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## Rogersville native named Mizzou's first Mitchell Scholar, will study in Ireland

By: Claudette Riley

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**For the first time in the history of the University of Missouri-Columbia, a student received the George J. Mitchell Scholarship.**

That student, Christopher Dade, is from Rogersville.

Dade, a senior majoring in chemistry, is one of only 12 students from America — and the first from Mizzou — to be named a Mitchell Scholar for the 2018-19 year.

The award provides tuition, living accommodations, a living expenses stipend and an international travel stipend for one year of postgraduate study in Ireland.

Dade, 22, said he was notified Saturday, Nov. 18 and was still trying to process the news. The program, which started in 2001, is similar to the Rhodes Scholarships.

He plans to study science communication at Dublin City University with the goal of obtaining a doctoral degree in chemical biology.

“Being named a Mitchell Scholar is a prestigious honor and everyone at MU is incredibly proud of Christopher,” said MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright, in a news release. “Christopher is an exemplary student, excelling in the chemistry department and giving back to campus. During his four years at Mizzou he has worked in labs, helped prospective students learn about campus and advocated on behalf of other students. He is a true example of what it means to be Mizzou-made.”

Dade said his goal is to promote engagement between the scientific community and the public, including explaining the impact of research on public policy.

"As a scientist, I am really interested in how those of us in the science community engage and communicate with the public," he said. "I hope to gain those skills."

Dade is the son of Jay and Christie Dade, who now live in Kansas City. He is a 2014 graduate of Logan-Rogersville High School and said growing up in a close-knit area made a difference.

"The community that you build in a smaller high school teaches you to be adaptive and resourceful," he said. "It put me in a really good position."

Dade plays trumpet player for Marching Mizzou, serves as campus president of the Associated Students of the University of Missouri and is vice president of external relations for the Mizzou Alumni Association Student Board. He works as a campus tour guide, providing tours to prospective high school and transfer students.

At Logan-Rogersville High School, he was in marching band, speech and debate and the academic bowl.

In 2016, Dade received a DAAD Summer Research Internship at the Leibniz Institute for Plant Biochemistry in Germany to research lead compounds for new treatments for Alzheimer's disease, cancer and HIV.

For the past three years, Dade has served as a site leader for Mizzou's alternative spring breaks, organizing projects focused on natural habitat restoration, public lands preservation, and food insecurity.

# MISSOURIAN

## With Stokes' departure looming, nominations sought for MU interim provost

BY MISSOURIAN STAFF

**Chancellor Alexander Cartwright said that because he's been at MU such a short time, he needs help selecting an interim provost and has named a committee to do so.**

The interim provost is expected to be named before Dec. 20, according to an email Cartwright sent to the campus community Wednesday seeking nominations for the position. The deadline for nominations is noon Nov. 30.

[Provost Garnett Stokes is leaving](#) to become president of the University of New Mexico starting March 1.

Members of the chancellor's advisory group are Kathryn Chval, dean of the College of Education; Rhonda Gibler, chief financial officer; Mark McIntosh, vice chancellor for research, graduate studies and economic development; Pelema Morrice, vice provost for enrollment management; Marshall Stewart, vice chancellor for extension and engagement; and Bill Weibold, professor of plant sciences and chair of the MU Faculty Council.

"This advisory group will consider the nominees and provide me with their assessment of each nominee's relative strengths and weaknesses," Cartwright, who started Aug. 1, wrote. "I will then interview a subset of those nominees."

According to the email, the interim provost will:

- Serve as chief academic officer of MU with oversight over its colleges and schools, research centers and other units that support academics.
- Make decisions on behalf of the chancellor when the chancellor is not available.

The job description also noted:

"As 2018 begins, several critical activities are underway, including strategic planning, an audit of administrative structures/processes, an academic program review, budget reallocations, hiring of new faculty, two dean searches, and the review of tenure and promotion cases. As a member of the senior leadership team, the interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost plays a key role in these initiatives, contributing to MU's long-term plan, utilizing data to drive decision-making, and directing activities that are deeply tied to MU's future goals and mission.

"The interim needs to be both a superb academic leader and a brilliant operations and finance manager who understands the new business models for higher education and can position MU to respond to the powerful pressures created by declining state support, changing student populations and advancing workforce needs.

“The university will ultimately look to this leader to set academic priorities, work with faculty to craft a compelling curriculum, reduce costs, increase efficiencies, and reallocate resources to support these decisions.”

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

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## Nicklaus: Republican tax bills put a big bull's-eye on higher education

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David Nicklaus

Plenty of industries, from homebuilding to electric car manufacturing, complain that they are on the losing end of the tax bill making its way through Congress.

