MU Chancellor Brady Deaton to retire

University of Missouri Board of Curators Chairman Wayne Goode, left, and UM System President Tim Wolfe smile as Chancellor Brady Deaton kisses his wife, Anne, on Wednesday after he announced that he is retiring effective Nov. 15. Deaton made the announcement before about 300 staff, faculty and media in the Jesse Hall rotunda.

By Karyn Spory

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University of Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton announced Wednesday that he is retiring effective Nov. 15.
Deaton, who was MU chancellor for nine years, will continue to serve as chancellor emeritus with a focus on the university’s role in international development.

Deaton said his decision to retire did not happen quickly, but in the “absence of any major crisis” he felt it was as good a time as any to step down. Deaton also said the university was situated in such a way that MU would be able to attract many outstanding candidates for his position.

Deaton also will continue as chairman of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development. President Barack Obama appointed Deaton chairman of the board in 2011 and last year reappointed him for a four-year term.

“I am extraordinarily honored and privileged to have led the University of Missouri through the last nine years of exciting, eventful and rewarding times,” Deaton said in a statement. “Any success attributed to my leadership is due to the wonderful support of my family; the skilled and dedicated work of my staff; the unmitigated, common commitment of deans and faculty to providing a world class education to our students; and the amazing spirit of our alumni.”

UM System President Tim Wolfe said Deaton has been a very “generous advisor and an even better friend.”

Wolfe said Deaton focused on what was best for the university and led the institute toward greatness. Wolfe added it would be a top priority to find a replacement for Deaton.

University of Missouri Board of Curators Chairman Wayne Goode added that Deaton has done a great job as chancellor.

Deaton first came to MU in 1989 as a professor and chair in the Agricultural Economics Department. Deaton became the 21st chief executive officer of MU on Oct. 4, 2004.

“From the very onset of my time here as chancellor, I have focused on students ... and making this a destination university,” Deaton said a news conference at Jesse Hall.

During Deaton’s tenure, MU’s total enrollment grew by 7,745 students, or 28.7 percent, and minority enrollment rose by 113 percent.
Mizzou Chancellor Deaton to retire in November

University of Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton announced his retirement Wednesday after nearly a decade of leadership marked by sizable enrollment growth, a Columbia campus building boom and the school's recent move to the Southeastern Conference.

Standing in the Jesse Hall rotunda behind a lectern used in the same location by Mark Twain more than a century ago, Deaton spoke to a crowd of deans, state lawmakers, athletics officials and curious office workers, some of whom leaned along overhead railings. The 70-year-old Kentucky native said he leaves the university after nine years at a time of strength and "in the absence of any major crises."

"We've kept a true strategic focus for the university," said Deaton, who will remain chancellor until Nov. 15 and then work for a new campus research effort on global hunger. "I'm building on the shoulders of everyone else who's worked here."

Deaton arrived at MU in 1989 as an agricultural economics professor and department chair after 12 years at Virginia Tech. He rose through the ranks as a deputy chancellor and provost before succeeding Richard Wallace as chancellor in October 2004.

Under Deaton's leadership, student enrollment grew by more than 7,000, a 28.7 percent increase. Twenty-one new buildings opened, from the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders to a new student center and a life sciences business incubator. University inventions and intellectual property have generated $43.6 million in licensing income since 2007 alone, and research grants increased by nearly 50 percent.

"He's a brilliant guy," said deputy chancellor Mike Middleton. "He's got such compassion and feeling for humanity, and improving conditions in the world...He's a consummate university leader."

Deaton declined to elaborate on the details of his new venture, which he will outline with more specifics Friday at a previously scheduled meeting of the university system's Board of Curators. It's expected to be an outgrowth of his 50-year interest in the global food supply that began as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand five decades ago and continues on the Board for International
Food and Agricultural Development, a position for which Deaton was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2011.

Middleton said Deaton was instrumental in building Missouri's reputation beyond the state's borders, and expects the chancellor emeritus to continue representing the university in such a fashion.

"That's his biggest natural strength," Middleton said. "He has those global connections."

