MU researcher needs $6 million to cure cancer

*University of Missouri researcher and professor M. Frederick Hawthorne developed a breakthrough cancer treatment using a new form of radiation, which put cancer cells in remission in mice. Unlike traditional radiation and chemotherapy treatments, the breakthrough treatment did not yield any harmful side effects in the mice.*

But now the MU researcher is looking for $6 million to begin clinical trials in humans and larger animals.

“A wide variety of cancers can be attacked with our BNCT technique,” Hawthorne said in a statement. “The technique worked excellently in mice. We are ready to move on to trials in larger animals, then people. However, before we can start treating humans, we will need to build suitable equipment and facilities. When it is built, MU will have the first radiation therapy of this kind in the world,” Hawthorne said.

The BNCT technique—boron neutron capture therapy—is the breakthrough radiation treatment Hawthorne used to cure mice of cancer. Cancer cells grow faster than normal cells and absorb more materials, according to a statement from MU. Knowing this, Hawthorne was able to get the cancer cell to absorb a boron chemical, which he designed. The boron chemical then sits in the cancer cell waiting to be exposed to a subatomic particle, which then kills the cancer cell from the inside out and leaves surrounding tissue intact.

For his work within the science field, earlier this year Hawthorne was awarded the National Medal of Science from President Barack Obama.
MU remembers nine students who died in the past year

By Missourian staff
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COLUMBIA — **MU Remembers, the university’s annual memorial service for students who have died in the last 12 months, takes place at 2 p.m. Friday in Memorial Union.**

This year, the service remembers nine undergraduate and graduate students in a ceremony that became a tradition in 2002.

Some of these students had just begun their college careers, while others were completing doctoral degrees. The youngest was 18; the oldest was 25. They were undergraduate majors in science, art, business and political science; and they were graduate students in psychology, physical therapy and health administration.

Flags will be lowered to half-staff in their memory Friday, the tower at Memorial Union will be darkened and the bells at Reynolds Alumni Center will play “Old Missouri.” A book will be dedicated to each at Ellis Library, bearing individual book plates with their names.

Here is a look at those who will be remembered.

**ADITI AVHAD**

Aditi Avhad had a megawatt smile.
Avhad, who would have completed her master’s degree in health management this year, died Aug. 2, 2012, in a Megabus accident near Litchfield, Ill.

She moved from Mumbai to Columbia without a scholarship, but she was determined to land one. She maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was awarded a scholarship through the MU School of Medicine.

“She was very determined and always wanted to know if there was anything else she could do,” said Dr. Suzanne Boren, a faculty mentor in the health management department.

Last summer, Avhad worked in the Center for Health Care Quality on educational programs to advance patient care safety and value. Colleagues say she was passionate about her work.

“You knew she would do well with any project she had,” said Douglas Wakefield, the center’s director. “She was a lovely person and very hardworking and professional.”

Nikhil Tindal, president of the Cultural Association of India, organized a memorial last August for friends and colleagues to celebrate her life. Many gave speeches, talking about her intelligence, work ethic and ability to light up everything around her.

"Aditi was a girl who was always smiling and brought so much joy to us all,” Tindal told a Missourian reporter at the time.

— Abbie Wenthe

CAROLYN DOLAN

Carolyn Dolan was a shoe connoisseur, a whiz in the classroom, an infectious comedian and a motivated athlete.

"Most of all she was compassionate," said her mother, Vicki Dolan. "She had a huge heart. If someone ever needed anything, she got it for them."
Carolyn Dolan was freshman MU political science major when she died on April 29, 2012, in Kirkwood. She was 19.

Her older sister, Erin, remembers how she spent her early years watching "Barney," lying on her Spongebob comforter, building couch-cushion forts and eating microwaveable pasta.

"She loved nothing more than microwaveable chicken fettuccine Alfredo," her sister said. "She’d have it all over her face. I’d put it on my face too, so we would match."

She attended an all-girls Catholic high school, Cor Jesu Academy in St. Louis.

Friend Ellen Lampe was a fellow lacrosse player who said Carolyn was the motivational leader of the team.

"All of the younger girls looked up to her," Lampe said. "During one team run she started singing 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough,' and everyone joined in. She was such a lighthearted spirit."

