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New chapter for Brady and Anne Deaton builds on lifetime of academia, family

By T.J. Thomson, Molly Duffy
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COLUMBIA — **It's clear that Brady and Anne Deaton have turned the 146-year-old chancellor's Residence on Francis Quadrangle into a home.**

One of Brady Deaton's black-and-gold-striped ties drapes off the back of a chair. A pair of glasses rests on a coffee table. Picture frames, each with a different member of the Deaton family, sits on top of a grand piano. Handprints fashioned into turkeys dot the refrigerator door — made for the Deatons as a surprise by members of the MU Tour Team, who show visitors around campus.

But in many other ways, the Residence seems like a museum. Mark Twain's podium sits in the foyer. MU President Richard Jesse's bed is upstairs. Artworks by MU staffers Brenda Selman, Mindy Smith, Byron Smith and Patrick Muck hang on the walls. The room with the grand piano boasts two fireplaces.

Once, a student came rushing through the front door thinking he was in the neighboring Museum of Art and Archaeology, where he was about to perform a concert.

"He was trying to get into his tux, and he was just like — he had this musical instrument — and he was just, oh, he was in a dither," Anne Deaton recalled. "And I mean, he turned bright red. Red, red, red as can be from head to toe. I said, not to worry. It's OK. It's right next door. You're not so late."

Students likely won't come rushing unannounced into the Deatons' lives when Brady and Anne move to a smaller house in the Chapel Hill neighborhood in southwest Columbia. And as Brady Deaton steps down Friday after nine years as MU chancellor,
the couple will no longer host visiting dignitaries, faculty, staff, students, donors and lost musicians.

But they will continue to make MU their personal and professional home as together they launch a global leadership institute bearing both their names.

"I've had wonderful, positive attention, and that's been fine," Brady Deaton said. "But it'll be fun to get a little quieter, just do my work, enjoy life."

For Brady Deaton, this next chapter would not be possible without an understanding of sacrifice, a grounding in family and more than 50 years in and out of the classroom, 24 of them at MU.

**Kentucky roots**

At a Nov. 4 retirement reception, Christina Deaton DeMarea, the Deatons' only daughter and third of four children, talked about her 71-year-old father's upbringing.

One of nine children, Brady Deaton grew up in the hills of western Kentucky. Their house had neither plumbing nor electricity; they used a creek to keep their butter and eggs cool.

His father, a bricklayer, finished two years of high school; his mother, the eighth grade.

"And yet, my father has never described his childhood as poor because in the midst of that very real poverty was a richness of beauty and love," DeMarea said. "My father would cringe at the suggestion that his success is in spite of that childhood. His achievements are in honor of that childhood."

Young Brady Deaton worked hard in his studies and at home. At 10, he found time to join the local 4-H program. He became the first person in his family to go to college and worked his way through the University of Kentucky by milking cows on a farm.

He graduated in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. Later, he would earn three more degrees.

But something else happened at Kentucky that would do as much as his academic credentials in setting the course of his life.
"The greatest opportunity that came to my father to ensure his personal and professional success was marrying my mother," DeMarea said.

**Brady and Anne**

The first time Brady Deaton and Anne Simonetti were in the same room, Brady was standing at a podium at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Undergraduate Anne Simonetti was in the crowd with her father, listening to a man she had yet to meet talking about a trip to Ecuador. Brady Deaton, then a graduate student, was planning a YMCA service trip to Quito with a group of students to improve economic development there.

Forty-seven years later, Anne Deaton still remembers that speech.

"He was speaking about making your life count for something," she recalled at the retirement reception. "I was inspired, and I wanted to go on that trip to Ecuador that he was leading. I turned to my father, who had informed me that I wasn't going on this trip, and I said, 'Look how nice the leader is. He's really, really nice.'"

Anne was already interested in volunteer work when she met Brady. She had spent time deep in the Appalachians helping impoverished people. She had plans to join the Peace Corps.

"So when we came together, that interest in volunteering both in our own communities, in our own country and internationally was already there," she said.

Anne joined Brady's trip to Ecuador. They married a year later.

"To see this New York City, urban, Italian girl with this western Kentucky farm boy, I mean, the pair of them, somehow they mesh," said MU Deputy Chancellor Mike Middleton, who has known the Deatons for about 15 years. "Somehow they complement each other. I think both of them have brought something to the table that improved what both of them were."

