MU wins training grant connected to modular reactors

Idea to prepare state workforce.

By Jacob Barker

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While Ameren Missouri and Westinghouse Electric continue to wait for a multimillion-dollar federal grant to develop a new nuclear reactor design, the University of Missouri now has cash to start coaching the companies needed to build them.

The U.S. departments of Labor and Commerce announced yesterday they had awarded MU $1.84 million to develop the supply chain and infrastructure needed to manufacture small modular reactors, or SMRs. The grant was one of 10 awarded as part of the administration's "Make it in America" initiative, which was announced during last year's campaign season as a $40 million push to encourage companies to invest more in the domestic workforce.

The grant awarded to the University of Missouri Extension will be used "to develop a high-skill, high-quality workforce for manufacturers in the nuclear power industry" and study what education and training is needed, according to the Commerce Department.

Dave Schmidt, an associate professor and specialist in the Extension's Business Development Program, said the grant will allow his office to help companies that want to become part of a manufacturing supply chain with "whatever has to happen for those companies to pivot." There are about 75 manufacturers around the state that have expressed interest in helping Ameren and Westinghouse build new reactors, Schmidt said, and they will need help finding expansion funding, developing business strategies and navigating nuclear power regulations. "Anytime a manufacturer produces something that's quite a ways outside of their wheelhouse, they're going to need to make some changes," he said.
The training is the latest word on a project that state officials have been hoping for since spring 2012, when Gov. Jay Nixon announced St. Louis-based utility Ameren Missouri had partnered with manufacturing and engineering firm Westinghouse to apply for a piece of $452 million in federal funding to develop and manufacture SMRs.

Local elected officials, economic development types and university administrators all rallied around the effort, hoping a big funding award could lead Ameren and Westinghouse to build a small reactor and the capability to manufacture them in Mid-Missouri near its existing nuclear plant in Callaway County.

However, the Department of Energy has only made one award, announcing in November that the Tennessee Valley Authority and Babcock & Wilcox had won $150 million in the first round of funding. Still, a coalition of industry, government and University of Missouri officials are holding out hope that a second award could benefit the state.

Those close to the project also expected an announcement on the next round of funding last month, but there has been no word from the Energy Department yet. The office of U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., who is among several lawmakers from Missouri's delegation pushing the project, expects an announcement soon.

If Westinghouse does not win the Energy Department grant, it's unclear whether Ameren would still move forward with the company to build a small reactor in the state. Warren Wood, the utility's vice president of legislative and regulatory affairs, said a grant to Westinghouse "certainly makes it more likely." Whether the project would be viable without it depends on future emissions regulations and a host of other variables, he said.

Joseph Smith, a professor at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, is leading the university consortium aimed at educating the workforce to build and design the reactors. He said he and others close to the effort expect two more awards worth $150 million each.

Even if the Ameren Westinghouse partnership is passed over, "the consortium and SMR technology is not dependent on that grant," Smith said. Companies say they plan to move forward, and Missouri is set to be a hub, he said.

Smith pointed to the UM campuses' support for research and training, the state's two operating research reactors and its central location. "We believe this is kind of the center of the universe for this technology," he said.

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Curators authorize issuance of bonds

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The University of Missouri System Board of Curators authorized the issuance of revenue bonds to fund projects at all four campuses during a special meeting Wednesday.

By a 7-0 vote, the board approved the issuance of as much as $150 million in system facilities revenue bonds. The board previously approved the projects that would be funded. Those include: renovations to Wolpers and Johnson halls at MU; additions to Memorial Stadium at MU; additions to Hospital Hill at UMKC; and renovations to the Science Learning Building at UMSL, to name a few.

Tom Richards, interim vice president for finance and treasurer, said since 2011, the board has approved more than $332 million in projects. He said the purpose of the meeting was to ask for authorization to move forward with the actual issuance of debt.

Curator Don Cupps of Cassville asked why the board should not authorize the issuance of the full amount — $332,414,000. Richards said the system wanted to only move forward with the issuance of half the debt today and come back in mid-2014 to seek authorization to complete the projects. Richards said he wanted to do it that way because of how they will structure the rest of the debt.

According to board documents the maturity of bonding will not exceed 40 years, the interest is not to exceed 5 percent and the potential refunding transaction will not exceed $175 million.

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Curators approve new form of funding for system projects

By Covey Eonyak Son

The UM System will use revenue bonds to finance projects on all four member campuses.

A resolution to authorize this action was passed by the Board of Curators at its Oct. 23 teleconference. Projects approved between June 2011 and September 2013 will be financed in this way.

These projects include the renovation of MU residence halls – Wolpers, Johnston, Laws, Lathrop and Jones – construction of Virginia Avenue South Housing, as well as additions to Faurot Field and other athletic facilities, the University Hospital Orthopedic Institute and chilled water plant.

The issuance of no more than $150 million was approved to finance the multiple projects, which have total cost estimated to be over $300 million.

“We arrived at that amount by looking at each of the individual projects and their construction cash flow need through the end of this fiscal year,” said Tom Richards, UM System’s interim vice president of finance. “The plan is to issue the $150 million in debt, and at some point next year, come back and get the remainder.”

Richards said the limited amount of debt will help the UM System avoid paying extra costs.

