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## A cheery mood makes you more forgetful

By Linda Carroll

Ever wonder why the bad times seem so much easier to remember than the good ones? Scientists may have found the explanation: A new study shows that your memory doesn't work as well when you're in a good mood.

**"Other studies have found that you have more creativity when you're in a good mood," says the study's lead author, Elizabeth A. Martin, a doctoral candidate at the University of Missouri. "We may have found something that a good mood is bad for."**

At the beginning of the study, Martin and her co-author assessed the moods of 180 college students. Then half the study volunteers were shown a video designed to make them feel good -- 15 minutes from Jerry Seinfeld's stand up comedy video, "I'm Telling You for the Last Time." The other half were shown a home improvement video called "How Do I: Flooring," which explained how to install different types of floor coverings.

After the videos, the volunteers' moods were assessed once again -- sure enough, the Seinfeld viewers were happier, while the moods of the other volunteers were unchanged.

Next Martin sat her volunteers down and gave them a memory test. They were told they would hear a list of single digit numbers and would then be asked to recall the last six without being told in advance how many numbers would be in the list. Then Martin listed 12 to 20 numbers for the volunteers, with just four seconds between each item.

Martin repeated the test 18 times with each person. And as it turns out, there was a clear difference in the volunteers' ability to parrot back the numbers: Those who saw the Seinfeld video had a harder time remembering all six.

What is it about a good mood that makes memory bad? Martin isn't sure, but she's willing to guess.

The same thing that makes us more creative at these times -- our tendency to focus on many things rather than just one -- may be what makes it hard to remember, she says. Put simply, we're just a bit more scattered when we're in a good mood.

The solution is simple. If you know that your memory isn't going to be as reliable when you're in a good mood, you can take steps to counter that effect, like writing down people's phone numbers or consciously associating something important with a new acquaintance's name.

Do you think you get a little spacier when you're happy?

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## **Study: Online learning needs common terms**

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COLOMBIA, Mo., April 5 (UPI) -- U.S. researchers say a lack of common definitions makes it difficult to determine effective strategies for e-learning, online learning and distance learning.

**While the definitions of these terms might seem trivial, researchers at the University of Missouri say they are necessary to give students accurate previews of courses, as the new learning environments are presented in many different ways in schools, colleges and the business world, a UM release reported Wednesday.**

Some online learning includes occasional face-to-face meetings, the researchers said, while some has synchronized video classrooms. Some courses might have instructors available to students through e-mail, while others are entirely self-directed by students.

"What we found is there is no common understanding, even across disciplines or locations," Joi Moore, a professor in the UM College of Education, said. "We found that many experts in the field didn't define what they were doing; they just said, 'this is what I use.'"

"As education researchers, we don't get the true context of the instructional environment, and without that, it is impossible to compare learning results," Moore said.



## Fans warming to Haith hire

Incredulity, anger turn to optimism.

By David Briggs Tuesday, April 5, 2011



Photo by Parker Eshelman

Frank Haith enters Mizzou Arena's Clinton Club before a news conference Tuesday morning where he was introduced as the 17th men's basketball coach at the University of Missouri.

Mike Alden said he understood there would be backlash to his hire of Frank Haith as Missouri's new basketball coach. Before the Tigers athletic director could explain the choice publicly, he knew many fans would refuse to see past Haith's pedestrian seven-year tenure at the University of Miami.

But Alden wasn't quite prepared for the degree of pessimism he encountered. Via Twitter, message boards and talk radio, a majority of Missouri fans — and national observers — immediately vacillated between dissatisfaction and disbelief.

"This is inexplicable," tweeted Gary Parrish, CBS' national college basketball writer.

"This is like if another program hired Quin Snyder away from us," said Jonathan Keenan, a 28-year-old Missouri alum, as he stood outside Shiloh Bar & Grill. "We'd be laughing. What do you think Miami's thinking?"

In a poll on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch's website, only 9 percent of more than 6,000 respondents approved of the hire.

"Maybe," Alden said of the reaction, it "caught me off guard a little bit."

