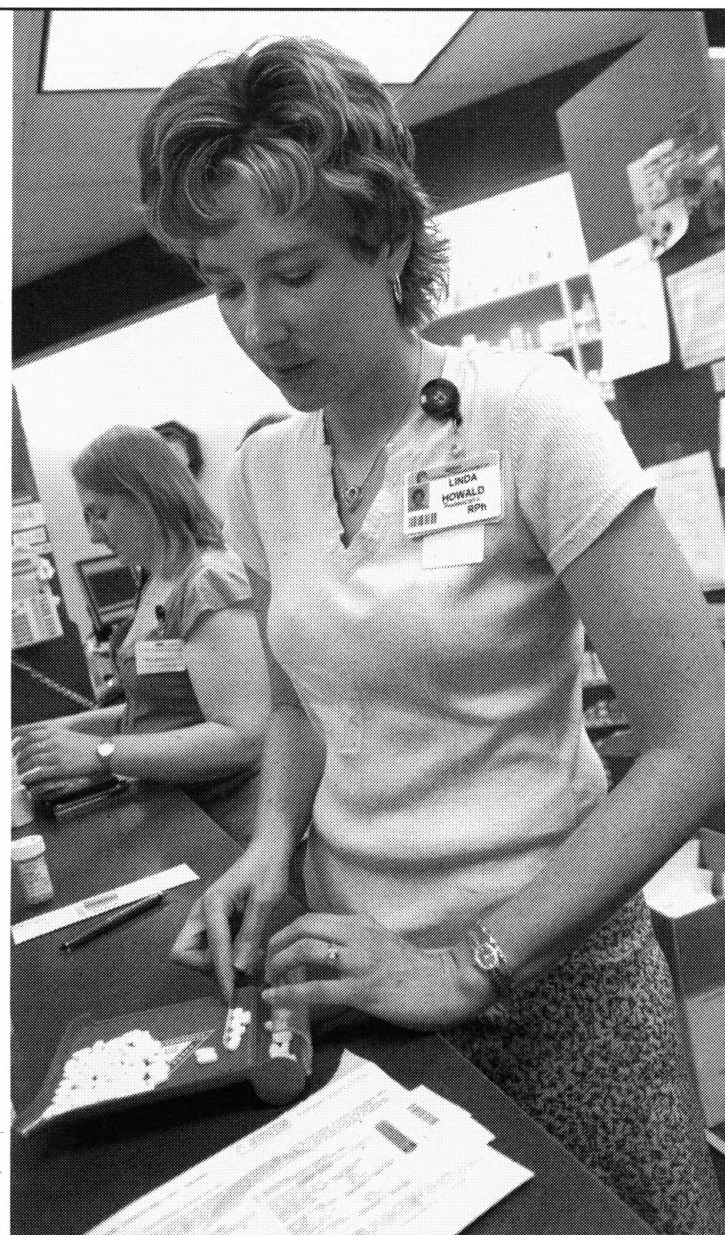
**TAP DAY:** The University of Missouri will recognize exceptional student leaders at the 82nd annual Tap day ceremony. Members of the six honorary organizations – LSV, Mortar Board, Mystical Seven, Omicron Delta Kappa, QEBH and the Rollins Society – will "tap" their new inductees into the societies at 2 p.m. on Francis Quad (rain site Jesse Auditorium).

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more inviting," she says. "We want it to encourage applicants to use it and to have a good feeling about the university."

Some of the new and

improved features of the redesigned site are:

- "Scent" words — using language that has a common, everyday meaning. For example, Touzeau says that people

may not understand the term "leave of absence" but they do understand words like "vacation" or "paid time off." Instead of saying "benefits," the site uses words like "insurance,"

"retirement" or "paid holidays."

