Mizzou police asking for help in solving two rape cases

COLUMBIA, MO • Police at the University of Missouri-Columbia are looking for information on two rapes reported to have happened over the weekend.

A victim reported that an unknown male raped her between 1 and 1:30 a.m. Sunday near the 400 block of South College Avenue. The victim identified him as a white male with brown hair. No more details are available, and the victim is working with Columbia police.

In the second incident, a victim reported that an unknown male raped her Saturday evening at a residence off of Anthony Street. The victim identified the suspect only as a male.

No more details were available.

Anyone with any information is requested to call CrimeStoppers at 573-875-8477 or submit tips at 875tips.com. Tipsters may remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward of up to $1500 if the information leads to an arrest.

Two weekend rapes reported to MU police

By the Tribune's staff

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The University of Missouri Title IX office reported two separate incidents involving rape to the MU Police Department on Tuesday.

According to a news release from MUPD, one female victim reported an unknown male raped her between 1 and 1:30 a.m. Sunday near the 400 block of South College Avenue. The victim identified the suspect as a white male with brown hair.

The second female victim said an unknown male raped her Saturday evening at a residence off Anthony Street. There are no details about the male suspect.
The release notes the first victim is working with the Columbia Police Department.

MUPD Capt. Brian Weimer issued the information as a so-called Clery release. Campus police nationwide are required to disclose information about crimes on or near school property.

The Title IX office also reported a rape to campus police last week.

Anyone with information is asked to contact CrimeStoppers at 573-875-8477.

**COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN**

Title IX officials investigate two reports of rape near MU campus

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BY ANNIE REES

COLUMBIA — **Two women reported rapes to MU Title IX investigators that occurred near the MU campus on Saturday and Sunday, according to a Clery release from the MU Police Department issued Tuesday.**

According to the release, a woman reported to MU’s Title IX investigator that she was raped by an unknown male at a residence near Anthony Street on Saturday evening.

The second woman reported that an unknown male raped her between 1 and 1:30 a.m. Sunday near the 400 block of South College Avenue, between Anthony Street and University Avenue. The woman is working with the Columbia Police Department to investigate the case, according to the release.

Officials from MU’s Title IX office reported the incidents to campus police Tuesday.

These are the first two reports of rape during the 2014-2015 academic year. On Sept. 9, campus police reported a sexual assault near Jesse Hall.

Eight incidents of sexual assault, sexual misconduct and rape were reported during the 2013-2014 year, according to the MU Police Department’s website.
MU presentation urges bystander intervention to combat sexual violence

By Roger McKinney

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If every incident of power-based personal violence is represented by a red dot on a map, a green dot could mark locations where someone intervened to prevent an incident.

Danica Wolf, coordinator of the Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center at the University of Missouri, said she wants to counter and replace the red dots with green dots on campus. She gave a presentation on Green Dot Mizzou to a small group Monday in the MU Student Center as part of a week of events called Safe Mizzou 2014.

Wolf said sexual violence is among the most underreported crimes in the nation.

The university recently announced training for employees, students and others to make them aware of their responsibilities as mandated reporters under Title IX. A provision of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX prohibits sex discrimination, including sexual violence, in education.

An April 2011 letter from the U.S. Department of Education informed all schools receiving Title IX funding that they are obligated to investigate sexual assault claims reported by a student, a family member or a third party.

A 2008 incident involving a rape allegation against an MU athlete recently was reported by ESPN’s “Outside the Lines” program. Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin acknowledged that the university should have initiated a Title IX investigation. The entire University of Missouri System started reviewing and revising its policies dealing with sexual assault response and mental health care earlier this year. The move came after an earlier ESPN report raised questions about whether some officials mishandled the alleged rape of another student athlete.

“We’re really taking a critical look at the way we’re approaching this,” Wolf told participants.

Wolf said that when a potentially violent situation arises, everyone has a choice to do something or to do nothing.

“It’s all about making choices that make sense to you, that are safe,” Wolf said.
She said when one person steps in, others usually will, too. “The power of peer influence, of seeing somebody else doing something, that power is huge,” she said. “That’s an easy bandwagon to jump onto.”

She showed a video that included a man and a woman fighting on a subway car. A man wordlessly steps between them while continuing to eat his potato chips, and the man and woman stop fighting.

“A moment of apathy can lead to a red dot,” she said. “I know this is happening too often, and I know one is too many.”

She said intervention can be anything to approaching a confrontation and saying, “Hey, is everything OK?” or otherwise distracting an aggressor, to calling police.

“It’s always important to have safety in mind when you’re deciding which intervention to use,” Wolf said.

Capt. Brian Weimer of the MU Police Department said he’s familiar with the project, and it doesn’t require anyone to be confrontational or to put themselves at risk. He said calling police usually is the best action to take when a violent situation is happening.