He added, "It was passionate."

Will time lend a different perspective? Alden is counting on it.

“Now that we’re able to come out and talk about the entire thing,” Alden said last night, “our hope would be that those passionate fans are going to be excited, they’re going to embrace Frank Haith, they’re going to embrace his family, they’re going to look forward to the future of our program.”

A day later, a segment of Tigers supporters appeared to be heeding the call.

As Missouri officially introduced Haith as its 17th men’s basketball coach this morning at Mizzou Arena, many once-puzzled fans steadily began to express their faith in Alden.

Haith, who went 129-101 and only 43-69 in the Atlantic Coast Conference during his seven seasons in Miami, was a significant letdown from Matt Painter — the three-time Big Ten Coach of the Year whom Missouri attempted to woo away from Purdue last week.

But Alden’s past two major hires — football Coach Gary Pinkel and former basketball Coach Mike Anderson — proved successful. Tony Dorn, president of the Tiger Club booster group in St. Louis, said he’s willing to give Alden the benefit of the doubt.

“A lot of Missouri fans tend to jump right away, to jump off bridges, because you’re always waiting for the next bad thing to happen at Missouri, right?” he said. “I’ll reserve judgment, to be honest. I have a lot of faith in the athletic department..”

Mark Vickery, who heads the Kansas City booster club, said, “I think everybody will give him a chance. ... I sure think it’s irresponsible to be overwhelmingly negative on somebody that nobody’s ever heard of.”

Todd McCubbin, executive director of the Mizzou Alumni Association, said he noticed a shift in fan sentiment yesterday. He, too, wondered about the hire after reading the barrage of negative responses, particularly those from national college basketball writers. But as McCubbin learned more about Haith, known as a strong recruiter with deep Big 12 ties as a former assistant at Texas and Texas A&M, he understood the hire.

“You kept thinking, OK, if we can fast-forward 24 hours or 48 hours,” the reaction “certainly had the chance to maybe be a little bit better than what it is at the moment that it happened,” McCubbin said.

He believes it has been. Just not for all.

Keenan wondered how many coaches turned down Alden before he resorted to hiring a coach whose job was in doubt at Miami only months ago.

“They just gave up,” Keenan said. “They just threw in the towel. You’re going to hire this guy?”

## COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

# New Missouri men's basketball coach Frank Haith introduced to new fans and new team

By Ben Frederickson

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**COLUMBIA — Frank Haith stepped onto the stage and behind a podium for his first press conference as the head coach of the Missouri men's basketball team. The applause stopped and the new coach began to acknowledge his family. Just one minute after he started, he made his first mistake.**

"My wife Pam, who I've been married to for 20 years, but we've probably been together for 25 years," Haith said. "I think. Is that right?"

The woman sitting in a chair near the stage smiled and reminded her husband that the two have been together for 27 years.

"I knew I was going to be wrong," Haith said. "I thought I was going to do a great job today."

On Tuesday, even Haith's slip worked in his favor. The exchange between the husband and his wife relaxed the room. People laughed and tension eased. And when Haith began speaking again, his message slowly began to wash away some of the criticism that has surrounded his hiring.

Haith did not hide from the issue that hung over his introduction. He knows his 45-72 ACC record, accumulated during his seven seasons as Miami's head coach, is the reason many were not thrilled to hear his name announced as the man who will take over where Mike Anderson left off.

But Haith didn't apologize for the record.

"I stand here today with my head held high, very prideful of what we accomplished at the University of Miami," Haith said. "Would I have wanted to do more? Absolutely. But I understand what my situation was, coming into a place where we were creating our tradition."

Haith said Missouri is a better situation, with better resources and a better environment. With more, Haith said he will be able to do more.

As far as the criticism of his qualifications, Haith addressed it with a joke directed toward Missouri athletics director Mike Alden.

"Mike told me. He said, 'They are going to love you.' So you lied to me, Mike. Some people don't love me just yet. I already know that," Haith said.

He has embraced it. He knows he has minds to change, and he framed it as a challenge he is glad to have.

