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African strain of Zika virus shown to act more quickly than Asian strain

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Every two weeks, we gather some of the most interesting and intriguing studies from health researchers around the world. Here are the latest:

New research from the University of Missouri offers insight into how the Zika virus infects placental cells in pregnant mothers, often altering fetal development.

Zika virus is primarily spread by mosquitoes, and in 2016, it infected more than 1,500 pregnant women in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The University of Missouri study looked at two strains of the Zika virus – the African strain as well as the Asian strain, the latter of which has been linked to a neurological defect called microcephaly in human babies.

Researchers used stem cells to create placental cells, and then infected two separate groups of those cells with the Asian or the African strain of the Zika virus, according to a news release about the study, which was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The Asian strain of the virus entered the cell and replicated within the cells, but did not kill the cells, according to the release.

“Our research suggests that the Asian strain infects the placenta in the early stages of pregnancy and essentially ‘lies in wait’ where it is then transmitted to the fetus causing neurological disorders in infants such as microcephaly,” said Megan Sheridan, a graduate student who worked on the study, in a statement.
The African strain of the Zika virus, on the other hand, killed the placental cells in 40 to 48 hours, indicating that African strain of Zika could possibly cause abortions in infected mothers.

“African Zika, while less prevalent, could be much more deadly during early pregnancy,” said Michael Roberts, lead author, in a statement. “The findings suggest that the developing fetus could be most vulnerable to infection by Zika virus and other pathogens during a relatively narrow window within the first trimester of pregnancy.”

**Placenta may reveal autism early**

Two studies out of UC Davis this month suggest the placenta may reveal signs of autism spectrum disorder.

One study identified a region of the placenta where many of the genes underwent a structural change called methylation. Previous studies suggest an association between methylation and autism spectrum disorder.

The second study sought to investigate the causes of methylation in placental cells. Looking at 47 placentas from children with autism, researchers found that placentas of women who were exposed to professionally applied pesticides showed the most methylation. They also studied the women’s smoking habits, maternal body mass index and vitamin intake.

“(The placenta) is thought to control differentiation versus proliferation in neurons, which happens to be one of the suspect areas in autism,” said Rebecca Schmidt, co-author on the second paper, in a news release.

Researchers believe placental tissue, which is usually discarded at birth, could help diagnose autism and other conditions in the future.

“The placenta provides a time capsule of what the fetus was exposed to during pregnancy,” said Janine LaSalle, principal investigator on both studies, in the release. “If we could assess (autism spectrum disorder) risk at birth, the early behavioral interventions with young, high-risk kids could really improve their quality of life.”
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MU economics professor surprised with first Kemper teaching award for 2017

LAUREN LOMBARDO, 13 hrs ago

COLUMBIA — Michael Podgursky, an MU professor of economics in the College of Arts and Science, was awarded the 2017 William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence on Monday.

"I'm honored, deeply honored by the award," Podgursky said.

The Kemper Fellowship is awarded to five MU professors each year, and this year marks the 27th anniversary of the fellowship.

Hank Foley, MU interim chancellor, and Teresa Maledy, chairman and CEO of Commerce Bank, along with other faculty and staff, surprised Podgursky with a $10,000 check in his classroom in the Physics Building on Monday morning.

Podgursky said his wife and daughter were told over the weekend that he had won the award, but they kept the news secret.

"I would have put a tie on," Podgursky said. "I still had a dress shirt on, but I bicycled into campus, and there I was disheveled."

Podgursky earned his bachelor's degree in economics from MU. He went on to receive his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Podgursky has been an MU faculty member since 1995. He teaches introductory economics and economics in the Honors College.

Shawn Ni, an MU professor and chair of the Department of Economics, said when Podgursky was department chair, he found it difficult to staff the large introductory economics class in a way that students felt engaged.
Ni said Podgursky's solution was to teach one of the classes himself while serving as the department chair.

"Mike would storm up and down the aisles of Middlebush Auditorium, posing questions and quips to the students and achieve the difficult objective of engaging in active discussions with students in a large lecture setting," Ni said.

Ni praised Podgursky's dedication to the subject of economics and his willingness to sacrifice personal professional benefits to remain in the classroom.

Helen Bass, one of Podgursky's former students, said he taught one of her first and last economics classes at MU. Bass said the professor played an influential role in her path to completing a master's degree in law and economics. Bass said Podgursky constantly displayed passion for his subject and this excitement was passed down to students.

Podgursky said he gives a great amount of credit to his team, which includes his two teaching assistants and his colleague, Eric Parsons.

"We do a lot of technology stuff with Canvas, e-books, Tegrity recordings and REEF polling. I think this improves the class enormously," Podgursky said. "I'm not sufficiently tech-savvy enough to implement it all, so my team really deserves credit."

Podgursky said he even went over to Flying Cow, a custom T-shirt printing company, at the beginning of the year to make T-shirts that said "Team Econ 104."