A Green Dot conference for students is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, 817 Virginia Ave., and the MU Council on Violence against Women meets at noon Oct. 7 in the Memorial Student Union, 518 Hitt St.

Brooke Burchill, an MU student who said she carries mace and a pocketknife for protection whenever she goes out, said she gained good information from the presentation.

“I think education is our biggest tool in our arsenal,” she said.

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Missouri Students Association video says 'Enough is Enough' to sexual violence and assault

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BY ROSE MCMANUS, KENDALL FOLEY

COLUMBIA — The Missouri Students Association released a video Tuesday that features MU students and an administrator speaking out against sexual violence and assault in the MU community.
The video was shared through a letter emailed to MU students on behalf of Kelsey Haberberger, MSA president. The letter and the video are a strong commentary on the awareness of sexual violence and assault and the intolerance that MSA hopes to promote.

"As we move forward as a university and as a student body we must understand that change does not come easily. It is up to us, all of us, to look out for one another," Haberberger wrote.

The video features MU students and Vice Provost James Spain explaining that "enough is enough" of bystander behavior in the campus community. They address specific phrases that promote tolerance of sexual violence and assault. It comes at a time when sexual crimes are increasing on MU’s campus, according to MUPD Clery Releases.

Students make statements in the video such as "Enough of the blatant ignorance" and "Enough 'she was asking for it.'"

"It's time for us to stand up for our fellow Tigers," said Spain in the video.

MSA used the letter and video to encourage students to attend Safe Mizzou 2014's Personal Safety Fair on Tuesday. Safe Mizzou is a week of events and sessions organized by the MU Department of Student Life and is intended to create a safer community. The activities during this year's week have placed more emphasis on sexual assault and violence, according to previous Missourian reporting.

At the Personal Safety Fair on Tuesday, MU students collected handouts and free safety items at booths lining Kuhlman Court. Among the many organizations featured at the fair was the Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center.

"The general theme is personal, physical safety, emotional safety, so we're definitely involved in that," said Tim Maness, graduate assistant for the RSVP center. "Beyond being advocates for our students, we also want to be preventive."

One of the aspects of the RSVP center featured at the fair was their Green Dot program. The program promotes preventive behavior such as walking a friend home, preventing or de-escalating violence and preventing hurtful language or jokes, according to Maness.
"Green Dot is kind of showing that, to keep our campus safe, everyone's got to be involved," Maness said. "It's the little actions that we do on a day-to-day basis to help out the members of our community."

There was also an individual educational session for the Green Dot program during the Safe Mizzou week on Monday.

MU undergraduate Andie Neal stopped by the safety fair after receiving the MSA email on Tuesday morning. Neal said she learned more about the resources on campus at the fair, such as free counseling sessions.

"I want to be on a campus where I don't have to feel threatened or scared," Neal said. "I want to feel safe at night."

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**Sen. McCaskill: Sports leaders put victory over decency**

Claire McCaskill 5:52 p.m. EDT September 16, 2014

NFL isn't alone. NCAA and Bob Stoops' OK Sooners as much to blame for sick sports culture.

This week was a gut-check moment for big-time sports in this country. A giant mirror has been raised for commissioners, coaches and athletic directors across the country. It is their time to take a hard look at team and institutional priorities, their own character, and the message they send to women, children and all fans of the multibillion dollar American sports enterprise.

It was in this context that I spotted an article on ESPN's College Football Nation blog as I waited for the second half of my Mizzou Tigers game against Central Florida. This article reported a poll taken of 128 top college coaches, asking which coach they would want their own son to play for. Ninety-eight of those Division One coaches responded. The results? The winners were Georgia's Mark Richt and Oklahoma's Bob Stoops.

I was stunned. Stunned because Stoops recently made a decision that I thought would impact his reputation among his peers. Evidently not.
A few months ago, an outstanding superstar athlete was dismissed from the University of Missouri's football program. Dorial Green-Beckham, known as DGB, was ranked No. 1 in the country as a wide receiver out of high school in 2012. Mizzou went crazy when we signed him. He was a huge part of our team, a standout big-play-big-deal at a school that was stepping up to compete among the nation's elite squads as a newly minted member of the SEC.

On April 6, at 2:30 am, DGB forced his way into an apartment where he was looking for his girlfriend. He physically confronted her roommate, including using both hands to her chest to physically push her down stairs, according to the police report. His girlfriend admitted through text messages that he then dragged her from the apartment by her neck. His girlfriend also begged her roommate not to press charges through 16 text messages in the hours that followed the assaults, and police later characterized his girlfriend as "extremely uncooperative." No criminal charges were filed because the young women refused to cooperate.

