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# UM Press author Spivey stands down on lawsuit

By Stephanie Ebbs

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COLUMBIA — The day before his planned deadline, **University of Missouri Press author Don Spivey said he no longer plans to sue the university for his subsidiary publishing rights.**

Spivey's book "If Only You Were White: The Life of Leroy 'Satchel' Paige" was published by the press in May. He said in an email Monday night that he will not file a lawsuit to get his rights, as he had planned to do on Tuesday. Subsidiary rights are the rights to publish a work in other forms such as paperback or e-book.

In the Monday email, Spivey, a history professor at the University of Miami, said he changed his mind after having "a long, thoughtful and frank discussion" with Clair Willcox.

MU announced Friday that Willcox will immediately return to the press as editor-in-chief. He had been laid off in the summer after the University of Missouri System announced the press would close. Later, it was announced that MU would oversee the press and that it would remain open under a new operating model, which is being developed.

In the wake of the announcement, several other authors said they would continue working with the press because of Willcox's return. Last week, Willcox had begun the process of contacting authors and re-establishing relationships that have been strained in recent months.

Spivey's email on Monday showed a turnaround from his stance Friday, when he said he was happy that Willcox had been rehired but was still frustrated with the situation overall. In the Monday email, he said he was encouraged by the "promises of enhanced support for the press and respect for its scholarly mission."

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# MU environmental clubs discuss partnership, energy transition with university leaders

By Lizzie Johnson

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**COLUMBIA – Members of two MU environmental clubs met with university leaders Wednesday. They discussed a potential partnership to help MU transition from coal-powered energy, according to a Coal Free Mizzou representative.**

The meeting with MU Chancellor Brady Deaton and UM System President Tim Wolfe was set up after Coal Free Mizzou attended the Sept. 13 UM System Board of Curators meeting.

MU sophomore Kelsey Wingo, media coordinator for Coal Free Mizzou, said discussion centered on the feasibility of making the transition from coal-powered energy at MU by 2015. They discussed creating a partnership with Coal Free Mizzou, she said.

"The basis is that they really want to involve Coal Free Mizzou to see what is possible for Mizzou and what it would look like to transition away from coal," she said. "It implies communication will be open and steps will be made."

Six people attended the meeting to represent Coal Free Mizzou and the Environmental Science Club, Wingo said. Representatives from Sustain Mizzou did not attend.

"We were invited by Coal Free Mizzou to be there, but after looking over their ask, we decided that, while we are in total support of their mission to be coal free, we could not support an ask that seemed too ambitious to us," said Abigail Keel, president of Sustain Mizzou and a sophomore at MU.

Keel said the student organization had reservations about the 2015 deadline.

"We thought that asking the university to commit to being coal free by 2015, without giving them an upfront cost, was perhaps not the most successful way to present the goal to them," Keel said. "But we are proud of Coal Free."

Representatives from the UM System and MU said they did not have enough information Wednesday afternoon to comment on the meeting.

A rolling plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2016 is in place, according to an MU climate action plan. The MU Power Plant uses four coal-fired boilers, in addition to other boilers, to generate energy. Increases in natural gas and biomass with a new biomass boiler will reduce coal use, the plan states.

Missouri fulfilled 82 percent of its energy needs with coal in 2011, according to the State Profile and Energy Estimates.

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# Vice presidential debate to face heightened importance

By Kelly Cohen

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COLUMBIA — Thursday's debate between the vice presidential nominees, which airs from 8 to 9:30 p.m. CDT across all major news networks, looks to draw as much attention as last week's presidential debate, which was the second-most viewed debate in television history.

Incumbent Vice President Joe Biden will debate Paul Ryan, the Republican nominee, who is a U.S. representative from Wisconsin. ABC News chief foreign correspondent Martha Raddatz will be the moderator. The debate will cover both foreign and domestic issues split into nine 10-minute segments.

**Since it is the only vice presidential debate of election season, expectations are high, according to a release from the MU News Bureau.**

**Mitchell McKinney, associate professor of communication, is a scholar of presidential debates. McKinney said momentum is important in different ways for both candidates.**

**"Can Biden shift the momentum back to the Democrats, or will Ryan keep it going for the Romney/Ryan ticket?" McKinney said.**

The pressure will also be on Ryan, who is "new to the national scene" to show he is "qualified and ready to serve as president, should that happen," McKinney said.

Since the presidential debate, a new poll by the Pew Research Center has shown that Romney's performance has helped decrease Obama's lead. Those results make this vice presidential debate even more important, McKinney said.

"There is a greater interest now because of the first debate," McKinney said. "Look for a more aggressive debate."

Although Terry Smith, executive vice president and dean for academic affairs at Columbia College, said the vice presidential candidates haven't affected an outcome since the 1960 election, a dramatic night could change that.

"While Biden needs to defend his administration, Ryan is controversial politically," Smith said.

Smith expects the moderator to challenge both candidates, while they try to exploit the other's vulnerabilities.

Tigers Against Partisan Politics, a new MU group that hosted a watch party for the first presidential debate, will be hosting another party at the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center on Thursday.

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## **Missouri health system opens sickle cell clinic**

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**COLUMBIA, Mo. • The University of Missouri health system is opening a clinic for adults with sickle cell disease.**

The Columbia Daily Tribune reports that the clinic will be located in Columbia's Ellis Fischel Cancer Center. Beginning Oct. 25, it will provide afternoon hours on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Sickle cell is an inherited blood disorder that causes a shortage of red blood cells. The hereditary condition is found in an estimated 8 percent to 10 percent of African-Americans. Sickle-shaped blood cells carry less oxygen and can clog blood vessels that flow to the heart and other muscles.

Clinic organizers say most treatment efforts have focused on pediatric sickle cell patients, including newborn screenings and infection control.