Dolan also participated in mock trials, playing the witness her senior year.

"Her dream was to be an attorney," her mother said.

— Dan Burley

EMILY FERGUSON

Emily Ferguson was the queen of "selfies" — self-portraits taken with a phone at arm's length.

According to Megan Sheahan, she was always sending goofy pictures and videos to her friends to brighten their days.
"I was once having the worst day, and a video she sent me completely turned my day around," said Sheahan, a close friend. "She was such a caring and loving person."

Ferguson died Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, in an accident on I-70 as she headed home to St. Louis. She was 19 and a sophomore business major at MU.

The night they met, the two friends hid in a port-a-potty while it was shaken by a big group of people. That was a good example of Emily's goofy personality, Sheahan said.

Ferguson's friends describe her as selfless, always willing to listen to problems before mentioning her own.

"I think about her every single day," Sheahan said. "You just wanted to be around her; she was so happy."

Julie Goodmann coached Ferguson for four years in volleyball at Kirkwood High School. When she looks at pictures from Ferguson's time on the volleyball team, she said it's easy to see how her positive energy lifted up her teammates.

"In all the pictures, she's the player who's jumping the highest, showing the most emotion on her face; she had this contagious excitement on the court," Goodmann said.

Emily Jaeger, who played on volleyball team, said that even though the two played the same position, Ferguson's good nature meant there was never any animosity between them.

"Everyone just fell in love with her," Jaeger said.

— Abbie Wenthe and Liz Scheltens

MICHAEL HENEY

Michael Heney was able to maintain friendships that started in middle school in St. Louis and continued in college.
“He was just a caring guy who loved to have fun and always gave people a chance. He was open to do anything, he didn’t judge, he was just an easy-going guy,” tennis teammate Andrew Martin said.

Heney died on New Year's Eve at the age of 20, after collapsing on a porch while visiting friends in Edwardsville, Ill.

Martin remembers meeting Heney on the school bus in sixth grade after he moved to St. Louis. They went to one another's birthday parties and became close friends. Their friendship continued at MU.

“A bunch of us at tennis practice would joke around and have fun talking about random stuff,” Martin said. “He actually helped me find a girl, and we ended up dating for two years,” he said.

His friend, Ian Bernstein, agreed. “He was one of the most fun-loving guys I've ever met, always smiling or happy and joking around. He was that kind of person that puts you in a good mood if you have a bad day,” Bernstein said.

Bernstein's favorite memory of Heney happened at a hockey game in high school. Heney told his friend to jump on his shoulders as a stunt.

“It was super funny because we’re both super skinny, so it was just ridiculous having me sitting on his shoulders,” Bernstein said.

"I thought we were going to fall down, but that's the kind of guy he was, just fun."

— Caitlin Kerfin

EMILY JACKSON

The MU flag flew at half-staff on March 23 in honor of senior art student Emily Jackson, 23, who died in her off-campus home on March 22, 2013.

Jackson graduated from Lebanon High School in 2008 and planned to graduate in May with a bachelor of fine arts degree.
"Everyone in the department feels that she was a wonderful student," said Jo Stealey, an MU art professor who teaches fiber art classes. "She took her studies very seriously, but she also was a wonderful friend to everyone."

Visiting assistant professor Claire Stigliani had Jackson as a student in her senior seminar and watercolor classes.

She said Jackson had compassion toward everyone she met, a constant smile and a sense of humor.

"You couldn't find one person who knew her who would say anything bad about her," Stigliani said.

— Allison Hinga

KELLY NEEDHAM

Timothy “Kelly” K. Needham could make anything fun, power washing included.

He worked on the event staff at the MU Student Recreation Complex, as a RecSports official and as a Brewer Station attendant. Kate Bauche, event management coordinator, recalls how Needham reacted when she handed him power-washing duty.

“He was all 'Oh I’m going to own up on this power washer,'” she said. "We actually have one photo of him that's just hilarious. It's him shooting a power washer straight up into the air like a superhero or something. He was there to work hard, but he also had fun."