Nevertheless, Mizzou said goodbye to DGB and dismissed him from the team a few days later. I have been a fan since I was a child growing up in Columbia, and even worked in college as a tutor and recruiting hostess for the football program. I have followed Mizzou for my entire life through ups and downs, victories and defeats. My university is no different than many others in that its record is not perfect in terms of dealing with misconduct by its athletes. But I don't think I have ever been prouder of my team and university than the day coach Gary Pinkel and athletic director Mike Alden announced the decision to kick DGB off the team.

I watched to see whether another program would pick him up. Unfortunately, I didn't have to wait long. Bob Stoops and the Oklahoma Sooners welcomed him, and even petitioned the NCAA to let him play this season. With a straight face they cited the "run-off" rule that allows eligibility for a player who leaves a squad for reasons beyond his control. Thankfully, that request was denied, but he will be eligible to play next year, if he is not drafted by the NFL before then. None of this is particularly surprising. But for Stoops to get the most votes from his fellow coaches as the coach they wanted to influence their sons?

Unfortunately, that says it all. It is time for real leaders in the world of big-time sports to do a soul search on character. Every decision they make reflects on them in ways that a won/loss record never will.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., is a former sex crimes prosecutor.
The White House will announce on Friday a nationwide effort to curb sexual assault on college campuses by encouraging men to intervene in cases of sexual violence, the Associated Press reports.

The program, called “It’s On Us,” will attempt to frame sexual assaults as the responsibility of all college students—but especially men—to prevent. It embraces a prominent tactic in the fight against campus rape: bystander intervention.

In January, President Obama promised a “coordinated federal response” led by a newly created task force. In April the group made a series of recommendations—20 pages’ worth—aimed at ensuring colleges were acting effectively to prevent sexual assault.

The new effort comes as the issue of sexual assault stands as one of the most publicized and vexing issues campus leaders face. Several dozen colleges are being investigated by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights over their compliance with Title IX’s rules governing sexual violence. Lawmakers at the national and state levels have begun proposing legislation on the issue.

MU freshmen basketball players Jakeenan Gant, D’Angelo Allen suspended after arrests

BY TOD PALMER

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Columbia, Mo. - Missouri freshmen basketball players Jakeenan Gant and D’Angelo Allen have been suspended from the team after they were arrested early Sunday morning in Columbia.
Gant, 18, a forward from Georgia, and Allen, 18, a wing from Dallas, were arrested on suspicion of third-degree assault, a misdemeanor. Officers responded to Eighth and Elm streets around 2 a.m. to investigate an assault, according to a Columbia Police log, which was viewed Tuesday night by a Columbia Daily Tribune reporter.

“We are aware of the situation involving Jakeenan Gant and D'Angelo Allen, and have suspended them from team-related activities as we gather more information,” MU coach Kim Anderson said in a release. “We have high standards for the conduct of our student-athletes and expect much more from them as members of our program.”

Both players were issued a summons and released. A 22-year-old Lone Jack man also was arrested. The log provided no further details, including information about any alleged victims, according to the Tribune.

Gant was Mr. Georgia Basketball last season before transferring to School of the Osage in Lake Ozark, Mo. He signed last November with then-coach Frank Haith and opted to stay at Missouri when first-year coach Kim Anderson was hired.

Allen, who played at Kimball High School, committed to the Tigers in early May shortly after Anderson was hired.

Anderson dismissed Torren Jones from the team in early August for an unspecified violation of team rules.

That came on the heels of a disappointing 2013-14 season on the court, which also included the arrest of three players in off-court incidents.

Sophomore point guard Wes Clark was arrested in March for suspicion of marijuana possession along with two football players and former Missouri shooting guard Shane Rector, who decided to transfer in May.

Former Tigers forward Zach Price, a Louisville transfer who never played in a game for the Tigers, was arrested twice April 3 for alleged domestic assaults. He was subsequently dismissed by Haith.
MU freshman basketball players arrested, suspended

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COLUMBIA, Mo. • Missouri freshman basketball players D’Angelo Allen and Jakeenan Gant, both 18, were arrested early Sunday morning in downtown Columbia on suspicion of misdemeanor third-degree assault, according to the Columbia Police arrest information log.

Missouri coach Kim Anderson suspended both players from all team activities as the team gathers more information on the incident, Anderson announced in a statement Tuesday night.

"We have high standards for the conduct of our student-athletes and expect much more from them as members of our program," Anderson said.

Allen and Gant were arrested with Michael Martin, 22, of Lone Jack, Mo., after officers responded at 1:34 a.m. to reports of an assault in the area of Eighth Street and Elm, the northwest edge of Mizzou's campus by the journalism school.

In the public report, listed under weapons are "hands/fists/feet." They were not detained and were released on signature summons.

