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## Interim Chancellor Foley to leave University of Missouri

By Katie Kull

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.— University of Missouri Interim Chancellor Hank Foley will leave the state’s flagship Columbia campus in May to take over as president at the New York Institute of Technology, University of Missouri System President Mun Choi announced Wednesday.**

Foley took the helm during a tumultuous time on the Columbia campus in fall 2015. Several racial incidents led to protests, a hunger strike, and a football team boycott, resulting in the resignations of MU Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin and UM System President Tim Wolfe.

“I’m proud of my whole time here, but most especially, of the last year and a half,” Foley wrote in a statement. “We’ve moved the campus culture forward and that will continue toward more inclusion and greater transparency.”

A search for a permanent MU chancellor has been underway. The next leader will be announced in May.

In his statement, Foley touted several accomplishments during his tenure such as hiring several deans, vice chancellors, and coaches.

“We’ve started to truly redefine ourselves as a bona fide member of the SEC,” he said. “It’s exciting, and Mizzou’s future is bright.”

Foley previously served as the UM System executive vice president for academic affairs, research, and economic development and as MU senior vice chancellor for research and graduate studies. Before that, he served as a chemistry professor at MU and an engineering professor at the University of Missouri Science and Technology.

As Foley goes to New York, he leaves a university in flux.

The system is under the new leadership of President Choi, who took over last fall for Interim UM System President Mike Middleton.

University leaders are also trying to account for declining enrollment from fall 2016 and explore remedies for a proposed 10 percent cut to the state's higher education budget.

## THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### Your Daily Briefing, a New Feature for Chronicle Subscribers

*By Andy Thomason and Chris Quintana* MARCH 30, 2017

Welcome to Thursday, March 30. Today a Penn State trustee attacks "so-called victims" of Jerry Sandusky, a top federal official makes a remark that might alarm universities, and Al Roker incites college students to break world records.

#### **'So-called victims.'**

The conviction of Graham B. Spanier, the former Pennsylvania State University president, on a misdemeanor charge of child endangerment could have provided some closure to the university, which has been beleaguered for years by the Jerry Sandusky sex-abuse scandal. But that doesn't appear to be happening.

"Running out of sympathy for 35 yr old, so-called victims with 7 digit net worth," wrote one Penn State trustee to our Jack Stripling, alluding to a now-grown victim of Mr. Sandusky who testified in Mr. Spanier's trial. That and other recriminations, Jack writes today, signal that the opportunity for closure in State College may already be lost.

#### **NIH funding.**

On Wednesday, Tom Price, the secretary of Health and Human Services, told lawmakers what many universities have feared ever since the Trump administration outlined its initial budget plan this month: In order to make its proposed 18-percent cut in the budget of the National Institutes of Health, the administration will ask Congress to eliminate overhead payments to universities and research institutions. Overhead payments typically add about another 25 percent to the value of NIH grants, and universities depend on them to cover basic infrastructure costs such as laboratory buildings and supplies. Read more from Science. ...

#### **Comings and goings.**

Sandra Woodley, a former president of the University of Louisiana system, was selected as president of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

**Henry C. (Hank) Foley, interim chancellor of the University of Missouri at Columbia, was appointed president of the New York Institute of Technology.**

Luis Pedraja, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs for the Peralta Community College District, in California, was appointed president of Quinsigamond Community College, in Massachusetts.

Michael Botticelli, a former director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, will serve as a policy scholar at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

*Story [continues.](#)*

## THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

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### [University of Missouri Interim Chancellor Hank Foley is leaving for a job in New York](#)

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**University of Missouri Interim Chancellor Hank Foley is leaving the Columbia campus to become president at the New York Institute of Technology, effective June 1.**

Foley made the announcement in a campuswide email Wednesday afternoon. His last day at Mizzou will be May 3.

Foley has been leading MU since Jan. 1, 2016, after he accepted the job on an interim basis Nov. 9, 2015. That was just hours after [former Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin resigned](#) amid student protests over a lack of diversity, equity and inclusion on the campus, and a faculty lack of confidence in the leadership.

“Interim Chancellor Hank Foley has led the Columbia campus through some challenging times and has done an exemplary job, and has provided inspiration and leadership,” said Maurice Graham, who chairs the UM System Board of Curators.

Graham said Foley “had expressed interest in the permanent job” at MU, “but also had this opportunity to come along and it is an outstanding opportunity.”

In his email, Foley thanked the campus community, saying, “My experience here has been the most professionally enriching that I have ever had.”

Foley listed several ways the campus has moved forward under his leadership since the November 2015 upheaval.

“Our students have found ways to engage with one another and to help all new Tigers feel included and at home,” Foley said. “We have appointed a host of new deans, vice chancellors and coaches who will bring success to MU for years to come. We’ve started to truly redefine ourselves as a bona fide member of the SEC. It’s exciting, and Mizzou’s future is bright.”

He also mentioned new faculty and a new pathway for the university’s hospital and medical school.

Law professor Ben Trachtenberg, who chairs the MU Faculty Council, said Foley had gotten support from faculty. He said some faculty will see Foley’s leaving as a loss, “because he has institutional knowledge.” Others, he said, “will say we can use a fresh start.”

Although he would be paid more than his salary at MU, Foley told the Columbia Tribune that salary was not a factor in his decision to take the New York job. He noted that the cost of living in New York was much higher.

“I was very intrigued when they approached me,” Foley said. “At first I wasn’t sure I wanted to think about it. The more I thought about it, the more excited I became.”

New UM System President Mun Choi called Foley “an outstanding academic leader, who will bring his impressive set of experiences to achieve a bold vision for NYIT.”

Choi, who [became the 24th president](#) of the system March 1, praised Foley’s accomplishments, highlighting that during his tenure, the university has raised more than \$195 million.

“Through his leadership, the faculty and staff celebrated important milestones, including record philanthropic contributions, strong extramural research and creative works, prestigious faculty distinctions and increased student retention.”

Foley came to MU in 2013 from Penn State. Before becoming interim chancellor, he served dual roles as UM System executive vice president for academic affairs, research and economic development and as MU senior vice chancellor for research and graduate studies.

## ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

# Interim Mizzou chancellor accepts job in New York

By Ashley Jost St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 15 hrs ago

**ST. LOUIS • The University of Missouri-Columbia interim chancellor is leaving for another job.**

Hank Foley has accepted a position as the president of the New York Institute of Technology.

An [announcement went out Wednesday afternoon](#) from the New York school, which has three campuses in New York, an osteopathic medical school campus in Arkansas and campuses in China, Canada and the United Arab Emirates.

“Our stated mission has been to identify the next president for NYIT who will be an engaged, inspiring leader with a demonstrated appreciation for the university’s history, mission, and core values,” Ken Silva, chair of the New York Institute’s board of trustees, said in a statement. “Equally important is a person with passion for its future promise and growth. We have found that in Hank Foley.”

Foley, who grew up and spent most of his career on the East Coast, takes over at the Institute on June 1. His last day at Mizzou is May 3.

Mizzou has been conducting a private search for a permanent chancellor. To date, Foley had been the [only known candidate](#) for the position.

[In a statement](#) about his departure, University of Missouri System President Mun Choi said the hope is to replace Foley with a permanent chancellor in May.

“Through his leadership, the faculty and staff celebrated important milestones including record philanthropic contributions, strong extramural research and creative works, prestigious faculty distinctions and increased student retention,” Choi said in a statement.

He thanked Foley for his “dedication and service” to Mizzou and the UM System.

After two years as the top UM System executive for academic affairs and research, Foley was named interim chancellor at Mizzou in November 2015 amid protests centered largely around matters of race. The protests, among other issues, led to top leaders at the system and Mizzou to step down at the time.

In a statement, Foley called his experience at Mizzou “the most professionally enriching that I have ever had.”

A spokeswoman at the New York Institute declined to provide Foley’s salary information.

St. Louis **Business** Journal

## **Interim Mizzou chancellor leaving for job in New York**

**The University of Missouri-Columbia interim chancellor Hank Foley is leaving the school to become president of the New York Institute of Technology.**

Foley took on the role of chancellor in November 2015 after R. Bowen Loftin stepped down during the 2015 protests on campus. Prior to that, Foley served as the senior vice chancellor for research and graduate studies and University of Missouri System executive vice president for academic affairs, research and economic development.

"Through his leadership, the faculty and staff celebrated important milestones including record philanthropic contributions, strong extramural research and creative works, prestigious faculty distinctions and increased student retention," University of Missouri System president Mun Choi said in a statement.

Foley will take over at NYIT on June 1. His last day at Mizzou will be May 3, according to a statement from the university.

NYIT has been searching for a new president since September 2016, after Edward Guiliano stepped down. Among areas of priority for Foley at NYIT are resource management and outreach.

"I'm looking forward to starting a new chapter of my career, to leading NYIT and building on its success and reputation in higher education," Foley said in a statement. "I'm thrilled to be at the helm and to work with the board, faculty, staff, students, and alumni to make NYIT even more recognized for its excellent value and outstanding outcomes, both inside and outside the classroom."



## **MU interim Chancellor Hank Foley says salary not a major factor in taking New York job**

By Rudi Keller

**Interim Chancellor Hank Foley will not become the permanent leader of the University of Missouri's flagship campus in Columbia.**

Instead, Foley on Wednesday accepted the job of president of New York Institute of Technology, a position that carried a salary of \$1.1 million when it was ranked in 2015 as the 23rd best-paying post as university president. Foley is paid \$459,000 as interim chancellor, the same salary received by his predecessor, R. Bowen Loftin.

Foley's last day at MU will be May 3. He takes over his new post on June 1.

Salary was not a major factor in the decision, Foley said in an interview. While it is much higher than his current pay, the cost of living in New York is much higher as well, he said.

"I was very intrigued when they approached me," Foley said. "At first I wasn't sure I wanted to think about it. The more I thought about it the more excited I became."

Foley was named interim chancellor in November 2015 after Loftin resigned amid administrative turmoil, campus protests and disputes with the University of Missouri System office, led at the time by President Tim Wolfe. After Mun Choi was named permanent president last year, a search committee was formed to find a permanent chancellor. The search is scheduled to be completed in May.

Foley, who was a candidate, said the decision to have a search rather than award him the job played a small role in his decision to leave.

“Yes and no,” he said. “Only in the sense that there was a search and it really gave me a chance to really rethink what I was all about.”

Foley's selection by the New York school's board of trustees came at the end of a seven-month search, NYIT said in a news release announcing Foley's hiring. Foley will succeed Edward Guiliano, who stepped down after 16 years as NYIT president.

Foley joined the UM System in 2013 as executive vice president for academic affairs and held that title until his appointment as interim chancellor at MU. Before coming to Missouri, he was vice president for research and dean of the graduate school at Pennsylvania State University.

Foley, who received his doctoral degree in physical and inorganic chemistry from Penn State, holds 16 patents for his research and has written more than 150 articles and a textbook. NYIT, as a science and technology school, is a good fit for his background as he looks to complete his career, Foley said.

Maurice Graham, chairman of the UM Board of Curators, said he's disappointed Foley is leaving.

“I think that Hank Foley has been extremely valuable to the university both in the role that he played when he came here from Penn State, but also stepping in as interim chancellor,” Graham said. “He has provided exemplary leadership and he will be missed.”

Foley was “certainly a viable candidate” for permanent chancellor, Graham said, but he defended the decision to conduct a national search.

“I would say that most universities of our size do conduct a search for the CEO or chancellor for the campus,” Graham said. “That is typical.”

The chairman of NYIT's Board of Trustees, Kevin D. Silva, said in a news release that he was very impressed with Foley.

“Our stated mission has been to identify the next president for NYIT who will be an engaged, inspiring leader with a demonstrated appreciation for the university's history, mission, and core values. Equally important is a person with passion for its future promise and growth. We have found that in Hank Foley,” Silva said.

In a statement issued by the system office, Choi praised Foley for his work for the university. “He is an outstanding academic leader who will bring his impressive set of experiences to achieve a bold vision for NYIT,” Choi said.

Foley announced his departure in a campus-wide email.

“My experience here has been the most professionally enriching that I have ever had,” he wrote. “This is a wonderful institution with a rich history and set of traditions that reach back to the first half of the nineteenth century. And, yet, if one takes the time to walk around, to meet with and

listen to faculty, staff and students, you realize that MU is fully modern and moving steadily into its future!”