Needham, who would have been a senior this year, died Aug. 18 2012, in Wausau, Wis. less than a week after a two-vehicle collision near Minocqua, Wis., on Aug. 13. He was 21.
Needham grew up in Peoria, Ill., and graduated from Peoria Notre Dame High School in 2009. In high school, he was involved in cross-country, track and basketball, and crowned prom king.

“He was the life of the party,” said his close friend and fellow MU student Hannah Cusack, who’d been Kelly’s classmate since kindergarten. “It sounds so cliché, but he really just got along with everyone.”

At MU, Needham was finance major in the Trulaske College of Business. He was highly motivated in school and probably would have entered graduate school next year, Cusack said.

He was also a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and very active in the chapter, Cusack said.

After his death, his fraternity brothers and fellow Team Mizzou members organized a barbecue to honor him and support the Needham family.

“Two organizations that really cared about him came together,” Bauche said.

— Claire Landsbaum

COLE PATRICK

Cole Patrick wrote backwards.

“He would start each letter where most people would end it,” said Isaac Justin, a close friend of Cole’s throughout high school, in an email. "We would always joke around, saying that it meant he was either mentally insane or pure genius."
Not pure genius, but close. Once, Patrick forgot about a big dual-credit anatomy and physiology test, Justin said. He studied for about an hour beforehand and aced the test anyway.

Mary Burgess, the principal of Cathedral School of St. Joseph, remembers Patrick for his "joy and zest for life."

She had known him since he was a baby had watched him grow in Cathedral’s Early Childhood Center, followed his mischievous antics through grade school, and stayed in contact through his time at Bishop LeBlond High School, also in St. Joseph, Mo.

“He was family,” she said.

Cole Patrick died in St. Joseph on Dec. 28, 2012. He was a passenger in a car that hit a tree off U.S. Highway 169 and Cook Road, according to the St. Joseph News-Press. He was 18.

He had been at MU for exactly one semester, and was pursuing a bachelor of science degree in preparation for medical school. He had recently been initiated into Delta Upsilon fraternity.

He was always smiling or laughing about something, said his friend, Isaac Justin, and he was well-liked by all who knew him. "He would go out of his way to help anyone," Justin said. Last month Cathedral School installed a memorial to Patrick, a plaque and a stained-glass raven crafted by the school’s art teacher. The raven is the school’s mascot.

“We wanted to have something that would reflect the light and joy that he brought,” Burgess said.

—Claire Landsbaum

CHRISTINE RICAÑA

Christine Ricaña had friends in all walks of life, from pageant queens to hipsters.
“She was one of those people who never judged anybody,” said her brother, Clifton Ricaña Jr. “If you were her friend she really took the time to sit down and get to know you.”

Christine Ricaña, who was working toward her doctorate in physical therapy at MU, died Oct. 13, 2012, at the age of 22.


She earned her bachelor’s degree at MU, and was admitted early into the School of Health Professions’ physical therapy doctoral program,

“She really enjoyed the aspect not only of helping people, but also knowing how the body worked,” her brother said.

Ricaña combined her love for children with her passion for physical therapy, and enjoyed working in the children’s department of physical therapy. She volunteered at the Special Learning Center in Jefferson City, where she used her knowledge to help children with special needs.

“She was very fun-loving, and always had a big, bright smile on her face,” her brother said. “We would always make fun of her because she was 5-1, but a little ball of energy.”

Her father, Clifton Ricaña Sr., said he takes her loss one day at a time.

“I know that she’s doing well,” he said. “She was doing well here, but she’s doing even better where she is.”

—Claire Landsbaum

STEPHANIE SCHRODER

Stephanie Schroder loved horses so much, she brought hers to college.
Eddie, a dark thoroughbred with a white splotch on his forehead, was a retired racehorse. Stephanie worked with him and trained him while she was in high school.

“When she was going off to college, the owner of the riding center let Stephanie take him,” said Phyllis Schroder, Stephanie’s mother. “He said they belonged together.”

Her daughter died suddenly in a hospital in Michigan on Nov. 24, 2012. She was 23.

Stephanie Schroder graduated from Okemos High School in Okemos, Mich., and completed her bachelor’s degree in psychology at the University of Michigan. The following August she entered the School of Psychological Sciences at MU, gaining acceptance into the doctoral program at the age of 21.

