

Suspected Rolla campus gunman in custody

The University of Missouri's Rolla campus was locked down for about four hours Thursday after a gunman was seen entering a building on campus.

Law enforcement officers took the suspect, 31-year-old Cody Nathaniel Willcoxon, into custody just before 1 p.m. after a pursuit that ended on Highway 63 near Edgar Springs. After being treated for a gunshot wound to the arm, Willcoxon was expected to be held at Phelps County Jail with bond set at \$1 million.

Police received a report just before 9 a.m. that a gunman ran into McNutt Hall, which houses the Missouri University of Science and Technology's Department of Mining and Nuclear Engineering, spokesman Andrew Careaga told The Associated Press.

But the incident began earlier about 30 miles from campus in Fort Leonard Wood. That's where Rolla police say Willcoxon attempted to enter a gate at the Army base with an AK-47. After being questioned by military police there, Willcoxon fled the scene on Interstate 44, police said.

St. Robert Police Chief Curtis Curenton said officers had been on the interstate for a couple of miles when the shooting began. Curenton said he followed Willcoxon about 32 miles to Rolla when his driver's-side mirror was hit with one round and his engine compartment was hit by another.

After police set up spike strips on Interstate 44, Willcoxon got off on a Rolla exit and allegedly began shooting at Rolla police officers and Phelps County Sheriff's deputies who joined in the pursuit.

At some point, Willcoxon apparently was shot in the arm by officers returning fire.

Willcoxon stopped the vehicle at McNutt Hall on campus near University Drive and Highway 63 and entered the building before then fleeing on foot with a long rifle, police said.

Several minutes later, Willcoxon allegedly broke into a home on Crinoidal Court, demanded car keys and stole a 2003 Ford. He fled the area and led police on a car chase that involved more than 150 officers, Rolla Mayor Bill Jenks III said in an afternoon press conference.

Shortly after officers apprehended him, the campus lockdown was lifted.

Willcoxon, of South West City, was among nine inmates who attacked a jailer and fled on foot from the Delaware County Jail in Oklahoma. He had escaped twice previously, and authorities suspected him of masterminding the jail break.

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COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

Police: Man who tried entering Army base caught

NO MU Mention (Rolla mention on pg.2)

By ALAN SCHER ZAGIER/The Associated Press

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ROLLA — Police said Thursday that they captured a man who tried breaking into an Army base and fired on police during a high-speed chase before entering and leaving a university building where classes were in session.

Rolla Police Chief Mark Kearse said officers took Cody N. Willcoxson of South West City into custody Thursday afternoon, hours after they say he tried sneaking into nearby Fort Leonard Wood using a fake ID.

Willcoxson was released from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 2008 after serving about 3½ years for burglary, escaping from jail and other felonies.

Fort Leonard Wood spokesman Mike Warren said a man tried entering the base through its west gate Thursday morning but was told to leave by a security guard, who determined the man's identification card didn't look legitimate. Instead of leaving, the driver accelerated rapidly and drove through the gate, then led military police on a chase that ended when he drove back out through the front gate and the St. Robert Police Department began the pursuit, he said.

St. Robert Police Chief Curtis Curenton said the officers had been on Interstate 44 for only a couple miles when the driver began firing shots from what appeared to be an AK-47. Curenton said he followed the gunman about 32 miles to Rolla when his driver's-side mirror was hit with one round and his engine compartment was hit by another.

Officers put "stop sticks" on the road and punctured a tire before the driver reached Rolla. He eventually had to ditch the vehicle and fled on foot before stealing another vehicle and heading toward the interstate, according to the sheriff's department website.

Just before 9 a.m. the Missouri University of Science and Technology received a report of a gunman entering McNutt Hall, which houses the school's Department of Mining and Nuclear Engineering. There were no classes in session in the building at the time. A university spokeswoman said the gunman was seen leaving the campus.

Campus police issued an alert at 8:50 telling those on campus to remain indoors and everyone else to stay away. The suspect left campus without firing a shot, a campus police official said.