Higher education, though, seems to be the target of an [unusually large number](#) of revenue-raising provisions. The House bill does away with the deduction for student-loan interest, trims tax credits available to students and parents, taxes graduate students on the value of tuition waivers and taxes workers for employer-paid tuition.

Both the House and Senate also are proposing a new tax on some universities' endowment income. In addition, colleges and other nonprofit institutions worry that a higher standard deduction will leave Americans with less incentive to make charitable donations.

It looks like a multipronged attack on what some Republicans view as an academic elite. According to a [survey by the Pew Centers](#) this summer, 58 percent of Republicans believe universities affect the country negatively, while just 36 percent say the effect is positive.

Among Democrats, 72 percent see colleges having a positive effect, while just 19 percent view them negatively. The divide is striking, but we can't afford to have higher education become a partisan battleground.

"It's hard to understand why people would be proposing this," says Fred Pestello, president of St. Louis University. "It runs counter to everything that has formed the basis of the country's economic vitality."

University leaders are both puzzled and alarmed by the proposal to tax graduate students on the value of the tuition they don't have to pay. Tuition waivers are granted to students who perform teaching or research duties in addition to their studies, and are most prevalent in scientific and technical fields.

At Washington University, tuition is about \$50,000 a year. A research assistant living on a stipend of perhaps \$30,000 a year would suddenly have taxable income of \$80,000.

The huge tax increase would either keep some students from pursuing graduate degrees, force universities to pay them more, or both. "It would be devastating to these students," says Mark Wrighton, chancellor of Washington University, "and this kind of impact would be devastating to the research enterprise."

Nearly 145,000 graduate students receive such tuition waivers. The job-rating website [Glassdoor](#) says the average research assistant earns less than \$30,000 a year.

They hardly constitute a wealthy elite. Nor do the 13 million taxpayers who deduct student-loan interest or the 2.5 million who claim the lifetime learning credit, which was designed to benefit nontraditional students.

Even the proposed 1.4 percent excise tax on investment income, which targets 70 or so schools with large endowments, would have unintended consequences.

Wrighton says Washington University, which would be hit by the tax, uses its endowment to provide aid to low-income students. "We've been trying very hard to help as many students as we can, and having an excise tax on endowment returns will slow the rate of progress," he said. "It would have an impact on the available resources for financial aid."

Both [Wrighton](#) and [Pestello](#) have written letters sharing their concerns with Missouri's senators and members of Congress. [Christian Basi](#), spokesman for the University of Missouri system, said the state universities endorse [similar letters](#) written by [higher-education groups](#).

The educators are hopeful that Republicans, though eager to pass a tax cut by Christmas, will slow down and think about the harm they might be doing.

Our universities are, after all, the envy of the world, and they produce the human capital on which our economy runs. Anything that damages them also damages America's future.



## [Campus police officers celebrate Thanksgiving with international grad student](#)

By **STEPHANIE HIRATA**

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**COLUMBIA — The University of Missouri Police Department hosted an annual Thanksgiving meal for officers working Thursday and their families.**

This year was slightly different because they participated in the Mizzou Welcomes You program, which connects local faculty and staff with international students.

Joy Zhuang MU international graduate student Joy Zhuang studying personal financial planning joined them for a Thanksgiving meal.

"This is actually a great opportunity for especially international students because we don't really celebrate Thanksgiving in our own country," Zhuang said. "Then they hold this event and just

gives us the chance to experience the culture, the tradition of Thanksgiving and enjoy some food."

She said this was her second time celebrating Thanksgiving and she enjoyed meeting the officers and their families who she described as very welcoming.

Lt. Buddy Anliker and his wife Christie hosted the informal celebration.

"We were very excited to have joy join us and that was a great opportunity for her to get to know the police officers here and also learn more about her heritage in China," Anliker said.

Anliker said it was a great way to reach out to the community and they hope to invite more international students for future holiday meals.

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## University of Missouri scientists honored with fellowships

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**Six University of Missouri faculty members – five on the Columbia campus and one at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla – are among the 391 scientists recognized this year as fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.**

Columbia faculty receiving the honor are David Braun and J. Chris Pires, professors of biological sciences in the College of Arts and Science, Patrick Delafontaine, dean of the School of Medicine, and David Emerich and Thomas Spencer, professors in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

Braun is being recognized for his contribution to understanding plant genetics and Pires works to understand plant systems and evolution. Delafontaine is receiving his fellowship for work to understand the role of a peptide hormone in wasting diseases such as congestive heart failure and chronic kidney disease. Emerich studies nitrogen fixation for plant growth and Spencer investigates animal reproduction.

