House committee approves higher ed spending with no increase for universities

By Rudi Keller

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JEFFERSON CITY — Hours after University of Missouri President Tim Wolfe asked a legislative committee for at least 5 percent more next year for public colleges and universities, the House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee approved a spending bill with nothing extra for four-year schools.

The committee is the first stop for the bill detailing spending for community colleges, public universities and scholarship programs for the year that begins July 1. The committee was given authority to add $9 million of general revenue to spending lines, using $6 million to increase community college funding.

Instead of starting with Gov. Jay Nixon’s proposed budget, which proposed a 1.3 percent increase for community colleges and four-year schools, the committee is using the current budget, adjusted to reflect funding withheld or vetoed by Nixon.

“I ended up in that position because I only have so much money and the governor is holding money from higher education,” said committee Chairman Donna Lichtenegger, R-Jackson. “We are waiting to see if he is going to release that money. When we work in the full budget committee, I am sure there is going to be more money for the four years.”

The $6 million boost for community colleges represents a 4.2 percent increase in funding. Matching that increase for four-year schools would cost the state $33 million, including $18.4 million for the UM System.

The university is slated to receive $428.5 million in the current year.

Rep. Stephen Webber, D-Columbia, voted for the bill in the appropriations committee. He said he did so based on assurances that increases for all of higher education would be provided.

“I don’t think that the bill that is coming out of appropriations is going to look at all like the one that is coming out of the budget committee,” he said.
In a letter given to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday morning, the Missouri Community College Association and the Council on Public Higher Education jointly requested a 5 percent increase for all schools. The letter called the increase the top priority for higher education, along with $162 million for repair and maintenance projects from bond proceeds.

“Every single school told me that bar none, the most important thing on their radar this year was the bonding bills,” Lichtenegger said. “We still haven’t begun to do that and I told them not to expect any more.”

The spending bill approved in Lichtenegger’s committee included increases in two areas: $1 million to train doctors through a partnership between the MU School of Medicine and CoxHealth in Springfield and $483,250 to increase funding for the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Lawmakers set aside $10 million for the Springfield project in the current budget, but Nixon is withholding more than half of that amount and did not recommend continued funding in the coming year. Wolfe said Thursday the project needs secure funding to be successful.

“There’s a lot of things in this budget we need to take care of,” Lichtenegger said.

The historical society funding will return the society to the level of state support it received before the recession that sent state revenue plummeting beginning in fiscal year 2009. Funding has returned to pre-recession levels in many areas of the state budget.

The society is a state responsibility and deserved the boost, Lichtenegger said. “That is very important to many people in this building.”

Close call for Mizzou's Anderson

By Dave Matter

COLUMBIA, Mo. • A day after Kim Anderson’s Missouri basketball team lost its 10th straight game and its top-scoring guard with a season-ending injury, his bad week got dangerously worse.

On a recruiting trip to Illinois on Wednesday night, Anderson was the lone passenger in a twin engine plane when the pilots were forced to make an emergency landing about 100 miles east of Columbia.
“All of a sudden I heard a little rumble,” Anderson said Thursday. “I looked over and shortly thereafter the right propellor quit propelling. I’ve flown a lot but … when a propellor quits propelling, that’s not good. It’s not like they were resting the right engine.”

Anderson leaned forward to talk to his pilots, and asked Larry Marshall and Jim Mallette if they were headed back to Columbia. Nope. They’d have to find the nearest airport.

“I had my eyes glued to the left engine to make sure that propellor was still working,” Anderson said. “It was working well.”

Once the plane dropped below the clouds, Anderson spotted Highway 44 below. He feared the interstate would become their landing strip. Instead, the pilots directed the plane toward St. Clair Regional Airport, where Anderson could see a line of emergency vehicles waiting for their arrival.

The plane landed safely. Anderson choked up Thursday while thanking the crew of emergency responders on the scene, including St. Clair fire chief Les Crews and ambulance chief Jamie Clayton.

“Unbelievable people,” he said.

