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MU provost candidate touts teaching, research experience

By Ashley Jost

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Michele Wheatly is a self-proclaimed “science nerd,” with degrees in biological sciences and comparative physiology.

But she said her education and experiences make her more than what's listed on her resume.

Wheatly, the first candidate for University of Missouri provost to have an open forum on campus, explained her personal and academic history Thursday afternoon to an audience of primarily faculty members with some administrators, staff and students, at the MU Student Center.

The provost is the primary contact between the academic side of university operations and the chancellor. It’s not a new position to Wheatly — she filled that role for several years at her past employer, West Virginia University.

About 60 people attended the forum, which was open to all university employees and students. A question-and-answer session came after a few minutes of monologue in which Wheatly talked about her personal and professional background.

She discussed her passions for music and scientific research, how she landed in Canada from her hometown, London, as a postdoctoral fellow conducting research related to oil, and her ongoing love of grant writing.

Though Wheatly is an administrator, and has been for about 20 years, she emphasized the fact that she has conducted federally-funded research and taught for well over the majority of her administrative career, a point that resonated with some faculty members.

“She talks the talk but clearly she walks the walk, too,” MU Faculty Council Chairman Craig Roberts said, comparing her to MU Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin.
Provost candidate discusses lawsuit mentioned in Tribune story

By Ashley Jost

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When I got wind of the forum for University of Missouri provost candidate Michele Wheatly, the first thing I did was Google her: standard operating procedure for a journalist.

Well here in a bit you’ll see a story online about the really enlightening discussion just had at MU with Wheatly, faculty, students and other members of the campus community. In addition to talking about her views on campus issues — even Title IX — Wheatly brought up something I mentioned in my article that I found with my Google search.

Wheatly was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by two faculty at her past institution, West Virginia University, related to alleged damages to those faculty members’ reputation.

During her closing statement today, Wheatly took that time to clear the record. That suit, she explained, was before her time and her name unfortunately got wrapped up in it, as it tends to happen to administrators.

I did make a few calls that were unreturned about the suit as well as generally why she left her spot at WVU — you can read about that in my story tomorrow. But, I still felt obligated to include the suit in the story, along with some context about the commonality of administrative lawsuits.

We talked about it after the forum in between meet and greets with different people. I apologized for the lack of clarity and the conversation went well.

“To think I harmed faculty members’ reputation — it’s not about me,” she told the crowd in her final comments. “It’s a good story, but it’s not about me.”
A standing room only crowd consisting of mostly faculty and staff crammed into a room of the MU Student Center, waiting for MU provost candidate Michele Wheatly to arrive for her open forum.

Although Wheatly's audience was eager to question the former West Virginia University provost, she wanted to clear the air first.

After giving background information of her past education and her professional career, Wheatly addressed why she resigned as provost at WVU shortly after the university hired E. Gordon Gee as president in March. She had held the post since 2009. Anyone expecting a juicy or controversial tale was to be disappointed.

"Anytime there's a change in leadership, there's often a change in the appointment of the provost," Wheatly said. "(Gee) always picks his own provost. There's no backstory here."

Wheatly is the first candidate for provost at MU since Brian Foster retired in December 2013 after eight years in the job. Deputy Provost Kenneth D. Dean has been the interim provost since Foster retired. Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin will decide who to hire as MU's next chief academic officer.

Wheatly, 58, has been a faculty member at the University of Florida, the dean of the College of Science and Mathematics at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and the provost and vice president of academic affairs at West Virginia University.

At her open forum on Thursday, Wheatly fielded questions on a variety of topics.

Title IX

Wheatly noted that safety on campus has become an issue across the country and particularly at MU. She believes in fostering a campus culture of respect between men and women.

"One of the things that I really don't like to hear is that we got to train our women students to somehow protect themselves," Wheatly said. "We don't have to have women protect themselves; we have to raise a culture where both men and women respect each other and everybody is safe. Clearly, this is going to require education of everybody."

Diversity on campus
Wheatly said that her background as a women in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics field gives her a unique perspective of diversity on college campuses.

"When I showed up in college, I had no idea that science was a thing that men did," Wheatly said. "It never occurred to me that I couldn't do science because I loved it."

