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Columbia Police investigating sexual assault near MU

By Chris Jasper
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COLUMBIA — The Columbia Police Department is investigating a report of a sexual assault on Saturday at the 900 block of Curtis Avenue.

The 900 block of Curtis Avenue is located in MU’s Greektown. According to a Clery release Saturday afternoon, MU police aided a victim and notified Columbia police of the location of the incident.

Columbia police spokesman Sgt. Joe Bernhard said in an email that the victim did not sustain any serious physical injury.

Police are looking for the driver and any occupants of a white, older model pickup truck that was seen in the area, according to a Columbia Police Department news release.

Surveillance cameras show the truck in the area at the time of the incident, and Columbia police are looking for the driver and any occupants of the truck to find out if they are involved in any way, Bernhard said. Bernhard did not indicate that the driver or any occupants of the vehicle are currently suspects.

Columbia police ask that anybody with knowledge of the driver or any passengers call the Police Department at 442-6131 or CrimeStoppers at 875-8477.

*Supervising editor is Zach Murdock.*
Police arrest exposure suspect

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A suspect was arrested yesterday in connection with reports of a man exposing himself to women on the University of Missouri campus.

Scott Thoreson, 19, was arrested on suspicion of second-degree sexual misconduct, a misdemeanor, MU police said. He was identified as a suspect after police asked the public for assistance in finding the person reportedly seen exposing himself Wednesday while in a vehicle on campus.

One woman reported that she saw the man in a vehicle that appeared to be following her and then was parked near Lewis and Clark Hall. Another told police she saw a man in a vehicle driving slowly next to her on Tiger Avenue, just south of Turner Avenue. Both women said they saw the man exposing himself and gave similar descriptions of the vehicle and the man’s appearance.

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MU police make arrest in connection with Wednesday's sexual misconduct reports

By Allie Hinga
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COLUMBIA — The MU Police Department has made an arrest after two women reported separate incidents of a man exposing himself on Wednesday, according to a Clery release.

The police arrested Scott Thoreson, 19, on three counts of second-degree sexual misconduct Friday in connection with the two reports, according to the release.

Thursday afternoon, the police department reported that a man in a red car exposed himself to two women in separate incidents on Wednesday evening, according to previous Missourian reporting.

The report on Friday said information from the community aided in the investigation that led to this arrest.

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Police arrest man after drug search

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A Thursday search of a University of Missouri student's apartment recovered drugs, guns, drug paraphernalia and cash, Columbia police said.

Property management staff at Cliffside Apartments, 9 Old 63 S., found the drugs during maintenance of an apartment and notified police, Lt. Krista Shouse-Jones said. After returning with a search warrant around 10:30 a.m., officers found an alternative form of ecstasy, baggies of marijuana, synthetic marijuana, hallucinogenic mushrooms, a shotgun, a rifle, a handgun, scales, 10 bongs and $11,000 in cash, Shouse-Jones said.

Resident Adam D. Wilson, 21, was present during the search and was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance for the mushrooms, distribution of synthetic marijuana and distribution of marijuana. He was released from the Boone County Jail on $34,500 bond.

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Thursday night, during the University of Missouri Faculty Council meeting, Chancellor Brady Deaton previewed a plan to improve the university's Association of American Universities ranking over the next five years.

Deaton said Faculty Council Vice Chairman Kattesh Katti will head a committee to evaluate how the university is stacking up within each of the four areas on which it is ranked.

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

MU has been a member of AAU since 1908.

Deaton said the university also hopes to hire 100 tenured and tenure-track faculty, as well as 100 non-tenure-track faculty over the next five years.

The addition of faculty would require more funding, some of which would come from reallocation within the university and hopefully an increase in state funding.

Deaton said the details still need to be figured out.

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COLUMBIA — Tiger One sits on the ground like a hubcap-sized, four-legged spider. Or maybe a Lego-colored prop for a sci-fi movie.

Scott Pham, content director at KBIA in Columbia, attached a GoPro motion picture camera onto a quadcopter drone.

In minutes, journalism students will try to pilot this thing they call a J-bot, but the world knows it as a drone. They’re not computer engineers or information technology experts. They’re future story-tellers learning how a cheap technology can enhance their reporting with a bird’s-eye view of a story.

The national media has zoomed in on the University of Missouri journalism drone class in recent weeks. Is this yet another dimension of the coming of the drones, the future tool of the celebrity-chasing paparazzi?

For now, the Federal Aviation Administration is holding them back, along with hundreds of other business applications, creating frustration over lost opportunities.

In five years, experts predict, more than 10,000 drones will be working overhead for American businesses. Some say the number might soar as high as 30,000. That’s a lot of cameras staring down, some with infrared imaging, swiveling to see ever more.

Every day advancements are made in the technology. As the machines become more weather-proof, with longer battery life, lighter, smaller, even bug-sized, the list of possible uses — and concerns — grows.

Drones for “commercial” use are strictly banned, and the FAA has a certification process for applications beyond hobbyist uses. Several hundred certificates have been issued, mostly to government entities and to commercial operators and universities for “experimental” purposes.

“Europe and Asia are flying rings around us,” said Patrick Egan, a director at the Remote Controlled Aerial Photography Association. Already, he said, Japan has issued 14,000 drone permits — mostly used for farming.

Last month in London, 30 quad-copters flew in formation above the darkened London Bridge. Their mission? Create a glittering logo in the night skies promoting the next Star Trek movie.

This could not be done over Hollywood or New York Harbor.
The FAA is under orders to open U.S. skies to commercial drones by late 2015, and it’s in the process of writing the rules. But two years is an unprofitable eternity for an industry already exploding in other countries.