Deaton said he also expects an appointment as a residential scholar at New York University but plans to remain in Columbia with his wife Anne, an adjunct professor of education and nursing at Missouri. The couple has four grown children _ three of whom are Mizzou graduates _ and seven grandchildren.

Deaton said he doesn't expect to pursue other leadership opportunities in higher education, including any other job as a chancellor or university president.

"It would not fit my major commitment and interests," he said. "That's not what I'm looking for at all. In fact, I'm 110 percent overcommitted on these other issues I'm taking up."

Deaton was accompanied by Board of Curators chairman Wayne Goode and Tim Wolfe, president of the University of Missouri system. Neither spoke of the process for selecting Deaton's successor, or whether an interim replacement will be selected.

After the formal announcement, Brady and his wife Anne traded hugs and handshakes with a succession of well-wishers. Co-workers and colleagues repeatedly cited Deaton's strong moral compass and his belief in the school's core mission as a public flagship university.

"Everything he does is just in a principled and dignified manner," said general counsel Steve Owens, who served as the system's interim president before Wolfe was hired. "He endured because he held office with such grace and dignity."
MU Chancellor Brady Deaton stepping down

By MARA ROSE WILLIAMS

COLUMBIA — After 24 years at the University of Missouri, including the last nine as chancellor, Brady Deaton is retiring effective Nov. 15.

The announcement came at a 1 p.m. news conference. Deaton will continue to serve the school as chancellor emeritus, focusing on MU’s role in international development.

“I am extraordinarily honored and privileged to have led the University of Missouri through the last nine years of exciting, eventful and rewarding times,” Deaton said in a university statement.

His tenure has seen growth and change on the campus in Columbia, with 21 new buildings, 7,700 more students and, in athletics, a move from the Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference. Research grants and expenditures grew by almost half, and minority enrollment doubled.

“He has been an asset to Mizzou and the entire University of Missouri System,” said Board of Curators Chair Wayne Goode.

When he took the job of chancellor in October 2004, Deaton oversaw an annual budget of $1.3 billion. Now it’s $2.1 billion.

At the same time, MU has been part of a national trend of rising tuition costs. Tuition for in-state undergraduates taking a full class load has risen 48 percent, from $6,276 a year in 2004 to $9,272 in 2012-13.

The top post on the Columbia campus was a long way from Deaton’s roots on a farm in eastern Kentucky. He was the second of nine children and the first in his family to earn a college degree.

While in college at the University of Kentucky, he worked two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand, where he taught vocational agriculture in the Thai language.

He graduated from Kentucky with a degree in agricultural economics in 1966. He earned a doctorate in agricultural economics from the University of Wisconsin. He taught at several colleges before arriving at MU in March 1989 to lead the agricultural economics department.
He moved into campuswide administration in 1993 as the chancellor's chief of staff; the title later changed to deputy chancellor. In 1998, he was named MU provost, the campus' chief academic officer and second in command behind then-Chancellor Richard Wallace.

In September 2004, when Wallace stepped down, Deaton served as interim chancellor for a month while the university system was to conduct a nationwide search for a permanent replacement. But the search never happened. Then-University of Missouri System President Elson Floyd announced on Oct. 1, 2004, that Deaton was the chancellor.

Deaton had barely started the job when he had to deal with a controversy about the new basketball arena – Paige Sports Arena – named for a booster's daughter who was caught in a cheating scandal at another school. Deaton chose to rename it the Mizzou Arena.

Less than two years ago, Deaton was the central figure in MU's move to the Southeastern Conference.

Now the search for a replacement begins.

"Finding a leader with the academic background and leadership prowess exhibited by Dr. Deaton will be our top priority," University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe said.
MU Chancellor Brady Deaton to retire

Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive, left, and University of Missouri chancellor Brady Deaton celebrate MU's announcement it was joining the SEC on Nov. 6, 2011. Missouri will receive $20.7 million in league revenue for its first year in the SEC. (AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

COLUMBIA • After nearly a decade at the helm of Missouri's largest public university, University of Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton will retire Nov. 15.