"We're gonna make it work. I don't look at the negativity I'm hearing so far as a negative. I look at it as a positive. That's why I'm here. That's what I want. I want that passion."

As Haith spoke, his weaknesses seemed to wither while his strengths — attention to academics and strong recruiting — were stressed.

He thanked his former school, and he acknowledged those who preceded him at Missouri. He credited Mike Anderson's success, and paid tribute to Missouri's coaching legend, Norm Stewart.

Haith said all the right things. But speeches can be prepared for, and questions can be answered with the help of folded pieces of paper pulled from a pocket of a suit.

Actions come more naturally. And Haith's came off as smoothly as his words. He hugged strangers. He kissed women politely on the cheek. He shook every hand that was extended to him. Every move seemed to say he was happy to call Missouri his new home.

Missouri players saw the same when they met their new coach as a team for the first time early Tuesday morning.

“He did it perfectly,” junior guard Kim English said. “He was receptive. He was open. He listened.”

For English and Haith, it was a reunion of sorts. Haith recruited the junior guard to come to Miami before English ultimately chose to be a Tiger. But the player who knew Haith earlier wasn't the only one who picked up on his energy.

“He woke us up,” junior forward Laurence Bowers said. “I was asleep. We had a meeting at seven in the morning, and that just goes to show how excited he was, how happy he was to be here.”

For English and Bowers, the relationships they can form with Haith could drastically impact the makeup of next season's team. Both players declared for the 2011 NBA Draft on Monday. Both said their decision was predetermined and had nothing to do with the announcement of Haith's hiring. Because neither player hired an agent, they can return for their senior seasons if they withdraw their names by May 8.

Bowers said he is 50-50 in his decision to go or stay, but both players said the option of returning to school is more favorable now that they know and approve of Missouri's new coach.

“Hiring a great guy like him definitely makes you want to come back,” Bowers said.

And while that coach embraced his critics, his new players are already defending him.

“Give him a chance,” Bowers said. “Let him prove his worth.”

English simply dismissed the doubters.

“Too bad for them,” English said. “He's our guy. He's who we have. He's who we're gonna win with. And that's all that matters.”



## **MU players take to Haith**

### **Tigers like what they see from new coach.**

By Steve Walentik Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Frank Haith's first encounter with members of the Missouri basketball team began with a message of empathy.

Meeting with them shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday, the 'Tigers' new coach told the players how much he understood the way they must have felt in the nearly two weeks since his predecessor, Mike Anderson, broke the news he was leaving for Arkansas. That's because Haith, on what he described as the toughest day of his professional life, engaged in a similar discussion Monday with his own players at Miami when he told them he was taking the Missouri job.

"I told them that I was not going to be Mike Anderson," Haith said during an introductory press conference several hours later. "I'm going to be Frank Haith. But if you allow me to be a part of your life, I'm a pretty good guy."

To a man, each player in attendance at the Clinton Club inside Mizzou Arena seemed eager to give him that chance.

"It was a great meeting," said guard Marcus Denmon, one of six soon-to-be seniors on scholarship on the MU roster. "Everyone embraced Coach Haith, and we talked to him, and we all shared our open opinions about what we had coming up with this season as well as Coach Haith.

"I really started liking him this morning and then after this press conference, I liked him even more," classmate Ricardo Ratliffe said. "So I'm just really looking forward to building a relationship with him and getting better this summer for next season."

There was also a sense of relief that the uncertainty that filled the previous 12 days was behind them. It made it difficult for all of them to relax and enjoy their spring break because they were following news — and just as often speculation — about the search, right along with Missouri fans.

"It was pretty crazy," junior-to-be Mike Dixon said. "We were sitting in limbo for a lot of days and heard a whole bunch of people had took the job and then they didn't. It was kind of weird, but I'm glad it was all over with."

Dixon and his teammates were just as surprised as everyone else around the state when news of Haith's hiring first started leaking out on Sunday night.

"It was kind of like everybody else's," Denmon said of his initial reaction to the news. "It was kind of up in the air. I really didn't know. ... I'm not the type of person to just jump to

conclusions or judge. I really didn't know much, just like everyone else, but I'm starting to get a good feeling about it."