Gant, a four-star 6-8 forward from Springfield, Ga., was the jewel of Mizzou's freshman class, having first signed in November. Allen, a 6-7 forward from Dallas, signed with the Tigers shortly after Anderson was hired in April.

Sunday's incident is the latest for a basketball program that had its share off off-court issues dating back to last season. In March, guards Wes Clark and Shane Rector were suspended after police arrested them on suspicion of marijuana possession. Senior forward Tony Criswell went to court for not paying rent and was eventually dismissed from the team. Shortly after the season Louisville transfer Zach Price was arrested twice in the same day for two separate assault incidents involving teammate Earnest Ross, a senior last season. Price was kicked off the team and later pleaded guilty to reduced misdemeanor charges. All those incidents occurred on former coach Frank Haith's watch.

In August, Anderson dismissed forward Torren Jones for an undisclosed violation of team rules.
MU freshmen Gant, Allen suspended after arrest

By Steve Walentik

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Missouri freshman basketball players Jakeenan Gant and D'Angelo Allen were arrested early Sunday morning on suspicion of third-degree assault -- a misdemeanor -- according to the Columbia Police Department's public information report.

"We are aware of the situation involving Jakeenan Gant and D'Angelo Allen and have suspended them from team-related activities as we gather more information," Coach Kim Anderson said in a statement. "We have high standards for the conduct of our student-athletes and expect much more from them as members of our program."

A third man, Michael James Martin of Lone Jack, was also arrested with the two freshman forwards after police responded to the intersection of 8th Street and Elm Street after hearing of an assault.

They arrested Gant, 18, Allen, 18, and Martin, 22, at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday at 404 Kentucky Blvd. on the MU campus, and they were released after being issued summonses. They were not taken to Boone County Jail.

No information about the alleged victims was included in the public information report, and messages left for police department public information officers seeking further information were not immediately returned.

Third-degree assault is a Class A misdemeanor. Persons can be charged with third-degree assault for attempting to cause or recklessly causing physical injury to another individual but also for threatening another individual and making them apprehensive about immediate physical injury.

Persons found guilty can be sentence to up to one year in jail or a fine up to $1,000 or both.

Gant, a 6-foot-8 forward, was the Tigers' top recruit when he signed with Missouri last November. He was voted Mr. Basketball in the state of Georgia last season before moving to Missouri and finishing high school at School of the Osage. It was considered a coup for Anderson when he retained Gant as part of the recruiting class after being hired at the end of April, and he is expected to be an immediate contributor in the Tigers' frontcourt this season.
Allen, a 6-7 forward from Dallas, was the first recruit to sign with Missouri after Anderson was hired at the end of April. He signed with less fanfare than other members of Missouri’s freshman class but also has a chance to contribute on the wing or in the frontcourt, where Missouri appears shorthanded following the offseason dismissal of sophomore Torren Jones for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

This story will be updated as further information is gathered.

Faculty Council discuss treating irradiated building

The three options for decommissioning Pickard Hall range from $10.2 million to $13.3 million.

By Annabel Ames

Ridding Pickard Hall of radiation will cost at least $10 million, said Gary Ward, vice chancellor for administrative services.

Ward presented three options for decommissioning the building to the Faculty Council on Tuesday.

He said the first option of saving the building would cost approximately $13.3 million and take over five years. Demolishing the building after remediation, which was the second option, would cost around $10.2 million over six years.

The final option is to label the entire building as radioactive and demolish it, which would cost about $10.7 million and take nearly five years.

Ward said it is possible that the building may not be habitable even after the remediation.

“It’s important to note that saving the building does not mean it will be usable,” he said. “I am warned by everyone in the radiation (field) that … (having) remediated the building doesn’t mean that in another 5-10 years, something else will not come back.”

Ward said it is unclear which option will be most viable at this time because the tests done so far are “inconclusive.” Because most of the radiation is in the wooden walls and structure of the building, further testing will need to be completed.

There are two steps for MU to take before decommissioning the building.
First, MU must submit a characterization plan, which identifies the contaminants and their origins, to the Nuclear Regulatory Committee by March 31, 2015.

Ward said MU will hire a consulting firm, which will be paid between $75,000 and $250,000, by Oct. 10 to help draft the plan.

It could take the NRC up to a year to review and approve the plan. Ward said MU will implement the full survey of the building, which could cost $1-5 million, once the plan has been approved.

He said results of the survey will be used to determine the appropriate decommissioning plan for Pickard.

MU spokesman Christian Basi said the university has been aware of the radiation since the 1970s.

“We have known about the building’s radiation for a long time, and we’ve been constantly monitoring it,” he said. “We feel that we have been taking a very proactive approach to make sure everyone is safe.”

