UM System would score limited budget relief in House proposal

BY DYLAN JACKSON

JEFFERSON CITY — About $22 million would be restored to higher education budgets throughout Missouri in the proposed 2018 state budget, according to a bill discussed by a House committee on Wednesday.

However, unlike the funds for other schools, the UM System's portion would only apply to certain cooperative programs. This means little relief for a large portion of the university system, which is poised to lose $40 million from its core budget as recommended by Gov. Eric Greitens.

Though the budget committee chairman said he followed the wishes of university officials, a system spokesman disagreed.

While the funding for other schools goes to core budgets, the $8.5 million restored to the UM budget is dispersed as followed:

- $5 million to a MU medical school expansion program based in Springfield;
- $1 million to a UM pharmacy program based at Missouri State University;
- $1 million to a UM engineering program at MSU;
- $1.5 million to a UM cooperative dental program with Missouri Southern State University.

House budget chair Scott Fitzpatrick, R-Shell Knob, said he followed what he had been told were the UM System's top priorities. He said the amount was determined based on what UM has historically received as a proportion of overall funding.
"Typically, the UM System receives 40 percent of funding to higher education institutions," said Fitzpatrick. "So to be fair to the other systems, we calculated what 40 percent of the $22 million we were restoring was and gave that to the UM cooperative programs."

But John Fougere, a spokesman for the UM System, said that while UM did indicate concern for the programs, it did not expect the choice to restore such programs to be a trade-off for core budget funding.

"We had concerns when the governor zeroed out funds for several recurring programs and wanted those restored," said Fougere in an email, "but did not discuss changing the percentage cuts in the core budget in exchange. We expect to be treated the same as all other institutions and will work with the Missouri Senate to accomplish that."

The UM System has not received sympathy from Greitens, who has complained of waste and called on UM executives to make tough decisions while simultaneously avoiding pushing costs on students. In response to budget cuts, new UM President Mun Choi indicated that options for making up for the shortfall could include employee layoffs, program cuts and tuition hikes.

Choi has also terminated the executive performance incentive program, which became a controversial topic when State Auditor Nicole Galloway found that $2.3 million in what she called "inappropriate bonus payments."
Campus braces for budget shortfall

MU could face loss of up to $50M in next fiscal year

By Budi Keller
Columbia Daily Tribune

The University of Missouri's Columbia campus is facing a budget shortfall of up to $50 million in the coming fiscal year if freshman enrollment stays low and the state budget plan unveiled Wednesday becomes law.

That figure, almost 10 percent of the budget for academic operations, is not being used by administrators but it fits with current enrollment and budget expectations. After a faculty meeting Wednesday, interim Chancellor Hank Foley said he does not expect a significant change in the incoming class, which was about 4,800 this year.

With about 6,000 students set to leave at the end of this year as they graduate, the loss of tuition revenue could be substantial. Based on current tuition rates, a loss of 1,200 students would cost the university about $13 million.

If one-third of the decline in students paying out-of-state tuition, the revenue loss grows to almost $19 million.

On Wednesday in Jefferson City, House Budget Committee Chairman Scott Fitzpatrick proposed a higher education funding bill that cuts deeper into the UM System budget than proposed by Gov. Eric Greitens. Fitzpatrick, R-Shell Knob, decreased the base appropriation by $324,000 more than the $40.4 million cut proposed by Greitens.

If approved, the university would receive $409.3 million, the smallest state appropriation in four years.

Fitzpatrick did include $8.5 million earmarked for programs run by the university, money Greitens did not recommend, but those funds cannot be used for general operations. During the faculty meeting, Foley said the state cuts alone would mean a shortfall of $25 million.

"We are going to be looking at a lack of recurring funds that could be quite substantial," Foley said.

Enrollment this year is down more than 2,000 students from the record 2015 enrollment of 35,448. Last year at this time, Foley ordered a 5 percent cut in general fund budgets due to the enrollment loss.

When Greitens took office, he ordered budget restrictions that cut $20 million from the campus
budget, Foley has ordered those cuts to be made up from reserve funds and told the 110 faculty members on hand that the amounts required from each fund will be announced today.

The shortfalls will continue for several years, Foley said.

To plan for those cuts, he said, faculty will be asked to make nominations to two committees—a Resource Allocation Model Committee to determine where operating funds can be spent most effectively and a Capital Financing Committee to plan for construction and major maintenance needs.

The money isn’t coming from lawmakers, Foley said.

“I don’t know a way to go down and to demand the money and actually not be laughed out of their offices,” he said.

The Columbia campus operates with a total budget of $2.2 billion. Foley explained to the faculty that $1.2 billion of that amount is the MU Health Care system and another $400 million is in auxiliary operations such as athletics and student housing.

That leaves about $620 million for academic operations, with $95 million to $100 million earmarked for scholarships and tuition reductions.

In its recruiting efforts, the campus is still dealing with the backlash from protests in 2015. The same is true in Jefferson City, where lawmakers aren’t very warm, either.

“The university has a history of being treated more favorably than other institutions have in the budget, that is just a fact,” Fitzpatrick said in an interview.

The earmarked funding added by Fitzpatrick includes $5 million for medical education expansion in Springfield and three collaborative programs. The university asked for those programs to be funded, Fitzpatrick said.

Other state colleges and universities saw some of the money cut by Greitens restored to their core budgets in Fitzpatrick’s proposal.

“These projects, not only are they important to the university system, they are also high priorities for a lot of members,” Fitzpatrick said. “Restore some of these cuts, that’s great, but I am not going to do something that only benefits one institution.”

The faculty meeting focused heavily on budget issues and, at times, faculty expressed frustration that the university seems to be in a constant crisis.

Noel Bartlow, assistant professor of geology, said her first day on campus was the day former President Tim Wolfe and former Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin resigned.

“Where the light at the end of the tunnel is, I don’t know,” she said. “It has been nothing but negative things since I got here. It has been very hard for me to find love for the university since I got here.”
MU chancellor, chief budget officer paint bleak fiscal crisis

BY THOMAS OIDE

COLUMBIA — Specific ways to address MU's $20 million shortfall by June 30 include using $3 million of University Hospital reserves, MU Interim Chancellor Hank Foley said Wednesday.

Last week, Foley announced that MU will use reserve funds from across campus to make up the state withholding. At a general faculty meeting Wednesday, Foley said that on Thursday, division and academic unit leaders will learn how much money they will have to make up in their current budget.

It will be up to those leaders to determine how those cuts will be made, Foley said.

He said $17 million represents 2.3 percent of the MU's total reserves. That money is spread widely across campus.

Vice Chancellor of Finance Rhonda Gibler said that there are still discussions about what tuition increases would be allowed for next year and that the 2018 budget will be smaller than 2017.

"That smaller budget means that we'll have to make additional adjustments," Gibler said. "The $20 million shortfall in the current year is painful. Making cuts to the permanent budgets is that much worse because these are cuts we'll have to make to our ongoing expenses."

Foley said MU can use reserves, some restructuring and possible increased enrollment to make up the deficit for 2018. However, he said that changes would have to be made.
"We're going to have significant changes in what we're doing," Foley said. "We're obviously going to have to look at our budget, we're going to have to prioritize and we're going to have to figure out what it is we can do and what it is we can't do in 2018, '19 and '20."

Gibler said it will be painful. "There is no way to address the kinds of concerns we have ahead of us," she said. "There isn't an easy answer — we can't just cut the easy stuff. I submit to you, we already cut the easy stuff a long time ago. We're left with really hard work."

The operating margin between MU’s revenue and its expenditures has decreased to between 1 and 2 percent in the past five to 10 years, and in some years gone slightly negative, Gibler said. In the 1990s, that figure was about 10 percent. Without the additional funds, MU has less money to invest back into its capital infrastructure.

"What that says is we're spending every dollar we get," Gibler said. "We as a university are operating like a person who is living from paycheck to paycheck. We can no longer live paycheck to paycheck. We have to be realistic about what we can do, what resource base can we count on and what are we going to change about the structure of this university to make sure it thrives into the future."

Gibler said MU’s general budget is 80 percent employee salary, which is what makes the cuts so difficult.

