MU campus starts crafting strategy

By Janese Silvey

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The University of Missouri will enhance its academic stature over the next five years by increasing enrollment, boosting the number of faculty and generating a yet-to-be-determined amount of new dollars, a proposed new strategy statement says.

MU's proposed strategy is part of UM System President Tim Wolfe's new planning process. Tom Phillips, a biological sciences professor and member of the system's strategic planning committee, presented a draft of the statement to the MU Faculty Council yesterday.

At first glance, some members were concerned the summary puts too much emphasis on money.

"Our goal is not to make a profit," said Vitor Trindade, an associate professor of economics, questioning whether there should be a set revenue target.

The statement says nothing about scholarly productivity, such as the citations and academic awards that count toward Association of American Universities membership. Chancellor Brady Deaton emphasized the importance of that type of scholarship at a forum last week, nursing Professor Rebecca Johnson noted. "Scholarly productivity goes beyond just bringing in money through grants."

Johnson and others balked at the statement's assertion that Mizzou Advantage—an initiative that promotes cross-campus collaboration—epitomizes the university's teaching and research mission.

"Mizzou Advantage only touches a small portion of campus," said Cooper Drury, a political science associate professor who said his department has numerous citations but no involvement in Mizzou Advantage.

Phillips said Mizzou Advantage sets MU apart from its peers. But he and fellow committee member Pat Okker, an English professor, agreed to reconsider the wording.

Campus strategy statements are supposed to describe a competitive game plan for each UM campus, Nikki Krawitz, the UM vice president for finance and administration, said this morning. Each is supposed to include measurable targets, identify an audience and summarize the campus's unique position.
"It's intended to think about how a campus will leverage its unique strategy to overcome whatever challenges they see in order to achieve their vision," she said. "In drafting a strategy statement, they're thinking about, 'What are the specific barriers we face in order to fulfill our mission and achieve our vision?'"

In that regard, it makes sense to include a mention of revenue because it's going to take resources to support campus goals, she said.

Some council members questioned whether the UM System will use "carrots or sticks" in a reward- or punishment-based system to influence the strategies.

"A well-sharpened carrot," associate teaching Professor Nicole Monnier said. "That's the withholding of 5 to 10 percent."

Wolfe has said he plans to withhold as much as $40 million of state money from the campuses and then divvy those dollars back to campuses based on their strategic statements and specific goals. He told UM curators last month they would see the budget start to align with campus goals in June, when the campus statements will be finalized.
MU gets grant for mental-health training to help disaster victims

A University of Missouri professor will use a $2.4 million federal grant to train mental health providers to handle the long-term emotional repercussions of natural and man-made disasters.

J. Brian Houston, a disaster communications expert, will put the grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration toward establishing a Terrorism and Disaster Center. The grant is the largest ever for the Department of Communications, part of the MU College of Arts and Science.

“From the Sept. 11 attacks to Hurricane Katrina, the United States has experienced a wide variety of disasters in the 21st century, and it is unlikely that the future will be easier for us or the rest of the world,” Houston said. “The more we know about how to prepare and respond to crises, the sooner survivors will be able to recover.”

The center will examine the emotional effects on victims who, long after the disaster relief workers have gone, are left to cope and rebuild.

“In the immediate aftermath we see a honeymoon phase in which other communities and national media rally around disaster victims,” Houston said. “After that phase, survivors may experience disillusionment as they try to cope with a new, altered reality without their loved ones or homes and no longer receive widespread attention and expressions of sympathy.”
MU police make arrest in 1999 rape case

By Brennan David

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**The University of Missouri Police Department has arrested a 47-year-old man in connection with a 1999 rape that took place in a residence hall on the MU campus.**

Marvin L. Jones was arrested on suspicion of felony forcible rape, felony burglary and two counts of felony forcible sodomy, MU police Capt. Scott Richardson said.

The rape was reported to campus police on Oct. 16, 1999. It happened between 5:15 and 5:45 a.m., when a man entered an unlocked dormitory room in Gillett Hall on the MU campus and found the victim sleeping in her bed, according to court documents.

The woman was alone in the room when the man entered.

Jones was not a MU employee at the time and would not have had permission to access the residence hall, Richardson said.

During the assault, the victim told police, the man said, "Be quiet, don't say anything. I have a gun, and I will shoot you."

After instructing the victim to undress, Jones allegedly performed oral sex on the victim and penetrated her with his finger and penis, according to court documents. He allegedly used a towel to clean himself and the victim off afterward and left the hall with the towel.

However, the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab was able to collect semen from the victim's underwear.

The analysis of that evidence did not match any DNA profiles on file at the time.

On Oct. 31, MU police received a letter from the highway patrol's crime lab saying that Jones' DNA matched DNA found on the victim's underwear.

Missouri law would have required a profile of Jones to be created as a result of his Oct. 10, 2010, conviction on a charge of second-degree sexual misconduct in Columbia.
MU police interviewed Jones yesterday, and he admitted he had entered the dorm room and assaulted the woman, according to court documents.

Richardson said he could not comment further on the case. The victim has been notified of the arrest, he said.

Jones, of 1071 N. Kathryn St., was being held at the Boone County Jail with total bond set at $300,000, cash only.
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Columbia man charged in 1999 MU campus rape

By The Associated Press
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COLUMBIA — A 47-year-old Columbia man has been charged with raping an MU student in her dorm room in 1999.

The Columbia Daily Tribune reports university police arrested Marvin Jones on Thursday. He was charged Friday with rape and forcible sodomy and ordered to be held in the Boone County Jail on $300,000 cash bond.