Haith, too, said he had a good feeling about his players, including four soon-to-be seniors who have helped the Tigers win 77 games and advance to the NCAA Tournament in each of the past three seasons. He was eager to watch all of his players work out for the first time Tuesday afternoon.

"I have been watching tape," Haith said. "I will tell you that we have a really good basketball team. Mike Anderson did a hell of a job here. What he did here for five years, he has taken this program to be very competitive nationally. He has recruited very well. I was so impressed in meeting these young men this morning. We have great, great people along with being really, really, really good players, and that excites me."

There is still some uncertainty about whether all of them will still be on the roster next season.

Seniors Laurence Bowers and Kim English announced Monday that they would enter their names in the NBA draft pool, though neither plans to sign with an agent, leaving open the possibility of pulling out and returning to school for their senior season. The deadline to withdraw is May 8. At the moment, neither is projected to get drafted this season.

"I'm entering the NBA draft because I want to get evaluated, see where I'm at as a player," Bowers said yesterday. "I know that there's going to potentially be a lockout and that will cause a lot of people to return back to school because there's no way you raise your stock during summer league or anything like that."

"I'm looking forward to" playing for Haith. "Hiring a great guy like him, it definitely makes you want to come back."

English echoed Bowers' sentiments, but he said he would have considered transferring if another coach had been hired.

"I'm just happy we got a guy that I like and I can finish my career at Missouri," English said. "I'm really pleased with that."

There has been speculation that because of their connection to Anderson — their father, Paul, was the coach's college roommate — brothers Phil and Matt Pressey could decide to transfer. Following Anderson might not be an option if they do because the Razorbacks don't currently have any available scholarships for next season.

Neither brother attended Haith's press conference, but MU officials said they simply had class.

Haith was asked specifically about whether he expected sophomore-to-be Phil Pressey to be around next season.

"I do anticipate that," he said. "I think Phil's a terrific talent, and I anticipate coaching him as well as all the other young men that were in there this morning. I don't anticipate anything. We will spend as much time as we can with our people to make sure that they're comfortable with me, and I think they will be. I don't anticipate that being an issue right now."

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## Haith: 'I want to win'

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COLUMBIA, MO. • As he rode Tuesday morning to Mizzou Arena for his first official day on the job, Mizzou men's basketball coach Frank Haith saw none of the picketers he might have anticipated after a tepid — and in some circles almost hostile — reaction to his hiring.

Instead, the only commotion Haith and chauffeur-of-the-moment Gary Link encountered was a woman waving them down, hurrying to their car and motioning to roll down the window.

"Coach," she said, "I want to welcome you to Missouri."

The simple gesture struck Haith.

"Guys, I spent a year at Miami, and I had trouble getting in my office because they didn't recognize me," Haith said, smiling. "So I know I'm in a different place. And I know I'm in a place where they care."

But while he says he feels like "the luckiest man in the world" and hopes "Faith In Haith" takes, he's aware being in a place "where they care" has other ramifications.

Because his image as a surging star assistant was dimmed by seven years at the helm in Miami, where he went 43-69 in Atlantic Coast Conference play with one NCAA Tournament appearance, bewilderment and anger were pervasive responses when his hiring trickled out late Sunday.

Somewhere between losing a coach, Mike Anderson, who had guided the team to 77 wins in three seasons and not closing the top choice to replace him — Matt Painter of Purdue, Big Ten coach of the year three of the last four seasons — anticipation of a major name was bubbling.

The fizz was lost when Haith's relatively anonymous one emerged. And there was no hiding or softening it, try as athletics director Mike Alden might.

"Mike told me, 'They're going to love you, Frank,'" Haith said, smiling. "I said, 'You're lying to me, Mike; some people don't love me just yet.'"

But Haith, 45, added, "I don't look at the negativity that I'm hearing so far as a negative. It's a positive. Because that's why I'm here. That's what I want. I want that passion. Because I want to win. I want to cut down nets. So I am not taking it the way that you may think I should take it."