A recent report by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International predicts an economic impact of $13.6 billion in the first three years of the integration of drones into our airspace. No wonder more rogue drones are appearing week after week.

“Some people are taking their chances and doing it anyway,” said Egan. “The FAA’s enforcement is inconsistent, but people are finding the loopholes in the rules.”

Current drone images

Jump on YouTube to see all the dizzying angles, the sweeping visuals that hobbyists are filming with drones. Drones circle the Statue of Liberty and dart under the Golden Gate Bridge; one locally made video comes from buzzing the Gardner water tower.

Last week, the FAA grounded a Minnesota business, Fly Boys Aerial Cinematography, after someone alerted the agency.

On March 25, some people say the first published drone photo in a newspaper (at least in Missouri) appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The photographer, Chris Lee, an unmanned aerial vehicle hobbyist, used his own machine and his personal camera on his day off to take a panoramic shot of a sledding hill.

But a few years back, the News Corp’s iPad newspaper used what was called “a journalistic secret weapon” to record flooding over Alabama, Missouri and North Dakota. The FAA sent the group a letter with a warning, according to Reuters.

That was hardly as serious as the FBI investigation about a drone that last month came within 200 feet of a commercial jet landing at New York’s JFK airport. (Or as serious as the case of the Massachusetts man who plotted to load the explosive C-4 on three remote-controlled airplanes for an attack on Washington, D.C. He got 17 years in prison.)

Last year, the NFL petitioned the FAA to speed up regulations for commercial users. The Motion Picture Association of America has been lobbying the FAA for access for years.

Television viewers already are watching drone-recorded video, experts say, such as in shows like “Survivor,” filmed in other countries.

Rumors began late last year that TMZ, the television tabloid gossip site, was seeking drones. “While drones are, in fact, awesome,” TMZ responded, “it just ain’t true.”

Mizzou’s journalism drone course — where the students practice with smaller toys that they call Baby Jayhawks because they crash all the time — is not the first. The University of Nebraska began teaching theirs last year.
“You are pioneers,” says Bill Allen, an assistant professor of science journalism at Columbia, where journalism ethics are drilled into the ground pilots along with federal aviation regulations. “You don’t want to blow it by flouting the FAA rules.”

At another point, he said, “Years from now, I don’t want to hear about a reporter who crossed the line and then find out that he was one of ours.”

The issue of privacy

The Senate Judiciary Committee held drone hearings about two weeks ago, and the hot topic was privacy.

More than 30 state legislatures, including in Missouri and Kansas, are looking at new laws to regulate unmanned aerial systems, particularly those launched by government agencies but also by commercial businesses, the media and individuals.

To Missouri state Rep. Casey Guernsey, a family farmer in northwest Missouri, drones are a threat.

“It’s very exciting to see how all of these applications can be used in the business of farming, especially in the state of Missouri,” he said. “But in terms of government surveillance, that’s a whole different ballgame.

“An individual’s privacy is sacred and needs to be kept sacred. We can’t do too much to protect that.”

He proposed a bill, the “Preserving Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act,” in response to news last year about the Environmental Protection Agency’s aerial surveillance of cattle farms in Iowa and Nebraska. However, the EPA said its observations were made from piloted planes, not drones.

The measure, which passed the House by 87-66 Thursday, would make it illegal to use drones for surveillance of individuals or property without consent, except for certain law enforcement purposes. The measure also restricts the use of drones by news organizations.

Testifying in favor of the Guernsey bill was the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri, a group the Republican typically doesn’t expect as a supporter.

But the ACLU isn’t the only privacy group unsettled by drones. Arnie Stepanovich is the director of the domestic surveillance project for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a leader in calling for new privacy protections.

Drones, said Stepanovich, “are almost a breeding ground for surveillance. Automatic license plate readers, motion detectors, the list goes on. And they are cheap to own and operate.”

Seattle police dropped a planned drone program in February following a community outcry over privacy concerns. Bills in Indiana and Nebraska would restrict some law enforcement uses of drones.

When technology is cheap, people tend to use it more, and that’s one of the chief reasons additional privacy protections are needed, Stepanovich said. Brookstone sells a quad-copter for $300.

There’s also the matter of degree. Some argue that public cameras are watching us all the time anyway, but Stepanovich says even a string of building and street-level cameras have an “ending place.”
“And drones can do it in a way that’s quiet, unseen, unnoticed by the individual,” she said.

Although there are statutes and case law that cover privacy matters, it would be best for all if the laws were written specifically to this technology, she said.

“You could promote the technology while still making sure people’s rights are protected,” she said.

Potential benefits

The unmanned aerial systems industry has a different message: Privacy issues are overblown, and drones can deliver jobs.

The report by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International projects more than $82 billion in economic impact by 2025, with 100,000 new jobs. That assumes the adoption of “sensible regulations.”

Kansas is among the top 10 states expected to reap the most benefits. (A program at K-State in Salina is competing to be one of the six test sites authorized for drones by the FAA.)

Regions with established aerospace industries are projected to do well, and 90 percent of the promising commercial markets are in precision agriculture and public safety.

Now is the time to promote unmanned systems, not hamper them, especially in the face of international competition, said Michael Toscano, AUVSI president and CEO. Although privacy issues get the most attention, the potential benefits of drones need to be emphasized, he said.

“This technology allows us to extend our eyes and ears and hands — and our minds as well,” said Toscano, who recited all the ways he’s seen it work.

Robert Blair, an Idaho farmer, is tired of naysayers who only see a boogeyman in the technology. Unmanned aerial vehicles “are a platform to gather data. We need this technology now. Our government has gotten in the way.”

Blair writes a blog called the Unmanned Farmer, and he sees drones as the next evolution of precision agriculture, which uses technology to gather a cascade of information that reduces costs, increases productivity and reduces environmental impacts.