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## [UPDATE: MU Interim Chancellor Foley named president of New York Institute of Technology](#)

ANDREW KESSEL, Mar 29, 2017 Updated 13 hrs ago

COLUMBIA — [MU Interim Chancellor Hank Foley is swapping downtown Columbia for midtown Manhattan.](#)

On Wednesday, Foley announced that he will become the [new president of the New York Institute of Technology](#), effective June 1. His last day at MU will be May 3.

Foley, 61, has served as interim chancellor since November 2015, following the [sudden resignation of R. Bowen Loftin](#) and then-University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe.

“I want to thank everyone here at MU for allowing me to lead,” Foley said in a campus-wide email on Wednesday. “Karin and I will miss MU, and Columbia, but we will cherish our memories of our time here. We hope to get back to see some national championships won and for more success to come to Ole Mizzou.”

The [New York Institute of Technology](#) is a private, technology-driven university with about 12,000 students and six campuses — including three outside the U.S. Foley will be its fourth president.

“I’m looking forward to starting a new chapter of my career, to leading NYIT and building on its success and reputation in higher education,” [Foley said in a release](#) on the school’s website. “I’m thrilled to be at the helm and to work with the board, faculty, staff, students, and alumni to make NYIT even more recognized for its excellent value and outstanding outcomes, both inside and outside the classroom.”

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education in December, Foley's predecessor, [Edward Guiliano, was paid \\$1.12 million in salary](#). As interim chancellor, Foley earned \$459,000 [according to UM System salary records](#).

In December, Foley expressed interest in making his MU interim chancellor job permanent.

“While it is my hope to continue serving as chancellor, I understand that a national search for a permanent chancellor of this university is necessary,” Foley said [in a statement](#).

Ben Trachtenberg, chair of the MU Faculty Council and a member of the chancellor search committee, said Foley was still under consideration as a candidate for the position when he announced his resignation on Wednesday.

UM President Mun Choi sent a systemwide note of congratulations to Foley, calling him an outstanding academic leader, "who will bring his impressive set of experiences to achieve a bold vision for NYIT."

"I join University of Missouri-Columbia and the entire University of Missouri System community in congratulating Interim Chancellor Hank Foley on his new appointment as president of New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)," Choi said in the statement on Wednesday.

Choi said he would meet with members of the MU community to develop a transition plan with the intention of naming a permanent chancellor for MU in May.

Foley [joined the system](#) in 2013 as executive vice president for academic affairs and a chemistry professor at MU. In April 2014, he added the role of senior vice chancellor for research and graduate studies.

He even has Missouri athletic director on his resume.

Last summer, when then-Athletic Director Mack Rhoades and his deputy Wren Baker each accepted positions elsewhere, Foley [took on the interim role himself](#), albeit for less than a week.

Foley was involved in hiring Jim Sterk, the current athletic director, as well as Kevin McDonald, UM's first chief diversity officer, [according to a release from the MU News Bureau](#).

Foley's academic career has included faculty appointments at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Delaware.

In 2012, the University of Connecticut named three finalists for provost, a position that was ultimately assumed by Mun Choi. One of the finalists was Foley, then vice president for research and dean of the graduate school at Penn State, and the other was David Victor Rosowsky, dean of engineering at Rensselaer, [according to the Hartford Courant newspaper](#).

The New York Institute of Technology announcement Wednesday noted that Foley's appointment ended a seven-month national search to replace Guiliano, who served as president for 16 years.

The institution is described as an entrepreneurial, technology-driven university that just completed its 60th year. Based in New York City, it offers 90 degree programs, including undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees, in more than 50 fields of study: architecture and design; arts and sciences; education; engineering and computing sciences; health professions; management; and osteopathic medicine.

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## **Hank Foley to leave MU for New York Institute of Technology**

By Emily Gallion

**Interim MU Chancellor Hank Foley announced in an email to students that starting June 1, he will be the president of the New York Institute of Technology. His last day at MU will be May 3.**

Foley was appointed interim chancellor in November 2015 following R. Bowen Loftin's resignation amid criticism of his handling of campus issues. Before then, Foley served as senior

vice chancellor for research and graduate studies for one year and executive vice president for academic affairs for two years.

“At the UM System, Dr. Foley led the system’s strategic planning efforts, provided system-wide leadership in academic programs, promoted economic development and advanced research collaborations and enhanced funding,” UM System President Mun Choi said in a March 29 statement. “He also led institutional research, student access and success, academic program review and eLearning functions of the system.”

NYIT is a private university in New York with enrollment of over 12,000 students, according to the university’s website. The institute’s previous president, Edward Guiliano, stepped down in September 2016 after serving for 16 years. Foley will be the university’s fourth president.

“Our stated mission has been to identify the next president for NYIT who will be an engaged, inspiring leader with a demonstrated appreciation for the university’s history, mission, and core values,” said Kevin D. Silva, the NYIT Board of Trustees chairman, in a March 29 news release. “Equally important is a person with passion for its future promise and growth. We have found that in Hank Foley.”

Foley received criticism in April for calling graduate students “kids” and their unionization vote a “mock election.” In an April 20 Faculty Council meeting, he said he “shouldn’t have called them kids” and said he meant no disrespect.

MU is currently undergoing a national chancellor search that began in December 2016. At the time, Foley expressed interest in retaining the position on a permanent basis.

“While it is my hope to continue serving as chancellor, I understand that a national search for a permanent chancellor of this university is necessary,” he wrote in an statement on December 2016.

Foley said in his March 29 email that he hoped to see success come to MU.

“My experience here has been the most professionally enriching that I have ever had,” he said.



# **Former MU interim chancellor Foley named president of NYIT**

By Andrew Mitchell

**Watch story:** <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=1bb694bc-bfdb-436e-abc0-508fb96522e7>

NEW YORK — The Board of Trustees of New York Institute of Technology announced Tuesday that Henry “Hank” Foley would be its next president.

**According to a release, the former MU interim chancellor will assume his new role on June 1.**

Foley was quoted as being thrilled to be at the helm.

“I’m looking forward to starting a new chapter of my career, to leading NYIT and building on its success and reputation in higher education,” Foley said.

