Nearly 60 years after he departed Shelbyville, Mo., for Columbia, where his face became a fixture on the Mount Rushmore of Mizzou history, Norm Stewart's official role at the university at last has ended. At least for now.

His most recent role was special assistant to the chancellor, essentially an ambassadorship to MU alumni. That particular job recently ended in the wake of the conclusion last fall of Mizzou's $1 billion fund-raising campaign, "For All We Call Mizzou."

That was an apt name for an initiative in which Stewart immersed himself, making by his estimate more than 600 fund-raising appearances for the cause — equaling or surpassing his better-known victories for the school: 634 as a coach.

"That's great — that's probably right," said MU Chancellor Brady Deaton, who called Stewart and his wife, Virginia, "model leaders."

As he lauded Stewart in a phone interview Monday, Deaton said he considered him "a very important person in the history of this institution" and said he hoped the Stewarts could be available for a continued partnership when MU determines the course of its next major fund-raising campaign in the next few years.

Stewart, 74, could not be reached for comment over the past several days.

In an e-mail last month that included the Post-Dispatch among its recipients, Stewart said he had been informed by Deaton that he no longer would have a position at the university.

Though Stewart made no mention of potential future endeavors, he concluded, "Let's help one another and make Mizzou one of the top 10 public universities in the United States."

That often was the standard of the basketball program he resuscitated when he returned to his alma mater in 1967 after six seasons coaching Northern Iowa. Before Stewart, MU had qualified for one NCAA Tournament. Stewart took the Tigers there 16 times before retiring in 1999 and spending the next 10 years in another branch of service to the school with which he had become synonymous since enrolling in 1952.
University of Missouri journalism school announces medal winners

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA | A journalist from Pakistan and an online magazine are among those receiving distinguished service awards from the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Mazhar Abbas, deputy director of news and reporting for ARY One World, a news outlet in Pakistan, joins the online news magazine Slate and five other journalists receiving the Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism.

Others named Tuesday were:

• Rance Crain, president of Crain Communications Inc.; editor-in-chief of Advertising Age, Crain's Chicago Business and Crain's New York Business
• Doug Crews, executive director, Missouri Press Association
• Bill Eppridge, photojournalist
• Rod Gelatt, professor emeritus, Missouri School of Journalism
• Deborah Howell, former Washington Post ombudsman and veteran Washington journalist

ON THE WEB
MU journalism school names honor medal recipients

By Amber Wade
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COLUMBIA — Two Columbia residents are among the journalism advocates and professionals named winners of the 2009 Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism.

The award will be given to six individual honorees and to Slate, a daily online magazine, on Oct. 20 at the Reynolds Alumni Center in Columbia, according to a news release.

Columbia residents Doug Crews, executive director of the Missouri Press Association, and Rod Gelatt, professor emeritus at the Missouri School of Journalism, will both receive the award.

Crews graduated from MU and has served in numerous leadership positions in the industry, including positions with the Newspaper Association Managers and the National Newspaper Association. He joined the Missouri Press Association in 1979 as assistant director and was named executive director in 1990.

Gelatt influenced many of the world's top radio-television journalists during his more than 45 years of service with the Missouri School of Journalism. He received the Chancellor's Faculty Retiree Award in 2008 and served as the president of the MU Retirees Association from 2006 to 2007.

The four other honorees are Mazhar Abbas, a press freedom fighter in Pakistan; Rance Crain, president of Crain Communications Inc. and editor-in-chief of Advertising Age; Deborah Howell, editor and ombudsman; and photojournalist Bill Eppridge.

During his 27-year career as a journalist, Abbas risked his life to promote the democracy of journalism in Pakistan and received the 2007 International Press Freedom Award from the Committee to Protect Journalists.
Crain has been in advertising and media for more than 30 years. As editor-in-chief of Advertising Age, he created many titles, most notably Crain's Chicago Business and Crain's New York Business.

Howell joined the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1979 and became the vice-president and editor. The newspaper won two Pulitzer Prizes and was a finalist seven times during her time there. From 2005 to 2008, she was an ombudsman for the Washington Post. She is now a consultant at Advance.

An MU graduate, Eppridge has been a photographer for publications such as Life, National Geographic and Sports Illustrated. He photographed many memorable moments, including the Beatles' first United States appearance and the shooting of Robert F. Kennedy.

The Missouri School of Journalism faculty selected all of the winners based on their lifetime success in journalism. The honor has been awarded since 1930 to more than 425 recipients.
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Human trafficking documentary to screen at MU

By Kaitlin Motley
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COLUMBIA — A documentary that follows adolescent girls as they are manipulated into prostitution through violence, isolation and drugs will screen at MU next week.