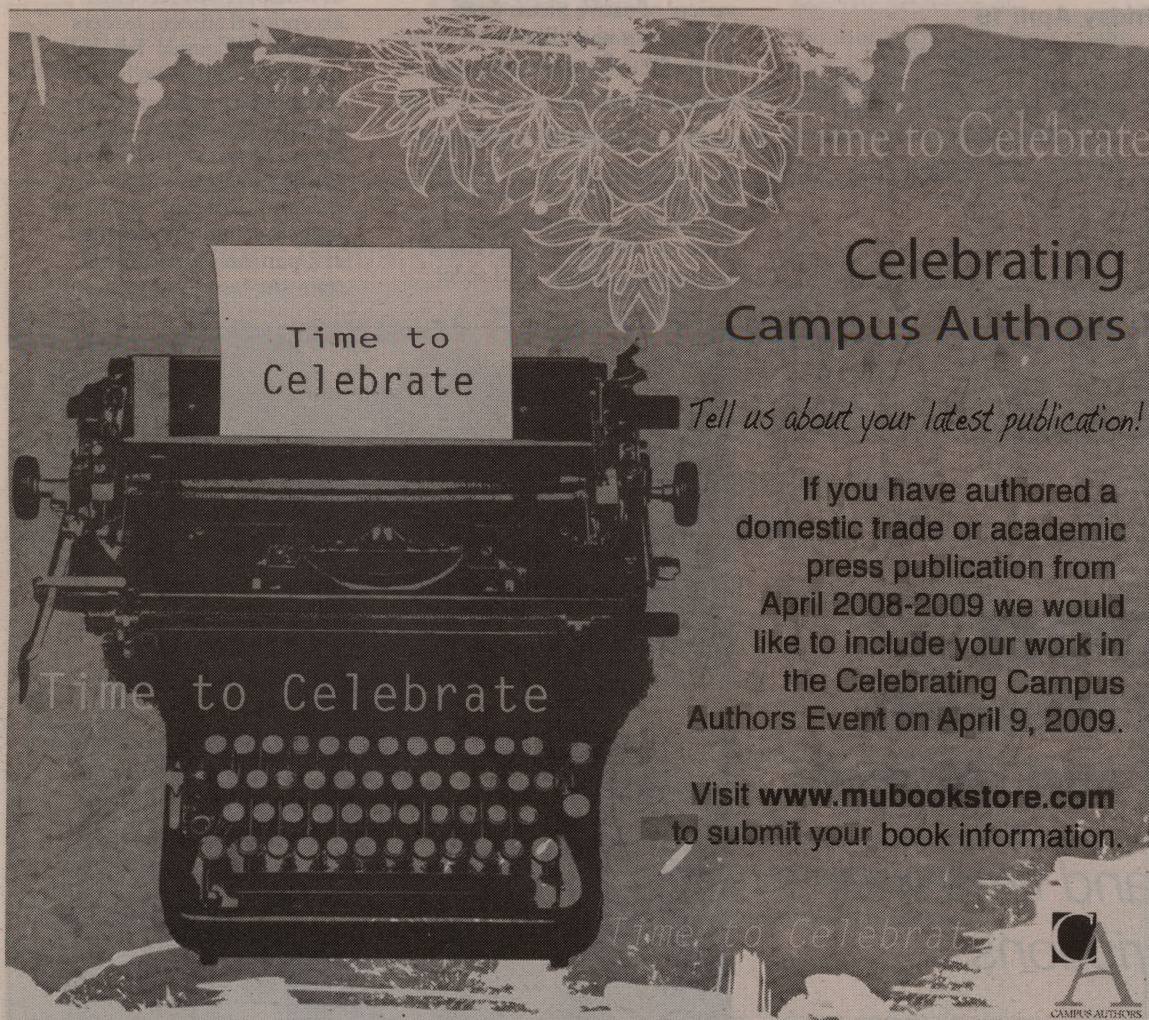
- An enhanced search function that checks all listings containing keywords matching a certain job title. For instance, applicants who enter the word "plumber" will instantly see all the open positions campuswide that are associated in some way with plumbing, Touzeau says. "We have made sure our glossary has all kinds of synonyms, and we have limited the use of acronyms that only tend to be known internally," she says. "With the new function, you can search for jobs in broad or narrow terms, according to what your needs are," she says. "This makes it easier for applicants who don't

know enough about our specific titles that often are vague in describing what the job entails."

- Profiles on the site's home page of MU faculty and staff who tell why they came to work at the university and what they like about being here. "This feature is a result of the focus groups' suggestions," Touzeau says.

- A "real-estate" area which can highlight new and important events happening around campus.

"We believe our external and internal visitors will like the changes they find on our site," Touzeau says. "We've worked really hard on this for a year, and we are excited about it."



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**Monday, April 13, 2009**

8:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. (Monsanto Auditorium)  
**EXPLORING LIFE SCIENCES AT MU**, a program for high school science students and their teachers.

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. (McQuinn Atrium)  
**RESEARCH POSTER SESSION**  
Section One (approx. 150 posters)

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. (McQuinn Atrium)  
**EXHIBITS: MU CORE FACILITIES & RESEARCH CENTERS**

3:30 p.m. (Monsanto Auditorium)  
**ROMA EISENSTARK MEMORIAL LECTURE IN CANCER RESEARCH:**  
**Richard O. Hynes**, Daniel K. Ludwig Professor for Cancer Research, David H. Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, MIT  
*Genes and proteins involved in tumor metastasis*

**Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

4:00 — 6:30 p.m. (Monsanto Foyer)  
**ACES CAREER OPPORTUNITIES NETWORKING EVENT** Alternative Career Exploration in the Sciences (ACES) for graduate students and postdocs. Please register at [lifesciencesweek.missouri.edu/ACES.html](http://lifesciencesweek.missouri.edu/ACES.html)

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. (McQuinn Atrium)  
**RESEARCH POSTER SESSION**  
Section Two (approx. 150 posters)

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. (McQuinn Atrium)  
**VENDOR SHOW**

**Thursday, April 16, 2009**

3:30 p.m. (Monsanto Auditorium)  
**A CONVERSATION with MISSOURI LEGISLATORS: Outcomes from the Missouri BIO Benchmarking Tours**  
Moderated by **MU Chancellor Brady Deaton** and **MOBIO Executive Director Kelly Gillespie**; legislative participants to be announced

5:00 p.m. (Monsanto Foyer)  
**SPARC NETWORKING RECEPTION** (Scientific Partnership and Resource Connection)

**Friday, April 17, 2009**

1:00 p.m. (McQuinn Atrium)  
**POSTER SESSION RESEARCH AWARDS PRESENTATION**

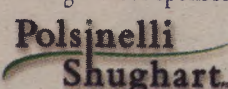
1:30 p.m. (Monsanto Auditorium)  
**SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR:**  
**Eloy Rodriguez**, James A. Perkins Professor of Plant Biology, Cornell University  
*The genesis and application of natural plant medicines*

**Saturday, April 18, 2009**

10:30 a.m. (Monsanto Auditorium)  
**SATURDAY MORNING SCIENCE** featuring **Eloy Rodriguez**, James A. Perkins Professor of Plant Biology, Cornell University  
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