Farmers only get a look at a small proportion of their fields by observing on foot or driving around them. Drones can provide aerial surveillance of crops at a fraction of the cost of piloted planes.

“We’ll be able to see gradual changes in crops, insects, disease, weeds, overall plant health,” he said.

Just tweaking fertilizer rates based on information from drones can easily save 20 to 25 percent in nutrient costs, Blair said. Multiplied over several thousand acres of farmland, that’s tens of thousands of dollars in savings.

To him, drones are on a par with Eli Whitney’s cotton gin and John Deere’s plow.

“There are few points in history when someone in an industry can see a long-lasting change like this.”
A few days ago, Philip Harter awakened to a loud roar that sounded something like a turbine on a jet engine.

"It was pretty disturbing to wake up at 7 in the morning and feel like you're living next to a large industrial plant," said Harter, who lives in central Columbia about a mile west of the University of Missouri. But, in fact, a large industrial plant did not move in next door to Harter's home on Glenwood Avenue. The sound came from a giant vacuum that MU is using to remove 350 tons of biomass from three silos at the MU Power Plant, part of the $75 million installation of a biomass boiler recently completed at the plant.

Karlan Seville, a spokeswoman for MU Campus Facilities, said augers within the three silos intended to push biomass onto a conveyance system malfunctioned, and the biomass must be removed for the augers to be repaired.

Seville said crews would be working to correct the problem from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Wednesday.

She said MU employees share neighbors' pain over the noise: Power plant employees must work in the epicenter of the din.

"It's kind of like nails on a chalkboard," Seville said. "People are annoyed by it."

Paul Sturtz, a former First Ward city councilman who also lives on Glenwood, said he can hear the vacuum noise clearly from his home. Some neighborhoods west of campus are uphill from Providence Road, creating a sort of amphitheater effect for the noise, which he compared to the sound of a "small jet plane revving its engine a couple of blocks away."

Sturtz said his main beef was that MU did not let neighbors know about the issue in advance.
Some of his neighbors thought they were losing their minds when they heard the noise, he said, and took investigative strolls to figure out where it was originating. Sturtz called MU to find out what was happening.

He said he and other neighbors are concerned about the prospect of ongoing occasional noise pollution if the silos malfunction again.

"It just seems like a really poor design," he said.

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Kids get a taste of graduate research at MU

Active lessons teach about brains, physics.

By Karyn Spory

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What is it like to be a forester, an archeologist or a scientist who can extract DNA from a banana?

Yesterday, kids visiting the University of Missouri campus found out what's behind those and other areas of study in an event meant to share graduate students' work with much younger scholars. Kids and their parents got a taste of different grad school work at more than 30 booths at the seventh annual Mizzou Adventures in Education event at the Reynolds Alumni Center.

Mizzou Adventures coordinator Robin Walker said the purpose is to excite kids about discovery and learning. Besides teaching the kids about the different disciplines within the graduate school, she hopes parents and kids can take the activities home with them.

Walker said she was pleased that this year's event boasted several interdisciplinary booths, something that should continue next year.

John Hegarty, a graduate student in neuroscience, said his department teamed up with the psychology department to teach kids about the brain. Kids could make a "brain hat," connect electrons to their fingers to map their nervous system responses and see a real brain.

Thad Thomas, 6, said the brain was pretty gross — he preferred planting a seed at the plant hospital booth.

Graduate School Dean George Justice was playing the part of both administrator and dad as his sons Carl, 9, and Lowell, 7, enjoyed the activities.

Justice said Mizzou Adventures wasn't just about fun but also exposing families to the work the graduate students do, which has a "positive effect on individual lives and on society."

"It's also great skills learning" for the graduate students "to translate very difficult research into terms the rest of society will understand and care about," Justice said.
He and Walker presented the Chancellor's Award for Public Outreach to students who could do just that. A "Physics Are Phun" group took home the first-place award, and a booth on prehistoric cave paintings came in second.

"We got second last year, so we improved," said Matt McCune, a member of the physics group. He said it was actually easy to get children excited about physics.

"I think it's really good for kids at this age to learn not to trust your senses because your senses may deceive you," McCune said.

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Alden's bottom line: Football key to Mizzou's future

19 hours ago • By Vahe Gregorian vgregorian@post-dispatch.com 314-340-8199

COLUMBIA, Mo. • As Mizzou nears the end of its first academic year in the Southeastern Conference, MU athletics director Mike Alden on Friday sat down with the Post-Dispatch in his office for a wide-ranging interview in which he spoke to the state of the SEC transition, the NCAA and the possibility of future competition against Kansas and St. Louis University.

For everything else entailed in the move and all that's percolating around it, Alden said, “the driver” of MU’s future in the SEC endeavor has to be coach Gary Pinkel’s football program.

“That’s the reality of college athletics,” he said, adding, “How are you utilizing that asset of football? ... That’s our key.”

As such, he acknowledged that the 5-7 record in 2012 won’t do going forward.

“That was challenging to our fans to see that. ... We don’t want to become accustomed to something like that,” he said. “We’re used to bowl games and used to winning games, and I’m confident we’ll get back in there as we head into the 2013 season.”

Mizzou is in the midst of a $200 million facilities upgrade, including major upgrades to the football stadium.

And while Alden stressed that MU needs to operate with a “sense of urgency” in all its athletics programs and be “held accountable” to high expectations, he also sounded a chord of patience, reiterating that Mizzou probably can’t feel “fully integrated” in its new environment for at least another cycle through it.

Mizzou will take another step in that direction May 9-12, when it hosts the SEC track and field championships.

“That’s maybe the best track and field meet in the country, with all the Olympians we’ll have here,” Alden said.