"Very Young Girls," a film about human trafficking in the United States, will show from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 13 at Stotler Lounge in Memorial Union. The event is hosted by students from Rock Bridge High School, MU's Stop Traffic student organization and the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition.

Released in 2007, "Very Young Girls" was first publicly screened at the 2008 True/False Film Festival. Emily Smith of the MU News Bureau said the film has renewed poignancy as further research is conducted.

"We're discovering the problem isn't just international or in big cities. It's also in smaller communities," Smith said. "We need to shed light on it, create conversation, and we're hoping people decide to act on what they see."

Admission to the event is $5, and donations will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit Girls Educational and Mentoring Services, a nonprofit organization founded by Rachel Lloyd, a survivor of sexual exploitation and co-producer of the film.
Obama nominates MU alumnus for Homeland Security medical post

By James Ostler
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COLUMBIA — MU alumnus Alexander Garza has been nominated by President Barack Obama to become assistant secretary for health affairs and chief medical officer of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, according to a news release from the MU School of Medicine.

Garza, a 1996 graduate of the School of Medicine, is awaiting confirmation by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. The nomination must be approved by the committee before it can go before the Senate for a vote.

Committee Chairman Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., said the duties of the chief medical officer are essential to the mission of the Department of Homeland Security.

"Dr. Garza, if he is confirmed, will play a vital role in our nation's ongoing response to the H1N1 pandemic," Lieberman said in a statement.

Garza currently serves as a staff physician for the Level I trauma center at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

Previously, Garza served as director of military programs at the ER One Institute at Washington Hospital Center, associate medical director of emergency medical services for the state of New Mexico and director of emergency medical services for the Kansas City Health Department. Garza has also provided health services for the U.S. military in Senegal and Iraq.

Garza received his bachelor's degree at the University of Missouri in Kansas City and his master's degree in public health from St. Louis University's School of Public Health.
Doctor with KC ties nominated to be Homeland Security's chief medical officer

By MARÁ ROSE WILLIAMS
The Kansas City Star

The nation’s response to pandemic threat or biological or chemical attack could be up to a University of Missouri School of Medicine graduate who once worked for the Kansas City Health Department.

Alexander Garza, a former emergency medical services director for the city, was nominated by President Barack Obama to be the chief medical officer for the Department of Homeland Security.

Garza testified last week before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. A full Senate vote may come this week.

“Dr. Garza brings many years of experience as both a leader in the public health field and a practicing emergency physician,” Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said in a statement Tuesday.

Garza was not available for comment.

If confirmed to the department’s Office of Health Affairs, Garza would have duties including health security matters, Napolitano said.

“My medical training at the University of Missouri definitely contributed to my understanding of medical systems and emergency response,” Garza said during a hearing last month. “Working as a paramedic for University Hospital gave me understanding of the challenges.”

Since his 1996 graduation from medical school, Garza has had many roles:

• He currently is on staff at the trauma center at Washington Hospital Center, in the capital. He previously had been director of military programs at the ER One Institute there.

• Associate medical director of emergency services for New Mexico.

• Military service as a battalion surgeon; public health team chief during Operation Flintlock in Senegal; public health team chief during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and medical investigator for Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, U.S. commander in Iraq.

• Flight paramedic at University Hospital at Columbia and emergency medical technician at Truman Medical Center.

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Ex-MU athlete gets vandalism sentence

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

A former walk-on offensive lineman for the University of Missouri football team was sentenced yesterday to five years of supervised probation and ordered to pay restitution for his role in the vandalism of 40 cars in a campus parking garage.

Wayhart

Zachary Wayhart, 20, of Glencoe and another suspect, Tyler Eckert, 19, of Ballwin were accused of damaging vehicles in the Virginia Avenue parking garage on Feb. 3, 2008, including slashing tires, keying doors, smashing windshields and stomping on the hoods of cars. Two other teenage suspects were arrested on suspicion of liquor law violations in connection with the crimes.

In a Boone County courtroom yesterday, Wayhart's attorney, Bogdan Susan, said his client is remorseful and has saved up $3,000 from his work doing landscaping to pay for restitution. Wayhart is no longer a student at MU and lives at home with his family. He entered a guilty plea in June.

"His life has been on hold since that day," Susan said. "He's lost everything."

Judge Kevin Crane ordered Wayhart, along with other defendants, to pay back $11,395 in restitution for damage to the vehicles. Crane also said a condition of Wayhart's probation is not to possess or consume any intoxicants and not to set foot on the premises of a bar.
"You get drunk, you got a 12-pack in the car, you get busted in a bar, you come back in front of me, I'm going to throw you in the penitentiary," Crane said. "Don't do anything stupid."