Clayton drove Anderson and the pilots back to Columbia. He’d have to reschedule the recruiting trip.

“I was nervous,” Anderson said. “I kept telling myself, ‘Well, we’ve still got one engine. Maybe we only need one.’ … It was a harrowing experience.”

Back in Columbia, Anderson shifted focus to rescuing his team from its freefall. The Tigers (7-17, 1-10 Southeastern Conference) will finish the season without sophomore guard Wes Clark, who suffered a dislocated right elbow in Tuesday’s 65-60 loss at South Carolina.

Clark, the team’s leading scorer in SEC play at 11.7 points per game, will be sidelined for six to eight weeks but will not require surgery, Anderson said.

Clark injured his elbow in the second half Tuesday when he dived on the court for a loose ball and collided with South Carolina forward Michael Carrera. He’ll begin rehabilitation next week, Anderson said, and could be back on the court by late April.

“He’s really emerged as a guy who’s been our leader, especially on the floor,” Anderson said. “He’s played with a great deal of determination and effort.”

The Tigers resume play Saturday at home against Mississippi State (11-13, 4-7). With Clark out, Keith Shamburger becomes the team’s only natural ball-handler.

“Keith will be the guy,” Anderson said. “Depending on who’s available to play, we’ll have some other guys prepared to handle the basketball some. That’s obviously a major concern for us.”
Shamburger, a fifth-year graduate transfer, has averaged 8.5 points per game and a team-best 3.7 assists. More of a scorer earlier in his career at San Jose State, Shamburger averaged a career-high 13.1 points as a sophomore.

“I’ll have to go back to my San Jose State days when I had to be really aggressive to get the ball in the basket,” he said.

Shamburger could get some help on the perimeter if Anderson reinstates freshmen guards Montaque Gill-Caesar, Namon Wright and Tramaine Isabell. Anderson said he planned to meet with Gill-Caesar and Wright more Thursday and Friday. They’ve missed the last two games for undisclosed team rule violations. Isabell, the team’s only other true point guard, has missed the last four games for disciplinary reasons and has been sick the last few days, but Anderson planned to meet with him on Friday.

“Whether or not they play (Saturday) will depend on our visit,” Anderson said.

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Missouri basketball coach Kim Anderson involved in emergency plane landing

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BY MITCHELL FERMAN

COLUMBIA – Kim Anderson couldn’t speak anymore. He looked down at the podium he was sitting at and tried talking again. He bit his lip. He looked up — his eyes were red and glassy.

There were plenty of people he was thankful for.

The Missouri basketball coach was flying to Illinois on a private plane for a recruiting trip Wednesday when he heard a rumble. The right propeller stopped spinning.

"I didn't think they were, like, resting the right engine," Anderson said Thursday.

The pilots told Anderson that they would make an emergency landing at the nearest airstrip.
Time blended together, according to Anderson, who had his eyes glued on the left propeller to make sure it was still working. It was.

"As soon as we came out of the clouds," Anderson said, "my first thought was, 'We're going to land on the interstate.'"

But the pilots guided the plane to an airstrip in St. Clair, Missouri, where there were lots of flashing lights.

"There were police cars, fire engines, ambulances," Anderson said. "That's when I thought, 'This is pretty serious.' You always see that on TV and now you're seeing it in person."

The reason for the plane trouble was unknown at the time, but Anderson said something similar had happened to the pilots a couple times previously.

Anderson told his story, thanking the pilots by name. He then acknowledged the first responders. That's when he got choked up.

Anderson thanked several first responders by name, one of whom drove Anderson and the pilots back to Columbia. There was no recruiting for Anderson on Wednesday.

On the drive home one of the pilots turned to Anderson.

"'Coach, it's a good thing we hit that runway perfect,'" Anderson recalled one of the pilots saying.

It's unknown what would've happened if they didn't land right. But Anderson is just thankful for everyone who helped.

It was his first emergency landing and he hopes his last.

"I wouldn't advise it," Anderson said.

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TheChat: Gov. Jay Nixon is knocked for his handling of the National Guard in Ferguson
Pat yourself on the back. You made it to another Friday.