Campus police said Jones entered an unlocked residence hall before dawn on Oct. 16, 1999, and assaulted the student after finding her asleep in her bed.

Jones' DNA did not match any samples on file at the time. But the state crime lab recently reported a match based on a sample Jones provided after a 2010 conviction for second-degree sexual misconduct in Columbia.

Jones did not have an attorney Friday.
Can a fit, sexy avatar inspire you to exercise and lose weight?

A new study looks at how the use of avatars in video games or apps could influence how we feel about our own health and appearance and offer a boost to weight loss and exercise training programs.

Researchers from the University of Missouri looked at nearly 280 users of a 3D virtual reality world called Second Life who responded to survey questions about the fitness and appearance of their avatars as well as their offline health and fitness.

"The creation of an avatar allows an individual to try on a new appearance and persona, with little risk or effort," says researcher Elizabeth Behm-Morawitz, assistant professor of communication in the University of Missouri's College of Arts and Science. "That alter-ego can then have a positive influence on a person's life."

"For example, people seeking to lose weight could create fitter avatars to help visualize themselves as slimmer and healthier," she adds.

"The avatar may serve as a source of motivation or inspiration to take better care of the body offline," Behm-Morawitz writes in the study. "Indeed, virtual world users who perceived their avatar to be more attractive than their offline self and representative of their ideal appearance were more likely to report avatar effects on offline appearance and health behaviors."

Behn-Morawitz told mobile health news source Mobihealthnews that WiiFit and other games could develop more sophisticated avatars that can interact with other avatars, since the social component is critical for an avatar to be a "successful feedback mechanism."

Not to mention, adds Mobihealthnews, that fitness buffs who use health apps could be keen on buff avatars, plus the technology could engage gamers, who often aren't too invested in fitness.

The study, announced this week, is published online now in the journal Computers in Human Behavior.
Missouri Press seeks donations during University Press Week

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The University of Missouri Press and its employees had a tumultuous summer.

They are back in business, however, and this week celebrate University Press Week, which highlights the university presses' contributions to academia and society.

For the Missouri press, based at the University of Missouri at Columbia, an anonymous donor has promised to match donations this week up to a total of $10,000.

The press' website details ways to support the not-for-profit publisher.
MU faculty to decide on non-tenure voting rights

By Janese Silvey

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A group of University of Missouri professors soon will be asked to decide whether another group of MU professors should be allowed to vote on university policies.

What separates the groups is tenure. Now, only those with tenure or on the tenure track are allowed to make campuswide decisions.

MU Faculty Council members yesterday decided in a 15-3 vote to take the issue to an election. If tenured faculty approve it, council Chairman Harry Tyrer would take the measure to the UM Board of Curators for the final say in April.

Some council members don't think it will get that far. Cooper Drury, an associate professor of political science, sent his colleagues an email asking for feedback and said he mostly heard from those who are "vehemently negative" about the idea. If others are OK with the plan, they weren't passionate enough about it to respond, he said.

"You can probably figure this is what will happen in the vote," he said.

Vitor Trindade, an associate economics professor, said he's against extending voting rights. He doesn't think non-tenured professors understand the university's broader mission and instead views them as working in "specialized" areas.

Associate teaching professor Nicole Monnier balked at the notion that she and other non-tenure-track faculty members don't understand the mission. They not only do the bulk of undergraduate teaching, but they also conduct research and serve on campus committees, she said. Per rules, though, they can count their work in only two of those three missions when seeking promotion.

When Trindade suggested non-tenure-track faculty should not vote on curricula policies, Monnier reminded him that she not only drafts curricula as part of her role as director of undergraduate Russian studies but also serves as chairwoman of the council's Academic Affairs committee. "We're already infiltrated," she said.
Katherine Reed, a non-tenured associate journalism professor, said the faculty is setting a bad example by denying voting rights to some professors. She said she has received support for the plan. "My prediction is this is going to pass."

Under this proposal, non-tenure-track professors still would not be allowed to vote on policies affecting the tenure process. What it would give them is a chance to weigh in on decisions with an impact on them, such as whether students should be required to take a diversity-intensive course, changes to the grievance process — which they can use — and alterations to the academic calendar, such as when MU has to make up for snow days.

Non-tenure-track faculty members are already allowed to participate in the evaluation of the chancellor and provost.

One concern is that non-tenured professors are hired on one- or three-year contracts and aren't protected from retaliation. Drury said he has heard fears that administrators would be able to influence non-tenured employees' votes though intimidation.

Monnier, who noted that she recently spoke out against MU's United Way campaign, scoffed at the idea, saying she's a "living example that you can say things and not be pressured."

And tenured professors can be retaliated against, she said.

"Folks, tenure does not provide you with this magical suit that protects you from intimidation," Monnier said.
Emergency medical services pioneer Frank Mitchell reflects on his career

By Janese Silvey

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Frank Mitchell eases into a small chair that once belonged to his mother.

He calls it his "magic" chair. One night, he fell asleep in it and woke up without the back pain that had been bothering him for months.

A doctor later concluded the chair had doubled as a back brace. Mitchell was amazed that the doctor — without having seen it — was able to describe the chair accurately: small, tall arm rests, slightly reclined.

A pioneer in emergency medical services, Mitchell, 82, is still awed by the health care profession.

**Sometimes, he cannot even believe the stories he hears coming out of the University of Missouri trauma center — the Frank L. Mitchell Jr. M.D. Trauma Center named three years ago in his honor.**

A teenager brought to the center last year with a crushed pelvis, broken ribs and trauma to the liver after a car crash is now 18 and doing fine.