Deaton, 67, announced his plan Wednesday but said he isn’t leaving the university entirely. He will continue living in Columbia and will be involved in a new MU institute focused on global issues.

“It’s been a very good time — a wonderful time,” Deaton said of his time leading Mizzou, adding that there are “absolutely no negatives whatsoever” in his decision to retire.
The university has grown significantly under Deaton’s tenure, which has also been marked by MU’s departure from the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference.

No formal timeline has been set to name a successor, but leaders are expected to begin a search while Deaton remains in the post over the coming months.

“I want to get to that point where it’s all in motion, and I can step away without any major disruption,” Deaton said of his decision to announce his retirement in advance.

Deaton, an agriculture economist with a long interest in international relations, was appointed by President Barack Obama in April 2011 to lead the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, an advisory panel for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

He said the position, which is unpaid, has been taking up more of his time and he wants to be able to devote more to international issues, including hunger and agriculture.

“Those are vital issues for the future, so I really do want more time thinking about that,” he said.

University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe hinted that those efforts could tie into plans for the new institute, which “will do great work in a critically important area — not only for our state and nation, but globally.” More details are expected to emerge at a Board of Curators meeting on Friday.

With Deaton at the helm, MU’s enrollment grew 28.7 percent to nearly 34,800 students; research grants rose by 46 percent; and the campus opened 21 new buildings. Other efforts included the successful For All We Call Mizzou fundraising campaign that kicked off in 2005 and reached its $1 billion goal a month ahead of schedule in 2008.

Brady “has been an asset to Mizzou and the entire University of Missouri System,” said University of Missouri Board of Curators Chair Wayne Goode of St. Louis.

In one of the more recent pivotal changes for the university, Deaton was a key figure in Missouri’s 2011 move to the SEC, though he has been reluctant to tie his legacy at MU to athletics.

“Brady’s counsel, his guidance and his leadership, for me in particular, as my boss, has just been outstanding,” Missouri athletic director Mike Alden said in a statement. “He’s as good of a person as I’ve ever worked with.”
MU Chancellor Brady Deaton announced Tuesday that he will retire effective Nov. 15. He has been chancellor since 2004.

COLUMBIA — As he stood in the Jesse Hall rotunda at MU on Wednesday to announce his retirement, Chancellor Brady Deaton invoked the name of Mark Twain who, he said, stood in front of the same lectern in 1902 and had a "comfortable feeling" as he bade farewell to colleagues and friends.

Twain was accepting an honorary degree from the university, according to the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Deaton was announcing that he will leave MU after more than 30 years in higher education.

"Things have never looked better," he said with a tremble in his voice as his wife, Anne Deaton, sat in the front row fighting tears.

Deaton will continue to serve as chancellor emeritus with a focus on international development. His retirement is effective Nov. 15. He is MU's 21st chancellor and has served in the role since Oct. 4, 2004.
MU faculty and staff filled the rotunda for the announcement. Anne Deaton, who has been active in the MU community, hugged friends and colleagues before her husband came out to speak.

The news conference began with a moment of silence in honor of longtime Columbia educator Eliot Battle, who died Tuesday night, and Roger Mitchell, former dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources who died June 5.

Deaton described his childhood in a remote area of eastern Kentucky, where he was raised as one of nine children.

"The 4-H Club was the window upon which I saw the future of my world," Deaton said. "It led me to an education that has brought me to this point, and I am very thankful for that."

Deaton, 70, has been at MU since 1989, where he began as a professor and chair in the Agricultural Economics Department. He moved to the administrative side of MU in 1993, when he was appointed chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor. In January 1998, he was appointed interim provost and was officially named provost permanently in October of that year. He served in that role until he was named chancellor in 2004.

During his nine years as chancellor, MU grew rapidly. Enrollment increased by 28.7 percent, and 21 new buildings opened.

He talked about his pride in the teamwork at MU that made accomplishments possible in tough financial times.

"It did not happen quickly," Deaton said. "There was success in planning and an absence of crises."