They will be joined by Francisca Oboh-Ikuenobe, a professor at Science and Technology who studies microfossils such as pollens and spores.



## MU professor seeks treatment for disease that has killed local cattle

By SYDNEY OLSEN

Watch video at: <http://www.komu.com/news/mu-professor-seeks-treatment-for-disease-that-has-killed-local-cattle>

**COLUMBIA -Some mid-Missouri beef producers have lost cattle to a disease spread by ticks and now an MU research team will be looking into how to prevent it.**

"It can be very severe, sometimes even fatal," said MU professor Bill Stich.

The disease is bovine anaplasmosis and it causes anemia.

Stich said the disease is caused by a bacteria that infects the red blood cells in cattle.

"Ticks are the actual host for the organism," Stich said.

Stich works with a team of graduate and undergraduate students in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology. He recently received a \$460,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to research anaplasmosis.

Sally Thomas, a local beef producer from Centralia, said she lost a few cattle from anaplasmosis last year. She said the cows that become infected started to look very sick.

"They will be by themselves. They will get thin," she said. "It is a blood-borne disease so it affects their red blood cells, so they actually will become very aggressive."

Thomas said the symptoms make it very difficult to treat the cattle. Thomas said there are some things producers can do to help prevent the disease, such as changing needles frequently when vaccinating cattle or spraying for bugs.

"It seems to affect older cows more frequently, just because they may have a lower immune system," she said.

Anaplasmosis can be costly to producers. Stich said it is difficult to measure the economic impact because there has not been a recent thorough study. Thomas said the disease can be very expensive for producers, and it is an important disease to be studying.

"Anaplasmosis actually has a huge economic impact on producers because it does affect their bottom line," Thomas said. "The cows can also abort their babies or their fetuses because of the stress associated with it, so if we could prevent it or if they could find a cure for the disease it would be a great benefit to cattle producers."

Stich said, "It will take at least three years before we meet the current objectives."

He said the end goal, after finding new preventative measures, is to form a new product to treat cattle.



## [The bizarrely mundane reasons why North Korea has stopped testing missiles](#)

**For now.**

By Alex Ward

Tensions between North Korea and the United States reached a boiling point this year, with President Donald Trump threatening to unleash "[fire and fury](#)" against Pyongyang, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un [saying](#) he would "surely and definitely tame the mentally deranged US dotard with fire."

But North Korea hasn't [launched a missile](#) since September 15, when a projectile flew over Japan and landed harmlessly in the ocean. US Special Envoy for North Korea Joseph Yun [speculated](#) that a testing break this long could be a sign that Pyongyang was ready to start negotiations over its nuclear program.

The problem is that focusing on this relative period of calm shifts attention away from a more troubling possibility: that North Korea may be preparing to launch missiles in early 2018 during the Olympics in neighboring South Korea.

“There would be no better time for North Korea to test a more fearsome three-stage intercontinental ballistic missile, big hydrogen bomb, or even try to launch a cyberattack on the Olympics themselves,” Harry Kazianis, an Asia security expert at the Center for the National Interest, told me.

He noted that Kim might be holding on to his arsenal to make a splash during the two-week event that will take place in Pyeongchang, South Korea — only 60 miles from the Korean border.

But experts say there are also mundane reasons why North Korea isn’t launching right now: the weather in North Korea is hostile during the winter, which makes it harder to test missiles, and North Korean troops are too busy harvesting food to eat.

All of which means North Korea’s decision not to launch any missiles in recent weeks isn’t a sign of a sudden change of heart in Pyongyang. Instead, it could be sign that Kim is prepared to move closer to the brink of all-out confrontation with the US.

*“This is all just the calm before the storm”*

Many experts bluntly believe that the current lull likely won’t last.

“If North Korea follows the usual cycle, I’d expect testing to pick back up again next year,”  
Sheena Greitens, a North Korea expert at the University of Missouri, told me.

The story continues: <https://www.vox.com/world/2017/11/24/16686208/north-korea-trump-kim-missile>

# The Washington Post

## George Will: A nod to another year of American hilarity

WASHINGTON — Tryptophan, an amino acid in turkey, is unjustly blamed for what mere gluttony does, making Americans comatose every fourth Thursday in November. During this season of Thanksgiving, give thanks for another year of American hilarity, including:

A company curried favor with advanced thinkers by commissioning for Manhattan's financial district the "Fearless Girl" bronze statue, which exalts female intrepidity in the face of a rampant bull (representing (1) a surging stock market or (2) toxic masculinity). Then the company paid a \$5 million settlement, mostly for paying 305 female executives less than men in comparable positions.