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Dream Outside the Box shows career options to children

By Andrea Braxton

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COLUMBIA – DeAndre West always wanted to be a professional athlete when he grew up.

So did TyJuan Robinson and DeMarcus McDaniel.

Like most of the children who hang out at the Boys and Girls Club in Columbia, their career fantasies were limited to music and sports.

Then Dream Outside the Box began to change their ideas.

Now DeAndre wants to be an entrepreneur, TyJuan wants to be an engineer or an accountant and DeMarcus is thinking about becoming a lawyer.

Dream Outside the Box doesn't reject common career choices that seem so appealing to lower-income or minority youth. The program introduces them to a wider world of career possibilities.

Kam Phillips, a junior majoring in social work at MU, started Dream Outside the Box when she was a freshman in 2009.

Phillips did everything from riding horses to skiing when she was growing up in Texas. She saw how having a variety of experiences as a child helped her and wanted to share that with the children.

"I came up with the vision for the program, and I thought it would be wrong not to go through with it," she said.

As a result of her leadership and community service, Phillips was one of the 60 college juniors to be named a Truman scholar this year. Phillips is only the 15th MU student to receive this national scholarship, which provides up to \$30,000 for graduate study in public service fields.

Phillips is planning to use the scholarship to get her master's degree in public administration and nonprofit management and policy.

When she started Dream Outside The Box, most of the boys involved wanted to be rappers or football players. Most of the girls wanted to be singers or dancers. Phillips' dream was to make them see a world of options.

By partnering with student organizations on campus, she brought in speakers to share career information. The speakers introduced the children to new sports like lacrosse and archery and careers like engineering and fashion design.

"We've exposed the kids to great things, and we are making an impact," Phillips said. Participant Shamil Hamilton's career path was diverted when he got to play lacrosse with the MU team. Now he's considering playing it professionally. Not all of the students had star-struck ambitions, however.

Fifth grader Serenity Washington wanted to be an elementary school teacher before the program, but she was not sure how she was going to get there. Dream Outside The Box taught her to pay attention to her schoolwork if she wanted to reach her goals.

She said her favorite visitor was MU basketball player Laurence Bowers, who talked about how academics should be a priority over athletics.

"He said you should be obedient to your teacher and be careful about what you say," Serenity said. Even though she is still in elementary school, she hopes to go to MU. She is familiar with the campus, and Dream Outside The Box has helped introduce her to academic possibilities.

Breana Jones, the program's director of public relations, said Phillips made time to connect with each child while handling the pressures of being the executive director of the program.

She is inspiring, Jones said. When Phillips wanted a website, she made it happen, Jones said. When she wanted the children to have a graduation ceremony, it was accomplished.

"Anything that she wants to get done, she'll get done," she said.

Phillips said she has already seen the children's outlook improve. They have gained a sense of self-confidence, she said, and the ability to articulate what they want to do with their lives.

"We've expanded their horizons."



Expectant dads need prenatal care too: Study

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Men are often considered observers when their partners are pregnant, but a new U.S. study suggests they should receive prenatal care as well.

ManSoo Yu of the University of Missouri surveyed 132 expectant mothers and fathers and found pregnancy can cause a man stress, which in turn influences the health of the woman and the fetus.

He found men handle pregnancy-related issues the same way they do financial stress, while women deal with pregnancy issues emotionally.

The men said they receive emotional support from their partners, while women said they receive tangible support, such as the men help with chores around the house.

Yu said it's possible women give more emotional support because they feel it's important while men give tangible support because they believe it's better.

"Understanding these differences will help practitioners provide better advice and services for expectant parents," Yu said.

Yu's study appears in the recent issue of the Journal of Advanced Nursing.

MU employee accused of stalking

Fulton police say a University of Missouri employee is responsible for sending 358 threatening and harassing emails to a person within a 90-minute period last weekend.



Charles Fay

Fulton police say Charles W. Fay, an office support staffer in the university's agriculture department, sent the emails from his work computer Saturday. The victim is known to Fay.

Fay was arrested on suspicion of stalking.