“When even back in high school she had a Ph.D. in the back of her mind,” her mother said. “She’d always been interested in research.”

In the psychology department, Stephanie made an impression on professors and classmates alike.

“What struck me about her was her incredible intelligence,” said Rachel Winograd, a fellow doctoral student and one of Stephanie’s lab mates. “She was the type of person who would figure things out herself at all costs, and when she did ask a question it was something we all had to stop and think about.”

Kenneth Sher, also with the psychology department, said he would hand Stephanie a corrected paper, and she would point out places where his corrections were misguided.

“The force of her intellect was truly impressive,” he said. “We have a lot of really good students come through our program over the years. I’d put her up against anybody.”

Aside from academics, Stephanie hiked, took kickboxing classes and attended concerts and music festivals with her boyfriend, her mother said.

“She was a very free spirit, down to earth and full of love,” said close friend and fellow MU student, April Swagman, in an email. “She lived for music, dancing and concerts.”

Schroder was “passionate about fighting injustices and making the world a better place,” Swagman said. “She was silly, fun, and always up for something new. Columbia isn’t the same without her.”
COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

Deaton shares tentative plans with MU Faculty Council

By Katie Yaeger
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COLUMBIA — MU Chancellor Brady Deaton shared tentative plans for MU's future in a campus update Thursday at the MU Faculty Council meeting.

These plans might be a preview to what faculty members could discuss at this semester's general faculty meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Jesse Wrench Auditorium.

Deaton told the council how MU is working to improve its status within the Association of American Universities, of which it has been a member since 1908. Faculty Council Vice Chairman Kattesh Katti will lead a committee that will look at four indicators, evaluated annually, that help determine AAU ratings:

- competitively funded federal research support;
- membership in the United States National Academies;
- faculty awards, fellowships and memberships;
- and academic citations.

Deaton also announced plans for a hiring strategy to attract and retain top faculty members. He said he is looking to increase salaries and create a comprehensive benefits package to compete with those of other universities.

In the next five years, he said he wants to hire 100 tenured and tenure-track faculty and 100 nontenure-track faculty, which would require increases in state support and the reallocation of MU funding. These faculty members can only be hired if MU has space for them, he said.

Deaton also said he will meet Friday with Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute faculty members, Provost Brian Foster and Graduate School Dean George Justice to discuss the future of the institute.
The institute is now a unit within MU's College of Engineering after the institute was dissolved last March. Deaton said students are being admitted into the program again and that the degree's curriculum remains unchanged.

"I think we will have a strong nuclear engineering degree program 20 or 50 years from now," Deaton said.

Faculty Council members also discussed a host of other issues, including:

- The ongoing search for a University of Missouri System vice president for academic affairs. The search was discussed at last month's Intercampus Faculty Council meeting, associate professor of psychology Dennis Miller said. Some MU Faculty Council members raised concerns about the amount of faculty representation on the search committee.
- A resolution to establish a Budget and Planning Committee to advise the chancellor.
- A resolution concerning the Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute, which was tabled because of Deaton's scheduled Friday meeting with the institute's stakeholders.

Supervising editor is Zach Murdock.
MU faculty votes to expand rights of non-tenure-track members

By Karyn Spory

A measure asking whether non-tenure-track faculty members at the University of Missouri should be allowed to vote on campus issues won approval this week from their tenure-track colleagues.

The MU Faculty Council held an electronic vote from March 19 through Tuesday on whether to give non-tenure-track faculty more of a voice. Sixty-five percent, or 396, of those who voted agreed to give equal status to non-tenure-track faculty in terms of voting on campus and faculty council issues. Thirty-five percent, or 212 members, voted against the measure, and 10 ballots were not registered and were not counted.

"There was a substantial turnout," Faculty Council Chairman Harry Tyrer said. Of 1,236 ballots sent out, 618 votes were cast.

The vote effectively changes the definition of faculty to "all persons with full-time ranked academic appointments with professorial designation — Assistant, Associate and Full." Pending approval from the UM Board of Curators next week, non-tenure-track faculty members will have voting rights on university issues with the exception of those specifically related to tenure.