After their wedding in 1967, the Deatons moved north, where Brady earned a second master's degree and his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Three of their four children were born by the time they headed back south to Knoxville, Tenn.,
where Brady taught agricultural economics and rural sociology at the University of Tennessee and Anne earned a master's degree in adult education and aging.

They moved to Virginia Tech in 1978. Now raising four children — Anthony, Brady James, Christina and David — Anne Deaton found time to finish her doctorate. At MU, she has held appointments in the School of Nursing, the College of Human Environmental Sciences and the College of Education.

'Gazing in the same direction'

At the retirement reception, DeMarea described her parents not as two people gazing at each other but as "two people gazing in the same direction."

For Brady and Anne, that gaze has always been toward volunteerism and service. It is at the heart of their vision for the Brady and Anne Deaton Institute for University Leadership in International Development, which will open in January 2014 and have an office in Ellis Library. The Deatons will focus on concerns such as food security, water safety and environmental sustainability.

"Here we are from parents that only went to the eighth grade and (saw) what educating their children could mean," Anne Deaton said. "Now, all the succeeding generations — our children, their children, so forth — will be people of education and contributors to society. Our parents were great contributors to society, but their potential was limited by their lack of education."

Sitting in the ornate Residence recently, Anne Deaton said she and Brady have never cared much about material things.

"We are privileged to live in a place we never dreamed we would be living in. But if it went away tomorrow, we have four beautiful children, their spouses, our seven grandchildren and each other," she said. "We would be where we have always been: centered in family and our love and devotion to one another."

Life at MU

Their devotion to MU began in 1989 when Brady Deaton took a job as a professor and chairman of what was then the Department of Agricultural Economics. Four years later,
he left the classroom to become chief of staff for then-Chancellor Charles Kiesler. Stints as provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs followed.

Brady Deaton became chancellor in October 2004, succeeding Chancellor Richard Wallace.

"Brady has a real, real vision for this university as being a globally significant research and educational institution that fulfills its land grant mission of extending the university to the community, to the state, to the world," Middleton said. "I think if you wrapped up what he would view as his hallmark, it would be strengthening this institution, its posture, in all those regards."

Brady Deaton oversaw the university's first billion-dollar fundraising campaign, "For All We Call Mizzou." Tom Hiles, associate vice chancellor for university advancement, called Brady Deaton the perfect person to be the face of the campaign.

"He has a genuine passion for the university, and this inspires donor confidence," Hiles said. "Additionally, he can articulate the big ideas that encourage investment by our alumni and friends."

Brady Deaton also has been a visible presence beyond the MU campus. Former Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman called him genuine.

"The fact that he can empathize with so many and reach and identify with so many different classes of people — students, faculty, staff, alums and the general public — has been a tremendous strength and the quality that I will remember," Hindman said. "I think it stems from him, him as a person."

**Making decisions**

MU Provost Brian Foster said Brady Deaton has not hesitated to take on unpleasant conflicts. "He takes on tough issues, tough relationships in a very straight and civil way, but he’s tough about it," Foster said.

When it comes to major decisions that affect MU, such as its 2012 transition from the Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference, Brady Deaton changed his decision-making process depending on the nature of the decision, Foster said.
"Some are very political, some are very principled decisions about our policies and rules on campus," Foster said. "Those are driven by his own ethical principles. He’s a very strong, principled person, but he’s also a data person. He’s an economist, for heaven’s sake. Where appropriate, data drives his decision."

Slow communication from the administration has frustrated some of MU’s faculty and staff in recent years. It has created a sense of being excluded from important campus decisions. That was the case last spring when the announcement came that the Museum of Art and Archaeology would move off campus to Mizzou North.

Faculty Council Chairman Craig Roberts said Brady Deaton has been straight with him. "When he’s told me something, I’ve not found it later to be untrue," Roberts said. "I'm sure that administrators can't reveal everything they know. They shouldn't. The things he did tell me have helped me work with Faculty Council in a huge way."

Middleton thinks big decisions warrant longer wait times.

"If someone perceives that Brady is taking too much time, I can assure them that he took exactly the appropriate amount of time to satisfy himself that the decision he made was right," Middleton said. "I have never complained about the timing of things. I know he's doing what he needs to do to make himself comfortable with the difficult decisions."

Once Brady Deaton makes the decision, there is no backing off, Middleton said.

"He’s done the thinking, he’s made the decision, and he’s ready to take whatever lumps may come from having done it," Middleton said. "That’s a good thing. You've got to go where your principles take you and stand behind them. He’s always done that."