He joined the UM System in 2013 as executive vice president for academic affairs, tasked with growing its academic and research expertise before being appointed interim chancellor in November 2015.

Foley released the following statement to members of the Mizzou community:

"I want to thank everyone here at MU for allowing me to lead. Today, I am announcing that I have accepted the position of president at the New York Institute of technology, effective June 1. My last day at Mizzou will be May 3.

My experience here has been the most professionally enriching that I have ever had. This is a wonderful institution with a rich history and set of traditions that reach back to the first half of the nineteenth century. And, yet, if one takes the time to walk around, to meet with and listen to faculty, staff and students, you realize that MU is fully modern and moving steadily into its future!

Since November 2015, together, we have moved our campus forward in many ways. Our students have found ways to engage with one another and to help all new Tigers feel included and at home. We have sought to engage the campus community actively and to share information and data transparently. New faculty have joined us, bringing with them to MU rich programs of research in the sciences and engineering that will stand us in good stead as a top flight research university for decades to come. New leaders at all levels, deans and vice chancellors, have come to MU with new ideas and energy that will propel us forward. In athletics our coaches, new and seasoned, and the new, but seasoned, athletic director are poised for success, so that MU will not just be in the SEC, but will win in the SEC. The health care system, especially the hospital and

the medical school, are on a new path that will integrate the two together more than ever and with the other academic colleges on the campus as well. Columbia has the real opportunity to be a destination medical community in the foreseeable future. The spirit of true Interdisciplinarity abounds at MU and sets the school apart.

Karin and I will miss MU, and Columbia, but we will cherish our memories of our time here. We hope to get back to see some national championships won and for more success to come to Ole Mizzou. I started with a thank you, and I end in the same way; thank you!

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## **Hank Foley to be new president at the New York Institute of Technology**

**Watch story:** <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=42d23c49-5827-4d8d-a4f4-75504407e3f9>

By Edward Redler

**COLUMBIA - Former MU Interim Chancellor Hank Foley has accepted the position of president at the New York Institute of Technology.**

His last day at MU will be May 3 and he'll begin his new job June 1.

Foley was appointed interim chancellor in November 2015 following the resignation of R. Bowen Loftin. He was originally hired at MU as executive vice president for academic affairs, research and economic development in 2013. In 2014, he was asked to serve as senior vice chancellor for research and graduate studies at MU in addition to his duties as vice president.

In a letter to students and staff, Foley said, "My experience here has been the most professionally enriching that I ever had."

During his tenure as MU Interim Chancellor, Foley made numerous hires, including athletic director Jim Sterk. Foley has worked to increase the number of admissions recruiters, be more transparent as an administration and encouraging researchers to apply for more grants.

This fiscal year, grant applications are up 8 percent and the monetary value of grant applications are up 37.5 percent.

Additionally, during his time as interim chancellor, the university has raised more than \$195 million.

MU System President Mun Choi said in a statement that Foley is "an outstanding academic leader who will bring his impressive set of experiences to achieve a bold vision."

Choi continued to say that he will be meeting with members of the MU community to develop a transition plan in anticipation of selecting the next permanent chancellor in May, 2017.



## [Foley to leave Mizzou for new job](#)

**Watch story:** <http://www.abc17news.com/news/hank-foley-takes-new-job/423063377>

By Marissa Hollowed

COLUMBIA, Mo. - The New York Institute of Technology has named Hank Foley its new president.

**Foley will be leaving his position as interim chancellor at the University of Missouri.** Foley took on the role of chancellor at Mizzou after R. Bowen Loftin stepped down during the 2015 protests on campus.

Wednesday, NYIT announced the appointment of Foley as the fourth president of NYIT, effective June 1.

“Our stated mission has been to identify the next president for NYIT who will be an engaged, inspiring leader with a demonstrated appreciation for the university’s history, mission, and core values. Equally important is a person with passion for its future promise and growth. We have found that in Hank Foley,” said Kevin D. Silva, chair, NYIT Board of Trustees.

In a news release from NYIT, Foley said, "I'm looking forward to starting a new chapter of my career, to leading NYIT and building on its success and reputation in higher education. I'm thrilled to be at the helm and to work with the board, faculty, staff, students, and alumni to make NYIT even more recognized for its excellent value and outstanding outcomes, both inside and outside the classroom."



## **Interim MU Chancellor Leaving to Take Job at New York Institute of Technology**

By Ryan Famuliner, Nathan Lawrence and Bram Sable-Smith

### **The University of Missouri's interim chancellor says he'll be leaving for new work as president at the New York Institute of Technology on May 3.**

Hank Foley stepped into office after former chancellor R. Bowen Loftin stepped down amid protests over racially charged issues on campus. Before that, Foley served as MU's executive vice president of academic affairs.

In a statement Wednesday afternoon, Foley said the university was "a wonderful institution with a rich history and set of traditions," and that it is "fully modern and moving steadily into its future."

Chair of the MU Faculty Council Ben Trachtenberg says he wishes Foley well after he came in during such a tumultuous time at the University.

"It's a tremendous amount of change at MU and the University of Missouri more broadly, if you think about it. We have a new President, the new president is going to now pick, for sure, a new chancellor for this campus. He has to pick a new chancellor for the Rolla campus at (Missouri) S&T. And there are a variety of people serving in interim roles in important positions at the UM System. So we're seeing some very big changes, we're going to have a lot of new Curators. On the one hand the University has a tremendous amount of complicated problems, with for example our budget. On the other hand, there's a big opportunity for some people to do things differently," Trachtenberg said.

The search for a permanent MU chancellor has been underway. Foley had previously expressed his intent to apply for the permanent position.

“I’m on the search committee, so I can’t talk in a lot of details, other than to say that we have already been working very hard and (Foley) was only one of the candidates and we’ve seen a lot of names. So I have a lot of confidence that we’ll be able to recommend some very good people to the president,” Trachtenberg said.

UM System President Mun Choi issued a statement Wednesday afternoon, saying, “[Foley] is an outstanding academic leader who will bring his impressive set of experiences to achieve a bold vision for NYIT... In the coming weeks, I will be meeting with members of the MU community to develop a transition plan in anticipation of selecting the next permanent chancellor in May, 2017.”