MU employee arrested on stalking charges

By Matthew Busch

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COLUMBIA -- An MU employee, Charles W. Fay, was arrested Thursday by the Fulton Police Department on a charge of stalking.

Fulton police arrested Fay after investigating a report filed April 7. An unidentified recipient said he or she was sent 358 "harassing emails" in 90 minutes, according to a Fulton Police news release.

Police tracked the e-mails to a computer at MU in the agriculture department. Fay's computer and login ID were used to send the e-mails.

Fay, a known acquaintance of the recipient, is listed on the university's website as an office support staff member in the Office of Vice Chancellor and Dean in the agriculture department.

The investigation is ongoing.



MU mail service change saves money for campus

By Janese Silvey

A year after limiting its office hours, the University of Missouri's Campus Mail Service has realized more savings than expected without significantly affecting service, a spokeswoman said.

Since May 2010, the mail service's Hitt Street parking garage walk-in location has been open from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. That's a switch from the previous business hours that spanned 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every weekday.

Staff this year did, however, make accommodations for faculty and staff who needed the office open at other times, said Karlan Seville, spokeswoman for Campus Facilities, which oversees the mail operation.

"There were really no complaints about the time change," she said. "About once a week, they'd get a phone call from someone who couldn't make it, so mail services would accommodate them."

Although reducing office hours was the result of a drop in the volume of "snail mail," the move also resulted in some cost savings. By eliminating four positions last spring, Campus Facilities saved \$143,500 in its mail services operation, Seville said. That's slightly more than the \$142,000 the university predicted last year.

Other than outgoing packages, the decline in paper mail continued this year. In April, mail services handled 178,078 pieces of bulk mail, down from 210,044 bulk mail pieces in April 2010, and handled 135,208 pieces of incoming and intercampus mail, down from 154,646 pieces of individual mail in April 2010. Outgoing packages increased in April, with 253,678 items being sent out compared to 215,692 pieces in April 2010. The numbers come from Seville and MU spokesman Christian Basi.

Campus Mail Service handles mailing for MU and UM System offices but does not handle student mail. Letters and packages sent to residential halls are delivered through the U.S. Postal Service.

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Missouri lawmakers approve new college grant programs

NO MU Mention

By The Associated Press

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JEFFERSON CITY — Missouri lawmakers have approved the creation of college grants for nursing programs and for students who score well on math and science exams.

Both programs are backed by Gov. Jay Nixon. The Senate's vote of final approval Thursday sends the legislation to the governor's desk.

One program would give a \$500 bonus to state scholarship recipients who score well on at least two Advanced Placement exams in mathematics or science while attending a public high school.

The other program allows annual grants of up to \$150,000 to campuses for nursing programs. Nixon announced in December that the Missouri Board of Nursing was providing \$3 million from nurses licensing fees for grants that would expand faculty positions so more nurses could be educated.



University programs teach equity, respect

Editor, the Tribune: "Where does education fit into all this mumbo jumbo?" I would say this "mumbo jumbo" *is* education. The University of Missouri has long been an institution devoted to teaching students a comprehensive worldview. It is the responsibility of an institution of higher learning to provide the experience of a cultured, world education.

Programs and classes supporting the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community teach students important lessons on interacting and working with people of different histories, races, religions, ages, etc. MU is allowing its students to grow in a healthy world and work constructively with others once they leave the comfort and security of a university setting. This is not about a "feel good" culture; this is about equity and respect, both long-standing values with backgrounds in religion, government and life.

In reference to domestic partner benefits, I will steer clear of your distaste for cohabitation. As for the cost, an ounce of prevention always costs less than a pound of cure. It is much less costly to the state and the university to ensure our university families are healthy so they can continue to give our students the best level of education possible. We need to ensure MU continues to fund and support programs that represent all students, and I encourage you to attend one of these programs you are helping pay for. Perhaps you, too, will benefit from a little world education.

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MU parking garages to temporarily close

Two University of Missouri parking garages will be temporarily closed for cleaning and restriping next week.