"It seems like a simple thing: Cut something; don't spend as much money as you spent last year," Gibler said. "But when you send people to do the work, they realize that what they're going to have to cut are people. People with faces, people with families, people making a real contribution to the university, state and students. And then that becomes real. And it makes it much more difficult than how it should be in theory."

Noel Bartlow, assistant professor of geophysics, asked Foley about the "light at the end of the tunnel."

"These are difficult times — I can't pretend that they are not," he responded. "Until the business cycle turns and tax revenues come back, I think we're going to be in this for a while. I can't say there's clearly light at the end of the tunnel."
"I'd like to say, 'By 2021, things will be good.' But it would be disingenuous for me to say that," he said.

Foley also said that addressing the fiscal crisis must be a group effort and that he hopes faculty members change their mindset toward the situation.

"People out here: Don't feel like it's us versus you, it's us," Foley told the 200 or so people listening in Jesse Wrench Auditorium. "We are in this together and we are going to have to make very difficult decisions as a group and come forward with some ideas, unless something unforeseen happens."

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**Senate to vote on Greitens' picks for UM Board of Curators**


JEFFERSON CITY - The Missouri Senate is set to vote Thursday on Gov. Eric Greitens' picks for the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

Greitens' three picks include Darryl Chatman, Jamie Farmer and Jeff Layman.

Chatman, a Democrat from Foristell, is an attorney and former deputy director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Both Farmer and Layman are Republicans and business leaders. Farmer, from Jefferson City, is an executive for the Capital Sand Co., and Layman, from Springfield, was a former finance chairman for Greitens' campaign.
Farmer and Layman will replace Donald Cupps and Pamela Henrickson, respectively, who are staying on as curators until the new appointees are voted in. Chatman will fill a vacant position.

The three picks were voted unanimously by the Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments on Wednesday to be presented in front of the full Senate. Committee members said Greitens' new picks are pushing the board in the right direction.

"In the past we've had a board of curators who are good people, but they seem to represent all of the same kind of industry or background," said Sen. Mike Kehoe, R-Jefferson City. "We're looking for, and I think Missourians are looking for, people who will reflect the mission of the schools."

Senators on the committee said all three of the new curators can bring something different to the board.

"They all have a very practical world view on what's important in education," said Sen. Ed Emery, R-Jefferson City.

Chatman's agricultural experience will "bring another level of expertise not currently on the board," Farmer's business background will bring "real clear and effective advocacy," and Layman's financial expertise will help him know what "rocks to kick" to make sure "the university gets its finances straight," Emery said.

"They're kind of looked upon as a possible new breath of fresh air and some new vision to bring to the board, and I think they share that opportunity to move forward," Kehoe said.

If approved by the Senate, Greitens' three picks will begin their terms immediately.

Senate committee approves UM curator picks

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. - The Senate Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments voted unanimously Wednesday Gov. Eric Greitens' picks for the University of Missouri Board of Curators to recommend to the full Senate.
Jeff Layman, Jamie Farmer and Darryl Chatman were selected by the governor in February and are scheduled to be considered by the full Senate Thursday.

"The university needs some folks on there who bring a fresh look," said state Sen. Mike Kehoe, R-Jefferson City. "They should represent several different industries from across the state to help get the university back on track."

The appointments committee is made up of Senate leadership of both major parties.

The committee also approved two candidates for the Missouri State University Board of Governors and James Bean as the Missouri State Fire Marshal.

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Mizzou Giving Day Begins

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#MizzouGivingDay: Support the Missourian


BY MATT DULIN

For the next 24 hours, the university is hosting a fundraising drive to rally alumni and bring in support to the programs and services that made their experiences as a student valuable and memorable.
For the Missourian, we're also asking our community at large to support a newsroom that has been dedicated to being the best community newspaper, an innovative test kitchen and an incubator for the next generation of journalists.

To create a future where this tradition can continue, we need the support of everyone who has benefited from the Missourian, students, alumni and readers alike.

Here's how to participate in #MizzouGivingDay and support the Missourian, in two easy steps:

1. Visit http://givingday.missouri.edu, then click the GIVE button. Select “School of Journalism” under Unit, then "Columbia Missourian Endowment" under Funds.

2. Post on Facebook or Twitter and tell your friends and neighbors that you supported the Columbia Missourian, and invite them to do the same.

At a time when it can seem like facts are hard to come by or that truth is an elusive concept, we need journalism more than ever. I hope you'll join us in fighting the good fight.

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**Facility, students weigh making MU a 'sanctuary campus'**

**By Ruth Serven**

**COLUMBIA —** [MU students, staff and faculty brainstormed ways for MU to become a sanctuary campus with community members Wednesday.](http://givingday.missouri.edu)

The Coalition of Graduate Workers, a union that represents graduate students at MU, is considering a list of demands that would ask MU to protect undocumented students and immigrants from federal agents, unless those agents had a warrant.
"We know that there are students affected by a host of other issues being debated and threatened," said Eric Scott, the union's co-chair. "We have students who are DREAMers, who are affected by DACA, and there are indiscriminate raids being conducted on people who are undocumented."

Under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an executive order signed by President Obama in 2012, undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. before they were 16 can apply for protection from deportation and a work permit for two years.

Only 20 states provide resident in-state tuition to undocumented students. In Missouri, students who are undocumented would have to pay international student rates and fees and would not be eligible for financial aid at public universities.

MU has not officially considered becoming a sanctuary campus, a label about 30 other universities have claimed in recent months. Missouri has also made it illegal for a city or county to claim sanctuary status, according to a 2008 law.

Faculty and students discussed ways to protect students and to educate residents and students about the immigration process and their constitutional rights. Organizers from the National Education Association and Missouri NEA, which represents the union, were also present.

"Even if we're not successful in this case, we might be successful in building a coalition for something," said Joseph Moore, the union's outreach officer. "This is just one step in a longer game."

What is a sanctuary city?

There is no legal definition for a sanctuary city. The term is colloquially bestowed on cities or counties with policies that limit or refuse local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement authorities.

Though there’s no official measurement, about 30 cities, over 300 counties and five states have ordinances that limit cooperation with federal immigration authorities, according to a report in The New York Times.
Following the election and a Jan. 25 executive order by President Donald Trump, officials in Austin, New York, Chicago and Philadelphia have reaffirmed their commitment to uphold sanctuary policies.

In contrast, some states — Georgia, Indiana, Arkansas, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi and Pennsylvania — have weighed legislation that would ban the label.

President Trump's executive order stated that his administration will pursue more deportations. He also moved to block federal grants to jurisdictions that do not comply with federal requests to detain undocumented immigrants. Under the new rules, federal agents could seek to deport people in the country illegally who were convicted of any crime, no matter how minor.

Any immigrant who is in the country illegally and is charged or convicted of any offense, or even suspected of a crime, will now be an enforcement priority, according to Homeland Security Department memos signed by Secretary John Kelly on Feb. 20.

**What is a sanctuary campus?**

In addition to sanctuary cities, several universities have begun calling themselves "sanctuary campuses."

Being a sanctuary campus could include anything from administrators refusing to work with federal immigration officials to simply providing legal and educational resources for undocumented students.

So far, about 30 campuses have claimed the label, including Connecticut College, Wesleyan University, Columbia University and University of Pennsylvania, which said they would refuse to cooperate with federal authorities or allow federal immigration authorities onto campus unless they had a warrant.

The Association of American University Professors issued a resolution on Nov. 22 that supported the campus sanctuary movement, called for students to feel safe on campus and asked for administrators to make sure students felt safe.

“While colleges and universities must obey the law, administrations must make all efforts to guarantee the privacy of immigrant students and pledge not to grant access to information that might reveal their
immigration status unless so ordered by a court of law," the organization wrote, calling for administrators, campus police and faculty to refuse to comply with orders to disclose students' immigration status.

Cuonzo Martin hired as Missouri basketball coach


Cuonzo Martin is on the move again.

**Missouri announced hiring of Martin as its next coach Wednesday, hours after he resigned from his position at California. He replaced Kim Anderson, who was fired after winning just 26 games in three seasons.**

"We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home," Missouri athletic director Jim Sterk said in a statement. "From the outset of our search, our goal was to find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou Men's Basketball among our fan base. I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo and I look forward to watching him compete for championships and postseason appearances for many years to come."