New York's decrepit subway system took action: Henceforth, gender-neutral announcements will address "passengers" rather than "ladies and gentlemen." Washington's subway banned a civil liberties group's ad consisting entirely of the text of the First Amendment, which ostensibly violated the rule against ads "intended to influence members of the public regarding an issue on which there are varying opinions."

California now can jail certain caregivers who "willfully and repeatedly fail to use a resident's preferred name or pronouns." A Massachusetts librarian rejected a donation of Dr. Seuss books because they are "steeped in racist propaganda," and The New Yorker discovered that "Thomas the Tank Engine" is "authoritarian." Always alert about planetary crises, The New Yorker also reported: "The world is running out of sand."

A food truck offering free lunches to workers cleaning up after Hurricane Irma was banished from a Florida town because its operator had no government permit to do that.

United Airlines said: Assault? Don't be misled by your eyes. That passenger dragged off the plane was just being "re-accommodated."

Even Sen. Bernie Sanders went to Mississippi, to the Nissan plant in Canton, to help the United Automobile Workers with yet another attempt to convince Southern workers of the delights of unionization. The workers, 80 percent of whom are black, voted 2-to-1 against the UAW.

A New York Times tweet about the South reported a shooting at a nightclub "in downtown Arkansas."

Louisiana's Democratic Party joined the virtue-signaling by changing the name of its Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

In toney and oh-so-progressive Malibu, the City Council voted to become a sanctuary city. The councilwoman who made the motion for protecting illegal immigrants said: "Our city depends on a Hispanic population to support our comfortable lifestyle."

In more-progressive-than-thou Oregon, where you can get state-subsidized gender reassignment surgery at age 15 without parental permission, the Legislature made 21 the age at which adults can buy cigarettes.

UCLA researchers warned that because Americans' pets eat meat, they endanger the planet by generating 64 million tons of carbon dioxide.

Forty-two years after the government began (with fuel economy standards) trying to push Americans into gas-sipping cars, the three best-selling vehicles were the Ford, Chevrolet and Ram pick-up trucks.

A year after a NASA climatologist (from the "settled" science of climate) said California was "in a drought forever," torrential rains threatened to break dams.

Pierce College in Los Angeles was sued after it prevented a student from giving away Spanish-language copies of the U.S. Constitution because he was outside the .003 percent of the campus designated a "free speech zone."

**Two years after social justice warriors convulsed the University of Missouri in Columbia, freshman enrollment was down 35 percent. An Arizona State University professor allowed some students in her human rights class to stage anti-Donald Trump protests in lieu of final exams.**

The University of Arizona guide instructed instructors to encourage students to say "ouch" when something said in class hurts their feelings.

Clemson University's diversity training washed brains with this idea: Expecting punctuality might be insensitive because in some cultures time is considered "fluid."

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that students are not the only victims of academic suffering. It seems that after the nine-month school year, professors endure isolation, solitude and depression during their three-month vacations.

Massachusetts continues to be surprised that the smuggling of cigarettes into the state increased when state cigarette taxes increased. Although San Francisco's hourly minimum wage has not yet reached its destination of \$15, the city is surprised that so many small businesses have closed.

McDonald's probably was not surprised when its shares surged after it announced plans to replace cashiers with digital ordering kiosks in 2,500 restaurants.

Finally, Domino's Pizza is going to need bigger menus. Government labeling regulations require calorie counts for every variation of items sold, which Domino's says (counting different topping and crusts) includes about 34 million possible combinations. None, however, have excessive tryptophan.

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## Mizzou Alumni seek tiger toys

By STRAFF REPORTS

**University of Missouri alumni in Callaway County are on the prowl for tiger toys to make the holiday season happier for needy children.**

The group recently kicked off its annual drive during an alumni chapter tour of Wise Bros.

The Callaway County Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association started collecting tiger toys to give away in 2001, and it has become somewhat of a tradition. The toys are donated to children through Central Missouri Community Action in Fulton.

This year's tiger toy drive will continue through Dec. 8, and everyone is encouraged to participate. Toys may be delivered to Don Woodson's State Farm Office, 517 Nichols St. in Fulton.

According to Mike Conner, chapter president, any tiger-related item will be accepted for the toy drive, including stuffed animals, games, toys and books.

"We'd like to encourage the entire community to assist in this toy drive," he said. "With these tiger toys, we hope to again brighten the holidays for some less-fortunate children."