Wheatly advocated hiring more women, African-Americans and staff members with disabilities. She believes that a more diverse staff leads to a more diverse student body, which she called the "clone factor."

"You'll start dragging more of these types of students through the system," Wheatly said. "I'm a great believer that we end up with more robust intellectual engagement through having multiple perspectives represented."

**Relating to Students**

Wheatly's children attended WVU while she was provost there, and she said it opened her eyes to how professors educate their students. She said that listening to them talk about classes changed how she thought about the learning process.

"Sometimes they were very excited about something, and sometimes they were like, 'Mom, I go there, the professor just talks at us and tells us to read the book. I don't learn that way anymore.'"

Wheatly went on to say that students should be as involved in campus decisions as possible because they are often the best teachers. She said that professors should use more technology to educate, and that they should be better at relating to their students.

"Anybody who doesn't like hanging out with other people's 18- to 22-year-olds shouldn't be working at a university," Wheatly said. "We have this very precious period of time where we are able to influence their migration to full-fledged adulthood. That is why we're here."

**Open Forum for provost candidate Michele Wheatly**

The former West Virginia University provost stressed the importance of student feedback and increasing faculty loyalty at MU.

**MU hosted an open forum for Michele Wheatly, a candidate for executive vice chancellor and provost, to speak to faculty and students Thursday.**
The forum opens the final stretch in a search ongoing since former Provost Brian Foster retired Jan. 1.

After a brief introduction by English professor Elizabeth Chang, a member of the search committee, Wheatly discussed her academic and personal background.

Wheatly said after growing up in inner-city London, she decided she wanted to be a science teacher. She studied biology and later earned a doctoral degree in comparative physiology from the University of Birmingham.

Wheatly said she is more than just a science nerd, however, with background in many languages to complement her science education.

After years of experience in higher education — a fellowship at the University of Calgary, a faculty position at the University of Florida and a deanship at Wright State University’s College of Science and Mathematics — Wheatly became the provost of West Virginia University in September 2009.

Wheatly held her provost position until June 2014, when the new president of the university, Gordon Gee, hand-picked a new provost to fill her position.

Wheatly said she believes she would fit in well at MU because of her experience as a provost for WVU, which is also a major land-grant university.

“I don’t need to learn to become a provost,” she said. “I’m well connected around the nation. I would like the challenge of being at a better caliber institution, and I think this would be a good match.”

Although Wheatly has a background in science like Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin, she said she recognizes the importance of appreciating faculty in all areas and disciplines.

Wheatly also said she believes creating researchers and students with interdisciplinary knowledge is crucial for the future of the university.

“We’ve got to develop a campus that is a caring campus,” she said. “We need to start thinking about pathways into different types of futures.”

Wheatly emphasized the importance of student feedback and participation in university procedures, calling students the “best teachers” for faculty.

“Students should be actively engaged and involved to the extent they can in the decision making of the university,” she said. “Our students are leading us through this technology revolution. Anybody who doesn’t like hanging out with 18 to 22-year-olds shouldn’t be working at a university.”
Wheatly also discussed Title IX policies and recognized the importance of educating everyone at the university about campus safety.

“We don’t have to have women protect themselves,” she said. “We have to raise a culture where men and women respect each other and everybody is safe.”

Wheatly said that while there is often a focus at universities on advancing in rankings and recognitions such as the Association of American Universities, she believes that institutions should develop strategies to move ahead.

“I don’t think one should chase after the ranking just for the sake of ranking,” Wheatly said. “If an institution wants to get into the AAU, it should change its behaviors to model what happens in AAU institutions.”

Wheatly said that from the short time she has spent on MU’s campus, she believes the most pressing problem at MU is faculty loyalty to an institution — creating a comfort zone and persistent status quo. She said she hopes to help position the university for change and be a leader for change at an appropriate rate.

Wheatly said she believes a more diverse faculty will lead to a more diverse student body.

“We have to create environments where people can be successful,” she said. “We want the university to be a place where all kinds of people can be intellectually challenged. If we don’t nurture people that are different, it’s all wasted.”

MU spokesman Christian Basi said there are several other candidates for the provost position. He said MU will hold a forum for each candidate and announce the candidate prior to each visit.