“In the past, we would have issued all $332 million up front with a fixed rate issue and spent that down over a period of over three years,” Richards said. “The downside to that is that you’re paying a lot of interest on debt that you’re not necessarily using.

The system will be able to find better rates this way, UM System spokesman John Fougere said.

“The University of Missouri’s strong credit rating gives us the flexibility to be more opportunistic in choosing when to issue debt, ideally to take advantage of lower rates and opportunities in the market,” he said.

Terms of the resolution add the possibility for potential bond refunding of no more than $175 million and delegate the authority to decide the issuance date to the executive committee.

The resolution was approved unanimously.
Fighting rape culture begins with proactivity

In the past two months, there have been two sexual assault cases reported on campus. The women did not know their attackers, and both were assaulted in their dorm rooms. But the security of residence halls in only a minor part of the problem.

These two rapes added to the 27 domestic violence reports that have happened in the last year.

“From the 1970s, rape culture has plagued college campuses,” said Wayne Anderson, retired psychologist and professor emeritus of psychology.
Throughout his studies from the 1960s to today, Anderson found that 5-8 percent of men who rape women do not consider it rape; they consider it consensual.

“(The) underlying attitude was that it was the woman’s fault, and that she shouldn’t have done a variety of things,” Anderson said. “When a woman says ‘no,’ to these men, it means that there is a possibility of sex.”

This attitude, while constricted to a small minority, has spread over the years.

To counteract this, women dressed and acted more feminine, which created backlash and victim-blaming, Anderson said.

“We couldn’t get convictions for rapists because defense lawyers would try and find a biased jury, such as women over the age of 50,” he said. “They would find that the victim was enticing men and that they couldn’t help it.”

Those juries would argue that “you can’t blame a guy for doing what they did,” Anderson said.

Women must be willing to come forward or take the stand against their attacker, he said.

Most of the time, it is difficult for survivors to ask for help, said senior Jamie Crockett, a survivor of four sexual assaults.

“One feeling is that survivors keep all of the pain inside, feeling like no one knows what they are going through,” she said. “They don’t want people to know what happened because of reputation or fear.”

Dealing with sexual assault

For years, Anderson worked specifically on sexual assault cases.

He came to MU in 1968, where he worked to help counsel rape survivors. Starting in 1970, Anderson created a grassroots movement with some of the students that acted as a crisis center for women.

The organization became the Women’s Center in 1975.

Anderson’s vision was not only to help these women; he wanted to help women get rid of the guilt they felt after being sexually assaulted. He said he also wanted to expunge the stigma that society had placed upon sexual assault victims.

“I worked with the hospital, and we introduced rape kits back in the ’70s,” he said. “I also planned on modifying the attitude of police.”

Rape kits are administered by a sexual assault nurse examiner. The test can be performed up to 96 hours after the assault, and it includes interviewing the survivor about the assault, a physical
exam and collection of blood for a test. The kits can then be given to police for investigative purposes. This exam takes approximately three hours, according to the Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center.

The police, however, cannot help survivors unless they reach out to the department, Capt. Brian Weimer said. And those affected by the assault tend to avoid discussing the incident because of the emotional hurt that accompanies it.

“The situation is very, very heavy,” Crockett said. “There is a lot of guilt. It’s like a movie reel; talking about it becomes very repetitive. Your mind just goes into overdrive with shock.”

When survivors do report the assaults, the work of the MU Police Department has been swift, Weimer said.

Every time an assault of some kind occurs, Weimer or one of the officers will write a report detailing what happened and where it occurred.

With the last sexual assault, however, the clery release did not come out until Oct. 14, three weeks after the assault occurred on Sept. 22. The clery release said the victim did not contact the police until early that morning.

The psychological ramifications to assault include a massive amount of guilt. To prevent reliving the event, women find any reason they could to put the blame on themselves to prevent the assault from ever happening again, Anderson said.

“Many women are cautious to the possibility of rape … locking doors, park in the light, etc.,” Anderson said.

Survivors may suffer from several forms of post traumatic stress disorder, including nightmares, anxiety attacks and flashbacks.

For example, if a woman was attacked at 2 a.m., she will wake up at that time on subsequent days. If a woman saw a brick wall when she was raped, she will stay away from brick walls or any resemblance to them, Anderson said.

*Prevention versus reaction*

While sexual assault prevention measures are in place, rape is still a huge concern, Anderson said.

The social stigma, still very much present, needs to be put to rest.

Through movements of sexual education, students getting involved in organizations such as SHAPE and the Women’s Center, and the prevention efforts made by the MUPD, attitudes are gradually changing, but there is still a ways to go, he said.
“Annually, the MUPD puts on a Campus Crime and Fire Safety report that gives detailed information to provide members of the community with the safest and most secure environment possible,” Weimer said.

The 2012 Campus Crime and Fire Safety report is currently available on MUPD’s website.

These reports give information about security throughout campus, the process of reporting crimes, crime prevention tactics and efforts, and it provides up to date suggestions on how to stay safe at all times of day. While the release is an extensive document, anything a person would want to find about can find it in the release.

MUPD is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to release statements about sexual assaults and other crimes that happen on and around campuses across the nation. The act was made in memory of a student, Jeanne Clery, who was slain in her dorm room in 1986 at Lehigh University.