Not that Haith begrudges anyone their skepticism.

"When I hear ... 'who is this guy, Frank Haith, and what has he done?' " he said, "I get it."

For a glimpse at who he is, Haith began a news conference nearly immediately introducing his wife, Pam, whom he called his rock and best friend; son Corey, and daughter Brianna, telling brief tales of each.

He exuded enthusiasm, sentimentality, sincerity and humor, and offered snippets of his background as one of 10 children born in New York and ultimately raised by his grandmother in North Carolina.

As for how what he had done at Miami will translate at Mizzou, that won't be known for months, if not years. But Haith wasn't sheepish about that tenure.

Noting the program had been shut down not so long ago (from 1971-85 for lack of funding) and suggesting it was neglected in financing and fan support, he said, "I stand here today with my head held high, very prideful, of what we accomplished at the University of Miami. Would I like to have done more? Absolutely. But I understand what my situation was."

And he seemed to have a ready grasp of his situation at Mizzou, where he essentially began working a day before as he set about assembling a staff and made inquiries about recruiting around the state.

Mizzou has three scholarships available and will have six more the season after if no players transfer. Haith said he didn't anticipate any leaving.

Haith earned his reputation as a stellar recruiter by helping land six McDonald's All-Americans, including four in three seasons at Texas.

None of those came out of what he already likes to call the Show-me State, but he said, "Our foundation must start here in the great state of Missouri."

Beyond those immediate demands, Haith apparently made time to review some game film.

While commending the job Anderson did, he noted the dearth of size, suggested ball movement and spacing could be better and added, "You can win if you have great guard play, which we do."

His own stylistic preference, he said, leans towards "physicality," going inside-out and up-tempo — worthy defense permitting.

But the first point he made on the topic was what he learned from his "best friend in the business," Texas coach Rick Barnes: "how to adapt, how to adjust, based on personnel."

He greeted returning MU personnel at 7:15 a.m., telling them he was "not going to be Mike Anderson. I'm going to be Frank Haith. But if you allow me to be a part of your life, I'm a pretty good guy."

Haith will spend the next few days on the move, closing up shop in Miami, then recruiting and finalizing staff, part of what will likely be a dizzying few months.

"I did a talk when I first got to Miami (on) my first 100 days," he said. "As a matter of fact, they wanted me to write a book about it because it was hectic as hell."

He paused and wondered, "Shoot, can I say that here?"

By late morning, Haith was learning the terrain better and better and seemed to be seeing more signs of acceptance.

Between interviews, he was handed a phone by an athletic department employee and told it was "Bill" — apparently a fellow who has been a major MU benefactor for years.

After they spoke, more well-wishers greeted Haith — whose detractors notwithstanding in some ways may already feel more in his element than he ever did in Miami.

"I'm here for the long haul," he said. "This is my home."

# COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

## **LETTER: Fans should have faith in new MU basketball coach**

By David Akers

April 5, 2011 | 5:50 p.m. CDT

From the time I was old enough to understand the concept of loving a sports team, I remember my father yelling at the radio from our southern Missouri home as Missouri would beat Nebraska ... then lose to the doormat of the conference in football. I followed in his footsteps and attended college to watch us defeat Oklahoma 10-0 in football at Faurot, then flounder for more than a decade.

But in the years that followed, there was Doug Smith, Anthony Peeler, Nathan Buntin and many others to take away the pain. Oh, the days of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma switching places atop the Associated Press poll as No. 1 in the entire country in basketball. Yet, we floundered again in the Big Dance. The '90s even produced a team that was 4.8 seconds from a Final Four trip — damn Tyus Edney.

We are a rabid bunch, waiting for that moment when the East and West Coast media finally understands that Mizzou is a force to be respected, a place where recruits want to be and coaches aspire to retire. It has been frustrating to be a Mizzou fan because of this aspiration for greatness, and our frustration spills over into every hiring and firing of our coaches.