MU Homecoming celebrates university's history with performances and events

By Ashley Jost

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As part of the “last hurrah” for the University of Missouri’s 175th anniversary, Todd McCubbin, Mizzou Alumni Association executive director, said this week’s Homecoming events are extra special.
The theme this year is “celebrating our stripes,” with the focus on honoring the university’s past, dating back to the 900 Boone County families who contributed their resources to bring MU to Columbia.

“We fell in love with that story,” McCubbin said about the founding families. Their descendents — at least 20 families and 100 people — will be honored grand marshal-style in Saturday’s parade as the “founding faces.”

The parade starts at 9 a.m. near the intersection of Rollins Road and Tiger Avenue. Police will start blocking off streets near the route around 8 a.m.

Among the many other Homecoming events is a three-day talent show, which organizers said have occurred for at least 20 years.

The talent show is part of a slew of challenges between teams of Greek organizations and other student groups. The performances were all hosted at the Missouri Theatre, which was filled to capacity from the competition’s start on Monday through Wednesday night’s finale. Teams will learn how they fared against each other Sunday night.

Aly Friend, coordinator of student programs for the Mizzou Alumni Association, said the program is entirely organized by students, including the elaborate skits, dance routines and costumes. Alumni Association representatives were there to help out, including judging auditions for the short acts between the team skits performed by students from Greek organizations.

Carley Eslick, one of several performers Wednesday night, said she and a few other Kappa Kappa Gamma members heard each other singing in their sorority house, which sparked the idea to try out together. She and three friends performed a mashup of pop songs.

James Skorburg, another performer, sang Imagine Dragons’ “Radioactive” with friends on guitar and percussion. Skorburg said the best part of performing to the crowd of about 1,200 students was hearing the audience cheer and sing along.

Tigers Taming Hunger raises many tons of food

University of Missouri students make a big difference every year in the lives of hungry Mid-Missourians. They spend hours standing in front of area grocery stores, dressed in gold, collecting food during the annual Homecoming food drive.
This year’s Tigers Taming Hunger Food Drive spanned two weeks in October. Sunday was the last day for collecting food. All proceeds went to the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, which will distribute some of the food items back to Tiger Pantry, an on-campus food bank for students.

During last year’s Homecoming food drive, MU students collected 161,585 pounds of food, according to the Mizzou Alumni Association website. Michael Yetman, special projects coordinator at the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, said this year’s even is on track to replicate that success.

“It’s amazing to watch,” Yetman said. “Students who may not be from the area or even from Missouri jump in and roll up their sleeves. Really, it’s mind blowing.”

Some 250 students participated in this year’s food drive, Alyson Friend, coordinator of alumni activities, said. About 100 to 150 of those students actually collected groceries in stores around Columbia.

![Image](image.jpg)

**Touch a receipt and you’ll absorb BPA**

You may want to think twice about handling a cash register receipt, especially if you’ve just slathered on some hand sanitizer or lotion.

Most receipts contain high levels of the chemical BPA (Bisphenol A), which acts like a hormone and can cause birth defects and cancer.

Researchers found a rapid increase of BPA in the blood of people who used a skin care product and then touched a store receipt with BPA.

> “BPA first was developed by a biochemist and tested as an artificial estrogen supplement,” says Frederick vom Saal, professor of biological sciences at University of Missouri.

> “As an endocrine-disrupting chemical, BPA has been demonstrated to alter signaling mechanisms involving estrogen and other hormones. Store and fast food receipts, airline tickets, ATM receipts, and other thermal papers all use massive amounts of BPA on the surface of the paper as a print developer.

> “The problem is, we as consumers have hand sanitizers, hand creams, soaps, and sunscreens on our hands that drastically alter the absorption rate of the BPA found on these receipts.”
Receipts and French fries

People in the study cleaned their hands with hand sanitizer, held thermal paper receipts, and then ate French fries with their hands. BPA was absorbed very rapidly, vom Saal says.

“Our research found that large amounts of BPA can be transferred to your hands and then to the food you hold and eat as well as be absorbed through your skin.

“BPA exhibits hormone-like properties and has been proven to cause reproductive defects in fetuses, infants, children, and adults as well as cancer and metabolic and immune problems in rodents.