In its statement Wednesday, the New York Institute of Technology said, “Foley will assume the presidency of NYIT, an entrepreneurial, technology-driven university which recently completed its 60th year. NYIT is focused on educating culturally aware, solutions-oriented global citizens prepared for the international marketplace. Its research activity is at an all-time high.”

The private, New York-based institution has about 10,000 students across seven academic schools and colleges. Its college of osteopathic medicine recently opened a second campus in Jonesboro, Arkansas, matriculating 120 students in its inaugural class there last fall.



## [Hank Foley Leaving Mizzou for NYIT](#)

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(AAU Science News Website; 1.5 million unique views per month)

## [Can robot duo track crops better than drones?](#)

Posted by [Ryan Owens-Missouri](#) March 29th, 2017

### [Generated by News Bureau press release: \*\*Fighting World Hunger: Robotics Aid in the Study of Corn and Drought Tolerance\*\*](#)

A tower and robot vehicle duo can accurately create 3D models of plants and collect data on both regions of crops and individual plants.

The mobile sensor tower and an autonomous robot vehicle equipped with three levels of sensors and an additional robotic arm help complete a complex process called plant phenotyping. This involves assessing growth, development, yield, as well as tolerance and resistance to environmental stressors, by correlating these to the physiology and shape of the plants.

**“The Vinobot collects a large variety of data,” says Gui DeSouza, associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Missouri. “For example, it uses three sets of sensors to collect temperature, humidity, and light intensity at multiple wavelengths, and it collects those at three different heights of the crop.”**

The tower inspects a 60-foot radius of a given field to identify areas affected by environmental stresses, while the vehicle collects data on individual plants. Additionally, the vehicle has a robotic arm that it uses to move around the plant and create a 3D model of each one.

“We can measure from the tower if the plants are under any stress, such as heat, drought, etc.” says DeSouza, whose Vision-Guided and Intelligent Robotics Laboratory (ViGIR) inspired the robots’ names: Vinobot (the vehicle) and Vinocular (the tower). “Then the tower can tell the mobile robot to go to a particular area of the field and perform data collection on the individual plants.”

While the tower covers only a relatively small area, it can easily be moved around to cover an entire field. The cost-effectiveness of the towers means it wouldn’t be expensive to have more than one operating at a time.

Unpiloted aerial vehicles such as quadcopters can take time, as those devices often require Federal Aviation Administration clearance and experienced pilots to operate them over a field. Those vehicles also can be expensive, costing up to between \$16,000 and \$80,000 as opposed to Vinocular’s estimated \$5,000 price. The researchers outline these figures in the journal *[Sensors](#)*.

“They are not only inexpensive; they are also available 24/7, and can generate a lot more data than any aerial vehicle” DeSouza says.

DeSouza worked with researchers from the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources to study the effects of climate change on crops in Missouri. The effort is part of a larger study, funded by the National Science Foundation, to understand the overall effects of climate change in Missouri.



## [MU Researchers Develop Robot to Study Corn Growth](#)

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This story was generated by an MU press release: [Fighting World Hunger: Robotics Aid in the Study of Corn and Drought Tolerance](#)



## [Advanced Accelerator Applications signs strategic supply agreement with University of Missouri](#)

**Advanced Accelerator Applications S.A.(NASDAQ:AAAP) (AAA or the Company), an international specialist in Molecular Nuclear Medicine (MNM), today announced a 10-year exclusive supply agreement for lutetium 177 with the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR®).** Through this agreement, MURR® will supply AAA with GMP-quality lutetium 177 Chloride, the precursor for production of investigational product lutetium Lu 177 dotatate (Lutathera®) and other Lu 177-based therapeutics in development.

Lutetium 177 is a radionuclide that emits both high-energy beta and low-energy gamma radiation. Beta particles (electrons) are commonly used as an external radiation source to treat solid tumors, known as radiotherapy. However, in nuclear medicine, tumor killing beta particles are delivered to tumors intravenously, by labeling a targeting molecule (such as dotatate), with a radionuclide (such as lutetium 177), as in lutetium Lu 177 dotatate (Lutathera®). The targeting molecule has an affinity for certain tumor receptors, creating a rapid uptake of these molecules by the tumor cells. The beta emitting radiation of the radionuclide is treating the tumor; while the gamma emitting radiation may be visualized using specialized imaging techniques, enabling quantification of treatment delivery to tumor cells.

Ralph Butler, Executive Director of MURR® commented, "MURR® has a proud history of providing research isotopes to industry. Since the early days of targeted Lu 177 research at MURR®, our vision has been to reliably supply Lu 177 Chloride for research and ultimately produce directly for drug manufacturers. This agreement completes our vision, as we believe AAA's breakthrough investigational product, Lutathera®, is on the verge of approval in the USA and Europe and will be widely administered to patients. The agreement also allows MURR® to continue its worldwide research collaborations using this uniquely capable isotope."

Stefano Buono, Chief Executive Officer of AAA stated, "This agreement complements our existing supply of Lutetium 177 from our IDB subsidiary in the Netherlands, and supports our plans to produce lutetium Lu 177 dotatate (Lutathera®) for the North American market at our Millburn, NJ site. Lutetium 177's utility in oncology therapy has been long documented and having two reliable sources uniquely positions us to expand our pipeline of lutetium 177-based therapeutics for oncology indications, and serve as a global supplier to other end users."

About lutetium Lu 177 dotatate (Lutathera®)

Lutetium Lu 177 dotatate (Lutathera®) is an investigational, Lu-177-labeled somatostatin analog peptide currently in development for the treatment of gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (GEP-NETs), including foregut, midgut, and hindgut neuroendocrine tumors in adults. Lutetium Lu 177 dotatate belongs to an emerging form of treatments called Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT), which involves targeting neuroendocrine tumors with radiolabeled somatostatin analog peptides. This novel, investigational compound has received orphan drug designation from the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Currently, lutetium Lu 177 dotatate is administered on a compassionate use and named patient basis for the treatment of NETs and other tumors over-expressing somatostatin receptors in ten European countries and in the US under an Expanded Access Program (EAP) for midgut NETs. New Drug Application and Marketing Authorization Application submissions to the FDA and EMA for lutetium Lu 177 dotatate are currently under review.