"That was an unbelievable case," Mitchell said. "I would have told you he was dead."

That's how many patients showed up at University Hospital after emergencies in 1959, the year Mitchell arrived there as a resident. In those days, before ambulances and trained paramedics, funeral home hearses doubled as transport for those who suffered heart attacks or were injured in falls or car crashes. Often, the funeral home transporting a patient was first in line to oversee memorial services.

"I thought that might be a conflict of interest," Mitchell said.

An Excelsior Springs native, Mitchell earned his bachelor's degree and a two-year medical degree at MU before completing a four-year medical degree at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. While a resident at Vanderbilt University, he was drafted into the
Army to serve as a trauma surgeon in Germany. By then, the Army was using medical evacuation helicopters.

Mitchell brought his experience in emergency care back to Columbia.

In the early 1960s, community leaders were discussing how to implement ambulance services. Mitchell enlisted the help of the MU College of Engineering, and together they rigged a vehicle into suitable transportation for patients.

Mitchell quickly realized the vehicle needed to be staffed with nurses and professionals who could deliver care on site. He also implemented a radio system to make sure physicians at the hospital were prepared when ambulances were heading their way. When hospital administrators balked at the idea of using a helicopter to pick up patients in rural parts of the state, Mitchell pulled some strings at the governor's office and got the Missouri State Highway Patrol to outfit one of its helicopters for medical care.

What started as a chopper on standby has evolved into a fleet of three Staff for Life helicopters stationed around Mid-Missouri.

Medical teams aboard those choppers work closely with hospital physicians, and that's what sets Staff for Life apart from other life flight services, said Jeff Coughenour, a trauma surgeon and co-director of Staff for Life.

Emergency crews are "interacting with surgeons in the operating rooms and see what happens on the backside," Coughenour said. "It's not an 'us-versus-them.' It's all of us together for the good of the patient."

Tom Martin's home north of Thompson — a former whistle stop between Mexico and Centralia — is in one of the flight paths. He used to wonder about the patient inside when he saw a Staff for Life chopper overhead. "You know it's got to be bad if they're going out," he said.

In May, Martin was the one in bad shape.

While trying to stabilize pressure in his well, a rock got stuck in the hose of the gas-powered pump he was using. He stepped inside a well pit to get it out when another rock got sucked up.

Martin had no intention of staying in the well pit long enough to be affected by fumes, but he was overcome by carbon monoxide. A friend working alongside him called 911.

"The local ambulance service came out and stabilized me the best they could, but I coded twice while they were here," Martin said. "The helicopter got here and took me to University Hospital. It took them 11 minutes to get north of Mexico. They weren't goofing around."

After three rounds in a hyperbaric chamber at the trauma center, he was able to go home three days later.
"They did an outstanding job," Martin said. "You don't realize how important that little bit of time is and how important that service is. From the flight crew to the head surgeon, it's amazing the work they do."

This month, Martin joined Mitchell at a ceremony recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Staff for Life service.

Establishment of the air service is just part of Mitchell's accomplishments during his decades-long career at University Hospital.

In 1979, the American College of Surgeons started to focus on trauma, the leading cause of death for people younger than 45 then and now. Mitchell wrote the earliest guidelines for trauma center verification programs and later served as chairman of a verification committee.

The Frank L. Mitchell Jr. M.D. Trauma Center today is one of the elite Level 1 trauma centers.

"Reflecting back on it, I can see he was the heart of emergency service development, the heart of trauma care development, the heart of air medical transportation development," said Don Stamper, one of the first to train as a paramedic under Mitchell's wing. "He's truly the godfather of trauma services."

One of the more memorable cases Mitchell saw at the trauma center was when a young mother came in with severe injuries including a ruptured liver. A cement truck had broadsided her vehicle at the intersection of Broadway and what is now Old 63. Her child died at the scene. Odds weren't in the woman's favor, but Mitchell and his team were able to save her.

Mitchell recounted that case earlier this month at his Columbia home, where he'd gathered with his wife, Coughenhour, a hospital spokeswoman and a Tribune reporter to reflect on his career. The story reminded Coughenhour of a more recent medical miracle.

Vincent Elrod was 16 and on spring break in March 2011 when he and a friend were headed to a championship basketball game in La Plata. His friend was driving when the car T-boned another vehicle while trying to cross Highway 63. His friend died at the scene.

Vincent was taken via air service to University Hospital with massive injuries. His right side had been crushed by the passenger side door. In addition to broken bones, his liver had been torn, his aorta was severed and he had suffered a traumatic brain injury.

His mother, Liliane Elrod, remembers sitting in the waiting room with her other children when surgeon Stephen Barnes told her that her son had a less than 5 percent chance of survival.

"I was numb," she said. "All I could think was I had to keep it together because of the other kids."
The trauma unit's team of three surgeons was able to stabilize him that day and the next day conducted a string of surgeries, including the removal of a quarter of his liver.

"Dr. Barnes, thank God, saved his life more than once," Elrod said.

Within weeks, Vincent transferred to Rusk Rehabilitation Center, where he stayed for a couple of additional weeks before returning to his Atlanta, Mo., home.

"Everybody was amazed at how fast he recovered," Elrod said.

Vincent is playing basketball again. He's a high school senior looking at post-graduation options, including Columbia College.

"At least he has the possibility," his mom said. "He's alive. ... If it hadn't been for air evac that took him, and if they had taken him to a different hospital, he wouldn't have made it. I know that. The things they did for him at the university trauma center and the people there are just incredible."