Deaton was also a central figure in MU's transition to the Southeastern Conference in 2011. In a letter posted on the Mizzou Tigers website Wednesday afternoon, Athletics Director Mike Alden praised Deaton's "visionary" leadership and the role he and Anne Deaton have played in creating opportunities through their support of athletics as the "front porch" of MU.

"Whether it was the transition to the SEC, whether it's been the growth in our facilities, our academic accomplishments, our competitive achievements, whatever that may have been, he's touched all facets of our program in a transformational way," Alden wrote.
But Deaton's tenure has not been without rough spots, two of them in relation to MU's basketball program. In March 2006, then-UM President Elson Floyd asked Deaton to look into Quin Snyder's departure as basketball coach. His findings left questions unanswered, and Floyd, under pressure from several members of the UM Board of Curators, asked for an independent investigation.

Five years later, in 2011, Deaton had to walk back remarks he made at a curators' meeting that left the impression MU administrators knew about allegations of recruiting improprieties by Frank Haith at the University of Miami before he was hired to coach the Missouri men's basketball team. (Haith and others involved in the Miami allegations are scheduled to appear before an NCAA panel during hearings Thursday through Saturday in Indianapolis.) On Wednesday, the focus was on Deaton's accomplishments.

"Selfishly, I'm sad he'll be stepping down," said UM System President Tim Wolfe, who was on hand for the announcement. "Chancellor Deaton was a gracious adviser and greater friend."

Wolfe said finding a worthy successor would be his top priority. "Finding someone of Deaton's stature and strengths will not be easy," he said. Deaton talked about his proudest accomplishments during his time as chancellor, which included creating a team of outstanding faculty and finding strong donor support through record-breaking fundraisers.

"This has been a wonderful experience for my family, for my own personal growth and understanding of the world of higher education in society," Deaton said.

He said he plans to focus on the university's international development and will remain a chairman for the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, where he has served since being appointed to the position by President Barack Obama in 2011. Other plans for the future include some time at New York University, where he has a close relationship with John Sexton, the 15th and current president.

"I have a lot of things to think about that are very exciting," Deaton said. "Big ideas, shall we say." Deaton said he was looking forward to having more family time and seeing his seven grandchildren more often. He told the crowd that he and Anne Deaton had celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary.

Anne Deaton has been active on campus in various groups and works part time at the MU College of Human Environmental Sciences, the MU College of Education and the Sinclair School of Nursing. It wasn't clear whether she intended to continue in those roles. Deaton said he and wife will continue to live in Columbia.
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TIMELINE: A look at Brady Deaton's career and accomplishments

By Harrison McLean
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COLUMBIA – Brady Deaton has been part of MU for 24 years and in higher education for over 40. On Wednesday, he announced he will retire in November as MU’s chancellor, a position he has held for nine years.

Here are some highlights of his life, as well as some of his accomplishments:

- 1962-64: Served two-year tour in Nan, Thailand, as a Peace Corps volunteer.
- 1966: Graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in agricultural economics.
- 1968: Received master's of arts degree in diplomacy and international commerce at University of Kentucky.
- 1970-72: Earned a master's and doctoral degrees in agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin.
- 1972-78: Assistant and associate professor of agricultural economics and rural sociology at the University of Tennessee. Also was selected as staff director of the Special Task Force on Food for Peace for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.
- 1978: Became a professor in agricultural economics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
- 1986: Served as associate director of the Office for International Development at Virginia Tech.
- 1989: Came to MU as a professor and chair in both the Agricultural Economics Department and as a Social Science Unit leader.
- 1993: Appointed chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor.
- 1997: Named deputy chancellor at MU.
- 2001: Played key role as a sponsor of the Big 12 Provosts' delegation to the European Union.
- 2001: Named executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.
• 2004: Began serving as chancellor and chief executive of MU in October.

• 2007: Created the Office of Technology Management and Industry Relations. Since its creation, 77 new patents for inventions and intellectual property have been granted to MU faculty, which has brought in $43.6 million in licensing income.