“BPA from thermal papers will be absorbed into your blood rapidly. At those levels, many diseases such as diabetes and disorders such as obesity increase as well. Use of BPA or other similar chemicals that are being used to replace BPA in thermal paper pose a threat to human health.”

OP-ED: The Alternative Universe In Which BPA Is A Major Health Threat

By Geoffrey Kabat

With an estimated 40 percent of Americans, according to a Harvard poll, worried that they could contract Ebola, two days ago the journal *PLoS ONE* published a paper which claims to show that handling of cash register receipts puts you a risk of myriad diseases.

*The paper is from a group at the University of Missouri headed by Frederick vom Saal, a biologist who has the distinction of being the driving force behind the subgroup of scientists who are convinced that BPA is wreaking havoc with our endocrine systems and our health.*

The study describes experiments in which 24 subjects cleaned their hands with a hand sanitizer and then handled thermal cash register receipts. In a second step, subjects who had handled the thermal paper then ate French fries with their hands. Due to the hand sanitizer BPA was absorbed rapidly through the skin and resulting in, what the authors call, “high levels” of BPA in the blood and urine.

The authors then make the leap to asserting that this transient spike puts one at increased risk of serious diseases that they claim are caused by exposure to BPA. The press release from the University of Missouri publicizing the study quotes vom Saal as follows, “BPA exhibits hormone-like properties and has been proven to cause reproductive defects in fetuses, infants, children and adults as well as cancer, metabolic and immune problems in rodents.”
In fact, there is an enormous literature that has accumulated over the past few years on BPA as a result of a bandwagon effect. Much of this literature contains small, exploratory animal studies that have not been successfully reproduced, and small and crude studies in humans (many having data from only one point in time) that purport to show effects but that are fraught with methodologic problems.

In fact, careful studies demonstrate that BPA is rapidly metabolized and excreted in the urine, and the scientific evidence linking everyday exposure to diseases ranging from diabetes to breast cancer has been reviewed by agencies, such as the FDA and the European Food Safety Commission, and exposure to the compound at levels encountered in the real world has been found to be safe.

If this paper were about science, the authors would have restricted themselves to conducting careful experiments that tested whether exposure to BPA from cashier receipts resulted in concentrations of the active compound of a magnitude consistent with physiologic effects and, importantly, how this source of exposure compares with other sources of exposure (i.e., consuming canned food).

They would have resisted the temptation to assert a link between this exposure and serious adverse health effects. But that would have meant foregoing the appeal to fear that makes these underwhelming experiments newsworthy.

It’s always a cause for dismay when a poor study is published by a prominent journal and attracts massive attention. In the present case, it’s interesting to note that PLoS ONE, a journal that last year published a staggering 30,000 articles, has had a declining “impact factor” (a metric that permits ranking the importance of one journal relative to others). The editors may have hoped that this fear-mongering article would help to reverse the trend.

Of course, it’s a coincidence that this study was published as the Ebola epidemic in West Africa continues to outstrip massive efforts to bring it under control. Nevertheless, the contrast between these two health threats is instructive. The paper’s clear aim is to incite fear, which would give these findings the appearance of public health importance. In the case of Ebola in West Africa we see an all-too-real, tragic public health disaster unfolding before our eyes.

For a reality check, take another look at the videos from Liberia of health workers encased in protective suits following behind sick patients and spraying chlorine disinfectant in their tracks and of people lying in the road dying.

When one puts the tortured arguments of the BPA believers in the context of all of that is known about the effects of this compound, it’s hard to escape the impression that the dogged pursuit of BPA amounts to a professional neurosis.
Geoffrey Kabat writes about the science and politics of health risks. He is an epidemiologist with an interest in lifestyle and environmental exposures that play a role in the development of chronic diseases and is interested in perceptions of risk and how these square with what the science says. He teaches in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City and am a Contributing Editor at STATS (Statistical Assessment Service) at George Mason University.

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

MU student's death highlights difficulties balancing Type 1 diabetes, college life

COLUMBIA — Robert Deptula wears his disease on his hip.

The MU graduate student hangs his insulin pump from a belt loop in hopes that it will spark conversation about Type 1 diabetes, which affects about 208,000 people under the age of 20, according to the American Diabetes Association. In 2010, it was the seventh leading cause of death in the United States.