Alden noted that the gesture by the SEC to immediately award Mizzou with a such an event reflected a “pretty big statement” of welcoming and inclusion by the league, which he believes is set for the immediate future at 14 members even as the wheels of realignment continue to spin and sputter.
“The goal there is to continue to improve that brand, and I think they can do that with the 14 institutions that they have,” Alden said. “But the one thing commissioner (Mike Slive) always says is, ‘We can’t sit back on our laurels.’”

Those laurels include claiming the last seven national titles in football. Looking to a future that will stress strength of schedule in assessing the contenders for playoff play, Alden said there remains debate about whether the league could go from an eight-conference game format to nine.

Closer to home, Alden said he’s followed with fascination the ongoing issues with the NCAA’s case against the University of Miami, the former employer of current Tigers men’s basketball coach Frank Haith, who was accused of failing to promote an atmosphere of compliance.

“Just following that pattern and seeing where it currently is, certainly it gives us confidence in Frank,” he said. “We’ve always had a lot of confidence in Frank, but it just reinforces for us a lot of the things that we’ve always seen in him.”

Asked if he considers the NCAA’s credibility at stake, Alden said, “Yes, yes, and not just in the Miami case.”

In the wake of Oklahoma athletics director Joe Castiglione’s recent remark that his basketball staff and MU’s had been in contact about future scheduling, Alden said he anticipates the possibility of Mizzou resuming some competition with its former Big 12 brethren.

“We have relationships with all of those people” in the Big 12, he said. “So I think once the dust settles on the move — it is settling; it hasn’t settled yet — I think there’s going to be more opportunity for us to schedule one another.

“I also think the relationship with the SEC and the Big 12, whether it has to do with the bowl game (the leagues have formed) or whether it has to do with a basketball challenge that we’re working on right now, those types of things are also going to help that.”

Texas A&M-Texas and Missouri-Kansas, he acknowledged, are in a different category, one in which Alden knows there remain tensions to be eased in the view of those left behind.

But he reiterated that Mizzou still has its hand extended with a standing offer to resume the historic rivalry with KU.

“And we’re going to keep it there. We will keep it there,” he said. “With (KU chancellor) Bernadette Gray-Little, I know (MU chancellor Brady) Deaton has done that. I certainly have done that on several occasions with (Kansas AD Sheahon Zenger).

“And we understand that Kansas, who we have a high respect for, they need to make that decision. We understand that. We’ll be patient on that, because we do think that the opportunity to compete against one another, that’s a generational thing. ...
"The immediacy of leaving the league is, ‘We’re ticked,’ but the long-term play is this is a generational opponent and why wouldn’t you want two great institutions ... to be able to compete against each other? And hopefully that will happen somewhere down the line."

Alden was less specific about the notion of reviving a dormant basketball rivalry with SLU, a topic that surfaced anew when the Tigers and Billikens were bracketed in the same NCAA Tournament region – a matchup that never materialized.

"It’s reasonable to say we could certainly have those discussions somewhere down the line," he said.

But Alden pointed to what he considers a variety of obstacles to that in the immediate future, specifically citing a national scheduling philosophy that he said emphasizes getting at least four games against teams that Mizzou “would consider in the big five conferences” and the fact that MU already has an annual game in St. Louis but none in Kansas City.

"Our focus has to got to be instead of having two games in St. Louis, how can we have one game in St. Louis and one in Kansas City?" he said. "And we know we’re always going to play Illinois in St. Louis. So all of that stuff enters into the equation.

"So I think it's more complicated than when people say, ‘Well, they just don’t want to play SLU.’ That isn’t what it is. ...

"Would we talk to (SLU athletics director) Chris May? Absolutely, we'd want to talk about it. But we have a lot of other issues that we’re having to deal with besides just scheduling that one basketball game."
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

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A University of Miami motion to have its case before the NCAA's Committee on Infractions dismissed alleges 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 last Friday. It said it obtained a copy of the letter and an accompanying 45-page report on Wednesday. The report 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, that was used to repay Miami booster Nevin Shapiro for a personal loan. 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 yesterday, 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.com wrote about it in a lengthy expose about violations at Miami.

The report 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."

The report alleges that statement was knowingly false and says, "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 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 a 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. Bley said he expected the Committee on Infractions would rule on Haith's motion in the next few weeks.

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Miami asserts more NCAA misconduct

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In a 45-page motion to the NCAA committee on infractions seeking dismissal of the case against the University of Miami athletic department, attorneys for the school declare that the investigation has been tainted from the start, incompetent throughout and assert in one section that “The Tactics Employed During the Questioning of Frank Haith and Jake Morton were Impermessible and Unethical.”

The March 29 letter, obtained Wednesday by ESPN, says Haith, then at Miami and now Mizzou’s coach, and Morton, then an assistant to Haith who resigned Thursday as director of basketball operations at Western Kentucky, were provided “false information regarding what other interview subjects had reported in (an) attempt to elicit confessions of NCAA rules violations.”

It alleges that two NCAA investigators, including the subsequently 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.”

The section pertaining to Haith concluded, “The 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 Thursday, and attempts to reach one of his attorneys, Michael L. Buckner, were unsuccessful.

At the core of the matter is an allegation made by rogue Miami booster Nevin Shapiro, who is serving 20 years in prison for his role in a $930 million Ponzi scheme.

Among numerous accusations he made in an exhaustive Yahoo report in August 2011 largely focusing on the Miami football program, Shapiro said that Haith had been complicit in a $10,000 payout funneled through Morton to an unspecified person of influence in the recruitment of DeQuan Jones.