Martin, a native of East St. Louis, Ill., compiled a 62-39 record with one NCAA tournament appearance in three seasons with the Golden Bears. California said in a statement announcing the resignation that Martin was seeking a job closer to home.

Martin previously was the coach at Tennessee and Missouri State for three season each.

His overall coaching record is 186-121 with two NCAA tournament and four NIT appearances.

Per the terms of his contract with Cal, Martin will owe the university $1.2 million for terminating his contract prior to April 14, 2017. The deal had been scheduled to run from April 15, 2016 through April 14, 2021.
Report: The Porters are headed back to Missouri

By Travis Hines

The coaching carousel looks certain to change the fate of a potential 2018 No. 1 NBA Draft pick, and, perhaps, that of a downtrodden program and a coach starting his fourth job in six years.

When you have the talent of Michael Porter, Jr., you can change a lot of lives.

The dominos are falling fast, so to recap on how the coaching, recruiting and draft landscape is shifting here’s what’s gone down.

First, came news that Missouri had offered its head coaching position to Cal’s Cuonzo Martin. Later that afternoon, Cal announced that Martin had resigned from his position, and a little later the Tigers made it official it was to join them in Columbia.

Then, not long after, Washington ended the Lorenzo Romar era in Seattle, putting his assistant, Michael Porter, Sr., – and his son – presumably on the market.

Within minutes of Romar’s firing going official, ESPN’s Paul Biancardi reported that Porter, Sr. would would be joining Martin’s staff at Mizzou. From there, it’s not hard to connect the dots that his son, an elite recruit and serious option atop the 2018 draft, won’t be far behind.

It’s a lot, but it’s not exactly surprising to see how it unfolded once things spun into motion, first with Martin’s decision and then with Washington’s.
You see, the Porter family has extensive roots in Columbia, as NBC Sports’ Rob Dauster documented this summer in a profile about the family.

The family lived there for seven years. It’s where Porter, Jr. grew up. His two sisters play on the Mizzou women’s team, which is coached by his aunt.

This move makes sense for everyone involved.

Yes, it may feel a little dubious that Porter, Sr. has seemingly parlayed his son’s talents into a pair of job opportunities, but Porter, Jr. is a program changer. Martin is counting on it.

The situation that the new coach is inheriting is a pretty poor one. The three-year Kim Anderson era was an abject failure with a total of 27 wins to show for itself. The program is also not far removed from NCAA penalties stemming from an impermissible benefits case.

If there’s one way to jump-start a program and a new tenure, it is to add one of the best players in the country. It gives Martin and Missouri some cache on the court and on the recruiting trail, should Porter, Jr.’s presumed one-year tenure end with his name among the first called by NBA commissioner Adam Silver in June of 2018.

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Mizzou taps Cuonzo Martin as next men’s basketball coach

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First-year Missouri athletic director Jim Sterk got his man.

Sterk targeted California men’s basketball coach Cuonzo Martin from the outset after announcing March 5 that Kim Anderson would not return for the 2017-18 season, multiple sources told The Star.

Mizzou announced Wednesday that Martin, who resigned from Cal earlier in the day, would be the 19th full-time coach in men’s hoops history.

“We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home,” Sterk said in a statement from Mizzou Athletics. “From the outset of our search, our goal was to
find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou Men’s Basketball among our fan base. I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo and I look forward to watching him compete for championships and postseason appearances for many years to come.”

Martin will be formally introduced during a press conference at 4 p.m. Monday at Mizzou Arena in Columbia. Doors will open to the public at 3:30 p.m.

The Star has learned that Martin’s seven-year deal includes a laddered annual salary that will average approximately $3 million per season, according to a source.

Perhaps not coincidentally, Sterk signed a seven-year contract in August.

Martin, 45, is an East St. Louis native and previously coached at Missouri State and Tennessee.

ESPN college basketball reporter Jeff Goodman was the first to report the Tigers offered Martin — who first name is pronounced “KHAN-zoh” — the position and a deal was in place.

Sources with knowledge of the search said Missouri never met with Indiana coach Tom Crean and never had more than passing interest.

Martin’s Golden Bears finished 21-13 this season after a first-round upset Tuesday night in the NIT.

He finished 62-39, including a 28-24 record in the Pac-12, in three seasons at Cal.

During nine seasons as a Division I coach, Martin has a 186-121 record — an average of nearly 21 wins per season — with seven postseason appearances, including two NCAA Tournament berths.

In three seasons at Missouri State, Martin posted a 61-41 record, including a CIT championship in 2010 and a Missouri Valley Conference championship in 2011.

He was chosen Missouri Valley coach of the year in 2011 along with Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year as the country’s top minority Division I coach.

Martin then moved on Tennessee, replacing the exceedingly popular Bruce Pearl after he was fired amid an NCAA investigation.

Pearl, who is in his third season at Auburn, received a three-year show-cause penalty after he allegedly lied to investigators about recruiting violations.

Martin, who has a reputation as a terrific defensive mind, won at least 19 games in all three seasons with the Volunteers, guiding the program to the Sweet Sixteen in 2014 after consecutive NIT appearances.
He finished 63-41 with a 32-20 record in the SEC, but was never embraced by Tennessee’s fans, who still pined for Pearl.

Martin left for Cal after three seasons.

The Bears earned a No. 4 seed for the 2016 NCAA Tournament, but an injury-depleted squad was upset in the first round by Hawaii.

Cal earned a No. 1 seed in the NIT, but was upset by California State-Bakersfield at home Tuesday in the opening round with its two leading scorers, Jabari Bird (concussion) and Ivan Rabb (foot), sidelined.

Martin signed a contract extension with Cal through 2020-21 in October worth at least $1.84 million per season.

His original contract, which wasn’t signed until June 2016, included a $1.1 million buyout if he left before April 14.

Martin has a sterling reputation as a recruiter.

Despite tough admissions standards at Cal, he signed two five-star prospects and two four-star prospects in three seasons, including Jaylen Brown and Rabb in 2015.

He also landed Robert Hubbs, a five-star talent, at Tennessee along with Jarnell Stokes and Armani Moore.

As a player, Martin and LaPhonso Ellis helped lead Lincoln High to a pair of Illinois AA state championships in 1988 and 1989.

After one year at New Hampton Prep in New Hampshire, Martin enjoyed a standout career under Hall of Fame coach Gene Keady at Purdue, where he averaged 18.4 points and was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1995.

Martin was a second-round pick by the Atlanta Hawks in 1995 and appeared in seven games with Vancouver and Milwaukee during the next two seasons.

While playing professionally in Italy, he was diagnosed in November 1997 with non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Martin, who also served on the USA Junior National Team for the 2011 World University Games, later returned to Indiana as an assistant coach at the high school level, then for eight seasons under Keady.

He and his wife, Roberta, have two sons, Joshua and Chase, and a daughter, Addison.
Mizzou names Cuonzo Martin basketball coach
By Dave Matter and Ben Frederickson • St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 8 hrs ago

COLUMBIA, Mo. • Cuonzo Martin is the new men’s basketball head coach at Missouri, the university announced Wednesday.

Martin, a native of East St. Louis, has been a head coach at three Division I programs, spending the last three seasons at the University of California-Berkeley. Official terms of his contract were not released, though it’s expected to be a seven-year deal worth a reported $21 million, which would make him the highest-paid basketball coach in team history.

Martin will be officially introduced as Missouri’s 19th men’s basketball coach at a press conference at 4 p.m. Monday at Mizzou Arena.

Martin, whose first name is pronounced KAHN-zo, had a 62-39 record at Cal. The Bears were 21-13 this season, ending with Tuesday’s first-round loss in the NIT to Cal-Bakersfield. Cal announced Martin’s resignation earlier Wednesday.

“We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home,” Mizzou athletics director Jim Sterk said. “From the outset of our search, our goal was to find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou Men’s Basketball among our fan base. I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo and I look forward to watching him compete for championships and postseason appearances for many years to come.”