"Much to my astonishment, this is the only event the council has participated in that has prompted an impromptu celebration," Tyrer said.

One of the faculty members celebrating is Nicole Monnier, a non-tenure-track associate teaching professor of Russian. She said she will be "ridiculously pleased" to finally be able to vote on motions she has helped put forth as chairwoman of the Faculty Council's academic affairs committee. Her next goal is to increase the number of non-tenure-track representatives on the council, which now has four non-tenure-track members representing the 717 faculty members.

Clyde Bentley, an associate professor of journalism, said he was passionate about the issue because 60 percent of the faculty at the School of Journalism is non-tenure-track. "We consider them colleagues," he said, calling the matter an issue of fairness.
Elizabeth Baker was in the middle of teaching a group of doctoral students when she was announced as one of the five recipients of this year's Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence.

"I have a Tuesday night class and I saw a group coming in," said Baker, a literacy professor in the College of Education. "I thought it was a group of people who didn't know that room had been taken and were trying to have a meeting, so I was going to go outside and dismiss them. Fortunately I didn't do that, or I would have totally embarrassed myself."

The Kemper Fellowship, named after Kansas City civic leader William Kemper, was established in 1991, two years after the former Commerce Bank president's death.

MU Deputy Chancellor Michael Middleton, Commerce Bank Chairman Jim Schatz and other MU faculty and staff entered Baker's classroom and presented the award to her in front of her class. Although the Kemper Fellowship comes with a $10,000 check, Baker said the main aspect of the award is the recognition.

William Horner, an associate teaching professor in the Department of Political Science, and Cheryl Black, associate professor in the Department of Theatre, were also recognized with the award.

"We had reached the end of class and I was about ready to wrap up," said Horner. "I was going to let class out 15 minutes early and they came just in time. That would have been embarrassing to not be there."

Horner said he knew he was nominated but winning was still a surprise.

"I have no idea how many people get nominated, but my guess is it's a lot, so I did not expect they were going to come through my door," said Horner. "My students seemed enthusiastic, which was a relief."

Both Baker and Horner have taught at MU for more than a decade. Before accepting the job in political science, Horner taught at Lake Superior State University for a year.

Baker taught a slightly younger crowd.

"I taught second grade in South Carolina at a school in the bottom 8 to 10 percent of schools in the country," Baker said. "There were usually five to eight students a year who couldn't write their own names. And most of those had already repeated a year. There was a wonderful girl who couldn't read or write her own name when she came to me but by Thanksgiving, she was able to bring a book and read in front of the whole class dramatically."
Baker chose to become a university professor after being influenced by her own educators, she said. When it came down to deciding to teach 30 students a year or college students who would go on to each teach 30 students themselves, she chose to educate educators.

Baker said that her fellow faculty members in the College of Education are excelling in the field as well.

"I'm surrounded by excellent educators, you know," she said. "No man's an island."
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Two women say man exposed himself on MU campus, according to police

By Chris Jasper
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COLUMBIA — Two women reported that a man in a red car exposed himself to them on Wednesday evening, according to an MUPD Clery release.

According to the release:

At around 5:20 p.m. Wednesday at University Parking Lot WG-11, north of Lewis and Clark Hall, a women reported that a man in a red car, possibly a Honda Civic, followed her and parked. When she looked in the car, the man exposed himself to her. She described him as a roughly 30-year-old white male with lightly colored hair who weighed approximately 250 to 275 pounds.

In the second incident, a woman told officers that while she walked along Tiger Avenue just south of Turner Avenue at 5:56 p.m., she noticed a red vehicle driving slowly next to her. She then noticed the man inside the car was exposing himself. She described him as a white male somewhere in his late twenties or early thirties, with a clean-shaven face and gray hair. The car was an older model, with the first three digits of the license plate reading "UAo."

Anyone with any information is requested to call Sergeant Shawn Spalding at 882-5928, or Crime Stoppers at 875-8477. Tips can also be submitted online at 875tips.com. Individuals that submit information that leads to an arrest might be eligible for a reward of up to $1,500.
Editorial: Missouri Republicans lost in movie set: Attack of the Drones!

The Missouri House on Thursday protected farms in the state from the Attack of the Drones.