'Centerpiece of welcome'

When Brady Deaton became chancellor and he and Anne moved into the Residence, they opened it up to the community and campus guests.

"Every night they were having a function in the residence. Either students or faculty or visiting guests," Middleton said. "I don’t know how they lived there because there was always somebody there visiting."
Brady and Anne Deaton said the residence is first and foremost a home, even if they do have lots of visitors. Last week, that included former U.S. Ambassador June Carter Perry.

"I have always been proud that my first and most meaningful career has been that of a homemaker," Anne Deaton said at the reception. "And then, I got this amazing opportunity, when all my children were grown and gone ... to open the home of the university. Make it the centerpiece of welcome, make students feel that they could knock at the door and come in."

They have been her favorite guests.

"You’re sitting there and listening to students, undergraduate and graduate students, talk about what they do here on campus, the aspirations for the future — that's pretty inspiring," she said.

Brady and Anne Deaton had their own aspirations as students at the University of Kentucky. In some ways, they’re still working toward them.

Both will work to improve global welfare through their new institute. Brady Deaton will continue his post as the chairman of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, and Anne Deaton plans to stay involved with the Rotary Club of Missouri. She also has plans to promote several initiatives.

They will split their time between Columbia and their retreat home near Blacksburg, Va.

Neither is really slowing down — just redirecting efforts, Anne Deaton said.

“It is really with real joy that we return now — full circle, you might say — to our academic interests," Brady Deaton said at the retirement reception. "Both Anne and I are very excited about these next steps, and we will focus again, with more emphasis, on our four grown children and our seven grandchildren and their beautiful families."

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The University of Missouri plans to use a $1 million gift to fund academic scholarships for military veterans.

The university announced Wednesday that it received the estate commitment from donors who wanted to remain anonymous. The donors did not attend the university but want the gift to honor Col. Dwight Schannep, a native of Versailles who fought in World War II for almost the entire conflict. Schannep died in a military plane crash shortly after the war.

MU officials say in a news release the donors cited the university's full-service Veterans Center, its academic reputation — particularly its journalism schools — and Midwestern values.
New scholarship designed for MU students who are veterans

New program funded by $1 million donation.

By Karyn Spory

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The University of Missouri on Wednesday morning unveiled a new scholarship exclusively for students who are veterans of military service.

The Col. Dwight B. Schanupp U.S. Air Corps Veterans Scholarship Fund, which will support full academic scholarships, was created with a $1 million estate commitment.

"We chose Mizzou because many veterans are from Midwestern states, and Columbia would not be far from home for them," the donor, who asked for anonymity, said in a prepared statement. The donor said he chose MU as the recipient of the estate gift because students can study almost anything at the university.

According to a news release, the donor did not attend MU as a student but chose to honor Schanupp, a Missouri native and World War II veteran from Versailles.

The donor cited the positive impact of the MU Veterans Center and the university's national academic reputation and Midwestern values as reasons for the donation.

"We hope this gift will enable veterans who've served our country to study at a great school to prepare for the rest of their lives after military service," the donor said.

Carol Fleisher, director of the MU Veterans Center, said the six-year-old facility helps veterans navigate life outside the military and at the university. She said the center has accomplished a lot in six years but was missing an important piece — scholarships for veterans.
"The Col. Dwight B. Schannep U.S. Army Air Corps Veterans Scholarship Fund will provide that missing piece and become the cornerstone for our work," she said.

MU Chancellor Brad Deaton said the scholarship fund will be vital in furthering the university's goals of honoring and respecting those who have served.

"This gift will enhance opportunities to advance MU's mission of education by honoring and rewarding MU students who have served our country. We take pride in the way we recognize our student veterans through the Veterans Center and other student programs around campus, and this gift will allow MU to further this noble cause," Deaton said.

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MU receives $1 million estate gift for student veteran scholarships

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COLUMBIA — Recipients of the Col. Dwight B. Schannep U.S. Army Air Corps Veterans Scholarship Fund might never be able to thank their anonymous benefactors.

On Sept. 11, confidential donors pledged a $1 million estate commitment to fund academic scholarships for MU students who are military veterans, according to a release from MU News Bureau. An estate commitment is a financial promise in a donor's will, meaning the university will not receive the funds until the donors' deaths.