Martin, 45, has been high on Sterk’s list since the start of the search process, multiple sources said, and had the backing of several prominent donors. Once Illinois fired Jon Groce, Martin’s Big Ten ties and Illinois roots led some within the coaching industry to believe Illinois was the more natural fit for Martin.
SEC Network’s Paul Finebaum tweeted Wednesday that Martin turned down an $18-million offer from Illinois before accepting the Missouri job.

Sterk was in California on Sunday visiting with Martin, a source confirmed. Sterk flew from Jefferson City to Oakland to conduct the meeting.

Martin’s hiring could pay off immediately in recruiting. Washington will fire longtime coach Lorenzo Romar, ESPN reported Thursday, which means prized recruit Michael Porter Jr. will be allowed to ask out of his national letter of intent. Michael Porter Sr., the player’s father, is an assistant coach at Washington. A source close to the situation said Martin will consider hiring Porter Sr. as an assistant coach at Mizzou and Porter Jr. could follow him to Columbia. The Porters lived in Columbia from 2010-2016 when Porter Sr. worked on the Mizzou women’s basketball staff under coach Robin Pingeton, his sister-in-law.

Mizzou was among Porter Jr.’s final five college choices when he committed to Washington last year, along with Indiana, Virginia and Oklahoma. Former Mizzou men’s coach Kim Anderson offered Porter Sr. a job on his staff last summer but he instead moved to Seattle to join Washington’s staff. The Porters’ younger son, Jontay Porter, a four-star recruit for the 2018 class, is committed to Washington. The Porters’ sisters, Cierra and Bri play on the Mizzou women’s team.

Martin’s best season at Cal came last year when the Bears finished third in the Pac-12 and earned a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament, the highest NCAA seed in team history. At Cal, he’s recruited two four-star prospects and two five-stars, including Jaylen Brown, the No. 3 pick in last year’s NBA draft to the Boston Celtics, and current standout Ivan Rabb.

Martin was under contract through 2018-19 and owes Cal a reported buyout of at least $1.1 million.

"Cuonzo Martin informed me this morning that he is resigning to accept a position at another school," Cal athletics director Mike Williams said. "We put forth our best effort to retain him, but he told me it wasn't about Cal, rather a strong desire to move closer to home. We appreciate all that Cuonzo has done with our men's basketball program over the past three seasons, creating excitement inside Haas Pavilion, guiding
our team to a pair of postseason appearances and improving the academic performance of our student-athletes."

Before coming to Cal, Martin, was 63-41 in three seasons at Tennessee, highlighted by a run to the Sweet 16 in the 2013 NCAA Tournament. Martin left Knoxville for Cal after more than 36,000 fans signed a petition to replace Martin with former Vols coach Bruce Pearl, who was fired for committing NCAA violations. Mizzou would have pursued Martin three years ago, sources said at the time, but he accepted the Cal job just two days before Mizzou coach Frank Haith left for the head-coaching job at Tulsa.

Martin’s first college head-coaching job was at Missouri State, where he was 61-41 from 2008-11, including a Missouri Valley Conference championship in 2011. Martin played for Gene Keady at Purdue and later spent eight seasons at Purdue as an assistant coach.

Known as a defensive-minded coach who learned under his college coach Gene Keady, Martin has produced three teams that ranked in the top 20 for adjusted defensive efficiency by kenpom.com, including each of his last two teams at Cal.

In recent weeks Missouri has also explored Indiana coach Tom Crean as a candidate, though it’s unclear how serious Sterk was about the Hoosiers coach. Butler’s Chris Holtmann and Baylor’s Scott Drew, both coaching in the NCAA Tournament, have also been on Sterk’s radar since Kim Anderson was fired last month, sources said.

Martin replaces Anderson, who was 27-68 in three seasons on the job.

Martin comes to Missouri with more Division I head-coaching wins than any previous new hire at the school for the position, edging Frank Haith (129), Norm Stewart (97) and Mike Anderson (89). Former coaches Quin Snyder and Kim Anderson had never been Division I head coaches before landing the job at Mizzou.
Sam Mellinger: Mizzou took big step toward return to relevance in hiring Cuonzo Martin

BY SAM MELLINGER
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The easiest thing in the world is to trash anything about Missouri basketball, because the program is beyond stink, and it may end up being true that the apathy, lack of talent and distance to where it needs to go is far too much for Cuonzo Martin.

He is but a man, after all.

But you can’t eat an elephant without taking the first bite, and left-in-the-dust programs could and often do a heck of a lot worse than hiring a man like Martin as head coach.

He is, above all else, relentlessly tough. He built Missouri State from 11-20 to Missouri Valley champion in two seasons, cleaned up Bruce Pearl’s mess and put Tennessee into the NCAA Tournament, and landed better talent at Cal than the school had seen in quite some time.

Martin is from East St. Louis and maintains close relationships throughout the state of Missouri’s basketball scene. He is a father, husband and former professional player. He grew up in a neighborhood where every kid had seen a stranger’s dead body by freshman year.

He blew out a knee in high school so bad doctors weren’t sure he’d walk again, and went through a cancer that another doctor said might kill him before his 30th birthday. Whatever problems await him at Mizzou won’t be the worst he’s seen.

Also, we probably shouldn’t have waited until the seventh paragraph of this column to mention Martin has reportedly hired Michael Porter Sr. as an assistant, presumably meaning that Michael Porter Jr. — Rivals’ No. 1 player in the upcoming season’s freshman class — will follow.
Porter will likely be in college for just one season, and what’s broken at Mizzou needs more than one season and one star to fix. But this is one heck of a start for a program that’s lost 68 games in three seasons, hasn’t had a first-round NBA pick since 2009 and is in need of self-esteem.

Look, this may fail. Maybe MU’s problems are bigger than one coach can fix. Martin has made just two NCAA Tournaments in nine seasons, has had contentious relationships with fans or administration or both at his last two stops, and Mizzou may be projecting an upside that never comes. Maybe he’s a high-floor, low-ceiling coach who’ll be griped about before we know it.

Tom Crean was heavily rumored to be a top candidate for the job, and likely would’ve been a better fit and hire, but if that was never a serious possibility — and there are plenty of reasons to doubt it ever was — then Martin always made the most sense out of the other candidates.

He is not a True Son, but he’s local, with all of the connections and personal investment that come with it. After years of lethargy and a growing apathy, Martin’s energy and charisma will connect with fans — finally.

He has a lot going for him. There is an old line shared in some coaching circles that jobs are often great when others believe they’re awful, and vice versa. Mizzou’s willingness to give Martin a seven-year contract is a recognition that stability will take time, and that the new coach will need help.

If Porter does indeed play his season of college basketball at Mizzou, it will give Martin a terrific opportunity to shoot adrenaline into a program in desperate need of it.

It will be up to Martin to make the interest last, however. He landed two five-star recruits at Cal, and improved the program, but did not fundamentally change it.

Martin will likely feel his own burst of energy at Mizzou. He left Tennessee as a fan petition called for his firing, and now he has left Cal, where he was an awkward fit turned worse by an administration that at first did not give him a formal contract and later complicated his job with a financial crunch.

Mizzou is a better basketball job than Cal. Martin is sure to talk of a feeling of rejuvenation around what figures to be a supportive administration, recruiting advantages he never had in Berkeley and the welcoming of a fan base that will be discerning but also cheer for his success.

Martin makes sense for Mizzou, in other words, and Mizzou makes sense for Martin. Each offers the other specific strengths, and flaws. Each side is betting on the other, and for the relationship to work, they will have to grow together.

There are a dozen ways this could fail. But you can also see how Mizzou basketball could succeed now. And it’s been a long time since we could say that.
COLUMBIA, Mo. • The third chance was the charm for Missouri and Cuonzo Martin.

Each of the last two times Mizzou went looking for its next men’s basketball coach Martin appeared on the Tigers’ radar, but their paths never crossed in the job market. Now that’s changed.

In his first major coaching search since taking over as Mizzou athletics director last fall, Jim Sterk had the 45-year-old University of California coach high on his list from the start. Wednesday was the end as MU lured Martin back to his Midwest roots to run a program coming off three consecutive last-place finishes in the Southeastern Conference. Martin will replace Kim Anderson, Mizzou announced Wednesday, making him the school’s 19th men’s basketball coach.