By the time the accusation made it through the maze of an NCAA investigation delayed by the organization’s acknowledgment of misconduct that led to the firing in February of vice president of enforcement Julie Roe Lach, the notice of allegations against Haith simmered down to a charge that he “failed to promote an atmosphere for compliance within the men’s basketball program.”

“Specifically, Haith was aware that Nevin Shapiro (Shapiro), a representative of the institution’s athletics interests, threatened that unless Jake Morton ... or Haith provided money to Shapiro, Shapiro would
make public a claim that Shapiro provided money to assist in the recruitment of a men’s basketball prospective student-athlete.

“After learning of the threat, Haith failed to alert anyone in the athletics department administration about Shapiro’s threat, ask reasonable questions of Morton to ensure that Shapiro’s claim lacked merit or disclose the fact that Morton engaged in financial dealings with Shapiro.

“Rather, Haith gave Morton funds that Morton then provided to Shapiro.”

The motion calls into question how that conclusion was derived, detailing apparent efforts to mislead each through transcripts of interviews with Haith and Morton.

“In an effort to ‘flip’ Morton against Haith, (investigator Brynna Barnhart) knowingly provided Morton with the following false information:

“I’ll be honest, [Haith] put a lot of the relationship between the men’s basketball program and Nevin on you ... that ... 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”

“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. ...”

“At no time during his interviews with the enforcement staff did Haith ever report that Morton was the ‘first person to know Nevin’ or that Morton ‘brought Nevin into the program,’ as Barnhart relayed to Morton. Haith acknowledged that Morton had a relationship with Shapiro, but made no other assertions.

“Barnhart’s false statements to Morton were clearly an attempt to make Morton believe that Haith had ‘thrown him under the bus’ in order to trigger Morton to provide the enforcement staff with condemning information on Haith.”

The report went on to assert that the enforcement staff also misled Haith during his Sept. 5, 2012, interview, stating that Grantstein “misrepresented to Haith that Morton reported to the enforcement staff that he had delivered $10,000 in cash to Shapiro’s mother’s house on June 10, 2010.

“In truth, Morton reported that he delivered $5,000 to Shapiro’s mother’s house to repay a previous loan he had received from Shapiro, not $10,000. ...”

“Grantstein’s intent to mislead Haith is evident in the fact that after she provided false information to Haith regarding Morton, Haith specifically asked her if Morton had indeed reported that he delivered $10,000 to Shapiro’s mother’s house, and Grantstein responded affirmatively, thus stating false information on the record on two separate occasions.”
The University of Miami is going after the NCAA hard, detailing unethical behavior by investigators who used lies and misrepresentations while trying to get coaches to implicate themselves.

The school detailed tactics used against former Miami head coach Frank Haith and former assistant coach Jake Morton. ESPN gained a copy of the University of Miami’s letter summing up misbehavior by NCAA investigators.

ESPN also got a copy of the full 45-page report, which provides fascinating reading for any skeptic of the NCAA.

ESPN columnist Andy Katz rushed to the defense of Haith, who had this matter hang over his head for his two seasons at Mizzou:

If the allegations in a letter sent by the University of Miami to drop the case against the school are true, the NCAA needs to officially exonerate former Hurricanes and current Missouri men's basketball coach Frank Haith so he can move forward from this mess. ESPN obtained a copy of the document on Wednesday, and the manner in which NCAA enforcement allegedly lied and tried to turn one assistant against Haith to get him to say something incriminating was shocking.

The report alleges the two investigators provided Haith and Morton “false information regarding what other interview subjects had reported in attempt to elicit confessions of NCAA violations.” This tactic, Miami noted, violates “the NCAA’s bedrock principles of honesty, integrity and cooperation.”

Attorney Jim Zeszutek, who represents Morton and former Miami assistant coach Jorge Fernandez, is seeking the right to release the information gathered on NCAA tactics.

“I’ve been a lawyer for 38 years and have been practicing before the Committee on Infractions for 30 of those years,” he told the Miami Herald. “This isn’t my first rodeo. I’ve had experience dealing with these issues before. But this is probably the worst situation for my clients I’ve ever seen, and it’s frustrating.”

Miami’s filing with the NCAA asserted that the Association’s external review of the botched investigation was a “whitewash” that failed to outline the full scope of impropriety.

On another front, the Herald reported that former NCAA investigator Ameen Najjar believed he was fired for failing to make sufficient progress in the case. That revelation came to light in e-mails Najjar exchanged with convicted UM booster Nevin Shapiro.
"I was fired today . . . apparently because they did not like the way I was moving the Miami case along," Najjar wrote Shapiro last May. "The conditions I have been working under for the past year have been horrible and it has taken a toll on me and my family. I am sorry and do not know what this means for the investigation."

So the NCAA was desperate to nail people at Miami for these allegations? That would explain why subsequent investigators resorted to deceit while trying to make the charges stick.

All of this reflects negatively on NCAA president Mark Emmert, who appeared defiant while parrying with reporters at a Final Four news conference. He went after CBSSports.com columnist Dennis Dodd in particular.

Once again, Dodd was left wondering how the NCAA could operate credibly with Emmert in charge. He wrote:

It used to be that we thought big-time college sports were dirty. Now we can't trust those who would keep them clean. During that 40-minute annual Final Four press conference the NCAA president filibustered -- more than half of the time was taken up by an opening statement -- and was snippy, bordering on arrogant.

Miami Herald columnist Greg Cote figures enough is enough:

Emmert, the Ultimate Hypocrite, should see his job in trouble, too. His organization is the police, judge and jury of college sports — of others' misdeeds. Yet the NCAA's own corrupted handling of the ongoing Miami/Nevin Shapiro case has been tainted by admitted wrongdoing that has led to independent investigations and internal firings.