But Weimer said he believes the clery releases are almost too specific because they only provide information about that specific incident, not campus safety in general.

“I find that there is a miscommunication with the MUPD and campus residents,” said Weimer.

This is one way that people can access up-to-date information at any hour necessary. The document is important for future use because it is more for prevention, something that the campus is working on for these sexual assaults, he said.

Anderson said that so far, the campus has been mainly reactionary.

It took a long time before the university even got involved in the movement against sexual assaults and the gender inequality. With this backing, victims will be better supported now and in the future, he said.

“When your rights as a human are being infringed upon, you deserve protection,” Crockett said.

Crockett said she found the RSVP Center to be the most helpful resource on campus after her assaults.

“We shouldn’t teach people how not to be raped, we should teach people how not to rape,” she said.

Crockett started Shining Light Media to fight against the revictimization of survivors, and to talk about prevention methods, such as how to ask for help. The main goal is to show that it is not the survivors’ fault, and that through talking, no matter how repetitive, it will help them move forward, Crockett said.

“All we (survivors) really need is someone to be there,” Crockett said.
MU med school starts emergency medicine residency program

MU to pick first group in March.

By Karyn Spory

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Next summer, the University of Missouri School of Medicine will welcome half a dozen residents into the newly created emergency medicine residency program.

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education granted approval for the program in September, and the training of emergency physicians will begin in July.

"If you look at critical health care provider needs in the state, one area where we have a significant need for physician services is in emergency medicine," said Les Hall, interim dean and professor of internal medicine at the MU School of Medicine.

Hall said the model for staffing emergency rooms in years past included doctors who wanted to get out of the office, or some hospitals would have rotating assignments and everyone would have a turn in the ER.

"The whole discipline of emergency medicine, which has grown up in the United States, is the recognition that when you have busy ERs, there actually is a specific skill set around caring for critically ill or injured patients," Hall said. He said those skill sets are different from just being a surgeon or a pediatrician.

Marc Borenstein, professor and chairman of the School of Medicine's Department of Emergency Medicine, said in the next couple of weeks, MU will begin recruiting a group of approximately six to eight residents for the program, and the program's first class will be selected through the national resident matching program in March.
Borenstein said the School of Medicine has been working to create this residency program for several years now, including growing the emergency medicine department's faculty from seven to 20 physicians.

Borenstein said during the program, residents will split time between the ER and several other disciplines.

"Emergency medicine residents spend time on the trauma service; they spend time in the surgical intensive care unit, the cardiac intensive care unit, orthopedic, airway management" and pediatrics. "All of these are in addition to the time they spend in the emergency department itself," he said.

Borenstein said one apt definition of emergency medicine is taking care of the acutely ill or injured of all ages, so these residents have to be ready for anything.

Borenstein said the program is a three-year residency program because it takes that long for residents to complete all the experiences necessary to fulfill the requirements to sit for the American Board of Emergency Medicine certification exam.

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New efforts to boost minority students studying abroad

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Story Highlights

- Low-income and minority students may feel like study abroad is not an option.
- Groups are working to help minority students participate.

Kenya Casey studied abroad as an undergrad in 1997. As an African American, she noticed an under-representation of minority students on her trip.

Today, as associate director of the Center for International Programs Abroad (CIPA) at Emory University, she says the trend hasn't changed.

The Institute of International Education's Open Doors data shows that 78% of U.S. students who studied abroad in 2010-11 were white.

The next-highest percentage for a single group was 7.9% for the Asian student population, followed by 6.9% Hispanic and 4.8% black or African-American.

Melissa Fortes, a Filipino senior public relations major at Illinois State University, observed a discrepancy while studying abroad in Florence, Italy last spring.

"Out of 30 students from my school that studied abroad during spring 2013 in Florence, three of us were minorities," Fortes says.

DeAnna Anglin, a 2012 graduate from the University of Missouri who now works as an MCAC college adviser, describes her study abroad trip in Africa as 100% Caucasian. She adds that she was the only student of the 16 on the trip who came from a low-income household.

"I had no idea how I was going to pay for it. I was already 100% supporting myself. … I had three jobs and went to school full time," Anglin says. "Per my experience, less than 10% of students with high financial need see studying abroad as an option."

To address concerns like these, Casey recently co-authored NAFSA's "You Too! Can Study Abroad: Guide for Ethnically and Racially Underrepresented Students."
"The publication is for students, and it's supposed to break some of the barriers and misperceptions about study abroad and to outline the process of studying abroad," Casey says.

Diversity Abroad — an organization whose goal is to ensure that all students, regardless of their racial or ethnic background, physical ability or socioeconomic status, have access to international education and exchange opportunities — provides further resources to students.

According to the president of Diversity Abroad, Andrew Gordon, the organization works through two outlets.

The student outreach side, diversityabroad.com, provides students with how-to guides, travel discounts and scholarship and loan options. The organization also conducts tours on more than 100 campuses every year, educating target populations about available opportunities.

The organization's Diversity Network brings together a consortium of higher-education institutions, government agencies, for-profit organizations and non-profits committed to their mission of "advancing diversity and inclusive excellence in international education."

A number of institutions are developing initiatives to spread the word on creating diversity within study abroad experiences, Gordon says.

One such program is Casey's Minority Outreach Initiative, implemented at Emory in 2007.