"It is important to spread awareness for Type 1 diabetes because you will never know when you need to help someone in need," Deptula said. "Low blood sugar can easily be mistaken for drunkenness."

The death last month of 20-year-old MU student Cale Boedeker sent a shock through campus and highlighted the difficulty and dangers of the disease. Boedeker died Sept. 29 of diabetic ketoacidosis, according to the Boone County medical examiner. Diabetic ketoacidosis is a serious complication of diabetes that occurs when the body is unable to produce enough insulin, according to the American Diabetes Association.

It's a complication that can be triggered by illness, especially when there's dehydration. A few days before he died, Boedeker was vomiting and saying he didn't feel well. He died inside of his fraternity house.

According to previous Missourian reporting, Boedeker took diabetes in stride.

"He had this disease, and you couldn't tell unless someone told you," said Kayden Guymon, the president of Boedeker's fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho.
But managing diabetes presents particular challenges for a college student. Moving away from home, taking classes and being on one's own is a big change, and it's easy to lose control of the disease if certain tasks, like checking insulin levels, are forgotten in the upheaval.

Diabetes affects nearly 29.1 million Americans, according to the American Diabetes Association. Type 1 diabetes is a rare form of the disease, but it accounts for 5 percent of the diabetes population, according to the association.

Deptula, 23, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was a sophomore in high school. He ran track and cross country in high school and felt like he was doing everything right — immune from a disease like diabetes, he said.

Suddenly one morning, everything changed as Deptula was getting ready for track practice.

As he stepped out of the shower, he passed out and hit his head. He went to the doctor and then to school. His mom called and said he might have diabetes, but Deptula wasn't worried.

"I was more concerned about the test I had the next day," he said.

**Learning to live with it**

Even after the diagnosis, Deptula wasn't sure what he was facing. Usually diagnosed in children or young adults, Type 1 diabetes occurs when the pancreas stops producing insulin. When this happens, the body can't get energy from food.

As he learned to manage the disease, Deptula learned it wasn't just about avoiding sweets.

"I began to hate diabetes," he said. "I didn't want anything to do with it. I didn't want to tell anyone about it because there is such a negative stigma that goes along with it, especially when you are trying to meet new people. I felt like it defined me. It was hard to overcome that."

Leaving for college was a huge change for Deptula, especially because he had to learn to control the disease without his parents’ help. He said he was still in denial when he first came to MU.

Moving away from home is a challenge for anyone, diabetic or not, said Dr. Camila Manrique, assistant director of clinical medicine at University Hospital and a specialist in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism.

"In the case of a diabetic patient, this step usually entails changes in diet and physical activity that can impact glucose control and medication requirements," Manrique said. "It is better, in my opinion, to have a proactive approach rather than a reactive one when treating diabetes."

Deptula said he struggled to find support and adopt healthy eating habits. His mother wasn't there to cook his meals and constantly ask about his blood sugar levels.
"I felt so alone," Deptula said. "I didn't have people I felt comfortable talking to. I only told my one roommate about my diabetes, and that was only because I felt like I had to."

It took him much longer to tell his friends about it. Learning to control his eating in the dining halls was another challenge. The all-you-can-eat french fries at the Pavilion at Dobbs tempted him in particular.

"I honestly hated it here until I met more people on campus with Type 1 diabetes," he said. Deptula was a junior when he first met other students at a Mizzou Students with Diabetes meeting.

A different outlook, and a 'dia-versary'

As time went on, Deptula learned more about controlling the disease and developed a more positive attitude about it. Now he calls his day of diagnosis his "dia-versary."

"I think diabetes helped me mature a little bit earlier because I had so many additional responsibilities that a lot of high school and college kids don't have," Deptula said.

He stops short of actual gratitude, but sees an upside. "I would say it has really helped shape myself," he said. "It has changed my career aspirations and pretty much my entire life."

Deptula hopes to build a career where he can interact with other people with Type 1 diabetes. He interned at Sanofi, an insulin manufacturer, during the summers of 2013 and 2014. Deptula is the co-founder and former president of Mizzou Students with Diabetes, a support group that meets a few times a month to discuss best practices, learn about new technologies and socialize.