Vincent's care was the "Frank Mitchell concept," Barnes said. "Frank laid the foundation for what is done in the pre-hospital setting and laid the foundation for the concept of getting the right patient to the right hospital in the right amount of time."

Just because Mitchell helped implement ambulance services doesn't mean he likes using them.

The first time an ambulance arrived at his house, Mitchell had fallen out of a tree while trying to cut branches. He got three limbs, he said, before the fourth fell and knocked his ladder over.

His wife, Lynn, called 911 only to later see a Boone County Hospital ambulance crew show up. She shooed them away and drove her husband to University Hospital.

"They wanted to put me on a gurney," Frank Mitchell said. "When you have a broken arm, you don't want to lie flat."

He ended up at University Hospital again some time later with a finger stuck in a mole trap. That time, Lynn made him wrap a sack around the injury to keep the blood off her car.

"The wife said, 'You've ruined another weekend,' " he quipped.

In February, Mitchell fell and broke a hip. He succumbed to an ambulance ride only after crews promised to show up "black" — as in no sirens or lights to pique the interest of neighbors. Since the fall, he uses a cane.
These days are a little less exciting than those he spent in the trauma unit. Mitchell exercises in the morning, does household chores throughout the day and looks forward to 9 p.m., when he and Lynn settle in to watch "Frasier" reruns on the Hallmark Channel.

He tried to watch "ER" once, but "it was not factual at all."

Telling stories at their home, the husband and wife seem to feed off one another's wit. He starts to tell a story, and she'll caution not to tell "that one." After 59 years of marriage, they not only know the stories; they know the order of appearance.

The two met at a fraternity party. A Minnesota native who grew up in Cleveland, Lynn had come to Stephens College to pursue a career in fashion retail.

"I was never getting married," she said.

The couple has three sons, one of whom is a physician, and nine grandchildren, including a grandson also working in trauma care, continuing a long family business.

Mitchell's father was a physician, and his grandfather was a doctor in rural Pennsylvania. Mitchell has the gun his grandfather carried on the carriage when making house calls.

Mitchell's decades-long career changed emergency care in Columbia, but he's pragmatic about his work.

"You make a lot of friends," he said. "You make a lot of people happy. You do what's best for the patient, and if you do that, all will come out OK."
Mizzou Student Veterans Association President Trista Corbin, left, and University of Missouri
senior Matthew Makowski, an Army ROTC cadet, lay the Veterans Day wreath in the Memorial
Student Union archway yesterday. The event was part of Mizzou Veterans Week, which
continues today with a Veterans Day vigil at 11:11 a.m. at the Boone County Courthouse.
Tomorrow, Mizzou Joint ROTC will participate in the annual Veterans Day parade, which
begins at the columns on the MU campus at 10:20 a.m. and ends with a ceremony at 11 a.m. at
the courthouse. On Monday, MU will join the National Roll Call project. Starting at noon, names
of Missourians who have been killed in combat will be read outside of Memorial Union towers.
Yesterday, nine people were inducted into the University of Missouri Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Hall of Fame.
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Wreath-laying ceremony takes place at MU to honor veterans

By Caroline Feeney, Hope Timmermann
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COLUMBIA — A wreath of red, white and blue flowers with tiger-striped ribbon was placed around a special plaque under the archway at MU's Memorial Union as part of community efforts to mark Veterans Day.

Veterans, families and students gathered on Friday for the annual wreath-laying ceremony in honor of Veterans Day on Sunday.

The annual MU-ROTC Veterans Day Parade is scheduled to begin at 10:20 a.m. and make its way up Eighth Street to the Boone County Courthouse. A closing ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. outside the Boone County Courthouse.

At the wreath-laying ceremony, MU graduate and former vice commander of the 5th Air Force Brig. Gen. Bradley Baker emphasized that Veterans Day honors not only those who have died serving their country, but "all that have worn their uniforms for United States."

About 50 people gathered to observe the event, and veterans were happy with the turnout in comparison to previous years.

"I'm especially pleased to see our younger citizens here today," Baker said. "To help us remember our veterans, and what they have done for us to protect our freedoms that we will continue to enjoy for generations to come."

Dan Forsyth, a U.S. Navy veteran, said he was satisfied by a turnout that was larger than previous years and that their support was special to him. Forsyth, whose tour of duty lasted from 1968 to 1972, surveyed the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea for Soviet Union ships.

Baker encouraged the public to show gratitude to local veterans. Even the small gesture of saying "thank you" could make a large difference, he said.
Afterward, some at the ceremony went to Stotler Lounge inside the union to chat and enjoy refreshments. U.S. Navy veteran Thomas Bland, who served 1990 to 1991 during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, enjoyed catching up with others who have been through similar experiences in the military.

"It's nice to come here and catch up and talk to some other people who understand what I'm talking about," Bland said. "You sort of miss that camaraderie, and that group that forms up when you all know that you've got each other's back."
MU Army ROTC Hall of Fame inducts inaugural class

Retired Lt. Gen. James Campbell, one of nine people inducted into the University of Missouri Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Hall of Fame, is presented with a plaque by Lt. Col. Robert Boone at Jesse Wrench Auditorium on the MU campus Friday. At left is Col. Dean Shultis and at right is deputy chancellor Michael Middleton.

By Janese Silvey

Saturday, November 10, 2012

A fan of America's favorite pastime, James Campbell always thought it would be neat to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.
Yesterday, the retired lieutenant general instead was among the inaugural class of inductees into the University of Missouri Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Hall of Fame.