• 2009: Received an honorary degree from Prince of Songkla University in Hat Yai, Thailand.

• 2011: Played a large role in the authorization and process of MU’s move to the Southeastern Conference in athletics, which was officially announced on Nov. 6.

• 2011: Criticized for comments he made about the investigation of Missouri basketball coach Frank Haith’s tenure at the University of Miami. Statements he made at a UM System Board of Curators meeting suggested MU knew about possible improprieties before hiring Haith, but Deaton later clarified that the university had no knowledge of any wrongdoing on Haith’s part. (Haith was scheduled to appear before a NCAA Committee on Infractions in Indianapolis this week.)

• 2011: Appointed by President Barack Obama as chair of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Deployment. He was reappointed in 2012 and given a four-year term; he will continue to serve after his retirement.

• 2012: Received an honorary degree in public administration from Khon Kaen University in Khon Kaen, Thailand.

• 2013: Announced his retirement as MU chancellor, effective Nov. 15. Deaton will be named chancellor emeritus upon his retirement and will continue to be involved in MU’s international development.
University of Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton, who during his nine-year tenure oversaw huge enrollment growth and the school’s transition from the Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference, will retire effective Nov. 13.

The university announced Wednesday he will continue to serve as chancellor emeritus.

“I am extraordinarily honored and privileged to have led the University of Missouri through the last nine years of exciting, eventful and rewarding times,” Deaton said in a statement.

Deaton joined the university as professor and chair of the Agricultural Economics Department in March 1989, according to a statement from the university. He became chancellor in October 2004.

Since that time, enrollment has grown 29 percent, adding 7,745 students, the statement said. The university also joined the Southeastern Conference in November 2011.

Deaton has served as chair of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Council on International Initiatives and the Council on Academic Affairs and is a member of the board of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and the International Committee of the Association of American Universities. President Barack Obama appointed Deaton chair of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development in 2011 and reappointed him in 2012 for a four-year term.
COLUMBIA, Mo. • Sitting in his Jesse Hall office last fall, Missouri chancellor Brady Deaton told me he once gave thought to trying out for the freshman football team at the University of Kentucky.

He wasn’t sure how that was going to sound once published, so he asked that I not make too much of it in the story that I was writing for the Columbia Daily Tribune, a profile on the campus leader whose legacy will undoubtedly be tied to Mizzou’s decision to bolt the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference.

It’s the convenient narrative for sportswriters when they’re fortunate to get some time with the always engaging and immeasurably gracious chancellor — that he will forever be remembered as Mizzou’s Moses. He led the weary Israelites (Tigers) out of Egypt (the Big 12), across the Red Sea (Red River) and into the rich and plentiful Promised Land (the SEC.)

But as influential as he was in Missouri’s journey, Deaton has been reluctant to tie his legacy to athletics. Deaton, who announced today that he’ll retire effective Nov. 15, is a scholar at heart — one who just happened to preside over the university during a monumental era for athletics. At least that’s his version.

"No, quite honestly, no. That was something in regard to athletics that I never thought, 'My legacy will be this or that,' " he told me last year for a story published the day of Mizzou’s homecoming game against Kentucky, his alma mater. "If we have to choose things to be our legacy, we’d always choose those things of the highest academic quality. That’s what we really want to achieve."

With his retirement announcement, Mizzou’s athletic leaders lavished praise on their boss.

“Certainly, Brady and Anne Deaton together, have been wonderful leaders for the entire University of Missouri, as the flagship institution of our state,” AD Mike Alden said in a statement released by the athletic department. “The way they’ve positioned us not only for today, but for the future, is so important, and the opportunities that are ahead of us in athletics, and really in all areas of Mizzou are so bright because of their leadership, because of their commitment, and because of their passion for the institution.

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integrity, he’s got good vision, he’ll make a decision and certainly provides sound wisdom and guidance. We will miss that, because all of those traits have unquestionably helped us elevate our program in all aspects, not just one particular element. Whether it was the transition to the SEC, whether it’s been the growth in our facilities, our academic accomplishments, our competitive achievements, whatever that may have been, he’s touched all facets of our program in a transformational way.”