**I have no inside information or sports acumen to fluff the credibility of this opinion, but the negative comments that have flooded the blogs and sports websites about Frank Haith are simply a result of Mizzou Nation being tired of being on the cusp of greatness and the fear of falling back into mediocrity.** We all fear the unknown, but, candidly, Matt Painter was never going anywhere and Shaka Smart has been at VCU two years, and didn't even assemble the team to watch Selection Sunday because he was waiting for an NIT bid. VCU had a good run, but that doesn't make Shaka a good long-term gamble.

What astounds me is that the Miami media says that despite the departure, most have tremendous respect for Haith as a man of integrity. (Remember, we are talking about Miami here.) We welcomed coach Mike Anderson for the same reason after the Quin Snyder era and, candidly, his first few years did not have a lot of support. He built a program of integrity and was successful, which is why I believe Mike Alden made the decision to hire Frank Haith.

I know that losing Anderson hurt, but give Haith the support you gave Anderson in his later years and I believe Mizzou basketball will not stumble. Miami was one of the worst Division I basketball coaching jobs in the country because Miami is all about football. Even Mike Krzyzewski at Duke has complimented Haith on the job he did with his teams.

Gary Pinkel took us to new heights in football. Anderson got us to the cusp again. Let's have some faith in Haith.

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## Dancing can help offset dementia, weight gain, high blood pressure

Dancing fares well in studies.

By Drs. Kay Judge and Maxine Barish-Wreden

McClatchy Newspapers

Want to avoid your risk of dementia holistically? Besides controlling your weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugars and decreasing your intake of inflammatory foods, what else can you do?

Start dancing!

**Dancing has been shown to have numerous health benefits in various studies. The most obvious are increased socialization and improved physical functioning. Two recent studies conducted by University of Missouri researchers found that participation in dance-based therapy can improve balance and gait in older adults. This can reduce the risk of falls and injuries in this population.**

Studies also have shown a strong link to a decrease in the development of dementia among participants who danced. A study funded by the National Institute of Aging and published in 2003 in the New England Journal of Medicine showed a significantly reduced risk of dementia in older adults who danced frequently.

The study looked at almost 500 adults aged 75 and older, tracking their activities and incidence of dementia for 5 years.

It showed a surprisingly strong correlation between dancing and reduction in dementia — a whopping 76 percent.

Dancing also was the only physical activity that reduced dementia. There was, for example, no reduction in the development of dementia among those who golfed frequently. Other physical activities studied included playing tennis, swimming, bicycling, walking for exercise and doing housework.

Some mental activities that did reduce the risk of dementia were reading and doing crossword puzzles.

Why does dancing help maintain the brain? The principle of Neuroplasticity hypothesizes that we continue to rewire synapses in the brain with continuous activity.

This is literally a "use it or lose it" phenomenon.

When we are dancing, we are using our cerebral cortex and hippocampus, which are critical to dancing. These areas of the brain are remarkably plastic, and they rewire themselves based upon their use. Researchers hypothesize that perhaps this greater cognitive reserve and increased complexity of neuronal synapses keeps dementia at bay.



## Council OKs contract for master plan University helps with document.

By Will Guldin [Tuesday, April 5, 2011](#)

**The University of Missouri** will now be paid for its work helping develop Columbia's long-term comprehensive plan, but a close vote at last night's Columbia City Council meeting almost delayed the effort's rollout this month.

The plan would try to set priorities and guidelines for growth across the city. Such plans are in place for the city's eastern edge and its northeast corner. More than a year ago, the council formed a task force to help the Planning and Zoning Commission put together a plan for all of Columbia, but one has not been finished.

A yearlong public involvement process is set to begin April 19 with a public meeting.

The contract approved last night would pay for work related to this effort.

Mike Matthes, picked as Columbia's new city manager, was surprised the city doesn't have a long-range plan. Des Moines, Iowa, where Matthes has been an assistant city manager since 2003, has had a document to guide the city's growth for more than a decade.

Several council members at last night's meeting wanted to table the \$119,000 contract until the summer when Matthes would have been familiar with the situation. He'll officially start May 1.