"Truth be known, to be inducted into this Hall of Fame for service to my country is far more special," he said.

Campbell and eight other inductees were honored at an afternoon ceremony at Memorial Union South before dedicating the new Hall of Fame housed in Crowder Hall. The idea is to recognize former cadets, military professors and supporters for outstanding service.

Lt. Col. Robert Boone, who came to MU as professor of military science and leadership last year, said he got the idea from a similar hall of fame that inspired him. He said he hopes future cadets read the biographies and are "inspired to be just like them."

Yesterday's recipients carried long lists of accolades and accomplishments. Campbell, a 1971 graduate, commanded the U.N. Quick Reaction Force in Somalia and served as commanding general of the 10th Mountain Division. In the ROTC program, he joked that the closest he thought he'd get to general was "general admission at a baseball game."

Retired Brig. Gen. John Seward also said he would have "not expected to be invited back to the university for this."

Coming from humble beginnings, he said he wasn't a great student but that faculty in MU's ROTC program mentored and inspired him. "That's why what you do is so important," he said.

Retired Col. Claude Barton was recognized for his service as a commanding officer, including staging a counterattack in a Japanese stronghold in the Pacific during World War II. He spent 31 years in the service, but his three years as professor of military science at MU were "the happiest three years I've had," he said. "You guys carry it on."

Former professors and family members dabbed tears as military leaders recognized 1st Lt. William Edens, who was killed in action in Iraq in 2005. Edens was a 2003 graduate of the ROTC program and earned a bachelor's degree in Russian.

His sister, Nikki Edens, accepted on his behalf, calling her brother "totally awesome."

"One of the things he really loved was serving his country," she said. "If he had the opportunity, he'd give you the shirt off his back."

Also inducted into the ROTC Hall of Fame were:

- Maj. Gen. Enoch Crowder, a former MU professor of military science whose name graces the ROTC building. Crowder served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. His great-great nephew, John Siebert, accepted on his behalf.
- Col. Author Simons, a 1941 graduate, led numerous rescue and special operations during World War II and the Vietnam War. He also led a civilian rescue mission
commissioned by Ross Perot in 1978 to rescue Perot's employees who were trapped in Iran. His grandson accepted his award.

- Col. Timothy Karcher is a 1998 graduate who suffered traumatic injuries and now serves as director of the U.S. Army’s Wounded Warrior Program. He did not attend the induction ceremony.
- Brett Allison, a private businessman unable to attend, was recognized for financial contributions.
- Retired Lt. Col. Kirk Wallace served 25 years in active duty before becoming professor of military science at MU for four years. On his watch, the ROTC program was the best in the nation among large schools in 2006-07.

"I feel very small," said Wallace, who was recognized after Barton. "To be honest, I feel like I need to get autographs."
MU's Army ROTC inducts nine veterans into Hall of Fame

By Tyler McConnell
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COLUMBIA — Maj. Gen. Enoch Crowder, a professor of military science at the University of Missouri from 1885 to 1889, was among the first class inducted into the MU Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Hall of Fame on Friday.

Trained as a lawyer, Crowder devised the Selective Service Act, or the draft, during World War I. Crowder Hall, headquarters of the ROTC program at MU, was dedicated to him in 1940. His great-great-nephew, John Siebert, accepted the award during a ceremony in Jesse Wrench Auditorium.

ROTC is a college-based program for training future military officers, according to MU's ROTC website. It started with the Morrill Act of 1862 which provided federal land grants to colleges in exchange for requiring military training of all male students. In the 1960s, ROTC participation became optional. Today, it provides scholarships in exchange for a set number of years of required military service.

Other inductees were:

- Retired Col. Arthur "Bull" Simons, a 1980 ROTC graduate who led special operations during World War II and the Vietnam War;
- Col. Timothy Karcher, a 1989 ROTC graduate whose legs were badly injured from a roadside bomb. He is now the Director of the US Army Wounded Warrior Program;
- Retired Col. Claude Barton, who saw substantial action in the Pacific Theater during World War II, served for 31 years and was a Professor of Military Science for three years;
• Retired Lt. Col. Kirk Wallace who served 25 years of active duty and was a Professor of Military Science for four years;

• First Lt. William Edens, who was killed in action by an improvised explosive device in Tal Afar, Iraq, on April 28, 2005.

His sister, Nikki Edens, accepted the award for him.

"One of the things he really loved was serving his country," she said. "He'd give you the shirt off his back to see you smile."

• Brett Allison who sponsors the Mizzou Army ROTC program. His contributions have helped 35 cadets receive scholarships since 2009.

Cameron MacDonald, a 21-year-old senior in the Mizzou Army ROTC, greeted attendees and held the door open for them.

"We have a very good program here," MacDonald said. "We have a reputation for bringing out the top lieutenants in the nation."

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Coed dorm rooms idea is tricky for MU

More campuses are adopting gender-neutral living options.

By Janese Silvey

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The University of Missouri's Residential Life Department is facing growing pressure to offer coed dorm rooms, in part to make life more comfortable for students who might not identify as their biological gender.

Last year, several student groups, including the Residential Halls Association, adopted resolutions calling for gender-neutral housing. And Missouri's flagship campus is getting left behind: Washington University in St. Louis offers gender-neutral housing, and this fall, Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville became the second campus in the state to offer coed rooms. At a recent diversity summit on campus, students questioned why MU has not addressed the need to offer gender-neutral housing.