Throughout the uncertain days of conference realignment, Deaton also served as chairman of the Big 12 board of directors, a challenge that required a careful balancing act of allegiance. At times, Deaton was perceived as the one MU leader opposed to joining the SEC, but he put those concerns to rest when he emphatically announced MU’s decision Nov. 6, 2011.

“We were that first university west of the Mississippi River, setting the pace for a nation as it developed,” Deaton told an overflow crowd that day at the MU Student Center. “Now we are taking a step with one of the fastest-growing regions in the country in one of the most promising, illustrious athletic conferences in our country today, the Southeastern Conference.”

During Deaton’s time at MU, the school’s athletic department underwent several major facility projects, including the construction of Mizzou Arena, which opened the same month he took office as chancellor, and the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, which opened in 2008. Last year, with Deaton’s support, the Board of Curators approved a $102 million facilities upgrade, mostly allocated for Faurot Field’s expansion and part of a $200 million master plan for athletic improvements.

“As for athletics, what can I say?” Deaton said during today’s announcement at Jesse Hall. “The transition to the SEC has been very smooth. I am especially proud of the academic achievement of our student-athletes. We had recent news across the SEC, if you look at all the football teams, a big group, we lead the SEC in the (Academic Progress Rate) of our student-athletes in football. And if you look at all the sports, we’re second, second only to Vanderbilt. Our commitment is to be No. 1 in academic achievement of our student-athletes across the conference.”
MU athletic director says Tigers’ future is bright because of Deaton’s leadership

Missouri athletic director Mike Alden couldn’t be at MU chancellor Brady Deaton’s retirement announcement Wednesday, but Alden made sure to express his regards for Deaton in a letter posted on the Tigers’ athletic website.

“Certainly, Brady and Anne Deaton together, have been wonderful leaders for the entire University of Missouri, as the flagship institution of our state,” Alden wrote. “The way they’ve positioned us not only for today, but for the future, is so important, and the opportunities that are ahead of us in Athletics, and really in all areas of Mizzou are so bright because of their leadership, because of their commitment, and because of their passion for the institution.

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COLUMBIA — Henry Foley is an excellent pick for the new job of executive vice president for academic affairs at UM, school representatives told members of the board of directors of Regional Economic Development Inc. on Wednesday afternoon.

UM System President Tim Wolfe announced the selection of Foley on Tuesday saying he brings "the experience and vision" to transform UM's academic research and expertise.

Foley will leave a vice president position at Penn State University.

The new position at UM was announced in January as part of Wolfe's reorganization of system administration. Foley will oversee academic and economic development, research, academic affairs and strategic planning. He also will lead institutional research, eLearning functions and academic program review for the system.
At the REDI board meeting, UM System Chief of Staff Robert Schwartz said that he was pleased to welcome Foley to MU and that Foley would maintain UM’s research and economic development efforts.

"There won't be less focus on research and economic development," Schwartz said. "If anything, there will be more of a focus on it."

MU Vice Chancellor for Research Robert Duncan, who said he has previously met Foley, also praised the new hire.

"He is one of the most business-friendly people I know in academia," Duncan said.

Schwartz said Foley likely would relocate to Columbia at the end of July or early August.

Foley's appointment is subject to the approval of the UM System Board of Curators. The position has a starting salary of $350,000.

At Penn State, Foley is vice president for research, dean of the graduate school, president of the Penn State Research Foundation and the Penn State Research Park Management Corp. He has been at Penn State since 2000.

Foley earned a master's degree in chemistry from Purdue University and a doctorate in physical and inorganic chemistry from Penn State. He was a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Delaware for 14 years before returning to Penn State as a faculty member.

Foley has also worked for American Cyanamid and with consulting companies, including Air Products and Chemicals Inc., DuPont, Engelhard Corp., Monsanto and Westvaco.

Foley has not responded to Missourian requests for comment.