University Avenue parking garage is scheduled to be closed Monday through Wednesday. During that time, official vehicles and those with permits should park in the Hitt Street parking garage instead.

Conley Avenue parking garage will be closed Wednesday through May 20, and permit-holders there should park in Turner Avenue parking garage.

Both projects are subject to weather and could be rescheduled.

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With Chromebooks, Google's hitting Apple & Microsoft where they live

Dwight Silverman

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Microsoft's core business is selling both operating system and productivity software to businesses. Its customers buy computing hardware and fill those drives with programs licensed through partners, or from Microsoft itself. Microsoft keeps those customers over time by making new versions that it then sells. This is Microsoft's primary business model, and so far, it's worked well.

Apple sells primarily to consumers, but it has a healthy business selling to schools. It has done particularly well on college campuses, where universities have agreed to recommend Macs over PCs because of lower maintenance costs. Consider this now-famous picture of a 2007 University of Missouri journalism class.



There's a guy in that photo using a PC, and another writing with pen-and-paper. Otherwise, it's an all-Mac classroom. This is a view many professors see all across the country, as Apple has long dominated the education market.

Both of these bastions for Microsoft and Apple were challenged Wednesday by Google's **announcement of a subscription plan for its new Chromebooks** in the business and education sectors. Companies and schools can sign on to provide notebooks running the Chrome OS for low monthly fees – \$28 a month for businesses, \$20 a month for students. The subscription plans provide for support, maintenance, software updates and – in what could be a game-changing move – hardware replacement.

Engadget **provides some more details** about how the plans will work, including the fact that users will be tied to 36-month contracts. You can get out of the contract for the machine by paying out the balance – which, on a \$429 machine (Samsung, Wi-Fi only) won't be all that much.

Chances are, there are a lot of corporate and educational IT department heads dying for more details, and certainly anxious to get their hands on evaluation systems. The concepts behind the Chromebooks are going to be relatively new for many entities – all the apps live online, and are accessed via the Chrome OS, which is basically a Web browser that controls the computer. To a certain extent, this involves giving up control, something more traditional IT shops might find hard to do. But the enlightened ones would be intrigued.

That's because the Chromebook initiative takes much of the pain out of large-scale hardware management. Google handles OS updates, which happen automatically and unseen to both user and IT managers. Apps, of course, get updated by their respective developers on the Web. Google provides service and support, including replacement for damaged devices, all as a part of the subscription plan.

If an IT operation decides Chromebook's platform is a match, this could provide huge cost and time savings to a business or educational institution. As Engadget points out, applying the monthly payment to hardware comes out to a lot more than the base price of the machine – \$28 for 36 months is \$1,008, versus \$429 for the Samsung Chromebook – but that also covers the services and replacement program Google includes. For big IT shops, that could be a huge bargain, and a real challenge to doing business with Microsoft or Apple.

Of course, the key phrase in the previous paragraph is "if an operation decides Chromebook's platform is a match". Not every business or school will be comfortable with a cloud-only application environment. For example, that Mizzou journalism class pictured above wouldn't go for it, because students there are taught how to edit video for both broadcast and the Web. Chances are, it'll be a while before there's anything equivalent to Final Cut Studio or even iMovie that will run in the Chrome browser. Right now, Apple is Mizzou's "preferred provider".

But for many users, Web apps are enough. Many businesses rely heavily on apps that run on servers, and presumably Chromebooks will have a way to provide secure access to corporate networks. For many knowledge workers, this approach will be good enough. Sure, it won't work for those businesses who still run home-built client software running on antiquated Windows XP boxes, but over time, even those dinosaurs must evolve.

Executives in Microsoft's and Apple's board rooms are likely paying close attention to Google's challenge. Microsoft actually is in the best position to meet the challenge, since it recently launched a very capable online version of its Office software.

What I'm hoping is that the Chromebook initiative thrives enough to become a serious threat, forcing Microsoft and Apple to offer similar plans with their more capable platforms. Google's challenge, if it works, could benefit users of every platform in the way the industry conducts its business changes for the better.