The donors, one of whom is a military veteran, gave three reasons for why MU was chosen to receive these funds, according to a quote from them in the release. First, the donors said many veterans are from Midwestern states, and Columbia wouldn't be far for them. Second, MU's wide range of degrees gives veterans ample choice when choosing a program. Lastly, the donors said MU's academic excellence, especially the School of Journalism, would attract veterans from across the country.

One of the donors has a military friend who is a family member of Col. Dwight B. Schannep, for whom the scholarship is named. Schannep was a Versailles, Mo., native and graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Schannep served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and died in a military plane crash after the war.

The connection to Schannep is a driving force in the donors' wish for confidentiality. MU's University Advancement office knows the identities of the donors and has respected their desires.

"We (University Advancement) have expressed that we would love to be able to share their story because it's so compelling," Tom Hiles, University Advancement vice chancellor, said. "They want the focus on the veteran they want to honor."
Student recipients of the scholarship will be advised through MU's Veterans Center, which offers academic resources as well as health, social and family support.

"The gentleman (one of the donors) made quite a study of veterans centers across the nation," MU Veterans Center Director Carol Fleisher said. "That's how he landed on ours."

The scholarship is "unrestricted," meaning veterans from any military branch who have served in active duty are eligible, Fleisher said.

Fleisher explained that many of MU's approximately 360 veterans are older and do not have parents to fall back on for financial support. Most are also working toward self-sufficiency, and many work two to three jobs to pay for school and other expenses.

"It's a big stress," Fleisher said. "Especially on the married ones."

While the criteria details are still being hashed out, the scholarship will most likely be a "full" scholarship to one or two veterans annually, Hiles said, covering tuition as well as room and board and other fees.

"They really want to de-stress these veterans," Hiles said. "They want to keep them out of student loan debt, especially after serving our country."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: University should apologize to Vietnam veterans for treatment

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Editor's note: This letter was addressed to Tracey Mershon, president, and Dudley McCarter, president-elect, Mizzou Alumni Association.

You sent me an email today with a big, resounding graphic “Thank You” for my service as a military veteran. Let’s get it straight. I don’t want your bulk-rate-mail gratitude.

Instead, the university owes Vietnam veterans an apology. You won’t recall, but I asked for it last year and got no response at all. I completed my Associate of Arts Degree at East Los Angeles College in 1968. I was the first in my family to complete college. My dad was a janitor. That spring, before graduation, I came to Missouri to enroll in the Journalism School. I spent time with Cliff Edom who invited me to his home.

The J-school reviewed my transcript and decided I should take a third year of Spanish and wanted me to take classes to substitute for my ELAC journalism credits. I could live with that. I wanted the to be a graduate of the best journalism school in the world. I was then sent to the university selective service office on campus where an Army officer took open pleasure in telling me I had not made sufficient progress. I would not be given junior status and it would be recommended I be denied a II-S draft deferment.

Mizzou is why I am a Vietnam Veteran.

I was drafted immediately, but avoided the Army by joining the Navy. I served aboard the USS Ticonderoga, CVA-14 in the Gulf of Tonkin in 1969. I also served with Commander Naval Forces Marianas and the Nixon White House.

When I returned to Mizzou as a student in 1972, I was greeted by Edom and his wife, Vi, again, who remembered me. Angus McDougall hired me as a teaching assistant.

But the J-School is not the university. We veterans had to fight the university to get our paperwork processed. The Veterans Administration skipped checks. We had vets going hungry — yes, skipping meals.
When we called the St. Louis VA about our missing checks, we were told, “You guys serve two or three days and you think we owe you something.” Then the World War II vet (not to be confused with the greatest generation) added, “We won our war.”

The university even tried to charge my Missouri wife, who was already enrolled, out-of-state tuition because she’d married a veteran from California.

Let’s get it straight, 40 years later I am proud to be a J-School graduate. I spent 20 years as an independent photojournalist traveling the world. Today I am a professor because of Edom and McDougall. I rely on the j-school professional connections. I recruit for the university.

But, then I get these culturally-generic Veterans Day greetings from you, all in the hope I'll like you and give you money (I get the same emails from some Republican Congressman in Ohio). Such calculated insincerity. So I send my checks to the University of Oklahoma, instead.

Show us you are grateful for our service. Prove it. Do a piece in the alumni magazine examining the pure meanness the university directed toward draftees and returning veterans during the Vietnam period. Even though most of these old men are retired or dead, their administrations should not be allowed to rest in peace.