"Gender-neutral housing is something that's very important," Xavier Billingsley, president of the Missouri Students Association, said yesterday. "We want students to feel comfortable at our university. Gender-neutral housing is a step we can take to really show students we do care about their well-being and want to help them as much as we can."

Transgendered students can request special arrangements such as a single room, said Frankie Minor, director of residential life. That option has been available for a few years, and fewer than five students have taken advantage of it, he said. But that might not represent the true need because it requires people to self-identify, and some might not be ready to come out publicly as a transgendered individual.

MU's main issue is space. Residential halls are full and mostly limited to freshmen. At that age, students typically aren't undergoing gender transition therapies that would make living arrangements more uncomfortable, Minor said.

Northwest's gender-neutral housing is only available to upperclassmen, said Rose Viau, director of residential life there. The rooms are limited to two campus apartment areas, and anyone can sign up. This fall, Viau said, male and female friends, brothers and sisters and cousins have taken advantage of it. She knows of only one case in which students living together are in a long-term relationship.
"We have found people who are just in that shorter-term college relationship are smart enough to realize they don't want to live together yet," she said.

Simply opening coed rooms at MU might not solve issues for transgendered students, Minor said. That's because a limited number of coed rooms could be snatched up by opposite-sex friends, relatives or couples. And there's no guarantee that transgendered people assigned to a coed room without pre-selected roommates would find themselves living with allies.

"We don't want to force students into accommodations that are uncomfortable for them," Minor said, referring also to students who have more conservative beliefs.

A cluster of rooms designated for lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered students — such as the Freshman Interest Groups that pair students with similar academic interests — is problematic, too, because it could make the students targets of harassment, he said.

Despite logistical problems, Minor said he hopes to develop a solution by next fall. He's been seeking advice from other universities and trying to get a better idea of who would opt for coed rooms. "We need to get a sense of who is our target population," he said.
MU Thompson Center's new director focused on research, helping families

By Lizzie Johnson
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COLUMBIA — Stephen Kanne was there when the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders opened in 2005.

He spent about six years working as a researcher and psychologist at the center before leaving in 2011 to become director of the Texas Children's Hospital Autism Center. In September, Kanne, 49, returned to the Thompson Center, this time as its executive director.

He calls the center his second home. Photographs of his two children are propped on his desk. People are familiar. He knows the place so well he can pinpoint the minute changes that occurred during his 17-month absence. The following excerpts are drawn from a longer interview with Kanne about his return, his goals for the Thompson Center and where autism research is heading.

How did you get involved with autism research?
I'll never forget the experience. I completed the first part of my internship in San Diego working at a children's psychiatric hospital where we were learning how to do therapy with children with psychiatric problems. My background is in clinical neuropsychology, a branch of clinical psychology, which includes doing therapy. That's when I saw my first child with autism. He had a more severe presentation. He couldn't talk; he had cards that he used to help him communicate. I remember seeing him and being very fascinated with him. One of my colleagues had a specialty working with kids with autism. She was like a kid whisperer. She could get this child to manage his behavior using behavioral techniques really effectively. It just seemed like magic to me. So that was my first, like, 'Wow, that's really cool' moment.

What has made you stick with the autism field for research and clinical work?
How many jobs can you have where you go home at the end of the day and think, 'Wow, I really made a difference in someone's life?' That happens to me all the time here. You can work with a family and their child to figure out what's going on and how to help them. When they go home, although it's often painful because of the diagnosis, you know that if you did
your job right; you've really helped them. That is an amazing feeling. Also, I have so much respect for the parents of these kids. I don't know why that resonates with me more in autism compared to other populations. It is these kids — how they can be simply amazing but at the same time they can be incredibly challenging — and realizing what that puts the family through. It's how that, even despite their lack of emotional reciprocity and response, their parents still love them just as much as any other kid. It hits you in a place, it really does. Another reason I love working with the kids is because they're hard to figure out. To be able to say whether a child has autism or not is a behavioral diagnosis. That means my skill in watching their behavior, seeing how they react to things and being good at specific tests we use allows me to make a more accurate diagnosis. It's like a puzzle, but it is a puzzle that has a huge benefit at the end of it because you can really help the family.

**Why did you decide to come back to the Thompson Center?**
I came back for a couple of reasons. One of them was that this place was already amazing. That's a big part of it. Second, I am from St. Louis, so it's nice to come back home. I loved Texas while I was there, but it's just not the same in terms of the seasons. And I hate country music. It's both the potential this place has, plus the personal connections I have here that made it an easy choice.

**Did you notice any differences between when you left and when you came back?**
It was neat to go away and come back for two reasons. I had a much more objective view of how people viewed the Thompson Center. Also, I noticed how it grew and matured as an organization. Organizations grow and mature just like kids do.

**Do you have any specific changes you want to make as the executive director of the Thompson Center?**
Part of my goal is figuring out what we can do to expand our stamp even further in terms of our reputation and in terms of our footprint. We are really well-known in central Missouri. But outside of that, what can we do to make a bigger impact? Part of what we are looking at is how we can expand our clinical and research models to extend them to have a greater national impact.

**Will you continue to do research and clinical work in your new position?**
Absolutely, I will do both. Obviously this job includes a lot more than just that now, but I can't imagine doing what I do here without seeing the kids and seeing the families. That is what I love to do the most. Research is always ongoing. For me, those complement each other. To be a good clinician, you have to be able to do research. Even as a researcher, you have to know the kids really well. They go hand-in-hand to me.
What do you think is the most promising aspect of autism research, and how do you plan to further that at the Thompson Center?