"The initiative was to break the misperceptions of why students don't study abroad, what the barriers are, and to also spread awareness about scholarship opportunities," Casey says.

The Minority Outreach Initiative focuses on outreach not only to underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups, but also to students who have high financial need, Casey says.

"Being a person of color who studied abroad and having been on financial aid when I was in college, it was important to me for students to have someone they could relate to and identify with to talk to about some of their concerns," Casey adds.

While many students list cost as the No. 1 barrier to studying abroad, Casey attributes this to a lack of awareness of available funding options. Casey also promotes available scholarships, as well as assistance with reviewing application essays.

According to Casey, before the Minority Outreach Initiative was implemented, the external award amount in scholarships for Emory students studying abroad was around
$7,000 per semester. From 2007 to 2013, the total scholarship award amount for external scholarships has reached more than $450,000.

Emory senior Angelica Calderon, who studied abroad in Italy during the summer of 2012, directly benefited from these services.

"What I saw as the main barrier to studying abroad was the cost. However, I quickly realized that there are various ways to overcome this challenge," she says.

Noting successes like these, Gordon is optimistic about current work in this area.

"I think there's a much greater awareness now than there used to be about it, and I think students are really trying to address this problem head on," Gordon says. "Last year was the first national conference on diversity inclusion on international education. We've never had that, so I'd say there's definitely been progress, but there needs to be more."

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At Last, Storm Settles at Miami

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BY
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The National Collegiate Athletic Association’s investigation of the University of Miami -- whose athletics department and top football and basketball players received hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of goods either through or directly from a now-imprisoned booster -- finally drew to a close Tuesday, three years and 11 months after Miami first alerted the NCAA to potential violations.

Among the findings, announced Tuesday, of the NCAA’s investigation: Booster Nevin Shapiro gave one athlete $50,000 to persuade him to sign with an agent. Others received food, clothes, housing and cash prizes for fishing contests on Shapiro’s yacht. He raised money for the university, which named a student lounge for him, and coaches paid him off once he threatened to talk. (He did anyway.)

“The University of Miami lacked institutional control when it did not monitor the activities of a major booster, the men’s basketball and football coaching staffs, student-athletes and prospects for a decade,” the NCAA declared in its news release. Lack of institutional control is the most serious NCAA violation.

Yet all the association itself gave Miami for those sizable transgressions was three years’ probation, a loss of 12 scholarships, and some suspensions and show-cause orders for former coaches.

Importantly, Miami had already self-imposed significant penalties, including a two-year ban on playing in the postseason. And the NCAA had to throw out 20 percent of its findings after discovering that its investigators were paying to glean information through Shapiro’s bankruptcy proceedings.

Once, after Yahoo Sports reported in a 2011 expose that far more players (73), money (more than $170,000) and benefits (including access to prostitutes and an abortion for one of them) were involved, it seemed like the death penalty, an almost-never imposed ban on football, was plausible.

It’s fair to say that the investigation – one of the longest, strangest and most closely followed in recent memory, if not NCAA history – was complex, enormous and unique, as Committee on Infractions Chair Britton Banowsky said in a call with reporters Tuesday (which, in a fitting metaphor for the investigation itself, kept reporters on hold several minutes past the start time and had a connection so poor that it was difficult to hear what was said).
But that’s partly because the NCAA botched the investigation by paying Shapiro’s bankruptcy lawyer to subpoena witnesses for the Miami case, while the booster served jail time for the Ponzi scheme through which he supported Miami. That misstep didn’t just delay the investigation even further, it called the integrity of the review – and the ability of the NCAA’s enforcement process to function – into question.

The infractions committee used none of the improperly obtained information, Banowsky said, and in fact did not even consider the enforcement staff’s mistakes when deciding on penalties.

Rather, he suggested that Miami’s self-imposed penalties were hugely consequential. The two-year bowl ban that Miami gave itself in an attempt to head off major punishment down the road resulted in recusal from the 2012 Atlantic Coast Conference championship game (and a subsequent bowl game). The university also levied significant recruiting restrictions against itself.

“Our hope is that this frustrating and disappointing chapter for the institution and the NCAA can be one step closer to being closed,” Banowsky said, and that all those impacted “can now move forward.

Miami President Donna E. Shalala didn’t quite get what she wanted. After the NCAA admitted it erred in the investigation, she said the university should not be further penalized beyond its self-imposed bowl ban.

“The NCAA has not lived up to its core principles,” Shalala said in February. “We have been wronged in this investigation, and we believe that this process must come to a swift resolution.”

The whole debacle put the NCAA in a precarious position. Some speculated that Shalala was prepared to sue if she didn’t like what the NCAA decided. But on Tuesday, Miami officials said they accepted the findings and would not appeal.

“The Committee on Infractions report closes a challenging chapter in the history of the University of Miami,” Shalala said in a statement. “I want to apologize to the Hurricane family, as we have asked for your patience, faith and support during a difficult time.”

To be sure, the nine football and three basketball scholarships the NCAA tossed are not a throwaway to the students who won’t be able to get them despite having nothing to do with the scandal. But considering the extensive detail with which the NCAA documented Miami’s violations in a 102-page public infractions report, the NCAA did not use a particularly heavy hand.