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Children's Grove

Bet you never heard of it

By Henry J. Waters III

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Without fanfare, Anne Deaton recently created the Children's Grove Project out of thin air.

Anne, the wife of retiring University of Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton, is well-known as a person with a big heart and an activist's mentality. Recently she turned these skills into the creative energy behind the Children's Grove, soon to be built at Stephens Lake Park with privately raised money.

Deaton was moved by news of the mayhem last December at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., where 20 children were murdered. Soon, her sadness turned to action. She came up with an idea none of us would have been likely to generate: She wanted to plant an orchard or something similar to bring lasting attention to children's mental health needs.

Through the auspices of the Community Foundation of Central Missouri, Anne Deaton sent emails to a network of friends and created a committee. She got Suzanne McDavid, wife of Mayor Bob, to join her as co-chair. Quick as a wink, Lutheran Children and Family Services and Columbia Public Schools came aboard as supporters but not as funding agencies.

As reported by Jodie Jackson Jr., "Deaton said the grove will serve as a remembrance of children everywhere who have suffered tragedy and could be a focal point for youth-led activities that promote anti-bullying, civility and public mental health education in general."

She was encouraged by public approval of the Putting Kids First quarter-cent sales tax to improve children's mental health services in Boone County and sees the grove as a way to keep the momentum going. "I knew our community was at a threshold of making a big difference," she said. "It seems like there was a constellation of wonderful things that came together." Deaton saw a way to do something to further promote a long-held passion.
Before the committee had a chance to organize a fundraising campaign, its $20,000 goal was met. The city Parks and Recreation Department is ready to do its magic at the designated site right next to the similarly imagined Council Circle, part of the Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden recently built with more than $60,000 in private donations.

OK, I'll come clean. When Anne Deaton first told me of her Children's Grove dream, I felt a familiar rush of affection and appreciation for her estimable instincts but failed to immediately grasp her inspiration. If I eventually joined in, it would be more because of her than her idea. Now I will confess that before I had a chance to straggle aboard, she had the train out of the station and safely at its destination.

I had worked on the Hindman garden project, and now I'm excited at the prospect of the 40 magnolias and crabapple trees that will become the abutting Children's Grove. And just a stone's throw away, on the park's western edge, the city last month dedicated a memorial to Christy Welliver, a well-known local activist who died in 2011. Chip Cooper, a Tribune columnist who co-founded the PedNet Coalition along with Welliver and Fourth Ward City Councilman Ian Thomas, led the fundraising drive for that project.

If this momentum continues, no telling how wonderful the area will become. Are we seeing a pattern here? Let's hope so.

Pray the grove will inspire additional help for children in need. I am sure it will show why leadership from people like Anne Deaton makes Columbia an exceptional community. Without question, Columbia is the only town in the world with a Children's Grove. It's an idea more than a crop of trees.

HJW III

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.

— CHINESE PROVERB

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An administrator with the U.S. Agency for International Development will be on campus Thursday to discuss U.S. involvement in developing countries, including the response to natural disasters such as the typhoon that devastated the Philippines last week.

The discussion will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Missouri Monsanto Auditorium in the Bond Life Sciences Center and is free and open to the public.

Former Missouri Sen. Kit Bond "was very influential in helping us to get Dr. Rajiv Shah to campus," said Bart Wechsler, dean of the Truman School of Public Affairs.

Shah, the USAID administrator since December 2009, leads the efforts of more than 9,600 professionals in 80 missions around the world, including the U.S. government's response to the 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, according to a news release.

Wechsler said Shah will discuss the importance of U.S. aid to developing countries and how it advances American interests in foreign policy. In addition to the lecture, Wechsler said, members of the community can engage in a question-and-answer session with Shah after the presentation. "There will be a follow-up panel involving the people from both the university and industry to reflect on his remarks and give some context to how it relates to Missouri and Columbia," Wechsler said.

Wechsler said he hopes students come away with a better understanding of the issues. "Many Americans have a misapprehension of the extent and the kind of aid we provide; it's not as big a portion of our budget as most people estimate," Wechsler said.
"At USAID, we have focused on working with American universities and college students, professors and scientists to help bring innovation to the task of ending extreme poverty around the world," Shah said.

Shah said he will talk about how young people and universities can apply their efforts through a program called Feed the Future, which was designed to help improve agriculture and reduce hunger.