Martin, born in St. Louis and raised in East St. Louis, has been a head coach at three Division I programs, spending the last three seasons in Berkeley. Official terms of his contract won’t be released until his introductory news conference Monday, though it’s expected to be a seven-year deal for a reported $21 million, which would make Martin the highest-paid basketball coach in school history.

Martin, whose first name is pronounced KAHN-zo, had a 62-39 record at Cal. The Bears were 21-13 this season, ending with Tuesday’s first-round loss in the NIT to Cal-Bakersfield.

Five things to know about Mizzou basketball coach Cuonzo Martin

“We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home,” Sterk said. “From the outset of our search, our goal was to find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou men’s basketball among our fan base. I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo and...
I look forward to watching him compete for championships and postseason appearances for many years to come.”

Martin, a head coach at Cal, Tennessee and Missouri State and assistant at Purdue, where he played and worked under Gene Keady, comes to Missouri with more Division I head-coaching wins than any previous new hire at the school for the position, edging Frank Haith (129), Norm Stewart (97) and Mike Anderson (89). Former coaches Quin Snyder and Kim Anderson had never been Division I head coaches before landing the job at Mizzou.

“He has everything. Experience. Character. Good leader. You name it,” Keady said in a phone interview. “He’s the whole ball of wax. Best leader I ever had in 50 years of coaching.”

While Sterk conducted the search to replace Anderson, fired last month after three seasons netted just 27 wins, Martin had the backing of several prominent donors. But once Illinois fired Jon Groce on Saturday, Martin’s Big Ten ties led some within the coaching industry to believe Illinois was the more natural fit for Martin. But Sterk made Martin a priority and visited with him Sunday in California, a source confirmed. The Mizzou job had been on Martin’s mind for more than a week, another source said, and the talks intensified the last few days.

In nine seasons as a Division I head coach, Martin has a record of 186-121 with NCAA Tournament appearances in 2014 and 2016 at Tennessee and Cal, respectively. In 2011, when Mizzou’s negotiations with Purdue’s Matt Painter imploded, the Tigers would have pursued Martin, then at Missouri State, but he took the Tennessee job while the Painter fiasco unraveled. Then again, three years later, Martin took over at Cal two days before Frank Haith left Mizzou for Tulsa. Otherwise, sources said at the time, Martin would have been near the top of MU’s list.

Martin guided Tennessee to the Sweet 16 in the 2013 NCAA Tournament but left Knoxville for Cal after more than 36,000 fans signed a petition to replace Martin with former Vols coach Bruce Pearl, who was fired for committing NCAA violations. Martin’s best season at Cal came last year when the Bears finished third in the Pac-12 and earned a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament. In Berkeley, Martin faced the school’s strict enrollment standards, but recruited two four-star prospects and two five-stars, including
Jaylen Brown, the No. 3 pick in last year’s NBA draft to the Boston Celtics, and current standout Ivan Rabb.

Martin’s record is clear of any NCAA sanctions for rules violations.

“I think, like all of us, it takes experience,” Keady said. “You have to understand what it takes to win. It takes about 10 years of experience to do what it takes to win at this level. He grew with the profession. And he has great integrity. He’s like a son to me. … You follow the rules. You don’t cut corners. You don’t pay players because you can’t coach guys you buy. He has the same philosophy. That’s how he was brought up.”

Martin’s hire could pay off immediately for Mizzou recruiting. Washington fired longtime coach Lorenzo Romar on Wednesday, which puts prized recruit Michael Porter Jr. back in the recruiting market. Michael Porter Sr., the player’s father, has been an assistant coach under Romar at Washington. A source close to the situation said Martin will strongly consider hiring Porter Sr. as an assistant at Mizzou with Porter Jr. expected to follow him to Columbia. The Porters lived in Columbia from 2010-2016 when Porter Sr. worked on the Mizzou women’s basketball staff under coach Robin Pingeton, his sister-in-law.

Mizzou was among Porter Jr.’s final five college choices when he committed to Washington last year, along with Indiana, Virginia and Oklahoma. Kim Anderson offered Porter Sr. a job on his staff last spring, but he instead moved to Seattle to join Washington’s staff. The Porters’ younger son, Jontay Porter, a four-star recruit for the 2018 class, is committed to Washington. The Porters’ sisters, Cierra and Bri, play on the Mizzou women’s team. The Porters were unavailable to comment Wednesday.

At Cal, Martin was under contract through 2018-19 and owes the school a reported buyout of at least $1.1 million.

“We put forth our best effort to retain him, but he told me it wasn’t about Cal, rather a strong desire to move closer to home,” Cal AD Mike Williams said.
Known as a defensive-minded coach who played alongside Glenn Robinson at Purdue and learned under Keady, Martin has produced three teams that ranked in the top 20 for adjusted defensive efficiency by kenpom.com, including each of his last two teams at Cal.

In recent weeks Missouri has also explored Indiana coach Tom Crean as a candidate, though it’s unclear how serious Sterk was about the Hoosiers coach. Butler’s Chris Holtmann and Baylor’s Scott Drew, both coaching in the NCAA Tournament, have also been on Sterk’s radar since Anderson was fired last month, sources said.

Gordo: Martin and Mizzou made for each other
By Jeff Gordon St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 7 hrs ago

Coaching basketball at Missouri is a much better job than coaching at Cal. Cuonzo Martin is a much, much better coach than poor Kim Anderson.

So this Martin-Mizzou marriage makes sense for both sides.

Mizzou gets a respected coach capable of building a consistently competitive program after Anderson’s disastrous 27-68 regime. Many fans wanted athletics director Jim Sterk to make a sexy hire that had "Final Four" written all over it.

But landing, say, Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall was never going to happen. The school didn't have the standing or the resources to land an elite coach.

This job is a "jewel," as former Tigers star Jon Sundvold asserted, but it is not the Hope Diamond. There is some basketball history in Boone County, along with good facilities and a strong regional recruiting base.
But it is not one of the Top 25 jobs in the country. After years of erosion, it might not be Top 50.

Rumors linked Sterk to Indiana coach Tom Crean, but for whatever reason that went nowhere. Will Crean stay at Indiana despite booster unrest? Were his demands too great for Mizzou? Were he and Sterk just not a good fit?

Some day we will be able to answer those questions, but Sterk moved quickly to secure Martin.

Illinois also seemed like a great fit for Martin -- given his affinity for that school, dating back to his high school days -- but Illini athletic director Josh Whitman apparently didn't pursue him as aggressively as Sterk did.

So according to ESPN, Martin accepted a seven-year, $21 million offer to coach at Missouri. He took the job the day after Cal suffered its season-ending loss to Cal State-Bakersfield in the NIT.

Martin is a straight shooter. He commands respect from his players and from his peers. He preaches tough defense and rebounding. If he can become a better offensive coach, addressing the one consistent knock against him, then he could become an elite college coach.

As it is he has built sold credentials during his nine years as a head coach. He won 50 games during his last two seasons at Missouri State, winning the CIT one year and reaching the NIT in the other.

He took Tennessee to the Sweet 16 in his third year there and Cal to the NCAA Tournament in Year 2 there. Although Martin has made just two NCAA tourney trips as head coach, seven of his nine teams reached postseason play and six of them won 20 or more games.

Some fans scoff at that achievement, but let's not forget that Missouri just suffered through 9-23, 10-21 and 8-24 seasons. In that grim context Martin's steady track record should impress TigerFan.

Martin has finally come to a program where he can settle in. NCAA at-large berths were hard to come by at Missouri State, as Barry Hinson can attest, and Cal has become a difficult place to succeed due to administrative changes.
Tennessee could have been an awesome opportunity, but fans railed against him from Day 1. He wasn't Bruce Pearl. In fact, he was about as opposite from the gregarious Pearl as you could get.

But Pearl wasn't coming back, due to his serious NCAA transgressions, so frustrated fans took it out on Martin. When that surprising Sweet 16 berth gave him a ticket out of town in Year 3, Martin grabbed it -- even though Cal seemed like an odd fit.