Our holy grail is to figure out what is causing autism. Once you know that, then you can be much more focused on how to treat autism. Right now, there is no cure for autism. If we understand better what is actually causing autism at its root level, at its genetic level, that will give us a much better chance at understanding it and understanding how to treat it appropriately. That science of genetics is growing so quickly. All across the country people are researching genetics and not only for autism. The tools and techniques are just exploding. That is the most exciting piece. At the Thompson Center, we have more than 30 research projects going on, ranging from genetics and mouse models all the way to virtual worlds on the computer and other studies that explore behaviors related to autism. We cover the full gamut. They call it bench to bedside, from basic science to studying behaviors out in the real world.

Do you face any challenges working in a learning institution?

There is much more emphasis on teaching and training and working with students, and having professionals move along beyond doctors. I love it, but there is a culture that comes with an academic institution, which is both good and bad. Academic institutions tend to be more independent. Change can be more difficult because it takes longer to make things happen. There might be more bureaucracy or resistance to change. On the flip side, the mission of an academic institution is different because it emphasizes teaching and training and serving any and all people coming to it for help.

What do you think the Thompson Center needs to work on?

As a patient, the wait list can be too long. Parents want their child seen tomorrow. We are doing everything in our power to decrease the time it takes to get someone in here. The better and better you get, the more your reputation grows and the busier you get. It's this Catch-22 we are stuck in. We want to figure out how we can see patients more efficiently and how we can match the right provider with the right patient to get their question answered better, which will improve the wait list. We are always working on this.

What kind of mark do you personally want to leave on the Thompson Center?

The only footprint I want to make personally is make sure I facilitate getting the center to the next level. What does that mean for me as a leader? I need to make sure I support the people around me, getting out of their way, but giving them all of the resources to do what they need to do best.

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COLUMBIA — A new campus memorial intended to honor past, present and future MU veterans will be designed by the university's own architecture students.

The memorial will be in Memorial Union North. The Memorial Union tower was completed in 1926 in remembrance of MU students killed in World War I, according to the Mizzou Alumni Association website. The north wing was rededicated after World War II and completed in 1952. Three designs were chosen from 14 student proposals and presented to the Faculty Council Student Affairs Committee, which conceptualized the project in 2011.

"We had so many small plaques and remembrances all around Memorial Union, and it was decided that we could sort of consolidate those memorials," said Marty Walker, who is leading the project for the Chancellor's Committee for Veterans and Military Affairs. The two committees are working together. The new memorial would recognize all veterans who attended or worked at MU and who served in wars since Memorial Union was completed. Walker, director of administrative services in the College of Engineering, volunteered to take on the project in spring of 2011. He said he contacted the Department of Architectural Studies because he thought students could come up with all-inclusive ideas that would appeal to other students.

The idea was turned into a project for Newton D'Souza's 4000-level architecture studio course. D'Souza, an assistant professor in architectural studies, worked with students to develop a design that would include a "brick and mortar" memorial as well as an electronic component.

"The good thing about the project is even if it's a small project, I think it's a great learning experience for our students," D'Souza said. "Although there are several logistical and pragmatic issues to be considered for such a project to be executed, to see a project from its initial stage all the way to the finish, that's very fulfilling."
This is the first opportunity for these students to execute something they designed as part of their studies. The student whose design is chosen will work with the administration and campus facilities to make the memorial a permanent part of Memorial Union. One of the students, Molly Landers, said this was her favorite project and helped her decide that she wanted to be an interior designer after graduation.

"I could really see myself doing this and wanting to do this when I'm out of school," Landers said. "It really makes a difference when you're really passionate about something that you're doing." The students studied the layout and traffic flow in Memorial Union to determine where they wanted to place the memorial and how to showcase the names of 500 to 600 veterans while leaving room for future additions. The students studied current memorials and incorporated their own creative vision into the proposals. Walker said he wanted electronic access to the Library of Congress and Missouri Veterans History Projects incorporated into the memorial so current generations could educate themselves and connect with past veterans through images or sound. The database archives biographical information on veterans from World War I to the present, as well as audio interviews.

"The memorial will satisfy the needs of senior folks who need a brick-and-mortar memorial and younger folks who will gravitate to a living memorial," Walker said.

**Missing man formation**

The first design, created by senior Karen Johnson, was inspired by the military missing man formation. The formation is a maneuver used to recognize missing or dead comrades. Pilots will fly in a standard formation but leave an empty space for the missing member. Johnson said that in considering something that connects all generations at MU, she thought of the columns.

"If one column went missing, it would be seen as a catastrophe," Johnson said. "But not necessarily so if one person went missing." Johnson's design has five of the columns physically represented with a beam of light replacing the missing column, reminiscent of the World Trade Center memorial at Ground Zero. The veterans' names would be etched into panes of glass and accompanied by a touch screen where more information could be found about each name. Johnson's proposal was to place the memorial on the wall behind the information desk in the lobby of Memorial Union North, currently a wall of windows looking into Stotler Lounge.

**Reflection inspired by Maya Lin**

The second proposal was from Landers, a senior interior design major. She said her design
was mostly inspired by the reflective aspects of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed by Maya Lin.

"I was really drawn to the simplicity of hers, which was just that black granite wall with the names," Landers said. "But also, more so, the fact that these people are going up and touching these names and responding."

She said she wanted to create a "shadow box" feel where the names would be represented on the glass front and behind the glass would be a sculptural element to draw people in. The sculptural element consists of several criss-crossing beams, each representing a different branch of the military. Her design would also incorporate an electronic kiosk where viewers could learn more about any of the veterans on the wall. This proposal places the memorial on the wall across from the information desk, currently containing several memorial plaques.