## [Mizzou students spend their spring break on service trip to Eagle Butte](#)

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By Kayleigh Schmidt

**EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. Most college students try to go somewhere warm and relax during their spring break, but one group of students from the University of Missouri is spending their time off in Eagle Butte.**

Power tools, paint and lots of hard work aren't words you'd associate with spring break, but for these Mizzou students, it makes for a rewarding one.

"I think it's important to give students opportunities to go out of their comfort zone," says Chelsey Miller, a spring site leader in Eagle Butte.

The students are helping out with an organization called Mustard Seed, which provides housing and food for the community. Their project is to help build tiny houses.

"We're helping build different bunk beds, cabinets and renovating the kitchen just so that they can be able to house more people more efficiently," explains Rebekah Bell, another spring site leader.

For most participants, it's their first time in Eagle Butte but one student keeps coming back.

"I just wanted to show other students from my school the love that I have for this community," says Miller.

Why is a service trip over spring break something that all students should look into?

"Instead of going and partying with their friends, they can better the community, learn new things and make new friends," says Miller.

"Just things we're not normally exposed to on a regular basis. It's just really cool to immerse yourself in a community like this," says Bell.

The University of Missouri group will do as much work as possible before heading back home on Sunday.



## **Disabled adults screened less for colorectal cancer**

**Generated from an MU Health Care news release.**

By Amy Wallace

**Researchers at the University of Missouri have found individuals with certain disabilities are less likely to get recommended preventive cancer screenings, including colorectal cancer screenings.**

Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common type of cancer in the United States, with roughly 135,000 cases reported in 2016.

Colorectal cancer survival is strongly linked to which stage the cancer is in when diagnosed. The earlier the diagnosis, the better the survival outcomes.

"Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S.," Dr. Chelsea Deroche, assistant professor of biostatistics in the University of Missouri Department of Health Management and Informatics and the Biostatistics and Research Design Unit, said in a press release. "However, almost 60 percent of these deaths could be prevented if people ages 50 years or older received routine screenings. When studying adherence rates to recommended screenings, we found that individuals with blindness or low vision, an intellectual disability or a spinal cord injury are less likely to receive screenings than those without these disabilities."

Researchers reviewed data from South Carolina Medicaid and Medicare claims, state health plan claims and hospital discharge data from 2000 to 2009 comparing colorectal screening rates of individuals with blindness or low vision, an intellectual disability or a spinal cord injury with the general population.

Results showed 48 percent of the general population reported receiving routine screenings for colorectal cancer compared to 34 percent of people with an intellectual disability, 44 percent with spinal cord injuries and 46 percent with blindness or low vision.

"These individuals may not be routinely screened for colorectal cancer due to a lack of education and awareness, transportation challenges or other barriers," Deroche said. "These findings support the need for increased awareness and targeted advocacy outreach efforts to both physicians and caregivers to ensure all individuals are screened appropriately."

The study was published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.



## Teachers Perceptions of Parents Impacts Students' Success, Study Finds

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## Helping the hungry in a rural community

*By Brittany Ruess March 30, 2017*

HALLSVILLE — Nine-year-old Kylie Lupo held her little brother, Ethan Donahue, on her hip as she picked out homemade, white chocolate chip cookies inside the dining hall of the Hallsville Baptist Church.

Ethan, 1, squirmed out of his big sister's arms Tuesday afternoon to explore the church's kitchen. The brother and sister played as their mother, Jessica Lupo, of Hallsville, filled out paperwork for The Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri, providing her eligibility information for food donations.

A single mother of two children, Lupo uses food stamps as she searches for a job, but the assistance is typically not enough month-to-month.

"We always run out the last couple of weeks," Lupo said.

She and her children were some of the first recipients of apples, tomatoes, chicken and other food Tuesday at the first mobile food pantry in Hallsville, a town of more than 1,500 people. The Hallsville Interchurch Council, Optimist Club and community members teamed up with The Food Bank to bring its mobile food bank to the Hallsville Baptist Church from 4 to 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The mobile food pantry, which works out of a large refrigerated truck, had 453 pounds of food for 125 to 150 families on Tuesday, said Barbara Borntrager, agency relations coordinator with the Food Bank.

Kena Forbis, coordinator of the Hallsville food pantry efforts, said she and other volunteers hope a permanent pantry will be housed at the church within the next six months. A refrigerator has been donated to make that possible, Forbis said, and she's working with the church to find the space for it.

For three-person households, like that of Lupo's, the maximum monthly food stamp allowance is \$511, but the average amount families receive is \$379. **Sandy Rikoon, dean of the University of Missouri College of Human Environmental Sciences, said it's common for people on food stamps to use food pantries in the days and weeks until their food stamp allowance is replenished.**

"A food pantry really makes a difference," he said.

Hunger and food uncertainty are everyday realities for families living in Hallsville, Forbis said. People experience food uncertainty when they don't know where they'll receive their next meal or how much they will eat. In Boone County, 17.2 percent of residents are considered food uncertain, according to the 2016 University of Missouri Hunger Atlas. The report shows 8.1 percent also are experiencing hunger.

Forbis said the pantry will not only help low-income families, but also moderate-income families who struggle but make too much to qualify for food stamps. For a three-person household in Missouri, the maximum income cannot exceed \$2,177 in order to qualify for food stamps.

"Those are the ones truly, that I think, can get some help, too," she said. "Those are kind of the forgotten."

Natalia Phillips said she applied for food stamps and was rejected because her income is slightly too high. She relies on donations from The Food Bank for herself and her five children. Phillips, who is a single mother, typically drives to The Food Bank location in Columbia, but she currently doesn't have a car and the more than 20-minute commute from Hallsville to Columbia and back isn't possible.

"I'm excited," Phillips said about the new mobile food pantry. "Right now, I'm without a car, so it's been difficult for me to get to The Food Bank."

The transportation barrier Phillips faces is a challenge for many rural families, Angela Hirsch, director of community services at the Central Missouri Community Action Center, said. Many of those families also don't have the convenience of living near social service agencies found in urban communities, she said.

"We don't think of Hallsville being that far away from Columbia, but if transportation is a major barrier for you and your family, getting from Hallsville to Columbia can be a daylong effort," she said.