The tiger toy drive is only one of the Callaway County chapter's service projects. Each year, they collect canned goods for SERVE and conduct a blood drive and other philanthropic activities.

The chapter also presents several awards to community members at the year-end banquet, including Outstanding Alumnus, Agriculture and Education.

Activities like these are what have earned the chapter the alumni association's top honor each year since its founding in 1995. It is one of a handful of chapters nationally to achieve Capstone status — the highest level of achievement in the Mizzou Alumni Association's Chapter Recognition Program — each year since its inception in 2001.

This distinction allows the chapter to earn scholarships for local students, as well as funds for chapter activities. The national association makes available a \$4,000 scholarship (\$1,000 a

year, renewable for up to four years) for the chapter to award to a Callaway County student to attend MU. In addition, the chapter annually awards a \$1,000 scholarship from money earned through a silent auction.

For more information on the tiger toy collection or any of the chapter's activities, contact Conner at 573-386-2366 or Mike.Conner@american-national.com.



## Local Mizzou alumni chapter collects Tiger Toys for Tots

By JESSICA PORTER

Watch video at: <http://www.komu.com/news/local-mizzou-alumni-chapter-collects-tiger-toys-for-tots>

**COLUMBIA - The Mizzou Alumni Callaway County Chapter is putting a black and gold spin on a holiday toy drive by collecting tiger related toys for children in Callaway County.**

"Everybody collects toys at Christmas time," Mary Ann Beahon, the chapter's founder said.

"So we figured since we're Mizzou alumni, we would put a twist on it and make them tiger toys to go with our mascot."

Beahon said any tiger related item will be accepted, including stuffed animals, puzzles or books. The chapter is also accepting regular toy donations. The toys will be donated to kids through Central Missouri Community Action in Fulton.

Founded in 1995, the chapter has been collecting tiger toys since 2001.

"We do a lot of community service projects during the course of the year," Beahon said.

"At Christmas time we just want to make sure all children have some type of toy."

Chapter president Mike Conner said he wants to make the drive a community effort.

"We'd like to encourage the entire community to assist in this toy drive. With these Tiger toys, we hope to again brighten the holidays for some less-fortunate children," Conner said.

The drive is just one of the many community service events the chapter owns. The drive will help the chapter reach capstone status, which is the highest distinction a Mizzou alumni chapter can earn. If a chapter is extremely active in the community, the Mizzou Alumni Association will award the chapter with \$4,000 to give away as a scholarship to a student in Callaway County.

Beahon said she's happy that the chapter is able to give back to the community in so many different ways.

Those interested in donating toys can drop off toys at Don Woodson's State Farm Office, 517 Nicholas Road in Fulton. The drive will run through December 8.

## THE KANSAS CITY STAR.

### Mizzou linebacker T.J. Warren arrested for unpaid speeding ticket

BY AARON REISS

Columbia police arrested Missouri linebacker T.J. Warren on Sunday morning for failure to appear for a speeding ticket.

Athletic department spokesman Nick Joos said in a text message that the team was looking into the situation and gathering more information as of late Sunday afternoon.

The police department of Crocker, Mo., about 90 miles south of Columbia, issued the speeding ticket. The Boone County jail said Columbia police arrested Warren at 3217 Old 63 Highway, the address of the Copper Beech Townhomes in Columbia. According to dispatch records, police were summoned to the address at 12:45 a.m. because of a "suspicious vehicle."

The Columbia Police Department's public information officer did not return a call or email regarding the matter.

Warren was booked in jail at 1:52 a.m. Sunday. He posted a \$100 bail and was released from Boone County jail.

Warren, who made 19 tackles in 12 games as a redshirt freshman a season ago, missed the first seven games of this season. He has since logged 11 tackles, including one for a loss. He also

recorded an interception in his the first game he played this season, a 52-12 Mizzou win at Connecticut. He is the No. 2 strong-side linebacker on Mizzou's most recently released depth chart.

The sophomore missed part of Mizzou's spring practices earlier this year for an unspecified violation of team rules. He participated early during spring camp before subsequently receiving a suspension.



## Paul Pepper: Graduate Student Mohammed Aldawsair, Center for English Language Learning

By TRAVIS McMILLEN & PAUL PEPPER

Today Paul Pepper visits with DEBBIE PARKER, Center for English Language Learning at MU, and MOHAMMED ALDAWSARI, a student in the Intensive English Program (IEP) from Saudi Arabia. Mohammed tells us his story, and how CELL has helped him improve his english-speaking skills. If you'd like to volunteer and work with students like Mohammed, simply email Debbie - watch for details!