Rural lawmakers, most of them Republicans, fed the conspiracy theory that the federal government has a plan to unleash thousands of drones on unsuspecting farmers, sent by the Environmental Protection Agency to spy on fertilization methods, or by Homeland Security to confiscate guns, or that third agency that former Gov. Rick Perry, a former GOP candidate for president, said he wanted to eliminate.

What was that agency again?

This could be chalked up to the annual legislative silliness that goes on in Missouri’s Capitol. On the same day the House gave initial approval to the anti-drone bill, the Senate moved closer to passing a bill from Sen. Brian Nieves, R-Washington, that would protect Missouri from another wild conspiracy, the United Nations’ “Agenda 21,” which the tin-foil-hat brigade has decided is a worldwide plot to take our property.

No doubt, the U.N. will be sending out drones to enforce its agenda.

But this is more than silliness. It’s dangerous lawmaking on behalf of conspiracy theorists.

Rep. Casey Guernsey’s anti-drone bill, House Bill 46, could have serious negative consequences on a growing industry that is finding all sorts of commercial applications for drones. The drone industry is already a multibillion-dollar economic driver. The unmanned devices are being used by law enforcement, by journalists, by research institutions (including the University of Missouri-Columbia), by utility companies and by the sorts of entrepreneurial businesses that lawmakers claim to support.

Missouri lawmakers seem intent on erecting a sign at the state border that says, “Closed for drone business: Send your jobs elsewhere.”

The real motivation behind the anti-drone law isn’t about protecting the right to privacy, but taking further steps to protect large, corporate farming interests that already have more protections in Missouri than most places in the country.

Mr. Guernsey’s law specifically carves out protection for property owned by farms or agricultural industry so that concentrated animal feeding operations, such as large hog farms, can...
go on polluting the air and water without any interference from government officials who might seek to protect the environment.

This is the same spirit behind an even more damaging piece of legislation that has already passed the House and is moving through the Senate: HJR 17, the so-called “right to farm” constitutional amendment.

On the floor of the House, state Rep. Chris Kelly, D-Columbia, called this resolution, which would ask voters to enact specific protections for farming in the constitution, a “back door repeal of the puppy mill law.”

It is that and more.

First, let’s state the obvious: Farming is not under attack in Missouri, not with a Legislature that will protect the industry at all costs. Similarly, the EPA isn’t using drones to spy on farmers, and it never has. But that hasn’t stopped conspiracy theorists from trying to pull the wool over uninformed voters.

Second, messing with Missouri’s Constitution is a dangerous proposition, the sort of thing that conservatives of old would frown upon. HJR 17, for instance, would take away a valued constitutional right in Missouri, the right to petition the government. If the amendment were to be passed by voters, it would no longer be legal to try to place via the petition process any initiative on the ballot that might be seen as an infringement on the rights of farmers to use “modern practices.”

The change to the state’s constitution would preserve the General Assembly as the only body that could pass such laws.

That would negate the ability of a rural county commission to respond to a massive hog farm destroying the property values of surrounding farms.

It would allow the Legislature to gut the puppy mill law that instituted some basic protections for animals, and citizens would have no recourse whatsoever. Missouri once again would become the dog-abuse capital of the United States, and the citizens who voted for the puppy mill law would be left out in the cold.

Missouri Republicans need to back away from the black helicopters, er, drones, and focus on real problems, like health care, education, roads, and, oh, yea, jobs.
Miami details alleged unethical conduct by investigators in motion to dismiss NCAA case

Report says enforcement staff tried to turn assistant against Haith.

By Steve Walentik

A University of Miami motion to have its case before the NCAA’s Committee on Infractions dismissed details alleged unethical and impermissible conduct by members of the NCAA enforcement staff in the questioning of Missouri Coach Frank Haith.

It states that investigators lied and tried to turn one assistant against Haith as it tried to prove allegations of rules violations made against the former Hurricanes coach.

ESPN.com first reported the details of the motion, which was sent on March 29. It said it obtained a copy of the letter and accompanying 45-page report on Wednesday that that includes 10 reasons why Miami officials are arguing for the infractions committee to dismiss the case.