The NRC ordered MU in 2009 to present a plan to decommission the building, which was used to study naturally-occurring radiation in the 1900s.

Radiation in the building has been measured at 13 millirem, which the NRC said was not a dangerous level. Ward said the groundwater beneath the building has probably not been contaminated.

The Museum of Art and Archaeology, which was previously housed in Pickard Hall, was relocated to Mizzou North, an off-campus building that was the former site for the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center.

The decision to move the museum off-campus was made by Jackie Jones, former vice chancellor for administrative affairs and was met with heavy criticism from faculty and staff, who were not consulted during the process.

“Because we had to move due to radiation, the university was in a very difficult position because there was nowhere to move the museum as a whole,” Museum Director Alex Barker said. “It’s difficult because the collections needed to stay together and can’t be fragmented, and nobody knows what (the testing) will cost or what the time frame will be.”

Barker said the museum initially planned to reopen by the fall semester, but a delay in the moving process will likely keep the doors shut until late January.
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MU’s smoking policy could expand to city streets on campus

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BY KAROL ILAGAN

COLUMBIA – MU’s smoking policy could soon expand to city-owned streets on campus through an ordinance that would authorize a right-of-use permit with the UM System Board of Curators.

The passage of the ordinance would allow MU to ban smoking on portions of Conley Avenue, Hitt Street, Ninth Street and Rollins Street when they are closed to vehicular traffic.

Since July 1, 2013, smoking of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, pipes, cigars, hookahs and water pipes has been prohibited at MU. While the policy covers the entire campus, it is limited to properties owned, operated, leased or controlled by MU. The ban does not apply to city streets.

First Ward Councilwoman Ginny Chadwick said the ordinance would help strengthen the enforcement of MU’s tobacco-free ordinance. She said MU, through the Wellness Resource Center, informed her that it could not enforce its policy on city streets within campus.

“We want to provide as much of a smoke-free area for the community as possible,” Chadwick said. "It is important for the public health of our community.”

The councilwoman said she does not expect any strong opposition to the ordinance because the campus already has implemented its smoke-free policy.

“We’re just allowing them (MU) to enforce their ordinance on campus,” she said. “It’s something that the parents definitely encourage to students who are attending the university. Many of our students appreciate the smoke-free environment, too.”
While some MU students do not feel bothered by the proposed ordinance, they have opinions about MU’s smoking policy.

Taylor Dunn said that he understands why MU is making the effort and that he’d be happy to comply with the ordinance. The philosophy student, however, said the plan could pose an inconvenience for smokers, especially for those who just have a few minutes between classes but need to go farther to a designated smoking area.

Jordan Forehand, a history student, said the policy in general seems somewhat unnecessary because he feels smokers already segregate themselves out of respect for students who do not smoke. He said he feels the policy has not been completely enforced.

Dunn said he is already "self-policing," looking for places away from non-smokers.

Edward Szarkowicz, a history and political science major, said he is curious as to how the proposed ordinance will change the way things stand now. “I’m not bothered because no one has really enforced the policy,” he said.

Szarkowicz said there was only one instance when a woman reminded him that smoking is prohibited on campus. “Sometimes, you’re in the library, you’ve been studying for several hours, and you just want to have a quick smoke,” he said.

Specific locations covered in the proposed ordinance are:

- Conley Avenue, from Ninth Street to the east line of Missouri Avenue.
- Hitt Street, from a point 75 feet south of the south curbline of University Avenue, then south 544 feet.
- Ninth Street, from the south line of the entrance to the Middlebush Hall parking lot to Conley Avenue.
- Rollins Street, from a point 50 feet east of the east curbline of Missouri Avenue, then east 690 feet.
Afterthoughts: Hidden Treasure of Rome

By Ashley Jost

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 8:04 am

Yesterday’s announcement at the University of Missouri about a partnership with the Italian government to research the historical details of antiquities as old as the fifth century B.C. was very, very cool.

I’ve been to my fair share of events where the governor signs a piece of legislation, flanked by (typically), people from his party. I haven’t, however, been to a contract signing where a university leader signs in front of a United States flag and a representative from the Italian government signs in front of his country’s flag. It was a sight. So much so I didn’t even take out my camera — oops.

Anyway, that was quite a cool story to work on and a fun (!!) press conference to attend.

I wanted to share another tidbit that didn’t make it into the story: The Italian government made a documentary about this new partnership. The full-length video, which is 35 minutes long, will be available in November. In the meantime, the trailer is attached here.

There is also a documentary project in progress at MU. Videographers will be capturing bits and pieces of the next few years on this project and turning it into a film as well.

Daily Wrap: Stocks rise; bear climbs; GM hires; Mizzou makes nuke battery.