• “Insulting.” — Missouri state Sen. Kurt Schaefer, a Columbia Republican, speaking of Gov. Jay Nixon’s decision not to more aggressively deploy the National Guard in Ferguson on the night it was announced that a grand jury had decided not to indict former police officer Darren Wilson.

Nixon, a Democrat, argued this week that soldiers pointing their weapons at unarmed citizens “is not a good thing.” Schaefer, a candidate for attorney general, disagreed, saying members of the Guard “know how to show restraint.” (link courtesy of johncombest.com).

• “What do we want Missouri to be known for, and what are our priorities?” — University of Missouri President Tim Wolfe to lawmakers Wednesday in requesting a 5 percent increase in higher ed funding.

Wolfe said higher education funding has declined nationally, but at a faster pace in Missouri. Meanwhile, he said, tuition has risen slower in Missouri than elsewhere.

• “I’m running.” — Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid to his staff about his intention to seek a sixth term next year in Nevada.

Speculation had mounted that the 75 year old would call it quits because of his age, the loss of the majority last year and a recent workout accident that resulted in a shattered eye socket and broken ribs. We’ve said this before, but if Reid runs and wins, and neither of those are an absolute certainty, than he should consider stepping down as Democratic leader so that the party can offer a fresh face.

• “I call it sticking with what works.” — Vice President Joe Biden speaking at Drake University in Iowa about the importance of the 2016 Democratic nominee continuing the policies of President Barack Obama.

Biden’s trip fueled new speculation that he was gearing up for his own presidential run. He said the next nominee has no reason not to continue the policies of the last eight years. “Run on what we have done. Own what we have done. Stand for what we have done. Acknowledge what we have done,” Biden said.

Bill to bar Nixon, future governors from UM presidency heard in Senate committee
JEFFERSON CITY — Gov. Jay Nixon on Thursday sidestepped the question of whether he would like to be president of the University of Missouri after his term ends in January 2017.

During a news conference in which reporters peppered the governor with questions about his actions in Ferguson and the prospects for a new NFL stadium in St. Louis, Nixon said he is not thinking about whether he has a future leading the university.

“I’m involved in enough politics here without being enmeshed in that,” he said.

As Nixon was speaking, state Sen. Kurt Schaefer, R-Columbia, was presenting a bill to the Senate Education Committee to make sure Nixon does not take over the school. Schaefer’s bill would make it illegal for curators to vote to give a university job to a governor who appointed them to the board.

The curators hire only two employees directly: the system president and the general counsel.

“I think we are talking about a lot of ethical issues this session,” Schaefer said in an interview after the hearing. “Some of those are real problems, and some of them are perception problems, which in many ways are just as serious as a real problem.”

No Missouri governor has ever become president of the university after leaving office, though rumors of such a move have surfaced for several governors nearing the end of their terms. Nothing in current law prevents it.

“At a minimum, it is a perception issue with the university that they are actually hiring the best person to be the president of the university and not a political payback,” Schaefer said. “That has happened in other states, and ... I think we should make clear that would be inappropriate.”

Schaefer said he would welcome Nixon as a faculty member, which is not subject to approval or rejection by his political appointees. Current UM President Tim Wolfe has not given any indication he is interested in leaving the job and has strong support from the UM Board of Curators.

That does not mean Wolfe’s job is secure, Schaefer said.

“The president of the university serves at the discretion of the curators,” Schaefer said. “So remember, no matter how good a job Tim Wolfe is doing, he is never more than 24 hours away from a change.”

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

'MizzouThon' pledges $1 million to MU Women's and Children's Hospital
COLUMBIA — **MizzouThon, MU's largest student-led philanthropy, is dancing its way toward a goal of raising $1 million over 5 years to benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the MU Women's and Children's Hospital.**

"By investing in the child, we are investing in the future," MizzouThon Executive Director Sophie Lustman said.

MizzouThon will send letters asking for donations and require each participant to raise $100. The philanthropy's main event is a 13.1-hour dance marathon that will take place on March 14.