An East St. Louis native, Martin played at Purdue and spent eight years there as an assistant coach before heading to Springfield for his first head-coaching gig. His entire basketball life was spent in the middle of the country.

And now Mizzou is bringing him home.

Martin had no reason to stay at Cal. As has been previous noted on this site, his athletic department underwent a regime change after he signed on. New academic standards were phased in for all sports, leaving Martin with a much shallower talent pool from which to recruit.

The Not-So-Golden Bears staggered down the stretch, missing the NCAA Tournament and taking a powder in their NIT game against Bakersfield. The team will lose seniors Sam Singer, Grant Mullins and Jabari Bird. If Ivan Rabb jumps to the NBA, that subtracts four starters and three of the top four scorers from the roster.

Even with a couple of four-star recruits signed, Martin was looking at a tough rebuilding year if he stayed. And give his changed circumstances, was he ever going to be able to build a consistent upper-tier Pac-12 program at that school?

Probably not. At Mizzou, he will bring respectability quickly. If the key Tigers from this year's team stick around, Martin could win 16 to 18 games in his first season.

That's a big if, but respectability is within reach now that Missouri has a basketball coach up to the challenge.
Missouri hires Cuonzo Martin as next men's basketball coach

Also see related story: Missouri's new head coach Cuonzo Martin has record of success

By Daniel Jones

Missouri basketball has moved into the Cuonzo Martin era.

The school announced Wednesday it was hiring the former California coach, making him the 19th coach in program history. Martin will be introduced on campus at 4 p.m. Monday.

“We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home,” MU Athletic Director Jim Sterk said in a press release. “From the outset of our search, our goal was to find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou Men’s Basketball among our fan base. I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo.”

The 45-year-old Martin will take over for Kim Anderson, who was fired after going 27-68 in three seasons at the helm.

ESPN’s Jeff Goodman and Jeff Borzello reported that Missouri will give Martin a seven-year deal worth more than $21 million. An MU spokesperson said the school will make his contract details public Monday.

Martin has coached at California since 2015. He previously coached at Tennessee from 2012-14 and at Missouri State from 2009-11. His career record is 186-120, which includes two NCAA Tournament appearances.

Missouri has never brought on a coach with more Division I wins at the time of hiring.
“He’ll get it done,” Missouri State Athletic Director Kyle Moats said. “There’s no doubt in my mind he’ll get it done. He’s got that ‘it’ factor that kids believe and trust and parents believe and trust. They’re going to work hard there, and they’ll get it done. Everywhere he’s gone, he’s won.”

Martin is Jim Sterk’s first hire as the AD at Missouri. The announcement ended a 10-day search.

His final season with Cal ended Tuesday night in the first round of the NIT. The top-seeded Golden Bears fell to No. 8 seed Cal State-Bakersfield 73-66.

For Martin — who grew up in the projects in East St. Louis, Ill. — Wednesday’s announcement was the latest chapter in a dramatic basketball career.

“I think they ought to make a movie out of him,” said Gene Keady, Martin’s coach at Purdue from 1991-95.

The Boilermakers took a chance on Martin despite his history of chronic knee problems. Keady said they were “bone-on-bone” when he arrived.

“It was unbelievable how he got well and how he came around and became a great player,” Keady said. “He just had a great work ethic and great attitude about life. He just kept going and going and going and working hard.”

After leading Purdue to the Elite Eight as a junior and earning All-Big Ten honors as a junior, Martin was selected in the second round of the NBA draft in 1995.

“He was the best leader I ever had,” said Keady, who coached 27 seasons at Purdue and Western Kentucky. “He’d be upset with certain players and he’d run by the bench and say, ‘Get him out of here, Coach, he’s not helping us.’ Then he’d go and get the kid and usually tell him, ‘Here’s what we gotta have to win.’ He didn’t do it in a derogatory way. He was just a good leader.”

Martin played in the NBA from 1995-97 and in Europe from 1997-98, but non-Hodgkin lymphoma ended his playing career. A year of treatment put the cancer in remission, and Martin returned to the game as an assistant coach under Keady at Purdue. He spent seven seasons there before Missouri State hired him to lead its program in 2008.

His first season in Springfield was a shock to the system. Missouri State went 11-20 — posting a 3-15 mark in the Missouri Valley Conference — which was the program’s worst season since 1981.

“One thing that stood out early on was his practices and his conditioning programs were much more demanding than what” Missouri State “had been used to under Barry Henson,” said Lyndal Scranton, who covered Martin’s Bears for the Springfield News-Leader. “Kind of a no-nonsense guy who demanded toughness.”
The Bears improved dramatically in Martin’s second season, going 24-12 overall and 8-10 in the league before winning the Collegelnsiders.com Tournament, the program’s first postseason title since winning the NAIA national championship in 1953.

In his third year, Missouri State finished 26-9 and won its first-ever MVC regular-season title with a 15-3 conference record. It qualified for the NIT, where it lost to Murray State in the first round.

Martin took over at Tennessee in 2012 after Bruce Pearl’s resignation. He was 63-41 with the Volunteers, including 32-20 in the Southeastern Conference, and led Tennessee to the Sweet 16 in his only NCAA Tournament bid with the school in 2015.

At Cal, Martin started slow — going 18-15 and missing the postseason in his first season — but attracted star talent from near and far. Oakland native Ivan Rabb and Marietta, Ga., native Jaylen Brown, both five-star recruits, headlined the Class of 2015 and led the Golden Bears to a 23-11 season in 2015-16. Cal was a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament but was upset by Hawaii in the first round.

The Golden Bears appeared to be on track to make the NCAA Tournament this season, but Cal lost five of its final six games in the regular season and missed the field. Its final record was 21-13.

Martin’s hire also reintroduced the Porter family back into the Missouri basketball fold. Washington fired Coach Lorenzo Romar shortly after Martin was hired Wednesday afternoon, which ended the Porter family’s personal connections to the school.

Reports emerged Wednesday evening that Martin had hired Michael Porter Sr., who was an assistant under Romar at Washington last season, to his staff at Missouri. However, a source told the Tribune that Porter Sr. had not committed to a position with the Tigers as of Wednesday evening.

With or without the Porters, Martin will have immediate work to do at Missouri, which has only one player — North Richland Hills, Texas, guard C.J. Roberts — signed and two scholarships available for the Class of 2017.
Martin leaves Cal to lead Missouri men's basketball

BY RON DAVIS

COLUMBIA — A new era of Missouri men's basketball has begun with the hire of former California coach Cuonzo Martin.

Martin was offered the Missouri job Wednesday and accepted it shortly thereafter, ESPN's Jeff Goodman first reported. Missouri later confirmed the hire of its 19th head basketball coach in a release. Martin's season with the Golden Bears ended Tuesday night after a 73-66 loss to CSU Bakersfield in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Missouri Athletics Director Jim Sterk, making his first head-coaching hire since arriving in Columbia, identified the potential Martin brings to Missouri basketball, which endured three dark years of losing on the court and poor attendance at games.

“We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home,” Sterk said in the release. “From the outset of our search, our goal was to find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou Men’s Basketball among our fan base. I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo, and I look forward to watching him compete for championships and postseason appearances for many years to come.”

An introductory campus celebration for Martin is scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday. ESPN reported that Martin's deal is seven years for a total of a little more than $21 million, but Missouri has yet to release contract details.

Martin brings a resume to Columbia that includes two NCAA Tournament appearances and six 20-win seasons, but the regular-season success hasn't translated into many deep runs in the postseason.

The lone exception was a Sweet 16 run by Martin's 2013-14 Tennessee squad.
Martin is 186-121 in nine seasons as a head coach, including stops at Tennessee and Missouri State prior to his tenure in Berkeley. His .606 win percentage is the highest an incoming coach would bring to Columbia since Mike Anderson (.685 in four seasons at UAB) was hired in 2006.

Martin is now tasked with evaluating the roster that Kim Anderson has left behind. Only one player, Russell Woods, has exhausted his eligibility. There are currently two scholarships for Martin to work with in the 2017 recruiting class. Missouri has Texas point guard C.J. Roberts signed but has the option to look around since Anderson is no longer the coach.