The University of Southern California, for instance, lost triple the number of scholarships, got a bowl ban of its own and was crippled for years when Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush received impermissible benefits. USC Athletic Director Pat Haden, who has been vocal in his opposition to the penalties, said in a statement Tuesday that “We’ve always felt that our penalties were too harsh. This decision only bolsters that view.”

But Miami’s response to the investigation seems to have made all the difference. In addition to the bowl ban, Miami cut 20 percent of football’s official paid visits and 20 percent of days the coaches could visit with recruits in 2012-13.

“We felt like the institution’s self-imposed penalties were absolutely significant -- unprecedented, really - - and also the level of cooperation in this case was commendable,” Banowsky said. Those penalties indicated that Miami took the case seriously and understood the need to respond internally, he said. “To
impose these bowl bans is a big deal. A very big deal…. The committee appreciated those decisions and it’s reflected, I think, in our report.”

The NCAA’s penalties should be considered as add-ons to those self-imposed by Miami, said Josephine R. Potuto, a University of Nebraska at Lincoln law professor and former infractions committee chair. If the NCAA believed a two-year bowl ban was appropriate, it wouldn’t smack another two-year ban on top of the one that’s already been imposed.

“What the committee always does is consider the institutional penalty as part of the committee penalty. You have to do it that way,” she said in an interview. “Otherwise it’s not fair to the school that was proactive.”

'A failure to monitor'

The infractions report details how Shapiro, coaches and athletics staff violated NCAA rules, mostly through recruiting inducements and extra benefits for athletes. In addition to providing for athletes, Shapiro “was a significant donor” to the football and men’s basketball programs and also conducted personal and financial dealings with coaching staff, including gifts and loans.

The staff include the former head basketball coach Frank Haith and two former assistant coaches, and four former assistant football coaches.

Miami first reported impermissible phone calls and text messages to the NCAA in November 2009. In February 2011, Shapiro reported to the NCAA about more serious violations that he said he was involved in. Shortly thereafter, the investigation formally began.

The dealings with Shapiro’s lawyer took place in fall 2011, but NCAA President Mark Emmert says he didn’t learn of the inappropriate conduct until early this year, when he fired several enforcement staff members and announced an internal NCAA review of the Miami investigation.

A few days later, Miami received its notice of allegations, the formal notification of NCAA charges against an institution. The investigation covered 18 allegations with 79 subparts, 118 interviews with 81 people, and 15 binders of documents, totaling thousands of pages.

Then the infractions committee took over, using a special process to account for the enforcement staff’s mistakes and to try to speed up the process.

“Although the institution and involved individuals, except one, asked in some form that the allegations be dismissed or limited in some fashion due to the bankruptcy depositions and other numerous and evolving complaints about the investigation, the committee heard the case on the merits,” the report says.

“The institution demonstrated a failure to monitor its programs and the booster’s activities,” the report concludes. “The institution also failed to have the proper policies and procedures in place during the relevant time period, which led to the committee concluding that there was a lack of institutional control.”

**Haith, who is now head coach at the University of Missouri at Columbia, and an assistant coach gave the booster $10,000 after he threatened to expose impermissible contact with recruits and coaches, the NCAA says. Then, Haith helped pay off Shapiro’s mother.**
One of the NCAA’s penalties is a five-game suspension for Haith at Missouri, but he will stay on the staff.

A former assistant football coach, Clint Hurtt, who the NCAA says received and provided extra benefits for athletes and lied to investigators, received a show-cause order. University of Louisville officials said he will remain on the staff there, as associate head coach for the defensive line, but “will be closely monitored” and have his salary frozen for two years, according to a university statement.

“No doubt folks will have a difference of opinion,” Banowsky said when asked why the scholarship reductions seemed light compared to other instances. “We don’t put cases up against each other because of the unique nature of each case.”

What does suspension mean for Mizzou?

COLUMBIA, Mo. • Now that the NCAA has handed out its punishment to Frank Haith, what does it mean for Missouri basketball? Let’s answer a few questions that might still be lingering:

What does the suspension entail?

Haith is suspended from Mizzou’s first five-regular season games, starting with the Nov. 8 opener against Southeastern Louisiana and through the Nov. 25 game against IUPUI. Missouri is checking with the NCAA to confirm what kind of contact Haith can have with the team during the 18-day suspension, but according to the infractions report, Haith can’t have any interaction with his coaches or players in any team activities during the suspension, nor can he be in the arena during the games. Haith said he is allowed to recruit during the suspension.

Who coaches the Tigers in his absence?

Haith said he’s still sorting that out. “We have three great coaches on our staff in Tim Fuller, Dave Leitao and Mark Phelps,” Haith said. “We haven’t decided no how we’ll utilize their strengths and what we do as far as deciding who’s the acting head coach. But we have great choices in those three guys.” Fuller’s title is associate head coach, but Leitao and Phelps both have Division I head-coaching experience — Leitao at Northeastern, DePaul and Virginia and Phelps at Drake.

How does the suspension affect recruiting?

Haith has been able to sign and secure commitments from high-profile players while the uncertainty has hovered over the program. Tuesday’s announcement provided some closure, and if recruits were at all hesitant about Haith’s future at Mizzou, the short suspension should put those concerns to rest.

What if Haith commits another violation?