Lustman said she anticipates MizzouThon to reach its goal in five years.

Audrey Wilcox, MizzouThon vice president of communication, said it is a large goal but a manageable one.

"We thought this was a really cool opportunity and would really get people excited," Wilcox said. "We hope to give them purpose and drive by having something to work toward."

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit will use this money to renovate their hospital wing, which will cost $3.1 million, according to an MU news release. The renovated hospital wing will be named the "MizzouThon Neonatal Intensive Care Unit," according to the release. Renovations include 10 additional beds, bringing the total to 48.

MizzouThon's yearly proceeds go toward the MU Children's Hospital to support pediatric patients in the mid-Missouri area, according to its website. Its slogan is "FTK" — "For The Kids."

MizzouThon has grown greatly since it began in 2008, Wilcox said. By encouraging Greek life and residence halls to participate and setting larger goals, Wilcox said she believes the program will continue to grow.
Formerly known as Mizzou Dance Marathon, MizzouThon changed its name to emphasize its work outside of the annual dance marathon, she said.

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'Grey' area: For a provocative film, many shades of marketing

It's no secret in Hollywood that sex sells when it comes to marketing provocative films.

Studios over the years have made big money with movies including "Basic Instinct," "Fatal Attraction" and even "Sex and the City." But with "Fifty Shades of Grey," the marketing team at Universal Pictures had a tricky assignment: how to present a movie that delves into the realm of sadomasochism.

In a carefully calibrated campaign more than two years in the making, the Universal team tried to sidestep stigmas and attract moviegoers who might otherwise be turned off. Billboards, film trailers and online games were scrutinized. Even the selection of colors (gray and black), music (Beyoncé) and the movie's Valentine's Day weekend release was intended to make a statement.

The result was a marketing campaign that was classy and not too revealing, and designed to woo both women and men to the $40-million film adaptation of the bestselling E.L. James book. Box-office experts are predicting that the film, which opens Friday, could set a record for Presidents Day weekend.

"Universal had to walk a tightrope by being edgy and erotic without being sleazy and inaccessible," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at the measurement firm Rentrak. "This is a movie that by its very nature had to be toned down to be acceptable to the general public."

"Fifty Shades" tells the story of a young billionaire's quest to dominate an inexperienced college student who catches his eye. The movie was fashioned as a modern-day fairy tale of a young woman, Anastasia Steele, who falls for a man she thinks is her Prince Charming, only to discover his dark side.

The story electrified the publishing world in 2011 when James, a British television executive turned novelist, released "Fifty Shades of Grey" as an e-book. She quickly turned out two follow-up books and signed on with a major publisher. The three books have been translated into 52 languages and together have sold more than 100 million copies worldwide.

In March 2012, Universal won an aggressive bidding war for the film rights after James met with Donna Langley, now Universal Pictures' chairman, during a trip to Los Angeles. The two bonded over tea; Langley is a native of Britain's Isle of Wight. The studio immediately set out to understand the book's appeal and figure out ways to lure a mainstream audience that might be
uncomfortable with the racy content — without disappointing the legions of fans of James' books.

The studio asked the question: Why were the books so popular? Their research uncovered some surprising findings. Readers heard about the book from friends and they wanted to see what all of the excitement was about. They bought the book because they were intrigued by its titillating story line, but kept on reading to follow the relationship between fictional businessman Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele.

"Women read books like this to make sense of their contemporary lives," said Melissa Click, an assistant professor in media at the University of Missouri. Nearly two years ago she interviewed three dozen women who had read the book as part of her own research project.

"The women started out reading these books for the sex, but they stayed for the romance," Click said.

Universal crafted a marketing strategy designed to appeal to three distinct audiences. They sought to engage the fans of the book, "capture the curious" and then "seduce the skeptics," according to an executive familiar with the effort.

Billboards and bus advertisements tease potential moviegoers with a one-word question: "Curious?" Some of the ads show the Grey character, played by Jamie Dornan, looking out over the Seattle skyline. Other shots show the couple embracing, with the arms of Anastasia, played by Dakota Johnson, seemingly tied high above her head.