Shah said he will announce tomorrow that MU plans to participate in the Feed the Future Innovation Labs project to develop climate-resilient beans. "The beans developed through this partnership will help millions of farmers through Feed the Future, both improve their production … and improve their protein nutrition," Shah said.

Given recent events, Shah said he will discuss the typhoon that hit the Philippines and the aid that has been delivered and talk to students and community members about what they can do to help.

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JEFFERSON CITY — A new report ranks Missouri 12th nationwide in the number of international students enrolled in colleges and universities.

The Institute of International Education said there were 17,300 international students in Missouri during the 2012-2013 academic year. That was up nearly 8 percent from the previous year.

China accounted for more than 33 percent of international students at Missouri colleges and universities last year. About 13 percent were from India and roughly 8 percent came from Saudi Arabia.

MU had the highest number with nearly 2,500, while Washington University in St. Louis had more than 2,200 students from other countries.

The number of Missouri students studying abroad increased by almost 300, to more than 4,900.
MU's Campus Writing Program adjusts to damaged Conley House

By Lindsey Davison
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COLUMBIA — A charcoal-gray cat lounged on top of a wooden desk in the front room of the Conley House, fixing its piercing green eyes on the front door. He's known to those who work in the building as Sal, though they don't know his original name or where he came from.

All they know is that Sal found a home when he climbed through a hole in the wall after a car crashed into the Conley House early Friday morning.

Since the crash, MU's Campus Writing Program, which is housed in the building, has been making do with half of its original workspace, structural adjustments and the possibility of scheduling changes.

The Friday morning crash resulted in two broken windows and structural damage to two of the offices on the first floor of the house. Writing Program Director Amy Lannin said the biggest concern was possibility of the second story collapsing after losing the support of one of the building's brick walls. On Wednesday morning, a large, wooden structure stood erect in the middle room of the building, giving additional support for the second floor. Office supplies have been moved to the other side of building, and employees are sharing offices.

Computers, telephones and the program's printer had to be rewired by MU's Division of Information Technology. Campus Facilities moved the thermostat to the other side of the house and ordered space heaters to keep the building warm enough for employees to work in while they repair the hole.

Lannin said she was told it would take months to fix all of the damage.
"When they moved us, it was with the understanding that it wasn't just temporary, but it would be for a very long time," Lannin said. "They haven't given us an estimate yet, and I don't think they really even know at this point."

The Conley House, built in 1868 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has housed MU's Campus Writing Program since 2005, Lannin said. She also said it contributed to MU's Top 10 ranking of universities with the best "Writing in the Disciplines" by U.S. News and World Report in spring 2013. The writing program regularly holds seminars, workshops and retreats for writers at the Conley House.

Lannin said program events may now need to be capped to a lower number of participants or may need to change locations. Writers will also not be able to drop in for the time being, though the program is working to develop walk-in hours.

"It's unfortunate because we really felt like we had gotten to a great place with the faculty seeing this as a welcoming, quiet spot," she said. "Some people felt like they were just hidden away. They could step out of time and space into a really good writing place."

The program held a writing seminar at the Conley House on Wednesday, and Lannin said the staff will evaluate the event's success to determine if they need to look at other locations for upcoming workshops and retreats.

"It's a nice way to ease back into hosting these events," she said. "Even little things like getting to the bathroom, because you have to go around and through so many things, will be different. So we're curious as to how it's going to work."

Lannin said she hopes the newly repaired space will generate new ideas on how to use that space while preserving the historic makeup of the house.

"We'll continue doing what we can and hope that this can turn into something great in the future," she said. "But we do hope people will stop by eventually and check out the Conley House, if they haven’t before, because this is a great treasure for this campus. They can even meet the cat."

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MU graduate weathered typhoon in hardest hit city in Philippines

Weisman's only goal was to help.

By Ashley Jost

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Pamela Weisman would not have left the city of Tacloban, Philippines, unless it was absolutely necessary. But as the looting got worse and the food rations from her homestay family got smaller, she had no choice.

A Columbia native and 2011 University of Missouri graduate, Weisman was in one of the cities hardest hit by Typhoon Haiyan. Weisman had been living with a family in Tacloban for five months in conjunction with a volunteer teaching program with a not-for-profit called Volunteers for Visayans, or VfV.

"We didn't really know what to expect with the storm," Weisman said during a phone interview. "They say you have more than 200-kilometer winds, but what do you do to prepare for that? There was nothing we could have done, so we were living life as normal as possible."