Does the penalty count as a first strike should he violate NCAA rules at Missouri? That’s unclear according to the language of Haith’s contract, but the university does have cause to terminate Haith for any violations that occurred at a previous school. Clearly, Missouri is not firing Haith in light of Tuesday’s announcement, but would another violation put him on a shorter leash? Possibly.

Here’s how his contract reads: “If the Employee is found in violation of NCAA regulations, he shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in the provisions of the NCAA enforcement procedures, including suspension without pay or termination of employment for significant or repetitive violations. The University is committed to meeting and exceeding that standard and, therefore, if there
are significant or repetitive violations on the part of the Employee of (SEC), NCAA or University rules in his conduct of the intercollegiate men’s basketball program, the University may terminate this Contract for Employment when such violations have reasonably been determined to exist by the Chancellor.”

How will fans react?

As long as the Tigers continue to win, fans will likely move on and not lose much sleep over the five-game slap. Haith will make his regular-season Mizzou Arena debut Dec. 5 against West Virginia — he returns to the bench against Thanksgiving against Northwestern in Las Vegas — and my guess is he’ll get a standing ovation when introduced then, and probably at Friday night’s exhibition game at the Hearnes Center.

The NCAA has lost so much credibility in recent years with its handling of such cases and its inconsistent penalties imposed on coaches, Haith will probably earn more sympathy than scorn from Mizzou faithful — even though it’s clear the Committee on Infractions suspected Haith and his Miami staff did more wrong than investigators could uncover. This was the most telling quote from Infractions chairman Britton Banowsky during a conference call with reporters Tuesday: "Frankly, it was difficult for the committee, and maybe even the members of the enforcement staff, to know precisely what really was going on in the program, given all the conflicting information." Translation: Something was rotten in the state of Demark, but we didn’t have the goods to prove it.
Statements from Missouri on Haith's suspension

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FRANK HAITH, HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

"While I strongly disagree with today’s report, and the inference on how the program was run at the University of Miami, as head basketball coach during that period, I accept responsibility for all actions in and around that program. This has been an excruciating ordeal for my family. An appeal, which would likely drag further into the season, would only prolong what has already been a lengthy and trying period of time for our student-athletes, the University of Missouri and our fans, and it’s time for closure.

I’m pleased with the positive working relationship we have with our compliance staff at Mizzou and we will continue our focus in that area as we move forward. I am very humbled and grateful for the support that I have received from the University of Missouri, its leadership, and our tremendous fans."

BRADY DEATON, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CHANCELLOR

"I have reviewed the findings of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions related to the University of Miami athletic program. Given our respect for the principles of compliance in intercollegiate sports, we will not appeal the sanctions placed on our Head Men’s Basketball Coach, Frank Haith.

The University of Missouri has a strong culture of compliance. I can firmly say that since April of 2011 when he joined our family, Coach Haith has reaffirmed our values of compliance in every way, and we fully expect that to continue. We owe our student-athletes, our university, our state, and Mizzou Nation no less."
MIKE ALDEN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

"We certainly recognize the serious nature of the allegations included in today’s report. At Missouri, we take great pride in our conduct with regard to NCAA rules and regulations. During his time here, Coach Haith has been forthright with me and our compliance staff throughout this long process. After all this time, Coach Haith, his family, the University of Missouri, our student-athletes, and our fans, deserve closure. We are extremely excited about the direction of our program and look forward to his continued leadership for our young men. I’m proud to have Frank Haith as our men’s basketball coach."

MARY AUSTIN, SENIOR ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR - COMPLIANCE

"We have reviewed the NCAAs ruling on the University of Miami’s infractions case, particularly its ruling on the allegations against Frank Haith. We are supportive of Coach Haith’s decision to move forward, even though the option to appeal was there. It’s very important to note that Coach Haith has been diligent and consistent in his efforts to promote an atmosphere of compliance at Mizzou. Frank Haith is a head coach who exhibits cooperation and support of all compliance efforts with his program, and we are pleased to move forward as a team."

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COLUMBIA, Mo. • In 1992, Norm Stewart took his Missouri basketball team to College Station, Texas, for a nonconference game against Texas A&M, whose staff included a 27-year-old assistant named Frank Haith.

Little did they know they’d cross paths a generation later, Stewart in retirement and Haith as the third successor to the Hall of Fame coach.

Sitting alongside each other Tuesday in Mizzou Arena, home of the court that bears Stewart’s name, the coaches strolled down memory lane and arrived at that Texas A&M game, an 81-55 Tigers victory.

“The dog was barking at you the whole game,” Haith said, referring to the Aggies’ live mascot, Reveille. “Remember that little dog barking?”

“Sure,” Stewart said. “The story in my family is that ... my son was playing at Rice. They were playing at Texas A&M and Reveille bit him. Well, he didn’t. But that’s the advantage of being older. Stories get better as you tell them.”

Stewart has endless stories to tell about his 1993-94 Missouri team — the season after he beat Haith, Reveille and the Aggies — and Haith has made sure the spotlight shines on that historic team as it celebrates its 20th anniversary.

This summer, Haith came up with the idea to host an exhibition game at Hearnes Center, where MU last played in 2004, and use the occasion to honor Stewart’s Big Eight championship team, which went 14-0 in conference play.