The current president of Mizzou Students with Diabetes, Chris Fulton, said raising awareness is crucial to creating a safe environment for people with diabetes.

"It's good to know the symptoms to look for such as hypoglycemic symptoms or hyperglycemic symptoms, especially if you have friends or spend a lot of time around people who have the disease," he said.

SEC creates five-person committee to find Mike Slive's replacement

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Mike Slive will step down as SEC commissioner on July 31, 2015. (USATSI)
The search for a new SEC commissioner is on!

The SEC announced Thursday that it has anointed a five-person committee to begin the process of finding a replacement for commissioner Mike Slive, who will step down from his position on July 31, 2015. Nicholas Zeppos, Vanderbilt's chancellor and the current chair of the SEC's presidents and chancellors, is responsible for assembling the committee.

"The SEC has enjoyed an era of unprecedented success under Mike Slive and at the same time has been a leader in dramatic change in the landscape of college athletics under his direction," Zeppos said. "It is critical to have an efficient transition of leadership in order to continue our success on the fields of play as well as to identify a staunch advocate for academic achievement, integrity and sportsmanship. Our objective is to seamlessly maintain our conference's participation in shaping the future of intercollegiate athletics."

The five members of the committee are Arkansas chancellor David Gearhart, Alabama president Judith Bonner, Kentucky president Eli Capilouto, Mississippi State president Mark Keenum and Missouri chancellor R. Bowen Loftin. Gearhart will serve as the committee's chairperson.

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

Art professor's trademarked paisley design features MU icons

COLUMBIA — Curator's professor of art Deborah Huelsbergen has more than made her mark on MU's 175th anniversary.

Her licensed official paisley design isn't just on T-shirts. Mugs, water bottles, stickers, desk caddies and notepads are among the products being sold with the print.

"They're doing cool stuff with it that I never imagined," Huelsbergen said.

The paisley idea was adopted from the University of Tennessee.

Both versions of Huelsbergen's paisley — one predominately black and the other gold — incorporate iconic MU images.
"If you look closely, you'll notice things that everybody thinks of when they see MU like the Jesse Hall dome and the Columns," Huelsbergen said. "I wanted it to be sort of like a hide and seek."

The Memorial Student Union archway, a university logo from the 1920s and a 19th-century flower drawing that was used in a commencement program are also embedded in the design. When the MU Office of Licensing and Trademarks contacted the Art Department to recruit a designer, Huelsbergen went to work.

"I really love patterns, and the thought of making a pattern for the university was too good to pass up," Huelsbergen said.

When designing the print, she encountered a few creative challenges including simplifying her original plan because the details blended too closely together, making sure the pattern repeated itself perfectly in an 8-by-8-inch square and deciding where exactly to place each of its colors.

Her daughters, Lili and Rianna, played a significant role as well.

"The girls really helped me," Huelsbergen said. "They quality-controlled the whole process."

Furthermore, Huelsbergen explained that she started working on designing the print every day from the middle of May up until the first couple weeks in August.

"It was very tedious, but I love doing things like that," Huelsbergen said. "It was really fun. If they asked me to do anything else, I would do it again."

Laura Roloff, director of marketing at MU, said the paisley merchandise is proving popular.

"People like it because it's truly ours," she said.

The paisley design joins the Mizzou plaid that was introduced in 2006.

Maddie Reter, a senior in high school planning to attend MU next fall, didn't buy any products with paisley while shopping recently at The Mizzou Store but said she would if the design came in sweatpants.

"I like it a lot — I think it looks really good," Reter said.

"Sales are definitely picking up since we've put out the merchandise," said Michelle Froese, spokeswoman for The Mizzou Store. "The most popular items have been a long-sleeved T-shirt and the crew neck sweatshirt, although the ceramic coffee mugs and notecards are doing really well," she said.

The MU paisley has sparked an interest among off-campus residents as well, Huelsbergen said.
"I've had a lot of people email me around the city about the print," Huelsbergen said. "I've gotten so many messages about the possibility of fabric."

More paisley print gear and goods are coming, Froese said.

"We've got some new things slated for holiday 2014 including scarves and ties."