Phillip's children also are on spring break this week, eating meals at home that they would otherwise get at school. Forbis said the pantry also will aid families when children are out of school. The Food Bank's Buddy Pack program is serving 150 children in Hallsville schools this semester, but that number can fluctuate weekly, said Food Bank Spokeswoman Janese Silvey. Last year, more than 35 percent of students in Hallsville schools qualified for free and reduced lunch, according to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Kalia Heywood, who lives on the outskirts of Hallsville, is in a situation similar to Lupo's every month. On food stamps, the single mother, who is pregnant with her third child, said the assistance runs out a couple weeks after she receives the monthly benefits.

Heywood said the donations from the mobile food pantry are particularly helpful for her right now, as she's been out of work for a few weeks, recuperating from a car crash in which her vehicle was rear-ended. Heywood said she's resting to prevent a miscarriage and heal her back.

"It's been hard being pregnant, a single mom of two kids and working," she said. "But if I don't have to worry about food, that's one less thing to worry about."



## **Missouri in brief**

*BY TRIBUNE STAFF*

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI: USDA issues warning over animal deaths**

**The University of Missouri was issued a warning in February that it must do more to keep animals safe but was not hit with the heavy fine an animal rights group sought for the death of a dachshund puppy and two boars.**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Inspection service issued the warning for violations found in a June inspection of MU animal research facilities. Stop Animal Exploitation NOW!, which made the complaint that led to the inspection, on Wednesday released a copy of the warning notice, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

The June inspection found that the puppy and the boar died because their pens were not secure. The puppy was killed by an adult dachshund that came through a transfer door from an area adjacent to where a litter of recently weaned puppies was housed. One boar died of cardiac arrest when an aggressive boar knocked down its pen walls. The aggressive boar was killed by researchers.

The animal rights group had sought a \$10,000 fine for each animal death. The organization is focused on exposing USDA documents about the treatment of animals in research and breeding facilities, which it says are kept from the public except through document requests.



## **Developmental disability insurance mandate bill gets a hearing in Missouri House**

By Will Schmitt

JEFFERSON CITY — A recent legislative discussion about expanding insurance coverage for children with disabilities was rare for a few reasons.

For one, it's a feel-good story stemming from a mother's desire to get therapy for her son. For another, there might have been more kids than lobbyists in the hearing room when lawmakers took up the bill, which could cheer advocates for people with developmental disabilities and worry budget officers of insurance companies.

The bill, spearheaded by a Columbia woman and sponsored by two mid-Missouri lawmakers, went before the House Insurance Policy Committee on Tuesday.

Under the legislation, private insurance companies would not be able to limit coverage or deny reimbursement for treatment of disabilities that are cognitive, emotional, mental or

developmental in nature. It also grants eligibility for certain services to any person, not just children.

Autism was often mentioned at the hearing, but several witnesses were quick to point out that people with other conditions that benefit from this kind of treatment.

Nathan Schelp is the 9-year-old son of Robyn Schelp, who is the prime mover behind the bill. Nathan sat on his mom's lap while she explained to the committee that he has an unknown genetic disorder that has limited his development to that of someone about half his age.

He wasn't able to get therapy that could help him in his early years, which led to meltdowns, Robyn Schelp said.

Now, through a combination of providers, Nathan is able to go to four sessions a week for speech therapy, one for physical therapy and another for occupational therapy. But this is not a permanent arrangement.

"The progress he's made is remarkable," she said. "He would not be able to sit on my lap and talk to you like this before we had these therapies."

This type of therapy is known as "habilitative" care and focuses on building human basics like physical coordination and verbal communication.

**There often is a cap on how many sessions per year will be covered. Schelp relies on a combination of private insurance, the taxpayer-funded Boone County Family Resources and free service provided by students at the University of Missouri-Columbia.** But not everybody lives in an area that's as rich in potential resources.

Medical professionals such as pediatrician John Wilson and behavioral analyst Sungwoo Kahng, who said this kind of therapy is proven to be effective, testified in support of the bill.

Also joining Schelp were parents like Molly Myers, who testified while caring for some of her children, including her 6-year-old son Will, who is missing one-third of his brain. Myers described the challenge of obtaining funding, which has led her family to sell their home and downsize in order to pay for care that she hopes will let Will be independent.

Shannon Cooper, a lobbyist testifying on behalf of the Missouri Insurance Coalition and America's Health Insurance Plans, had the unenviable task of testifying against legislation supported by a roomful of families.

Cooper told the committee chair, Rep. Kevin Engler, that his clients weren't opposed to studying how much it would actually cost to implement this.

"That's the direction we'd like to go," Cooper said. He also noted he'd like to see language included in the bill that might limit treatment to "medically necessary" therapies.

Another problem — acknowledged by supporters and opponents alike — occurs when people without autism receive autism diagnoses in order to get coverage for treatment.

Cooper didn't say this practice was widespread but acknowledged that it happens. And when it does, it leads to higher costs, he said.

About 93 percent of individual insurance policies in Missouri provided coverage for autism and about 98 percent of insured individuals were covered for autism-related treatment, according to a report from the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration in February.

Intentional or apathetic misdiagnosis happens, Engler said. It can make life easier for the doctor to give a favorable diagnosis to a patient, and it doesn't always amount to fraud, he said.

In previous interviews with the News-Leader, Schelp has acknowledged that her proposal had a long, uphill path to becoming law.

Engler said the bill is a few years away from having a chance. One task coming up will be determining how much it will cost to insure those for whom therapies currently are not covered, he said.

The trick will be keeping premium increases relatively low and not pricing too many people out of coverage, Engler said.



## **The April 4 election for Boone Hospital trustees**

*BY EDITORIAL BY HENRY J. WATERS III MARCH 30, 2017*

**In the next year, Boone Hospital trustees will seriously consider whether to merge operations with MU Hospital with the goal of creating a comprehensive health care destination such as Mayo Clinic.**

In years past, lots of talk about this option has occurred, but now circumstances lend themselves to the real possibility of action. Boone Hospital's longstanding lease with BJC Healthcare of St. Louis is expiring. By 2018, either must inform the other of its intentions. Both sides are playing it cool as the deadline approaches, but neither shows much enthusiasm for continuing the deal. The preoccupying option facing local health care providers is whether to pursue collaboration with MU Hospital, a decision that would preclude any other option currently on the table.