The plan will come to fruition Friday night when the Tigers host Oklahoma City University at 7 p.m. in what’s being billed as a throwback game. Stewart and every member of the 1993-94 team will be on hand for a pregame ceremony, while Haith’s current team will wear uniforms from that championship season.

Doors open at 5:30 — parking and admission are free — and players from the 1993-94 team will sign autographs in the Hearnes concourse until 6:30. Among the standout players from that team are Melvin Booker, Jevon Crudup, Kelly Thames, Paul O’Liney and Lamont Frazier, who will serve as radio analyst on the Tiger Radio Network. Missouri has made sure every player and student manager from that team will be on hand for the celebration.

At last week’s SEC media days in Birmingham, Ala., Haith said he initially had to twist Stewart’s arm to get involved with the program when he first arrived at Mizzou, but they have since struck up a strong
relationship, one former coaches Quin Snyder and Mike Anderson never seemed to develop with the coaching icon.

“I have a lot of admiration and respect for Coach Stewart,” Haith said, “and to have an opportunity to honor him and his team on that day is really, really special for me.”

Before the 1993-94 team began its sweep through the Big Eight, Stewart’s Tigers suffered a 52-point loss at Arkansas, then pulled off a triple-overtime win over Illinois in St. Louis. The team eventually fell to Arizona in regional play in the NCAA Tournament, but as he watched Haith’s first Mizzou team, in 2011-12, he found some common threads with his 28-4 team from 20 years ago.

“They were small in stature and could shoot it,” said Stewart, who won 631 games at Mizzou from 1967-99.

As they discussed the throwback game at Tuesday’s news conference, Stewart’s presence seemed cathartic for Haith, who minutes earlier addressed his five-game suspension levied by the NCAA for his role in the University of Miami scandal.

But he was all smiles discussing Friday’s game, which is as much Haith’s gift to Stewart as anything else.

“Coach has been a confidante,” Haith said.

Haith recalled that during his first season at Missouri he called Stewart in the middle of a winning streak.

“We won, I don’t know, five or six games in a row,” Haith said. “And he blew me out because I called him. He said, ‘What in the hell are you doing? You’re winning games now. Why are you calling me? Don’t jinx yourself.’”

Without missing a beat, Stewart quipped, “You got beat the next game.”

“No I did not,” Haith said. “But I learned not to call someone or do anything different if you’re winning games, you keep everything the same.”

“It’s great when you take up a program that has someone who’s meant so much to the university to still be around and support you,” Haith added. “That’s what he’s meant to me.”
Schedule of events for MU's Homecoming

By Madalyne Bird

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This year’s Homecoming Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Turner and Tiger avenues. No on-street parking will be allowed downtown along the route throughout the duration of the parade. Parking can be found at garages downtown and on campus. | Jaime Williams

COLUMBIA — MU’s 102nd Homecoming will take place this weekend. This year’s theme is "The Black and Gold Standard."

As of late Wednesday afternoon, the National Weather Service forecast a sunny day on Friday with a high temperature of 54 degrees and mostly sunny skies on Saturday with a high of 62 degrees. Both Friday and Saturday evenings are expected to be mostly clear, with lows in the mid 30s.
Here is a list of Homecoming events:

**Friday**

- Homecoming Headquarters will be located in the Reynolds Alumni Center Circle Drive from noon to 5 p.m. MU merchandise will be on sale, and information about Homecoming weekend will be available.

- [Campus Decorations](#), commonly called house decs, will take place from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in Greektown. The free event is open to the public.

- A spirit rally and campus-wide concert will be held from 9:30 to 11 p.m. in front of the MU Student Center on Rollins Street. It will include performances by the band Youngblood Hawke, Marching Mizzou and Spirit Squads.

**Saturday**

- The [Homecoming Parade](#) will start at 9 a.m. MU Chancellor Brady Deaton and Anne Deaton will serve as the 2013 Homecoming grand marshals.

- [Romp, Chomp and Stomp Tailgate](#) is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mel Carnahan Quadrangle. Tickets for the tailgate will be $15 per person for card-holding Missouri Alumni Association members and $20 per person for non-members. Children 10 and younger are free if accompanied by an adult. The tailgate will include food, drinks and games.

- The MU Tigers will play the University of South Carolina Gamecocks at Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is at 6 p.m. During the game, the [Homecoming king and queen](#) will be announced.

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Plaza to receive second story

By Kevin Graeler

Plaza 900 is undergoing renovations that will be completed by the fall 2014 semester.

This project is part of a decade-long renovation effort by Campus Dining Services. The construction began in September, Campus Dining Services spokesman Michael Wuest said.

“You’re going to see an additional 250 seats and the entrance will be slightly different,” Wuest said. “Overall, it’s just a little bit bigger of a facility.”

This renovation was originally scheduled to happen within the next few years, but was moved up because additional students will rely on the facility for meals in the near future. In 2015, 331 beds will be added south of Virginia Avenue South Housing, which is a short walk from Plaza 900.

The Virginia Avenue South Housing plan was approved by the UM Board of Curators to the Department of Residential Life in June 2012.

“Basically, it came about when the campus was deciding if we needed to expand,” Wuest said. “With the expansion of Virginia South housing, we thought this was a good time to up that time frame just slightly. We want to make sure we can handle the additional students that will be living over here. This should make service a little bit smoother.”