The new Missouri coach is a native of St. Louis who was raised in East St. Louis, Illinois, which could make a difference in recruiting the Show-Me State moving forward. Under Anderson, only two in-state players were signed out of high school (Cullen VanLeer and Kevin Puryear).

In the 2018 class, there are four 4-star players in the St. Louis area alone. If Martin could convince a number of native Missourians to hop on board, the Tigers could be on a fast-track to restoring their program.

*Supervising editors are Brooks Holton and Pete Bland.*
The Missouri Tigers have found a new men's basketball coach: the University of California's Cuonzo Martin. In a press release Thursday afternoon, Missouri Athletic Director Jim Sterk said,

"We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home. From the outset of our search, our goal was to find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou Men's Basketball among our fan base.

I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo and I look forward to watching him compete for championships and postseason appearances for many years to come."

According to ESPN's Jeff Goodman, Martin is getting a seven year deal for just over $21 million, or a little over $3 million per season.

At around 2 p.m., Martin resigned as the head basketball coach at California, suggesting that he had accepted a job "closer to home," according to a press release from the University of California's Athletic Department. Director of Athletics Mike Williams said, "Cuonzo Martin has informed me this morning that he has resigned to accept a position at another school."

Martin, who's 45-years old, had been the coach of the Bears for three seasons. He had previous head coaching experience at Missouri State and Tennessee as well.

In his nine years of coaching, Martin has amassed a 186-121 record, with two NCAA Tournament berths. He led Tennessee to the Sweet 16 in 2014.

Martin has not stayed in the same place for more than three seasons. The seven-year deal reported by Goodman matches the length of Sterk's contract.

Missouri has been searching for its next head coach since Kim Anderson was asked to step down from the position on March 5, after going 27-68 in three years.

Martin has been praised for his local ties. He is an East St. Louis native and held the head coaching job at Missouri State from 2008-2011.
Mizzou hires Cuonzo Martin as next men's basketball coach


COLUMBIA, Mo. - Cuonzo Martin has been announced as the next men's basketball coach at Mizzou, according to the University of Missouri.

"We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home," Mizzou athletic director Jim Sterk said. "From the outset of our search, our goal was to find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou Men's Basketball among our fan base. I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo and I look forward to watching him compete for championships and postseason appearances for many years to come."

Martin spent the last three seasons as the head men's basketball coach at the University of California. Martin, 45, went 62-39 at Cal. He's previously been the head coach at Tennessee and Missouri State. Previously, Martin was also a longtime assistant coach at Purdue. He is a native of East St. Louis.

He has a career record of 186-121 as a head coach in Division 1 college basketball.

Mizzou will introduce Martin to the public at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 20 at Mizzou Arena. Doors open to the general public at 3:30 p.m.
Mizzou hires Cuonzo Martin as men's basketball coach

by Tony Mullen

Missouri's search for a new men's basketball coach is over.

Mizzou officially announced the hiring of Cuonzo Martin late Wednesday afternoon. Martin stepped down as head coach at California earlier in the day.

ESPN reported Martin's deal is worth about $21 million over seven years. That would make him the highest paid basketball coach in MU history.

“We are thrilled that Cuonzo is returning to the Midwest and that his family will now call Columbia home,” MU Athletic Director Jim Sterk said. “From the outset of our search, our goal was to find a coach who had demonstrated success, academically and on the court, while also sharing our values and who can help to reignite interest in Mizzou Men’s Basketball among our fan base. I believe we found all of that and more with Cuonzo and I look forward to watching him compete for championships and postseason appearances for many years to come.”

Martin owns a career record of 186-121 in his nine years as a head coach. The East St. Louis native spent three years each at Missouri State, Tennessee and Cal. He's taken his teams to the postseason seven times in nine years.

Martin led Missouri State to the Missouri Valley Conference championship in 2011. After compiling a 61-41 record in Springfield, he left for Tennessee, where he guided the Vols to a 63-41 record. Tennessee made back-to-back NIT appearances before advancing to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in 2014.
Martin spent the past three years at California, where he went 62-39. The Golden Bears made the NCAA Tournament last season after finishing third in the Pac-12. California went 21-13 this season. The Golden Bears lost to Cal-Bakersfield in a first-round NIT game Tuesday night.

Missouri will officially introduce Martin next Monday at 4:00 at Mizzou Arena.

Cuonzo Martin is the New Mizzou Basketball Head Coach

By Nathan Lawrence March 15, 2017

University of Missouri Athletics has announced Cuonzo Martin will be the new head coach for the Missouri men's basketball team. There will be a public "celebration" at Mizzou Arena at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20.

Original story:

According to several news outlets, UC Berkeley Head Basketball Coach Cuonzo Martin has resigned from his current position to take up a role as head coach at the University of Missouri.

Martin, who would come to the university with nearly ten years in head coaching experience, was reportedly offered the position Wednesday morning. He would succeed former head coach Kim Anderson, who stepped down earlier this month.

This story will be updated as more details emerge. For extensive coverage of this story, visit our partners at the Columbia Missourian.
Opinion:

STEVE SPELLMAN: It may be time for the state and higher education to part ways

BY STEVE SPELLMAN

Just when we might think the last shoe had dropped in the university's string of PR woes, here comes yet another negative front-page news report.

As if every segment of state government must have their own critique, State Auditor Nicole Galloway recently published a harsh reprimand of the UM System's executive compensation packages.

Discovering that numerous ivory-tower head honchos with six-figure salaries have also been getting perks such as luxury cars and housing allowances sure hits the populist nail on the head. Particularly since those same managers had been preaching to their five-figure subordinates about fiscal belt-tightening and lack of pay raises.

The fact that this a normal thing for upper and middle managers of similarly sized organizations across the country is no matter. A public university — all it does and stands for — is necessarily politicized.

When you get money from politicians, the politicians will naturally try to tell you what to do.

When politicians don't like a program on campus, they try to ban it. They may go after a public university that has a relationship with an abortion provider. Or, when racial protests make national news, a liberal professor's research of popular culture trivia may set politicians' hair on fire.

Higher education gets budget cuts and tuition caps, which causes MU to lean on individual and corporate donors, as well as press business partners for more revenue.
The Missourian has been diligent in reporting the long-term trend of dwindling state subsidies per student. When there is a budget crunch, higher ed is one of the first thing to get cut.

Recently, bashing MU has become a bipartisan sport in our state Capitol. The other week when university lobbyist Marty Oetting testified about a bill, simply reiterating a long-held UM stance, Democrats disagreed and went after him and his bosses.

Now Galloway has blasted executive bonuses as possibly unconstitutional. Maybe she is just doing her duty, though gaining such "watchdog" notoriety would be advantageous for a politician who happens to be up for re-election next year.

There are now calls for more transparency and accountability—guaranteed to be moving targets.

New UM President Mun Choi should not have to dance whatever jig the politicians command. He and other university leaders should not have their budgets strangled from both ends by politicians who might not know jack about how to run an institution of higher learning in the first place.

State government and higher education have irreconcilable differences.

Maybe the land-grant university model itself needs to be reimagined for the 21st century.

Perhaps the time has come for state government to spin off the UM System from its orbit.

With independence, perhaps as a not-for-profit NGO, higher education in Missouri would be liberated to chart its own course. Instead of the impossible task of being dependent on the whims of politicians, a privatized university system would be accountable to students, alumni, staff, donors and other compatible stakeholders.

Partner with whomever it desires, hire whomever it wants to, teach whatever it chooses, charge whatever it determines its students can reasonably bear, and give away what it sees fit to afford.
If a certain college wants to expand to serve a growing educational need, shouldn't the dean of that school, or at least an independent Board of Curators be able to make that call, as opposed to MU officials hauling their posse down to Jefferson City to beg for permission?

Those who have a mutually agreeable relationship with the institution would engage with it. People and entities determined to hate the place can finally be told to buzz off.

Many, however, may not want this revolutionary option on the table.

Some are so closed-minded that they simply can't image such change, finding it impossible to even begin to consider a partial move in this direction. This is unfortunate.