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STOCKS RISE: The stock market gained nicely today as the feeling spread that the Federal Reserve won’t be in a hurry to raise interest rates.
China's central bank added to the happy feeling by pumping $81 billion in liquidity into that country's banking system to support growth.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.59 percent. Both the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq were up 0.75 percent. The Euro Stoxx index declined 0.31 percent.

Oil rose to its highest point in two weeks. West Texas Intermediate crude jumped 2 percent to $94.88 per barrel.

The 10-year Treasury note held steady at a yield of 2.59 percent.

**BEAR STOCK CLIMBS:** Stock in Build-a-Bear Workshop climbed nearly 5 percent today, a day after Tina Klocke said she would leave the her post as "chief financial bear," taking a $364,000 severance package. She'll be replaced by Vojin Todorovic, 39, as company finance chief.

Also, the company reported that Build-a-Bear founder Maxine Clark had disposed of 66,000 shares of stock. Clark, a company director, owns 1.27 million shares.

**MIZZOU MAKES NUKE BATTERY:** Scientists at the University of Missouri in Columbia say they have invented a water-based nuclear battery that may some day be used in cars, or in spaceflight. Betavoltaics is a process that creates electricity from radiation.

"Controlled nuclear technologies are not inherently dangerous," says Jae Kwon, associate professor of engineering.

The battery uses an isotope called strontium 90 that boosts electrochemical energy in a water-based solution. The device converts that energy into electrons.

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**the maneater**

Safety Walk reveals accessibility issues

Participants found falsely marked accessibility doors and broken manhole covers.

By **Rachel Pierret**

The 41st annual University of Missouri Safety Walk, hosted by the Missouri Students Association and the Graduate Professional Council, took place Monday evening with a multitude of representatives, including several student organizations and campus police.
Participants were sorted into five groups to cover different routes through residential areas, main campus and Greek Town. The goal was to identify structural safety issues through campus such as lighting, low-hanging branches, broken curbs and accessibility.

The walk then headed out at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The walks historically take place at night, to allow participants to easily identify lighting outages and areas on campus that do not appear to have enough lighting options.

“Some areas, while they may be handicap-accessible, there may not be very good signage to show that that’s where you can go to get in,” Director of Student Services Zack Folk said.

Ensuring the university follows the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines for accessibility was a main focus for the walk this year. Groups were instructed to look for wheelchair ramps to main buildings.

“The ADA accommodations for Parker Hall was the largest safety issue I saw today,” Tim Maness, a graduate assistant for the Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center, said. “It was difficult to gain convenient access to the front of the building; there was only basement access.”

Parker Hall currently houses the MU Counseling Center, Maness said.

“On Hill Hall, they had a disability sticker but there’s no button,” said Samantha Chambers, safety coordinator for Student Services.

The sticker indicates that there should be a button that would open a door to the hall if someone were unable to open it him or herself. Hill Hall also had two unmarked doors as well.

The emergency call buttons, known as the blue light system, were another large concern. These call buttons offer direct lines to the MU Police Department, in case a student ever feels unsafe while on campus.

A blue light is designed so that at least one is seen anywhere on campus. However, many Safety Walk participants said they believe there should an increase in the number of blue lights, and several noted that the blue lights should be replaced as they faded to yellow.

The West Campus route found a major safety issue in a broken manhole cover.

The manhole lacked a lock and was bent in several areas, which would allow anyone access to the tunnels below.

“Students can get hurt, if it doesn’t get fixed,” assistant director of special projects Samantha Franks said. “It’s one of those things that happens probably overnight, and then it’s really hard to find. I think that was a good catch.”
Greek Town has been an ongoing issue in past safety walks. This year’s walk featured an emphasis on accessibility issues.

“The roads and sidewalks in Greek Town are very bad,” Folk said. “We are hoping to talk with City Council to help improve that and get that on their radar.”

MU Campus Facilities staff were especially diligent in noting lighting outages and said they promised a quick fix. The consensus on lighting was that the newer, LED lights were preferred as they made the areas seem better lit.

“The lighting, in general, is probably the biggest all-encompassing campus issue,” Franks said. “But they’re really responsive, so that’s nice.”

Each group was accompanied by at least one member of MUPD to “get people’s views on safety and to answer any questions people may have and address concerns,” MUPD captain Brian Weimer said.

The results from this year’s Safety Walk will be compiled into an annual safety report, Folk said.

“(This is sent out to) a ton of different people on campus, Campus Facilities, ResLife, MUPD,” Folk said. “Pretty much anyone that has a stake in keeping campus safe and could do anything to improve campus, it’s reported too. It’s also published on the MSA website. That way everyone on campus can know exactly what safety issues are on campus and hold everybody accountable for those.”