The marketers also used a color palette known for sophistication — grays and black — to give the film a sleek and classy feel. Universal recruited singer Beyoncé, who remixed her hit song "Crazy in Love" for the film, in part because Beyoncé "owns her sexuality," according to an executive involved in the process.

The movie originally was scheduled to arrive in theaters last summer. But Universal shifted the release date to Valentine's Day weekend, which coincides with the long Presidents Day weekend.

Jeff Shell, who became chairman of Universal Filmed Entertainment in fall 2013, told his bosses in New York that the new release date would give the studio a built-in marketing hook and increase the film's money-making potential. The thinking was that men would be more inclined to let their wife or girlfriend pick the movie they would see on Valentine's Day.

The studio also charted an online plan to ratchet up the buzz. It released the first scenes from the movie a year ago. Several trailers, which started appearing in July, have scored more than 200 million views on YouTube and Facebook.

Universal accelerated its marketing efforts last fall, creating digital fan experiences such as an online tour of the main character's Seattle penthouse apartment. The studio also hired a Los
Angeles marketing firm, AdGreetz, to create personalized emails and send them to 600,000 people in more than 30 countries, including Mexico, Brazil and Russia.

AdGreetz founder Eric Frankel said his firm recorded 2,800 names so that recipients could click on a link and hear their name spoken by a character from the movie, followed by the words "Mr. Grey will see you now."

The marketing blitz appears to be paying off for Universal: "Fifty Shades of Grey" is expected to generate at least $60 million in ticket sales during in its first four days in theaters, according to pre-release audience surveys.

That kind of box-office return could set a record for a Presidents Day weekend. The reigning champion is "Valentine's Day," a PG-13 film that earned $63.1 million during the 2010 Presidents Day weekend.

"Fifty Shades" also ranks as the fastest-selling R-rated movie in the 15-year history of Fandango, which sells tickets for 25,000 screens across the country. Both Fandango and Universal are owned by parent NBCUniversal.

Because of the R rating, the film won't draw on the support of teenagers, who are among the most faithful moviegoers. But the film is expected to possibly surpass the nearly $57 million reached by "Sex and the City," which also was rated R, during its first three days in theaters in 2008.

Theater chains across the country have even added screens and arranged special Valentine's Day promotions. Cinépolis in Thousand Oaks is selling a Valentine's Loveseat Package on Valentine's Day, which includes two tickets, a bottle of "Fifty Shades of Grey" wine, a blanket and a dessert to share.

Retailers also are getting into the act, including retail giant Target, which offers "Fifty Shades" branded blindfolds and massage oils. The Vermont Teddy Bear company is pitching a Christian Grey Bear that wears a tailored suit, complete with the signature necktie, and handcuffs.

"I think sales of neckties will go up," Dergarabedian of Rentrak said.

Missouri House Passes ‘Right to Work’ Bill, Ignoring Threat of a Veto
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A bill that would make Missouri the latest state to adopt so-called right-to-work laws or policies passed the Republican-controlled House here on Thursday, but without enough votes to override an expected veto from the Democratic governor.

The business groups and conservatives that have for years pushed for a Missouri right-to-work law had hoped they would have enough votes this year to enact the measure, which failed last year. But Thursday’s vote, in which 23 Republicans joined Democrats in opposing the measure, suggested that the bill might again die this year.

Nevertheless, supporters of right-to-work laws, which allow workers who choose not to join a labor union to avoid paying the equivalent of dues, celebrated the bill’s passage even while they acknowledged that significant obstacles remained.

“Right-to-work will come to Missouri at some point in time — I think it’s inevitable,” said Representative John Diehl, a Republican and speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives. “Hopefully, we can get it done this year, but if not this year, it’s going to keep being an issue until it crosses the finish line.”

Even if the Senate, which is also controlled by Republicans, approves the bill, Gov. Jay Nixon said this week that he had never seen a right-to-work bill he would sign. Both chambers would have to muster two-thirds majorities to override a veto — but the House vote on Thursday, 91 to 64, fell well short of that margin.