Some academics are locked into telling state government to basically, "give us the money, we're smarter than you, leave us alone." That mantra has utterly failed.

While some out-state politicians like to use MU's woes to their advantage come election time (that is, eternally). This isn't right, either.

MU needs more independence, whatever that looks like. But it's not likely to get it while trapped in its obsolete relationship with state government.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Here’s a Roundup of the Latest Campus-Climate Incidents Early in the Trump Presidency

By Chris Quintana March 15, 2017
Anti-Semitic vandalism and white-nationalist propaganda are on the rise at colleges nationally, according to a recent report by the Anti-Defamation League. And in recent weeks, bomb threats at Jewish community centers and vandalism of Jewish cemeteries have been followed by a series of culture-war clashes on college campuses. Here is a collection of the latest reports detailing such incidents.

This roundup continues coverage begun in November, after the presidential election. Organizations that track hate crimes, including the Southern Poverty Law Center, have seen a rise in reports of hate crimes since then. Some of the episodes, on campuses and off, involved references to President Trump, who in a speech last month to the U.S. Congress denounced such incidents. “While we may be a nation divided on policies,” he said, “we are a country that stands united in condemning hate and evil in all of its very ugly forms.”

Here’s the latest report:

A police dispatcher at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse asserted on Tuesday that she had been fired for supporting President Trump. The university’s chancellor, Joe Gow, denied letting the employee go based on her politics.

At Barnard College, in New York, unknown vandals last week defaced signs promoting a visit to its affiliated campus, Columbia University, by the controversial sociologist Charles A. Murray. Ali Cooke, a spokeswoman for Barnard, confirmed the posters had been defaced. The College Fix posted images of what it said were the defaced posters. In one image, someone wrote “White Supremacist” across Mr. Murray’s forehead. His appearance earlier this month at Middlebury College drew a violent reaction.

The Washington Post reported on Tuesday that someone had posted “white supremacist” signs at George Washington University. The signs, which featured white people and stated that “America is a white nation,” angered some people on the campus.

More white-supremacist posters were also reported, on Monday, at the University of Maryland at College Park. Campus police officers said they were reviewing security-camera footage in search of the perpetrators, according to The Washington Post.

The police arrested a man on Monday in California in connection to swastikas and the N-words that were carved into Orange Coast College security vehicles, reports the Los Angeles Times. Meanwhile, The Orange County Register reported that someone had vandalized several of the college’s buildings with graffiti that described some members of the campus’ chapter of the College Republicans as “fascists.”

Students at another Southern California institution, Pitzer College, recently suffered “harassment and threats from people off campus,” the Associated Press reported on Monday. The harassment was tied to an art exhibit by Latino students that touched on the cultural appropriation with the statement “White Girl, Take OFF your hoops.” That referred to Latina students’ fondness for hoop earrings and the idea that white students were perhaps unfairly coopting the style.

Meanwhile, at the University of California’s Hastings College of the Law, a Jewish symbol on a student’s front door was partly burned by a vandal, reports the San Francisco Chronicle, and
police officers are investigating. The campus’s chancellor said the incident appeared to be “a cowardly act of anti-Semitism.”

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*The San Diego Union-Tribune* reported on Monday that University of San Diego personnel in the past month had discovered swastikas posted in a campus bathroom. And a Jewish professor at the university recently told the newspaper that someone had left human feces on his front lawn following the election of President Trump.

Officials at Texas State University on Friday found and removed a collection of white-nationalist posters found on the San Marcos campus, according to the *Austin American-Statesman*. After the election, a series of pro-Trump signs popped up around the university that threatened the “arrest and torture” of “deviant university leaders.”

Also on Friday, Middlebury College saw a protest over a controversial speaker — Charles A. Murray, whose 1994 book suggested that genetics could at least in part explain the achievement gap between black and white students — turn violent. That scuffle left one professor injured and created a slew of headlines for the Vermont college.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported on March 2 that the police had arrested a University of California at Berkeley student in connection with the vandalism of a Republican student group’s sign. The same group posted video on March 1 of someone destroying their promotional material on the campus.

In the City of Berkeley, a pro-Trump rally on Saturday turned violent following conflict between protesters and supporters of the president, according to *The Washington Post*. At least 10 people were arrested, and seven were injured, according to the police. The month before, a protest of the controversial speaker Milo Yiannopoulos was canceled following riotous protests on the campus.

On February 27, the police at the University of Missouri at Columbia arrested two students in connection with harassing anti-Semitic comments made toward another student, according to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. 

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Boone County Health partners with MU Health for Fit-tastic program


COLUMBIA – The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services is partnering with MU Health Care to promote healthy youth lifestyles with a new Fit-tastic program.

University of Missouri Health Care pediatricians are one of thirteen partners in a three-year initiative to increase the number of children with a healthy weight levels, activity levels and impact environmental changes that support healthy eating and active living.

The program ensures every child ages 2 to 18 has a healthy lifestyle assessment at the time of each pediatrician visit.

Eric Stann, a Boone County Public Health representative, said the assessment examines physical activity, screen time, water intake and nutrition of each child. The pediatricians then review the information with the child and his or her family before coming up with a maintainable goal.

“It’s designed to help teach children healthy choices to prevent obesity,” Stann said. “It also gives health care providers a structure when talking to their patients about challenging topics in a positive manner.”

After the assessment, the Fit-tastic program provides educational materials and incentives that help the children reach their goals after they leave the office.

“It provides really manageable goals for health care providers to tell parents and get them to adopt healthier behaviors,” Stann said. “One of the big things is limiting screen time to at most two hours per day. Also, increasing fruits and vegetables while increasing water intake.”

The program also gives pediatricians an easier way to track weight and activity progress among all patients.

“It’s more uniform based and allows everyone in the health community in Columbia to be on the same message when it comes to child care health,” Stann said.
The participating pediatricians put their recordings in the electronic medical records so they’ll be able to track if they are improving those habits when they come in for the next appointment.

“It’s a great guide line and framework for people to see distinctly how to possibly modify or change their behaviors to help increase healthy lifestyle choices,” Stann said.

MU Health Care pediatrician Anuradha Rajagopalan said pediatricians have been promoting similar measures individually, but this is more of a unified effort.

“We’re working together consistently to deliver the same message,” Rajagopalan said. “This effort puts everyone on the same page. I’m excited to track the results over time.”

Fit-tastic is a program which started three years ago at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Stann says maintaining healthy youth lifestyles is more important now than ever before.

“A lot of the younger generation is spending a lot more time looking at a screen,” Stann said. “Our 2013 health assessment showed that the majority of Boone counties are not eating enough fruits and vegetables. By starting with the children, the parents can follow in their healthy footsteps.”

Trump Seeks Deep Cuts in Education and Science

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The Trump administration today unveiled its "America First" budget -- a plan that would make deep cuts to some student aid programs and science agencies on which colleges, their students and their researchers depend.

In the U.S. Department of Education, the budget pledges level funding for Pell Grants, the primary federal program to support low-income students. Funding for historically black colleges and other minority-serving institutions would remain at current levels under the budget. The Trump administration has pledged to provide help for historically black colleges, and some leaders of HBCUs have been hoping for increases.

But the budget plan says work-study would be cut "significantly." Further, the administration is calling for the elimination of the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, which go to low-income college students. Eliminating the program will "reduce complexity," the budget proposal says, and produce $732 million in savings. In addition, the administration wants to eliminate GEAR-UP and reduce funding for TRIO programs, which prepare disadvantaged students for college and help them succeed once enrolled.

Some programs are slated for complete elimination, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Corporation for Community and Public Service, which runs AmeriCorps.

Past Inside Higher Ed articles (the NEH here and AmeriCorps here) note concerns in academe about these programs potentially being eliminated. William D. Adams, chairman of the NEH, has been silent amid reports of the planned elimination of the agency. But this morning, he issued a statement in which he said he was "greatly saddened" by the proposal. and said the NEH would continue normal operations for now. The budget plan would also kill the U.S. Institute of Peace and the Woodrow Wilson International Center, both of which support the work of scholars. Here is a background article from 2011, when Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives tried to kill the peace institute. Story continues.