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Deaton began his role as chancellor in 2004. During his 9-year tenure, the university's total enrollment grew by nearly 29 percent. Research expenditures grew by 47.5 percent and the amount awarded in research grants to MU increased by 46 percent.

Since the Office of Technology Management and Industry Relations was created in 2007 under the guidance of Deaton, the university was granted 77 patents and $43.6 million in licensing income.

He will continue to serve the University as chancellor emeritus with a focus on the university's role in international development.
The Reynolds Journalism Institute will boast its largest fellowship class since the institute's inception five years ago.

The large class is attributable to more applicants and the fact the institute has created a new non-residential option. This fall's class will have nine fellows, four of whom will be working off campus as non-residential fellows. There were nearly 150 applicants.

RJI Executive Director Randy Picht said the No. 1 reason for extending the fellowship was to add flexibility to the program. He said before allowing the nonresidential fellows, the program was attracting the "same kind of applicants" who were interested in projects that fell under the same umbrella.

Picht said the consensus was the nonresidential option might result in different projects to consider. "I think that's exactly what happened," he said.

The nine fellows will be "working across a broad spectrum of challenges and opportunities facing journalism, from infographics to video storytelling to news credibility," RJI said in announcing the fall class.

Picht said the nonresidential option brought in applicants who might not have applied otherwise because of personal constraints, such as the inability to interrupt their careers or move to Missouri.

"Those were two of the big considerations when we were thinking about how we can expand the kind of projects RJI could get involved with," Picht said.
Dan Schultz of Providence, R.I., said he was attracted to the program because he could stay in Rhode Island and continue working on innovations in media. "It seemed a remote option would provide a chance to sort of pursue the kinds of projects I wanted to keep exploring," he said.

Schultz plans to continue work on Truth Goggles, a real-time fact-checker he created while at the MIT Media Lab. He said Truth Goggles is a "credibility layer" for the Internet that attempts to connect dots between information on your screen and content that has been fact-checked by a credible source.

Other fellows are: Misha Leybovich of San Francisco; Kim Garretson of Edina, Minn.; Eric Newton of Miami; Chris Shipley of Redwood City, Calif.; Trina Chiasson of Chicago; and University of Missouri faculty/staff members Stacey Woelfel of KOMU, Scott Swafford of the Columbia Missourian and journalism Professor Yong Volz.

Although the fellowship class size is larger, Picht said the program is working with the same budget. He said nonresidential fellows receive $20,000, while the residential fellows receive $80,000. Picht said having fewer residential fellows evened out the budget.

This September will be the institute’s five-year anniversary. Over the course of its lifetime, the institute has seen many different research topics.

Picht said the fellows on campus will be working on bigger projects.

Woelfel will explore how TV news stations can better serve people who use tablets and smartphones while watching TV news; Volz will interview pioneering women in journalism to gather valuable insights; and Swafford will find ways news organizations can better cover local elections and reconnect citizens with their local governments.

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MU storm-chasers seek out severe weather around Midwest

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COLUMBIA — Trevor Rice looked at the neon shape moving across the screen of his cellphone.

"It's beautiful," he said.

The radar showed a storm bearing down on the plains of Oklahoma, near enough to encourage members of the Mizzou Storm Chase Team to pursue it.

Seven members of the team, two cars and a case of Red Bull had left Columbia at 5 a.m. April 17 to track reports of tornadoes in the Lawton area in southwest Oklahoma.

The team headed first to Oklahoma City and then down two-lane highways through small towns to Lawton, chasing two storms, which occurred one after the other.

Back in Columbia, the base team kept an eye out for the best roads to take and continued monitoring the storms from the basement of the MU Agriculture Building.

According to The Associated Press, tornado warnings were issued that day for 55 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. Police reported that two apparent tornadoes did hit Lawton, damaging a Goodyear tire plant but causing no injuries.