One of the Republicans who voted against the bill was Representative Bart Korman, whose rural and suburban district west of St. Louis has a strong union presence. Mr. Korman said that his party colleagues were respectful of his position and that he did not foresee changing his mind if a similarly worded bill returned to the House for a vote to override.

Mr. Korman said unions had lobbied forcefully against a right-to-work law this year, as they had done in other states. Missouri is only the latest place in the Midwest to take up the issue. Six of the eight states that border Missouri have right-to-work policies, according to the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation. In neighboring Illinois, which does not have such a law or policy, the Republican governor issued an executive order this week that allows state employees there to opt out of paying union dues.

Mike Louis, president of the Missouri A.F.L.-C.I.O., said a right-to-work law would cause unions to lose members and, in turn, some of their negotiating power. He said he did not expect the right-to-work bill to become law this session.

“I think the workers who belong to the unions would suffer,” Mr. Louis said, “and that would bleed over to the middle-class workers who are not represented by unions.”

During hours of debate on the House floor this week, Republican after Republican spoke of job opportunities in Missouri that they claimed were lost to bordering states such as Kansas and Arkansas that have right-to-work laws or policies.
“States like Missouri with forced unionism are losing in population and revenue growth because unions don’t have to be responsive,” said Representative Eric Burlison, Republican of Springfield, who sponsored the measure.

Despite the bill’s failure to win a veto-proof majority, its passage underscored the commanding majorities Missouri Republicans have built in the Legislature in recent elections. Peverill Squire, a political-science professor at the University of Missouri, said those gains had given Republicans the ability to push a variety of laws, including a longstanding desire of some in the party to enact a right-to-work law.

Professor Squire said it was an open question whether the Senate would take up the measure this session. Even if senators approved it, he said, the governor’s veto threat means that enacting the measure would take an extraordinary effort.

“I think it’s a very slim chance,” he said.

Ed Martin, the chairman of the Missouri Republican Party, said he believed the legislative majorities were moving Missouri toward a right-to-work law. “I think we’re making progress,” said Mr. Martin, who noted that a right-to-work effort was not included in the state party’s official platform. “I just don’t know where the thing will stop this time.”

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MU students hold candlelight vigil for Chapel Hill shooting victims

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COLUMBIA — Lit by the dim glow of candles, students and community members stood in solidarity at a vigil Thursday night for the three victims of a Chapel Hill, North Carolina, shooting that took place on Tuesday.

Small tea light candles lay on the ground of Speakers Circle, forming the letters "D," "Y" and "R." These letters represented Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23, his wife, Yusor Mohammad, 21, and her sister Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19, who died Tuesday.

The three were Muslim. Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, has been charged with first-degree murder in the shootings, and police are still trying to determine if the attack was a hate-crime, according to The Associated Press.
"I think it's important that we remember these people for who they were, not just their religious views," MU student Muhamedali Khenissi said. "I think it's important that we combat hate as one."

The event at Speakers Circle began with a moment of silence to remember the lives lost. MU students shared poems and speeches that hit on themes of unity and remembrance.

MU student Yasmin Younis was the first to speak, and she spoke with strength as she expressed her fears, saying that it could have been her, her mother or her friend.

"When I say it hurts, it really hurts," Younis said.

She said she wanted to give people hope and show that there were others who wanted to promote progress. She felt there was a reason to take that risk tonight.

Farah El-Jayyousi, one of the organizers of the event, said she felt scared, devastated and shocked when she first heard the news of the shooting. She wanted to spread awareness about the violence that Muslims face in this country everyday.

El-Jayyousi said she has a friend in North Carolina who was close friends with the victims and so this hits close to home.

"It's depressing," El-Jayyousi said, "The fact that we share the same faith, we share the same struggles and that their lives were unjustly lost."

When asked about the future, Khenissi said, "We are here to remember them and remember that we are together and if something happens to one of us, it happens to all of us. Never alone."