Emmert's own investigative staff broke rules, but there he sits imperially, impervious, as if the rules of responsibility do not apply to him as they applied to the Penn State president, or the folks at Rutgers who knew they had a volatile, ball-throwing, shoving, gay-slur-shouting bully for a basketball coach.

Before resigning his post -- an absolutely necessary step for the good of the college sports industry -- Emmert should fly to Columbia and personally apologize to Haith for the deplorable actions of his Association.

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Innovation sparks TEDx

Big ideas find a home at daylong gathering.

By Jodie Jackson Jr.

Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 2:00 am

Never before has the line between science and fiction been so blurred.

An array of speakers, many with connections to the University of Missouri, appeared at yesterday's TEDxCoMo event at the Missouri Theatre to talk about ways to harness digital connections to improve communities, communication and the planet's future.

"The wall between the digital and the physical world is being torn down," said Alex Madinger, an MU student starting his own business with the cutting-edge technology of 3-D printing. Madinger will graduate in May.

Among the many other speakers were Rock Bridge High School senior Nahush Katti and journalist Molly Bingham. Katti co-founded a company in 2010 that has developed mobile technology to help diagnose some eye diseases and plant diseases. Bingham, coming from a long family line of journalists, has founded ORBmedia — which is tackling the challenge to "reach everyone practically everywhere" with "stories that matter to all 7 billion of us."

All people need food and shelter; all seek dignity and justice, she said. "We share a core that profoundly outweighs" our differences, she said.

TEDxCoMo was fashioned after similar national gatherings of the not-for-profit TFD, which stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design. The daylong event was intended to spark discussion about changes in media, education and other areas, with the aim of improving communities and communication. A theme of the event was to recognize and respond to feedback as a way of learning from others.

"We want to show there is feedback in everything," said Cale Sears, a co-organizer of TEDxCoMo, "and how things are connected to each other. We're trying to share our community's ideas with the world."

Zach Wade, executive mobile producer at KMOV-TV in St. Louis, said social media and technology have become "digital cocaine" to feed people's desire to feel validated.
But the true power of validation exists off screen, Wade said, and he challenged listeners to be deliberate in validating others face to face. "They will remember your words and respond when no one's keeping score," he said.

Madinger said 3-D printing — the process of creating real objects based on a virtual model — already is being used to help restore function to damaged human arms. While biomedical applications will continue, he said, developing technology to make machines that could duplicate themselves might have bearing on future space travel, especially "if we have teleportation technology by then."

MU students Claire Custer and Vincent Morris, both 19, said they were inspired by the speakers. "I thought it was really cool to see all the people who've come from Mizzou," said Morris, a sophomore sport management major from Jefferson City.

"It's crazy that some of them are so young," said Custer, a freshman from Rockford, Ill., who is studying speech pathology. "It makes you think what you can do to change your community."
MU chapter of NAACP pays tribute

Image Awards honor leaders' excellence.

By Karyn Spory

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The University of Missouri chapter of the NAACP last night honored community members who have embraced excellence, celebrating their achievements at the group's ninth annual Image Awards.

The awards ceremony took place in Benton Ballroom in the Memorial Union.

"The Image Awards encourages minorities to unite the University of Missouri community as well as the local community by promoting diversity," said Brittany Campbell of MU's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chapter.

Noor Azizan-Gardner, MU's assistant deputy chancellor for diversity, said she was honored to be asked to speak at this year's Image Awards.

Following the theme of embracing excellence, Azizan-Gardner asked what excellence was: Is it making a lot of money? Rather than that, she said, embracing excellence means throwing yourself into something you are passionate about.

"It is about living and breathing into that passion," Azizan-Gardner said.

Junior journalism major Brienna LaCoste and junior psychology major Brandice Carpenter were awarded the Myrlie Evers Black Student Leader Award. LaCoste is president of a community service and leadership organization called Target Hope and also works as mentorship chairwoman for the National Association of Black Journalists and as advertising manager for Sculpt Magazine.

Carpenter is president of a ministry called Pinky Promise Mizzou and also of A Woman Inspired, which supports diversity and empowerment among women. She said the award was unexpected. "I'm very humbled and honored to be just a part of this campus and to be making a difference and serving others."
Senior sociology major Stacy Stewart said she was shocked and honored to receive the Charles Hamilton Houston Collegiate Achievement Award.

"I think this will be one of" my "greatest moments before leaving this university," she said.

Other honorees included:

- Kwaeisi Golliday was announced as the most outstanding member of the MU chapter and received the W.E.B. Du Bois Member of the Year Award.

- The Mizzou Black Men's Initiative took home the Rosa Parks Community Involvement Award for their more than 70 hours of helping youths and homeless residents and contributing to a cleaner environment.

- Lysaundra Campbell won the Langston Hughes Creative Arts Award.

- The Coretta Scott King Organization of the Year Award went to the National Association of Black Journalists.

- Delan Ellington received the Mary White Ovington Outstanding Freshman Award.

- The Barbara Jordan Student of the Year Award went to Alexis Rogers.

- Pablo Mendoza was named the Roy Wilkins Staff Member of the Year.

- Roshaunda McLean was awarded the Dr. Medgar Evers Political Award.
Student group to host energy panel

Friday, April 5, 2013 at 2:00 pm

A University of Missouri group that promotes clean energy use is planning a discussion panel next week focusing on energy development.

Coal Free Mizzou will play host to A Community Conversation: The Hidden Faces of Energy at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Arvarh E. Strickland Room on the second floor of Memorial Union. Speakers will include John Hickey of the Sierra Club, MU sociology assistant professor Rebecca Scott and Mid-Missouri Peaceworks Director Mark Haim.