The storm hit at 5:30 a.m. Friday local time, she said. Water from the sea was pouring inside and was up to her calf by the time the family was headed up the stairs, Weisman said. Upstairs, the ceiling started to leak.

"Any preparation we had done to cover the windows came down," she said. "We were there, huddled together, facing all of the elements."

The family started bringing in people who were floating by, struggling to swim. Many were injured, and all had lost everything.

They found a 5-year-old boy who was alone and a man who was in nothing but boxer briefs, among others.
As the storm let up, Weisman started to get sick. Her fever reached about 102.5 degrees, keeping her bedridden until Sunday morning.

On Sunday, a member of VfV's parent organization gave Weisman and her friend Lucy Chesson two options: leave on a flight Monday morning or leave Wednesday. The women chose Wednesday in hopes of tracking down some of Chesson's belongings and getting antibiotics for Weisman.

"He said, 'There are no antibiotics,' and that the hospital had been overrun," Weisman said, adding that she was fortunate because her fever broke that morning.

The families were hearing stories of people being killed for their resources, and Weisman and Chesson feared they could be targets because they are white women and presumed to be wealthier than Filipinos.

They knew at that point that they had to go, and they left for the airport.

Chaos prevented them from getting a flight out on the U.S. military plane on Monday, so Weisman and Chesson slept outside the airport with a Filipino family of eight.

The next day, they were able to get a flight, but the military guard said only Weisman was allowed on board because she was the only U.S. citizen. Chesson is from England and the rest of the group was from Tacloban.

Weisman told the guard she was married to Ton Ton, a member of the group, and the rest were relatives. Her ploy worked, and they flew out to Manila, the capital of the Philippines, where they are now.

"Of course it's a relief to be safe, but there's also guilt that I ran away," Weisman said. "So many of my friends and the people who took care of me for five months are still there. But I knew there was nothing good about me being there. They need fewer people to do relief. I was another mouth to try and feed."

One of the first things Weisman did when she arrived in Manila was contact her parents.

"We were hearing anecdotal reports that she and her friends were fine, but until you hear your child's voice, you don't know for sure that everything is OK," said Sandra Weisman, Pamela's mother.

Sandra Weisman said she tried convincing her daughter to leave before the typhoon, but Pamela Weisman had fallen in love with the people and the community and refused to evacuate.

Pamela Weisman and Chesson are still planning their next move, but they tentatively intend to stay in Manila and continue doing volunteer work for the next few weeks.
MU Children's Hospital and Kohl's to sponsor free bicycle helmet event for children

By Marcie Veit
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COLUMBIA — Free bicycle helmets and fittings will be offered Friday at MU Women's and Children's Hospital's Conference Center.

Sponsored by MU Children's Hospital and Kohl's Department Stores, the event runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon, according to a news release from MU Healthcare.

The first 50 children, 14 years old and younger, to attend the event will receive a free bicycle helmet and fitting. Safety experts will be on hand to answer questions about bicycle safety.

Kohl's will present a $31,125 donation to MU Children's Hospital as part of its Kohl's Cares program.

"We are grateful for Kohl's continued support of MU Children's Hospital and our efforts to prevent accidental injuries in mid-Missouri," said Dr. George Koburov, medical director in the hospital's emergency department, according to the release.

The Kohl's Cares program uses profits from sales of books and plush toys to benefit children's health and education programs nationwide. It has given about $240,000 to the children's hospital since 2007.

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Q: Why are monarch butterflies different from other insects?

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Question submitted by Ms. Gerhart's third-grade class at Benton Elementary

A: University of Missouri Adjunct Assistant Professor and conservation biologist Jan Weaver notes, "Every insect is unique. However, monarch butterflies stand out because they are large, 9 to 10 centimeters, and very impressive with beautiful black and orange coloration." Monarch butterflies have a four-stage life cycle, including the egg; the larval stage (caterpillar); the pupa stage, when a chrysalis — a kind of shell — forms; and the adult butterfly, which develops from the pupa. Weaver explains, "The caterpillar only feeds on the leaves of the milkweed plant, which grows throughout Missouri. The adult butterfly feeds on sweet nectar found in flowers."

It is important to note that monarch butterflies do not serve as prey for birds. Weaver says, "The milky-white sap of the milkweed plants contains a bad-tasting poison that the caterpillar stores in its body and passes on to the adult butterfly. The same bad-tasting substance in larva and adults makes birds that feed on monarchs vomit up the insect."