The Mizzou Storm Chase Team didn’t spot a tornado, but they observed other severe weather phenomena and cloud formations. Had the team made its trip just a month later, on May 20, it could have observed the EF5 tornado that hit Moore, Okla., according to The Associated Press. An EF5 is the most severe category with winds more than 200 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Another EF5 tornado hit El Reno, Okla., on May 31. That tornado was the widest on record at 2.6 miles, according to The Associated Press.
The team drove through the night in April and returned to campus at 7 a.m. the next day — a 26-hour round trip.

“You reach a point when you down a Red Bull, and it has no effect on you,” said Brian Crow, a senior.

Crow has been on several chases before, but this was his first as a driver. That meant greater responsibility and less time to watch the cloud formations and check radar.

“You have to be really attentive, especially in bad weather,” he said.

For Rice, it was his first chase.

He was scared of severe weather as a child, but that changed when he saw his first tornado near Albany in 2004. When the siren sounded, his family drove to a church that had a basement for protection since they didn’t have one.

As his family loaded into the car, the sky turned green and the wind stopped blowing, Rice said.

When he turned around, he saw the tornado. Although he and his family made it to safety, the tornado caused what a weather report called “considerable damage” near his hometown.

As a freshman majoring in meteorology at MU in 2012, Rice joined the Meteorology Club and participated in the Mizzou Storm Chase Team.

“Most people run from storms,” he said, laughing. "I run into them."

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Wanting things will make you happier than buying them

By Dan X. McGraw

Your happiness could depend on whether you buy that item or fight the urge.

According to a study released by the University of Missouri earlier this year, consumers may get more happiness from desiring a product rather than actually purchasing or owning it.

"Thinking about acquisition provides momentary happiness boosts to materialistic people, and because they tend to think about acquisition a lot, such thoughts have the potential to provide frequent mood boosts," author Marsha L. Richins, a professor at the University of Missouri, wrote.

According to Richins' research, happiness after purchasing the item typically wanes over time.

As a result, consumers are forced to buy more products to get the same experience, and the cycle can lead to mounting debt and poor credit scores.

These consumers are also more likely to think these new acquisitions will transform their relationships with other people, enhance their lives, or enable them to have more overall happiness.

Renowned psychologist Daniel Gilbert suggests a better path to happiness -- shared experiences.

"We think that experiences can be fun but leave us with nothing to show for them," he told The Atlantic. "But that turns out to be a good thing."

Gilbert said these memories and experiences can be told over and over, sparking long-lasting happiness.
How do tornadoes form? How do tornadoes move from one location to another?

By PATTIE QUACKENBUSH and DEANNA LANKFORD of MU’s Office of Science Research

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This question was provided by Ms. Morris’ first- and second-grade classes at Benton Elementary

Atmospheric scientist Anthony Lupo, a professor of atmospheric science and the department chair of soil, environmental and atmospheric Sciences at the University of Missouri, explained: "The Rocky Mountains funnel cold air from Canada, and moist air moves northward from the Gulf of Mexico. When these two air masses collide, wind shear will create a counterclockwise rotation of air masses within a thunderstorm. When these forces are coupled with up-and-down drafts, there is a potential for tornado formation. A tornado’s path is determined by the movement of the parent thunderstorm."

The Enhanced Fujita (EF) scale ranks tornado power and wind speed on a scale of EF0 to EF5 based on the amount of resulting damage. Approximately 1,200 tornadoes hit the United States annually, and most are ranked as EF0 through EF1. EF5 tornadoes are rare but occurred in Joplin in May 2011 and in Moore, Okla., in May 2013.

The ability of meteorologists to detect tornadoes and provide earlier warning times is improving. Lupo notes: "A tornado watch indicates the best time and location for a tornado to occur based on what meteorologists think, but a tornado could occur in an area outside the watch box. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado is observed. The warning area indicates the most likely path of the tornado." Severe weather is an example of the awesome power of nature, but observe nature safely. Lupo warns: "Take cover in an underground shelter or the smallest room on the lowest floor of your home, away from windows. If you are caught outside, stay out of cars and seek shelter in a gulley or ditch."

To learn more about tornadoes, visit www.noaa.gov/features/protecting/tornados101.html

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