**Entryway nook**

The third student proposal, from senior Samantha Matthews, aims for a more welcoming feel. Her plan is to move one of the walls in the entry to Memorial Union North, currently used to separate a study room and distribute pamphlets. Matthews said she chose this placement so the memorial will be welcoming and visible during events held in the union archway.

"You want to design something that people are at least going to walk by and see," Matthews said. "Maybe even take a few minutes out of their day to stop and look at it."

Her design creates a space to the side of the entryway where people could step aside and experience the memorial. A black granite wall would be seen as you enter from the archway. If you entered the memorial space, the left wall would have an interactive touch screen with the wall covered in a black and white image of an American flag. Walker said one of the three proposals will be presented to MU Chancellor Brady Deaton and other administrators.

The chancellor's veterans committee is evaluating the proposals on how well they fit the idea of a military memorial, accessibility, cost and how well they attract attention.

"We're still trying to figure out the best way to go," Walker said. "You don't want to move too quickly on something like this." Walker said he would like to have a public showing of the proposals to hear public reaction to the designs. Construction on the project is likely to start sometime next year.

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Maya Angelou will speak at One Mizzou Week

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COLUMBIA — Poet laureate Maya Angelou fell asleep before Tuesday’s presidential election was decided. She woke up at 2:30 a.m. and learned that President Barack Obama was elected for another term. She couldn’t go back to sleep and spent the rest of the night watching and re-watching the election coverage.

Angelou, who described her election night during a phone interview with the Missourian, will visit MU as a speaker for the first One Mizzou Week, a week-long program on diversity. The sold-out event starts 7 p.m. on Monday at the Missouri Theatre. Courage is one theme Angelou plans to address in her speech. She said she saw courage in Republican challenger Mitt Romney’s concession speech and thought it took grace for him to say that he and his family will be praying for the president.

"Courage, I believe, is the most important of all virtues, because it takes courage to practice all other virtues," Angelou said. Angelou said she was blown away by the President’s victory speech and was heartened by his audience’s diversity.

"The pundits who continue to polarize us are failing and Americans are coming together," she said. "We are beginning to see ourselves in each other."

While Angelou cited the media as contributors to racial divisions, she also said that people don’t take opportunities to come together in institutions like church, which are usually segregated.

"We need to become active or we risk becoming terribly inactive," Angelou said. Angelou’s involvement in creating social change dates back to the Civil Rights Movement, when she worked with Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.

She met Malcolm X while living in Ghana and came back to the U.S. to help him build his Organization of Afro-American Unity, according to her website. After Malcolm X’s
assassination, Angelou served alongside King as the Northern coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Angelou said King’s compassion and commitment to the non-violent movement attracted her to the conference.

“Both men were charismatic and passionate about what they believed,” Angelou said.

Angelou remembers speaking with Malcolm X after his trip to Mecca. He told her he no longer saw white people as evil.

“It took courage to say this,” Angelou said.

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Writers hear tips on 'truth'

Adelstein regales group with tales.

By Janese Silvey

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Writers who gathered in Columbia yesterday to learn how to advance their craft got a lesson in truth-telling from a longtime University of Missouri faculty member.

Eddie Adelstein, an associate professor, admitted he used to think telling the truth would make him a hero, but he warned that's not always the case. "Telling the truth is not a guarantee of success in this world. In fact, it is probably not in your best interest," he said, but stressed it's important to do so anyway.

Adelstein's address was part of a daylong workshop hosted by the Columbia chapter of the Missouri Writers' Guild. The "Write Direction" conference at the Unity Center attracted 50 writers from across the state.

"The theme is 'taking the next step,'" chapter president Judy Stock said. "Taking the next step as a writer could be deciding to write or deciding now is the time to do a novel or to get an agent. The next step is different for everybody."

Other speakers included Missouri Poet Laureate William Trowbridge and Donna Volkenannt, winner of a 2012 Erma Bombeck Global Humor Award. Stock took a community course on medical examination that Adelstein taught and said she wanted him to share some of his experiences with the writers' group.

Adelstein is a frequent contributor to the Tribune's op-ed pages. He wants to write a book about his career and experiences but acknowledged it's tough.

"I live vicariously through my writer son," he said, referring to Jake Adelstein, whose book "Tokyo Vice" details his experiences as a reporter covering the Japanese mafia. The coverage and book earned him acclaim but also death threats that extended to family members. Adelstein praised his son's integrity.

The elder Adelstein has a few stories about truth-telling himself. In the 1990s, he blew the whistle on the Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital after patients were dying at high rates on the watch of a certain nurse. Adelstein said he and colleague Gordon Christensen thought they
would be heroes for flagging the problems but instead endured a decade of cover-ups, FBI investigations and ultimately a successful lawsuit against the hospital filed by the wife of one of the victims. It earned Adelstein the reputation of being a rabble-rouser.

A former Boone County medical examiner, Adelstein told of other cases in which telling the truth allowed him to help people. In one case, he recalled seeing a man at the post office visibly upset over, he would later learn, a lost love. Adelstein — who said he's seen cases where men have committed suicide to prove their love — recognized the symptoms and told the man, essentially, that it would not be worth it. The man later thanked him.

As a medical examiner, he said, he had a chance to retrace people's lives and now lives with a better understanding of events leading up to death, such as someone avoiding medical attention because of costs.

"Every case is a short story," he said. "We see their histories and write their endings. ... We see the endings of our societal failures and wish we could do more about it."