"I really wish Mike Matthes were here because he has expertise in this area," Third Ward Councilman Gary Kespohl said.

Kespohl appreciated the effort to use the university so money stays in the area but thought the April 19 date for a meeting was premature.

Sixth Ward Councilwoman Barbara Hoppe said the process has been going on since last March. She said the council hasn't put off any other important business to wait for Matthes and didn't see why this was an exception.

"We have expertise, the university, to partner with," Hoppe added. "I can't imagine he would say, 'Well, this was a big mistake.' "

Helen Anthony serves on the zoning commission and the comprehensive plan executive committee. Before the council began its discussion, she said not approving the contract would mean the city would lose MU's help on May 1, the same day Matthes takes over.

“We have built a lot of momentum, I think, on this comp plan,” she said. “We have received a lot of positive press recently, and it is a priority of our incoming city manager, but I think it’s important that we keep the momentum going.”

The council voted against tabling the contract by a 4-3 vote. Kespohl, Second Ward Councilman Jason Thornhill and Fourth Ward Councilman Daryl Dudley voted to table it. After that vote, the council unanimously approved the contract.

The council also voted to table the construction of the Old 63 Grindstone Pedway because of one homeowner’s concerns about her property being used for the project. It also voted to buy a lot on Fifth Street that would increase the size of Douglass Park. Two other nearby properties have been purchased for the same purpose since 2006.

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# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## The ramifications of redistricting

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While the state worries over how to redraw its congressional districts, there is at least one other related bit of housekeeping that has to be done in the realm of higher education.

**Three state boards charged with overseeing public universities have their membership tied to the state's nine congressional districts. Each of those boards, including the University of Missouri Board of Curators, has nine voting members, with each congressional district having a representative.**

But what happens when the state has only eight congressional districts? The easiest solution might seem to be the elimination of one board member. But that's easier said than done.

"The statute doesn't set the number at nine. The state constitution does that," said Steve Knorr, vice president of government relations for the University of Missouri.

The easier approach — and one that's been laid out in several bills filed this session — is to allow one of those congressional districts to have two representatives. And that appears to be the approach lawmakers are going to take.

The legislation also covers the state's Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the Missouri State University Board of Governors.

There was, however, another solution offered by Rep. Mary Still, D-Columbia, who once worked in Mizzou's public information office. In the case of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, Still proposed making that ninth curator a voting student. The board has had a student member since the late 1980s, but the student is not allowed to vote.

The bill has gotten some attention during the session, but Still said it does not appear to have any chance of passage. It's an idea that's been tossed around from time to time. And given the need to reconfigure the boards, this was an ideal time to do it, she said.

"I think we are really selling our students short when we say they shouldn't be voting members," Still said. "The student is the very essence of the university."

The idea, however, has met opposition from those who say the board was never intended to be populated by constituents of the university. Placing a voting student on the board would open the door for other groups to ask for representation, said Mike Thomson, R-Maryville, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee and author of the bill that would allow two curators

from a congressional district. Said Thomson: "If you have a student, should you not have maybe a parent? Or a teacher? Or someone from one of the booster groups?"

## COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

# Chancellor Brady Deaton surprises fourth professor with Kemper Fellowship

By [Anlan Li](#)

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COLUMBIA — Elizabeth Chang received a surprise visit Tuesday while teaching her English class at the Arts & Sciences Building.

**MU Chancellor Brady Deaton came to award Chang with one of this year's William T. Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence.**

The fellowships are given annually to five outstanding educators and include a \$10,000 award, funded by a \$500,000 gift from the family of William Kemper, an MU graduate and Kansas City civic leader. The fifth fellowship will be awarded Friday.

"I couldn't have done any of what I have done without such great students like the ones I have in this classroom," Chang said.

An assistant professor in the department of English in the MU College of Arts and Science, Chang has been on the faculty since 2004. She primarily teaches undergraduate- and graduate-level courses in Victorian literature.

"I have never had a teacher phrase questions like Dr. Chang," former student Kathryn Wilke said in a news release. "She asks her students to view the larger issues and how they affect society, gender or other topics."