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>>> **Randy Coil**, president and founder, and **Karin Martin**, office manager of **Coil Construction**, were each awarded the 2010 Grand Award from Midwest

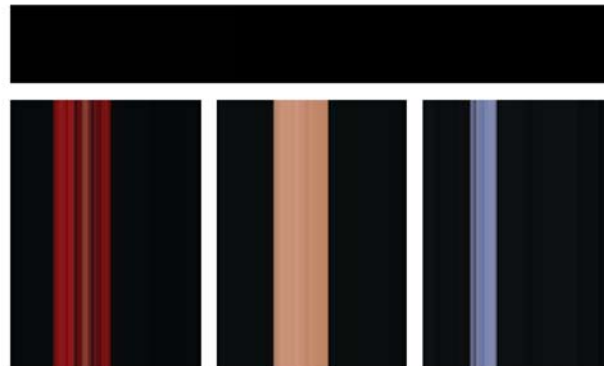
▲ **Coil Builders' Casualty Mutual Company**. The Grand Award recognizes Coil Construction's excellence in the safety aspect of its construction business. The award, given twice a year to Midwest Builders' Casualty members, recognizes excellence in field safety, claims management and loss prevention. Coil previously received a loss prevention/loss control award from the company three years ago.

Mizzou Baseball Head Coach Tim Jamieson has been named the manager of the 2011 Collegiate National Team. He will be joined by pitching coach Rob Walton (Oral Roberts) and assistant coaches Dave Van Horn (Arkansas) and Scott Stricklin (Kent State).

N.H. Scheppers Distributing Co., with offices in Columbia and Jefferson City, announced that **Elizabeth Metroff** has assumed the position of corporate social responsibility coordinator. In this capacity, she will oversee the implementation of national Anheuser-Busch initiatives in a number of areas including underage drinking prevention, drunk-driving prevention, promotion of responsible drinking, and college programs.

The **University of Missouri** recently received three new Plant Genome Research Program awards from the National Science Foundation. The awards, which range from \$600,000 to \$1.5 million over five years, will support projects that further knowledge of how plant genes function and govern plants' interactions with their environment in three economically important crops — corn, soybean and canola. **Gary Stacey**, a professor of plant sciences, is principal investigator on a four-year, \$1.5 million project to use soybean root hairs as a model system for studying cellular function in plants. Co-investigators on the project include **Dong Xu** and **Jianlin Cheng**, MU professors of computer science with expertise in bioinformatics and systems biology. Stacey, Xu and Cheng are all investigators in the Christopher S. Bond Life Sciences Center. **Scott Peck**, associate professor of biochemistry in the Bond Life Sciences Center, is co-investigator on a four-year, multi-institutional research project that will aid in developing canola with greater tolerance to drought conditions. **James Birchler**, a curators' professor of biological sciences, is co-principal investigator on a multi-institutional project to study the functional genomics of chromosome centromeres in maize. Peck and Birchler will receive approximately \$600,000 and \$900,000, respectively, to support the portion of the work to be conducted at the university.

Dongsheng Duan of the University of Missouri's Molecular Microbiology and Immunology Department has received a \$2.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop a treatment that prevents heart muscles from weakening as a result of Duchenne muscular dystrophy. As many as 40



▲ **Frerking**

▲ **Barnes**

▲ **Stull**

>>> The **Columbia Chamber of Commerce** recently announced the addition of three new staff members: **Kathy Frerking** as the director of financial services, **Amanda Barnes** as the director of communication services and **Kate Stull** as the director of Women's Network.