MU researchers search for better waste disposal method

MU researchers will continue digging through garbage in search of a better disposal method this semester due to a $82,000 grant from Mizzou Advantage.

By digging through the garbage, MU researchers are working to find the best method to reduce waste.

Roughly 35 million tons of food is wasted every year in the U.S. According to a 2009 study by researchers at the National Institutes of Health, the average American wastes 1,400 calories of food per day. That amounts to 150 trillion calories total per year.

Christine Costello, assistant research professor of bioengineering, and Ronald McGarvey, assistant professor with a joint appointment in industrial and manufacturing engineering systems
department and the Truman School of Public Affairs, have been the lead researchers on the project, which started in January.

They are looking at a variety of solutions and are weighing the sustainability benefits against the economic costs of each proposed method of waste disposal.

During the spring 2014 semester, the pair worked with Campus Dining Services. While the dining halls were already weighing food waste, Costello and McGarvey went a step further by sorting the garbage into “edible” and “inedible” food waste with the help of undergraduate students.

This helped them determine how much of the total food waste was actually consumable as opposed to things like chicken bones and watermelon rinds, which are not going to be consumed by students.

Knowing how much of the food waste is inedible is important in determining how much can actually be reduced, McGarvey said.

Later on, they started to look at the different kinds of edible foods being wasted and their effects on the environment.

The researchers sorted the food waste into categories like grains, fruits and proteins. They used other studies to determine that wastes like meat had a higher upstream carbon emission, meaning they had a more substantial impact on the environment during production.

McGarvey said they have been very fortunate and people have been more than willing to collaborate with them on the project, even by giving them lab space for their smelly sorting.

Building on the successes of the spring semester, the study is expanding to include Intercollegiate Athletics and the University Hospital with a $82,000 grant from Mizzou Advantage this semester.

Junior Trevion McGhaw, an industrial engineering student working on the project, said having a bigger sample size is a great opportunity to expand the scope of the study.

In addition to working in collaboration with several other sustainability projects toward zero waste in athletics, junior Nick Boshonek said he is looking forward to sifting through the University Hospital’s garbage.

Students will be trained for dealing with the privacy issues surrounding sorting hospital waste, Costello said. The waste data gathered from that source may be important in contributing to the diversity of garbage used in the study.

By studying trash from a variety of sources, the group hopes that it can find a way to help others discover what waste management method, or combination of methods, works best for its situation, Costello said.
The team also hopes to study other kinds of organic waste off campus in the future.

“We want to be careful here to not identify a single point solution that is going to be great (only) if the next thirty years work out exactly as we planned,” McGarvey said.

Pulitzer-winning author discusses education, Thomas Jefferson

MU also received an epitaph piece written by Jefferson to celebrate Loftin’s inauguration and MU’s 175th year.

Thomas Jefferson embodies both the best and worst of U.S. history because of his innovation in education and connection to slavery and the Trail of Tears, said Jon Meacham, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “American Lion” and executive editor at Random House.

“My view is that we should not look up at (historical figures) adoringly, but not look down on them,” Meacham said. “Simply look at them in the eye.”

Meacham visited the Missouri Theater on Monday evening to share his knowledge of Jefferson and the founding father’s philosophies on education with students and faculty, as part of a weeklong celebration of the 175th anniversary of the university’s founding.

Meacham highlighted the importance of public education and how Jefferson promoted the three levels of education: Primary, secondary and higher education.

“Universities are about important work; it is in many ways Jefferson’s work,” Meacham said. “(Jefferson) gave us many things to aspire to.”

Meacham said universities are an extension of what Jefferson envisioned to achieve in order to educate the population, and that Jefferson even hoped to establish a public university in Washington, D.C.

“MU is a child of Jefferson’s politics and philosophy, of which can be said of America … he conceived the work of the university in Missouri as he conceived politics,” Meacham said.

Meacham said one of Jefferson’s biggest goals was to ensure that future generations are striving for innovation and success through education, and that the role of universities cannot be overstated, particularly during a time of celebrating Loftin’s inauguration as chancellor.
But Jefferson’s contribution went beyond expanding education.

Meacham said Jefferson’s facilitation of the Louisiana Purchase was a key turning point in the nation’s history and helped mold the U.S. into what it is today.

“We are on land that (Jefferson) arranged for us to own,” Meacham said. “He created the possibility for the world we know today.”

In addition to Meacham’s visit, MU received a marble slab from the Smithsonian Institute on which an epitaph written by Jefferson is inscribed. According to a news release, the epitaph piece will eventually be put on display in Jesse Hall.

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MU Museum of Anthropology curator sets world record

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Candy Sall, associate curator for the MU Museum of Anthropology, shoots an arrow at the U.S. National Flight Championship on Saturday, Aug. 30. Sall set a world record of 244.55 meters, beating the previous record of 207 meters.