Can you believe that a tiny insect could migrate thousands of miles? Well, the monarch butterfly does just that! Not able to survive cold weather in northern climates, monarch butterflies fly south and west to warmer climates in Mexico. So why do monarchs fly north in the spring? Milkweed plants do not grow in the southern overwintering sites, so monarchs migrate to the north where milkweed is plentiful. Weaver reminds us to appreciate the wonders of the natural world and notice beautiful and amazing creatures such as the monarch butterfly. You might have observed monarchs flying south this fall.

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SLU family medicine program gets more space in south city clinic

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Family medicine residents at St. Louis University will soon have an expanded clinic to treat patients in south St. Louis. Family Care Health Centers expects to open nine exam rooms and meeting space in a 2,450-square-foot expansion to its Carondelet facility, where residents will see patients on an outpatient basis during their three years of training.

Residency programs are the three years of specialty training after a doctor graduates from medical school. Fewer medical students are choosing general practice residency programs, in part because of lower salaries compared to specialties like orthopedic surgery or neurology.

The partnership with Family Care started in 2011 and has grown to 12 residents who work primarily at the Carondelet clinic and also rotate through local hospitals. The residents attended medical schools at SLU, Washington University, University of Missouri-Columbia, Harvard, Tulane and others across the country. Two of the program’s goals are to encourage the new doctors to stay in the state and in underserved communities, and the four first-year residents all attended medical schools in Missouri. The residents are employees of SLU, and the $1.3 million building expansion was funded through the health center’s reserves.

“We’ve found that our current facility is just cramped with our current services, so the board voted earlier this year to add on with the main purpose of allowing residents to have their own space,” said Dr. Robert Massie, CEO of Family Care Health Center. “We’ve been really impressed with the quality of the residents.”

The 33,000-square-foot Carondelet clinic opened in 2003 and provides primary care, dental, vision, mental health, nutrition and lab services. There are 20 doctors, four nurse practitioners and three mental health professionals on the staff at Carondelet and a second location in the Grove neighborhood.

Family Care Health Centers are federally qualified, meaning they receive funding through government insurance programs and grants. The centers focus on primary care and refer many patients to ConnectCare, a specialty services and urgent care facility on Delmar Boulevard that is slated to close later this month. Staff at Family Care are scrambling to send patients to other specialists at local hospitals and said the waits to see a doctor will get longer.
The closure of ConnectCare, linked to federal budget cuts and the state Legislature’s refusal to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, signals a crisis in health care funding, analysts have said. The budget at Family Care is stable but “looking very flat at best,” Massie said. Family Care does expect to hire one obstetrician/gynecologist in the next year to meet a higher demand for prenatal care in the region.

Missouri will need 687 more primary care physicians and Illinois will need 1,063 by 2030 to maintain the level of care currently available, according to a new report from the Robert Graham Center, a Washington-based think tank on primary care policy and research. The additional doctors are expected to be needed for population growth and aging as well as an increase in insured patients under the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Christine Jacobs, director of the SLU family medicine residency program, said the expansion of the Carondelet clinic will be attractive to potential doctors-in-training.

“It will be great when we’ll have more space available, we’ll be easily able to serve more clients,” Jacobs said. “Most new patients we’re accepting are through the residency program.”
That's not a plane crash: St. Louis Downtown Airport training exercise set for Saturday

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Cahokia - Don't panic if you see unusual activity at St. Louis Downtown Airport this weekend. Firefighters and other emergency personnel will be using a traveling simulator to train for plane crashes on Saturday.

The firefighters at the airport in Cahokia will use the University of Missouri's Mobile Aircraft Firefighting Trainer to prepare for a real crash. Firefighters will fight a real fire and handle simulated injured and dead passengers. There will also be a simulated biological hazard scenario.

The same simulated-plane-crash-on-wheels has made recent visits to Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield and Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. Various local, state and federal agencies will join the airport’s fire department in the training Saturday.

"It's a great training opportunity for firefighters, emergency medical services, public health, law enforcement, and the coroner's office to train under very realistic conditions," St. Louis Downtown Airport Fire Chief Mike Mavrogeorge said in a statement.

He added, "It's important for these agencies to come together and train in a stressful environment to see how they perform. It really helps prepare them in the event of a crash. For firefighters, there is no better training than a live fire."

The training is not open to the public. The airport said normal operations will continue.