Coal Free Mizzou is a student activist organization that encourages the university to move away from coal as an energy source.
Adolf Schroeder, 1916-2013

Born Feb. 1, 1916, in Covington, Va., he was the son of recent German immigrants to the United States, Richard Ernst Schroeder and Rosa Kordula Schroeder. Due to family circumstances, he was taken to Germany at age 5 and placed in the care of foster parents, Drs. Ernst and Hildegard Hempelmann of Dessau. Returning to the United States in 1938, he graduated from the University of Illinois in 1941 and started work on an M.A. at Louisiana State University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946, and after receiving an M.A in German Literature at L.S.U. and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University, he later taught at Ohio State, Kent State University in Ohio, the University of Massachusetts, L.S.U., and in 1946-47 and from 1970 until his retirement, at the University of Missouri. Interested in early language learning, he established classes in German and Russian for fourth-graders in Ohio and Massachusetts and directed an NDEA program for teachers in Ohio. In Missouri, he became interested in German, French and other European settlements in the state and collected many photographs and oral histories relating to immigrant life in Missouri. He was largely responsible for re-establishing the Missouri Folklore Society in the state in 1977 and became widely recognized for his contributions to the preservation of the state's cultural history and folklore.


A second son, Christopher Schroeder, died in Baton Rouge in 2008.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lenoir Woods Benevolent Fund, the Rotary International Scholarship Fund, or St. Andrews Lutheran Church.

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Slain Colorado prison boss honored at Missouri memorial

April 5, 2013

COLUMBIA, Mo. — They came to honor Tom Clements as a loving father and husband, a committed public servant and faithful churchgoer, an avid bicyclist whose love of the Colorado mountains paved the way for a move west from his Missouri birthplace and the Midwest college town he called home for nearly three decades.

The more than 400 friends, family members and former co-workers who packed a Friday afternoon memorial service at Woodcrest Chapel in Columbia didn’t dwell on the details of Clements’ death 17 days earlier when he was shot answering the door at his home outside Colorado Springs. Instead, they celebrated his life and his legacy, his belief in rehabilitation even among the most hardened of criminals.

“I cannot make sense of clerical errors or perceived mistakes,” his wife Lisa Clements told the mourners. “Tom believed in redemption, the ability of the human heart to change, for a life to be transformed.”

Colorado officials believe Clements, 58, and a Denver pizza delivery driver were killed by former state inmate Evan Ebel, a member of white supremacist prison gang who was mistakenly released from prison four years early. Ebel was killed in a shootout with Texas authorities on March 21, two days after Clements’ death.

Clements was born in St. Louis and attended Hazelwood High School, St. Louis Community College and Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology. He later received a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Lisa Clements, a psychologist who oversees Colorado’s mental health services, said she met her husband in a college class on juvenile delinquency. His career choice was shaped by a prison visit he took as a teen to see a family member, his wife of 28 years said. The couple’s two adult daughters flanked their mother on the pulpit Friday but did not speak.

In Missouri, Clements rose through the ranks from a first job as a probation and parole officer in St. Louis to an administrative job overseeing the state’s 21 adult prisons. In 2011, Col. Gov. John Hickenlooper lured the retired Clements to work for his Department of Corrections as executive director. Lisa Clements
said she and her late husband called the move “our next great adventure.” Family photos displayed during the memorial service showed Clements atop several Colorado mountain peaks.

Hickenlooper, who on Thursday announced a broad review of Colorado's prison and parole operations in response to the mistakes that led to Ebel's premature release, also invoked Clements' commitment to helping prisoners, not merely locking them up.

"He oversaw one of the coldest, toughest worlds with the warmest and most tender of hearts," said Hickenlooper, who attended Friday's memorial.

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon shared similar remembrances, and Missouri Department of Corrections director George Lombardi addressed Clements directly on behalf of “your corrections family,” many of whom were in attendance.

"He had an unwavering dedication to helping the most challenging souls among us find forgiveness,” Nixon said. “It was the Lord's work. And Tom loved it.”

The service came hours after another prison gang member wanted for questioning in Clements' death was arrested in Colorado. Authorities there were also looking for a third member of the 211 Crew who may have been involved.

Ebel had been sentenced to a combined eight years in prison for a series of assault and menacing convictions in 2005. He was convicted of assaulting a prison guard in 2008, but a clerical error led his new four-year term to be recorded as running simultaneously to his other sentences, rather than starting when they finished. He was released from a Colorado prison in late January.
Lee, New Haven school boundaries face update

Area in question was site of Regency park.

By Catherine Martin

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The Columbia Board of Education will again make a decision about school attendance boundaries tomorrow night, but this time only a handful of students will be affected.

Peter Stiepleman, assistant superintendent for elementary education, will ask the board to move a section of land that includes the former Regency trailer park property out of the Lee Elementary School attendance area and into the New Haven Elementary attendance area. The change will affect five students who already live close to New Haven, he said.

"We had calls from frustrated parents earlier in the year that said they could actually see our grounds from their houses but they actually went to Lee," New Haven Principal Carole Garth said. "I understand that's frustrating."

Lee school has a "Lee for life" policy that allows any students who have attended Lee to stay in the school if they wish, even if they are no longer in the Lee boundary area. But Garth said that as far as she knows, all of the families affected by the proposed boundary change plan to have their children attend New Haven next year.

Beyond those five students who will see a boundary change for next school year, Garth and Stiepleman said the change is more about planning for the future.

"It's not even just about Lee or New Haven. It's more about trying to adjust to the population growth and just having enrollment in buildings that can accommodate," Garth said.

Lee is a landlocked school that can't expand, Stiepleman said, and at some point will be "challenged to find space."