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BY JACK WITTHAUS

COLUMBIA — Candy Sall didn't think she'd break a world record, especially after she broke her bow.

At the U.S. National Flight Championship on Aug. 30, the Columbia resident's bow snapped, requiring Sall to enlist the help of her friend Steve Gardner. He lent Sall one of his extra primitive bows made of Osage orange wood and linen string, recently shaved down to meet the requirements of her bow class.

Sall stood with her new bow and stared out across the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. She fired her bow for several rounds, each shot with less wiggling than the last. The object of flight
archery is to launch an arrow as far as possible, and her shots were traveling progressively farther.

Following her final round, Sall walked out with previous world-record holder Kay Koppedrayer to find her wooden arrows. Sall noticed at least one landed past the 800-foot mark.

"I think you broke my record," Kppedrayer said.

"No," Sall said in disbelief. Last year, her first time competing, Sall managed a shot that went roughly 400 feet, a distance that some of the top 8-year-old competitors fire past.

A few days later in Columbia, Koppedrayer showed up at the MU Museum of Anthropology, where Sall works as the curator, to do research on a new book about flight archery. Koppedrayer handed Sall the bow she used in the tournament and then reached into her pocket, pulling out a golden Harry Drake medal. Kppedrayer informed Sall that she'd set a world record. With a shot of 244.55 meters, Sall is now the top woman in the primitive simple composite 50-pound bow category, which tests competitors with bows and arrows made of all-natural materials. The previous record was 207 meters.

Sall draped the medal around her neck while Koppedrayer took her out for lunch at Stadium Grill. Her victory meal: a burger.

A few years ago, Sall became interested in practicing archery while working at the MU Museum of Anthropology with the late Charles "Bert" Grayson, who shot arrows well into his 90s. Grayson was a donor to the museum, which has one of the largest and most comprehensive assemblages of archery-related material in the world, containing a collection of more than 5,000 pieces.

After a not-so-impressive result in 2013, Sall practiced in her backyard with a training bow and a target, helping develop her strength. She also bought her 8-year-old daughter Izzy a 20-pound bow when she became interested in archery. Izzy participated alongside Sall in 2014, finishing second in her class.

Sall said she hopes to participate again next year.
MU features mbira, hosts 'Shona Stories Through Song'

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BY ISABELLE GUSTAFSON

COLUMBIA — Anand Prahlad said it's difficult to know how an mbira concert will pan out because the performances often depend on the spiritual inspiration of the musicians.

"They may start playing a particular song and get in the spirit of the song, and they may play that song for 10 or 15 minutes," said Prahlad, mbira player and English professor at MU. "There's a real element of surprise."

Prahlad organized Shona Stories Through Song: An Mbira Concert by Fradreck Mujuru and Erica Azim, which will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, 16 Hitt St. The event is hosted by MU's Chancellor's Diversity Initiative.

A workshop will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday by Mujuru and Azim, during which participants can learn to play the mbira and purchase their own instruments. Prahlad said that although the workshop is full, those who wish to learn to play the mbira can contact him.

The mbira is known as the African thumb piano and was created by the Shona people of Zimbabwe. The instrument is made of metal keys attached to a wooden sound board. Bottle caps, or similar items, attached to the board vibrate when the keys are plucked, producing a sound that is believed to attract the spirits, according to Prahlad's website.

Mujuru is a member of the largest extended family of mbira players in Zimbabwe and is now considered by many to be the greatest living mbira maker, according to the website.

Azim is from California and studied Shona music at the University of Washington for two years, according to her website. In 1974, Azim became one of the first non-Zimbabweans to study the mbira in Zimbabwe with traditional masters of the instrument.
Prahlad knew Azim through corresponding with her organization and has seen her perform before. He has admired both her and Mujuru for years. "They’re two of the best," Prahlad said. "(Azim’s) interpretation of some of the traditional songs is just so beautiful."

Prahlad said he hopes this concert will bring awareness to the instrument and the culture surrounding it.

When he was about 14, Prahlad began playing the piano in church youth choirs in his hometown in Virginia. He transitioned to the guitar and other instruments shortly after. He was always interested in ethnic music, he said, and in graduate school began to learn the mbira.

"I fell in love with the sound of the mbira," Prahlad said. "It’s meditative. I’ve meditated for a long time, and I’ve gravitated to music that in some way induces a meditative state."

He owns about 15 mbira instruments, the result of a longtime search for the perfect fit, he said.

Prahlad has put a lot of work into the organization and promotion of this concert and has a goal in mind, he said.

"My fantasy is that more people will learn the mbira," Prahlad said. "It would really enrich the musical landscape of Columbia."