As Boone trustees face this unprecedented decision, continuity and experience is needed on the board. The two candidates among five running for two seats who exemplify this criterion are Bob Wagner and Randy Morrow.

Wagner is the only board incumbent seeking election. As he puts it, after hundreds of hours negotiating with potential managing partners he would like one more year to see the process through. He is running to finish the year remaining on the term of Fred Parry, who resigned when elected to the Boone County Commission.

Wagner has experience and demonstrated skills needed right now. He knows the details of the current lease with BJC. He is open-minded about collaborating with MU. His solid credentials will be helpful as the trustees make their crucial decision.

Wagner's opponents are Richard Shanker, a local electrician, and Taylor Burks, a lieutenant in the Navy Reserve and director of distribution, inventory and asset management for the University of Missouri system.

Shanker campaigns on the premise Boone Hospital should operate independently, not a valid concept in today's hospital management world. The exciting prospect today is collaboration with MU Health care, not going it alone.

Burks is a competent young man with good knowledge of the circumstances facing Boone trustees. He decided to run for the one-year term before he knew Wagner would run again. If he fails this time, let's hope he will remain interested in the future.

On April 4, Bob Wagner is the best choice for the one-year term as Boone Hospital trustee.

Running for a five-year term is another candidate whose valuable experience at Boone Hospital qualifies him for election.

Randy Morrow worked for the hospital for 18 years, retiring as chief financial officer in 2014. Now he wants the available five-year term and has the support of those who have worked with him in the past. Former trustee Parry says Morrow has the respect of the community and, most important, the hospital's 2,000 employees.

Morrow brings valuable perspective to the trustees' impending lease decision. His intimate knowledge of past negotiations, the current lease and hospital operations will help him negotiate with MU hospital and implement a resulting decision. He believes to reach its potential as a health care delivery mecca Columbia must collaborate as a community.

Morrow's opponent is Gordon Christensen, a former physician at Truman Memorial Veteran's Hospital, well known and admired for his 1992 whistle-blower role uncovering attempts to hide murders of patients by a nurse at the hospital. In the process, he unfairly lost his staff position at the hospital but has remained active in local health care activities. For two years he was chief of staff at University Hospital and before that was elected chairman of the Faculty Council at the

University of Missouri. He ran and lost trying to unseat Vicky Hartzler for U.S. Congress from the Fourth District.

Now, he says he can fill a valuable role as an outsider on the Boone board of trustees, a person who will “do the right thing.”

I’m a fan of both Christensen and Morrow. Both want to consider close collaboration with MU, but for the work facing the trustees now, Morrow is the best choice.

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## THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### [Duquesne U. Rejects Last-Ditch Proposals to Save Its Press](#)

*By Andy Thomason and Chris Quintana* MARCH 30, 2017

Duquesne University announced plans to close its press in February, explaining that it could no longer justify the annual subsidy of more than \$200,000. After an outpouring of concern by academics, the university suggested that it would be willing to listen to proposals to keep the press open.

On Wednesday, however, any remaining hope was dashed when Duquesne confirmed that it had turned down multiple proposals to keep the 90-year-old press open, and that the closure would go ahead as planned.

In a statement, the university said that the press’s “persistent deficits could not be alleviated without sacrificing the high quality for which the press has been known.”

Continuing to operate the press “would take away funds necessary for programs that directly benefit Duquesne students and other academic programs,” the statement added. “Therefore, keeping the press open is not a viable option.”

Susan Wadsworth-Booth, the press’s director, had submitted a proposal to save it and said she disagreed that continuing it would have resulted in reduced quality. She said she had worked with the Association of American University Presses, heads of other university presses that had streamlined their operations, and faculty members at Duquesne, to develop “a very workable proposal that reduced our university subsidy by two-thirds.”

“We felt we could successfully carry this forward without any sacrifice in quality,” she said, “especially since our authors and editors expressed such willingness to step up to the challenge.”

Erik Garrett, an associate professor of communication and rhetorical studies and a member of the press's advisory board, said he was disappointed at the decision. "We thought there was a chance to save the press," he said, "but today's announcement makes us think that there was never a chance at all."

Though Duquesne University Press is small, with just three full-time staff members publishing around 10 books each year, the impact of its closure is likely to be widely felt, particularly by scholars of the 17th-century poet John Milton. (The press has also specialized in works on medieval and Renaissance literature, theology, and philosophy.)

Susanne Woods, a Miltonist and interim vice president at Westminster College, in Pennsylvania, who has been published by the press, described Duquesne as "arguably the best press in the U.S. for Milton studies, and "second-best in the world" after the Cambridge University Press.

Peter C. Herman, a professor of English literature at San Diego State University, called Duquesne "the go-to press for the Milton establishment."

### Milton at Risk

Of particular concern to Milton scholars is the fate of Milton Studies, the press's highly regarded annual scholarly journal. "Milton Studies is the major journal for the latest and most influential work in the field," said Ms. Woods in an email. "I hope it will find another home if Duquesne University is really so foolish to shut down their prize-winning press. Perhaps another publisher will be smart enough to pick up the whole list."

Laura Knoppers, editor of Milton Studies, said the journal receives around 40 submissions a year and has healthy readership numbers, with "a print run of about 750, plus a significant digital presence."

She said she was confident that it will find a home elsewhere, but that such a move would set "a very bad precedent."

"For a press that has tailored itself so beautifully to the mission of its own university to be cut purely for monetary reasons would be a shame," said Ms. Knoppers, a professor of English at the University of Notre Dame. "I feel very strongly that university presses play a crucial role in furthering the mission of their university, both in terms of supporting research and disseminating knowledge."

Elizabeth Sauer, president of the Milton Society of America, said via email that the closure of any press has special relevance for Miltonists, who "champion freedom of the press and freedom of expression, as Milton himself vehemently did."

**University presses have been put under considerable strain in recent years by tightened university budgets and dwindling sales, but actual closures have been rare, although high-profile presses, like the University of Missouri's, have publicly weighed the idea of closing.**

Duquesne University noted in its statement said that it was "actively pursuing" proposals to preserve the availability of some of the titles published by the press. Ms. Wadsworth-Booth, director of the press, told The Chronicle in an email that it's unclear "whether and how many of our titles and/or series can be made available."

"I would hope that we can place key publications and series with other presses that can give them the same attention and care that we have," she said.