"It's really a plan for the future, and we're being somewhat proactive," Stiepleman said.
He pointed to Aspen Heights, a student housing complex set to open on the site of the former Regency trailer park, near the intersection of Nifong Boulevard and Ponderosa Street. The development includes residences of up to four bedrooms. Although the developer of Aspen Heights intends to house only college students, you never know what will happen, city planner Steve Macintyre said, citing similar developments that also include some tenants who aren't students.

"Even if it is student housing, we're looking at the area as developing," Stiepleman said. "New Haven has the space and is located so close to the neighborhood."

New Haven had an enrollment of 287 this year, and Garth said there is room for a few more students at the school. She isn't expecting much of an influx as a result of the boundary change.

"Always, the goal is to not create a dramatic shift for any one building," she said.

The school board will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the administration building, 1818 W. Worley St.

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As Public-Private Pay Gap Widens, State Universities Try to Hang On to Faculty

By Sydni Dunn


Eric J. Barron, president of Florida State University, is fighting a faculty exodus.

The university has struggled to retain good professors because it’s been unable to reward them with big salary increases, or with any increases at all.

In fact, the president warned state officials last year, budget cuts have started to turn his university into a "farm team" for institutions outside the state, a place where young faculty start their careers, gain experience, and soon take their training and expertise elsewhere.

"We exceed our national ranking in every metric," Mr. Barron says. "Where do we not exceed our rank? We don't in terms of what we pay for faculty salaries and what we can invest in the academic program."

Florida State isn’t the only public university hard put to find money for faculty salaries. Nationally, the gap between what public and private colleges pay their professors has only continued to grow, according to an annual report released this week by the American Association of University Professors.

During this academic year, the average salary across all faculty ranks at private colleges was $99,771, an increase of 2.4 percent from the previous academic year. At public colleges, the average salary was $80,578, a 1.3-percent increase.

The public-sector disadvantage is greatest for full professors. At public master's-level colleges, they earn 17 percent less than do their peers at private institutions. Those at public doctoral universities earn 35 percent less than their peers at private doctoral institutions, according to the report.
Daniel J. Hurley, director of state relations and policy analysis at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, says some public universities haven’t been able to give any salary increases for the past four to five years because state budgets have remained tight.

"That conversation is certainly not happening at private institutions," he says. "Private institutions are able to recruit and pay for the top talent."

At Florida State, faculty salaries for the highest-ranked professors this academic year fall significantly below the average, according to the AAUP report. The average pay for full professors at Florida State is $109,400, which is 11 percent less than the average for those at all public doctoral institutions.

For associate professors, the average pay at Florida State is $76,700, which is 9 percent less than the average for all public doctoral institutions. Assistant professors, however, earn 5 percent more at Florida State than do their peers at public doctoral institutions, whose average salary is $77,100. 'Tough to Turn Down'

Florida State's faculty members have been lured away by both private and public institutions, Mr. Barron says. Of the 58 professors in the College of Arts and Sciences who were offered jobs at other universities last year, Florida State was able to persuade only eight to stay.

The salary offers that professors received for jobs elsewhere were as much as $20,000, or 28 percent, higher than their salaries on the Tallahassee, Fla., campus, Mr. Barron says.

"Our faculty love this university and love this region, but it’s tough to turn down something that’s a significant raise," he says.

Popular destinations for departing faculty have included public and private colleges in Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

While public colleges in many states have seen their appropriations drop in recent years, Florida's cuts have been among the deepest. State appropriations for higher education in Florida decreased by 31.3 percent from the 2008 to the 2013 fiscal years.

Yuri Gershtein, a former assistant professor of physics at Florida State, says Rutgers University recruited him for its physics department in 2008.
Mr. Gershtein, now an associate professor, says the salary offer, in terms of the dollar amount, was "a pretty significant bump" from his pay in Florida.

"Florida State was always good at the initial offers, and that was the strategy," he says. "The initial offer is high, but then the salary doesn't grow."

Todd Adams, an associate professor of physics at Florida State, says the "upheaval" of faculty makes it difficult to recruit new professors.

"You want to convince them they would be coming to one of the best places they can be," says Mr. Adams, who is a member of the Faculty Senate. But "it's hard to sing praises and say, 'It's going to be great, and your salary will keep going up,' when it may not."

Mr. Barron, Florida State's president, has been looking for ways to improve retention and put more money into the faculty.

So far this academic year, 36 professors from Florida State have moved elsewhere. But Mr. Barron says they will all be replaced. He even expects that the university will be able to add to its faculty.

The university has found ways to save money, such as by lowering campus energy consumption, and is putting more money toward some faculty pay raises. It "is not in the position to do anything across the board," he says, but there is enough money to provide some performance-based raises, including those accompanying promotions and given out at post-tenure reviews.

But Mr. Barron's message to state lawmakers is that such increases are not enough, that Florida State and public universities like it will be left behind if the gap between their salaries and those of their peer private institutions is allowed to continue to grow.

"Nobody wants to wave a white flag that says, 'People are stealing my faculty,' yet I think a legislature has to know and understand the stresses being applied," Mr. Barron says.

"If you want to be nationally competitive, if you want to have top ranks, if you want to keep the best and brightest, then don't spend all your money getting a faculty member started and once they prove to be excellent have them go somewhere else."
COLUMBIA, Mo. — A Hollywood actor well acquainted with both real-life and make-believe portrayals of celebrity culture brings his documentary film on the subject to the University of Missouri.

Adrian Grenier is best known as the star of the HBO series "Entourage." He portrayed Vincent Chase, a successful young actor negotiating sudden fame with a crew of hometown buddies from Queens.

Grenier's 2010 documentary "Teenage Paparazzo" turns the camera on a 14-year-old celebrity photographer in Los Angeles.

The film will be screened at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Jesse Hall on the Columbia campus. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for the general public.

A reception follows the screening.