No. 6 is headlined: “The Tactics Employed During the Questioning of Frank Haith and Jake Morton were Impermissible and Unethical.”

It states that two investigators, including the since fired Abby Grantstein, “exhibited the enforcement staff’s fixation on obtaining evidence that substantiates the most scandalous allegations involving the most high-profile individuals at the expense of behaving in an ethical manner and in accord with the NCAA Bylaws in their questioning of former Miami Head Men’s Basketball Coach Frank Haith and former Miami Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach Jake Morton.”

The report also says investigators provided Haith and Morton “false information regarding what other interview subjects had reported in an attempt to elicit confessions of NCAA rules violations.”

Morton reportedly denied that he told Haith of the intended use of a check Haith gave him on June 10, 2010 and was used to repay Miami booster Nevin Shapiro for a personal loan, but the report alleges that investigators told Morton that Haith said he was giving the money to pay Shapiro.
The report states that Morton, who resigned from the staff at Western Kentucky on Thursday, still told the members of the enforcement staff that he didn’t think Haith had any knowledge of the personal deal with Shapiro until Yahoo Sports wrote about it in a lengthy story detailing allegations Shapiro made of rampant rules violations in the football and men’s basketball programs at Miami.

The report submitted to the Committee on Infractions states that investigator Brynna Barnhart told Morton in a Sept. 19, 2012 interview: “I’ll be honest, [Haith] put a lot of the relationship between the men’s basketball program and Nevin on you. And that, I’m just going to put it out there for you to respond, specifically that you were the first person to know Nevin, that you’re the one … you were essentially the one that kind of brought Nevin into the program, that he didn’t really know Nevin as well as you did. And so, I just wanted to give you an opportunity to respond to that.”

That report alleges that statement was knowingly false and says, “Based upon an analysis of Haith’s interviews, it is clear that this statement was false. In his September 5, 2012, interview, Haith made repeated statements that are the complete opposite of what Barnhart reported to Morton. Haith reported that Shapiro was introduced to the men’s basketball program through the University’s development office, not Morton. Haith also reported that he had no knowledge of how Morton’s relationship with Shapiro developed and that he believed that he was the one who introduced Morton to Shapiro.”

In the NCAA’s interview with Haith on Sept. 5, 2012, the report alleges that Grantstein told Haith that Morton had admitted to delivering $10,000 in cash to Shapiro’s mother’s house on June 10, 2010, and that Shapiro’s former bodyguard, Mario Sanchez, had confirmed the payment. But Morton reportedly admitted to delivering $5,000 to Shapiro’s mother’s house to repay a previous loan, and it’s unclear if Sanchez was ever interviewed by the NCAA.

In a final conclusion about the Haith matter, the report states: “This willful deceit not only sheds light on the relevant enforcement staff’s lack of investigative ethics in this case and demonstrates the very attitude for which Grantstein was ultimately terminated, but has also irreparably tainted the Investigation.”

Haith, through an MU spokesman, declined comment on the report.

Attorneys for Haith last week filed their own motion with the Committee on Infractions to have the case against him, which included charges of failure to promote an atmosphere of NCAA compliance and failure to monitor the activities of his staff, dismissed. Attorney Wally Bley would not discuss the details contained in that motion.

“A lot of the allegations and concerns will be the same or similar,” Bley said. “Some will be unique to each party, be it the University of Miami, be it Coach Haith, be it Coach Whoever.”

Bley said he expected the Committee on Infractions would rule on Haith’s motion in the next few weeks. He was unaware of specific instances when the committee had dismissed charges made against individuals named in notices of allegations.
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Missouri House passes military in-state tuition bill

NO MU Mention

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JEFFERSON CITY — Veterans moving to Missouri after leaving the military could immediately claim in-state tuition for public higher education under a bill passed by the state House.

The House voted 152-0 to send the measure to the Senate Thursday.

It would allow veterans to immediately claim the discounted tuition rate despite not having lived in the state previously. Typically, students seeking in-state tuition must reside in Missouri for 12 consecutive months before qualifying.

The measure is sponsored by Republican Rep. Charlie Davis, of Webb City. It also includes a provision that prevents university instructors from giving exams to National Guard members less than 24 hours after they return from training.