Along with the additional seating and changed entrance, there will an expanded version of Emporium Café and more lines for food, according to the Campus Dining Services blog.

“At least for the On Stage (food lines), it might help with shorter lines,” said Josh Drage, a worker at Plaza 900.

Some of the upgrades as a result of this project will not be obvious to the average student, Wuest said.

“There will be more storage space for the kitchen,” he said. “The receiving dock in back will change, and there will be office updates.”

More staff will be needed in order to manage these upgrades to the facility, Wuest said.

“We’re going to have additional students and guests so obviously there is a need for additional staff,” he said. “Plaza is probably our largest overall facility.”
The facility’s location near several residence halls makes it easily accessible for a majority of students living on campus.

“Plaza 900 is my favorite (dining hall that I have been to),” freshman May Eliezer said. “It’s just less claustrophobic.”

Wuest said Campus Dining Services remains hopeful that the ongoing construction throughout this academic year will not affect students eating at the facility. Most of the equipment needed will be hidden away to ensure there are no problems.

“The main walkway through will not be affected,” Wuest said. “(But, some of that is) still to be determined.”

Construction for Plaza 900 is scheduled for completion by July 2014.
Deatons’ grand exit

By Covey Eonyak Son

Adjunct Professor Anne Deaton speaks at an Alpha Phi dessert reception in September 2009 in Stotler Lounge. During her speech, Deaton emphasized the importance of leadership roles in shaping successful women. MANEATER FILE PHOTO

Anne Deaton and Chancellor Brady Deaton will be leading the university in a different way this Homecoming. The couple was selected to be the 2013 Homecoming grand marshals.

The couple was chosen in honor of their service and time at MU, said Alyson Friend, the Mizzou Alumni Association Student Programs coordinator.
“Every year, we choose someone who represents the university well,” Friend said. “The Deatons obviously do that very well with their leadership at the university. And with it being their last Homecoming on campus, we thought it would be a really good way to honor them.”

When asked about being chosen as this year's grand marshal, Anne Deaton's face lit up with a radiant smile.

“That is just so exciting,” she said. “We were not expecting (to be chosen). We couldn’t be prouder. Homecoming and its tradition here at Mizzou is a part of the excitement of being on campus.”

Chancellor Deaton was equally as ecstatic about being selected as grand marshal.

“It was just a tremendous honor because this is something that our university has such a rich tradition in,” he said. “We were totally surprised by the announcement and feel wonderful about it. It is a crowning reward for our time here.”

Anne Deaton said Homecoming is a special experience on campus.

“Everything about Homecoming just reminds me of the great spirit of this university and the pride everyone takes in it,” she said. “It promotes a good feeling about MU and encourages alums to become reconnected with their university after being away for a while.”

Anne Deaton added that she is looking forward to being accompanied by her husband, their four children and seven grandchildren in the parade this year.

Brady Deaton said he has high hopes for the Homecoming football game against South Carolina.

“I am very, very excited,” he said. “I always expect a Tiger victory and expect no less in this one. But win or lose, we'll still be proud of our team.”

Anne Deaton is an adjunct professor in the Sinclair School of Nursing, the College of Human Environmental Sciences and the College of Education.

Looking back on her time at MU, Anne Deaton discussed the sentimental connection she has had with the university.

“This university means an enormous amount to me,” she said. “There are students and faculty here who work very hard, and the research we do and the quality teaching that influence our graduates will have a global impact.”

Anne Deaton said she will miss living on Francis Quadrangle and being close to the students the most.
“I usually begin my mornings by looking out the window and seeing students walk past the columns,” she said. “It’s a very uplifting scene. We can take walks on the campus and be surrounded by the students. Their vitality and enthusiasm is contagious.”

Brady Deaton started his MU career as a professor in the department of agricultural and applied economics in 1983. Over the years, Deaton has been the university’s chief of staff, deputy chancellor and provost. Deaton began his position as chancellor in 2004.

“I enjoyed it very much,” Brady Deaton said. “It was an opportunity for me to get acquainted with many faculty, students and alumni around the world that have been in the university. They hold the university so dear and value it so highly, which strengthened my commitment to making this the best university possible. It has been a very rich and rewarding experience.”

Brady Deaton is set to retire as chancellor Nov. 15.

This is only the end of one chapter of the Deatons’ MU career.

The couple will continue their work in international development with the Brady and Anne Deaton Institute for University Leadership in International Development, which will be headquartered at MU.

“I think it’s a good time for this transition,” Brady Deaton said. “I just returned from the World Food Conference in Des Moines and was able to explore some ideas with the people there. I think the time is right today for utilizing professional backgrounds in economics or in the sciences for the work I am interested in doing to alleviate some of the worst conditions in the world, in terms of poverty and hunger.”

Anne Deaton expressed her enthusiasm about the future.

“We’re excited about having a bit more flexibility in our schedule so we can spend more time with our grandchildren,” she said. “At the same time, we’re going to stay busy with the formation of the institute and connecting with colleagues across the country and around the globe.”

The institution was unanimously approved by the Board of Curators in June.

“The institute will enable us to examine ways that a university can be most effective in its international connections,” Brady Deaton said. “It will also give me the opportunity to pursue issues of food security, nutrition and health concerns around the world.”