"His quirky personality and attempts to use pop culture references — we were frequently inundated with Justin Bieber jokes — made students feel comfortable to pepper the conversation with their own thoughts and experiences," Bass said. "Professor Podgursky creates a dynamic learning environment in which both professor and students bring knowledge to the table and learn together."
Podgursky said his jokes showed students more so how "out of touch" he was with his pop culture references.

"I come up with a joke, and my students usually say 'no that's not trendy,'" Podgursky said. "I'm not exactly the guy who has his finger on the pulse of pop culture."

Podgursky also gave credit to the technology he continually used in his lectures.

He said that students are tech-savvy and technology helps them "know what they don't know."

Tegrity, which records lectures, is a tool that Podgursky said he uses with his animated PowerPoint slides. Tegrity gives students the ability to replay the lecture as much as needed.

"I'm just floored by Tegrity. I mean I think back to when I took a math course, if I could have just replayed that guy," Podgursky said.

Podgursky said there are three things for him that are important for his teaching.

"First is you've got to know your subject. Second, you have to really enjoy teaching, and I do," Podgursky said. "I really, really love teaching the principles of economics because I think it's very useful and students pick up on your enthusiasm."

Podgursky said the third is trial and error.

"You have to try to develop a method that works for you," Podgursky said. "There's bumps in the road, but you've got to be able to deal with those and fix them in order to innovate."
MU recognizes teaching expert

Economics professor who studies education wins Kemper award

By Rudi Keller
Columbia Daily Tribune

The recipient of this year's first Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence is not just a good teacher. University of Missouri economics Professor Michael Podgursky also studies teaching and educator pay, with almost 100 published articles and book citations for works exploring licensing, pensions and pay for elementary and secondary education.

"In the K-12 world, there is a lot of emphasis on licensing and regulation through government programs," Podgursky said in an interview Monday. "You have to take these courses, take this test and so on. That is a very poor mechanism for assuring quality."

At about 9:30 a.m., interim Chancellor Hank Foley and Commerce Bank regional Chairman and CEO Teresa Melady interrupted Podgursky's section of microeconomics to tell him he won the award, which comes with a $10,000 check. Podgursky was the first of five MU educators who will be honored in the 27th year of the recognition program.

"Hi, I'm Hank Foley and I am really pleased to be here this morning," the chancellor said. "How's supply and demand? In equilibrium?"

The award was established in 1991 with a $500,000 gift from the estate of William T. Kemper, a 1926 MU graduate who died in 1989. Kemper was a member of the Kansas City banking family that owned Commerce Bank and he was president of the First National Bank of Independence from 1928 to 1958 and chairman from 1958 to 1978.

James Kemper, son of William Kemper and chairman of Commerce Bank in 1991, wanted to recognize the value of teaching and support the university, Melady said.

"Commerce Bank believes in and supports higher education in a big way," she said.

Foley, who was presenting the awards for the first time, said it was important to recognize good teaching because it is the most important work done by the university.

Podgursky, a native of St. Louis, received his undergraduate degree in economics from MU in 1974 and did his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving his doctorate in 1980. After 15 years at the University of Massachusetts, he returned to MU in 1995 to become chairman of the economics department, a post he held until 2005.

He fell in love with teaching while
working as an instructor at Notre Dame University as while comple-
ing his doctoral dissertation, he said.

There are three principles for good teaching, Podgursky said.

"First you have to know what you are teaching, that is a given, and I
know a little something about economics," he said. "Second, you have to
enjoy it. The next is trial and error. You have to see what succeeds."

What is not succeeding, Podgursky said, is the public school model
that provides no competition for students and does not recognize
high-value educators with larger salaries.

Each student in his class made a
choice to be there and can seek an
education elsewhere if MU does not
meet their needs, he said.

"We have to compete for our
customers and we have to convince
them we are giving value for their
money," Podgursky said.

At the university, Podgursky
said, he is paid more than English
professors and less than finance
professors, a system that is based
on the market. If public schools fol-
lowed the same model, he said, high
school science and math teachers
would be paid more than elemen-
tary teachers.

"You have to reward good perfor-
mance and recruit people who love
teaching," he said. "The other side
is, you have to take people out of the
classroom if they are ineffective."

Former students and collabora-
tors, quoted in a news release about
the award, praised Podgursky for his
innovative style, his willingness to
update his teaching techniques with
new technology and his ability to
stay up with pop culture to com-
municate with students.

"Professor Podgursky creates a
dynamic learning environment in
which both professor and students
bring knowledge to the table and
learn together," said Helen Bass,
a 2016 Mark Twain Fellow who is
completing a master's degree in law
and economics at the University of
Reading in the United Kingdom.

Technology is transform-
ing teaching, Podgursky said.
He's seen the move from lecture
halls with professors writing on
chalkboards to a class of students
dutifully taking notes to systems
where he can digitally deliver jour-
nal and news articles and podcasts
to students. E-books and learning
software help students revisit les-
sions they are having difficulty with,
he said.

His success isn't his alone, Pod-
gursky said.

"Fortunately I have collabora-
tors and teaching assistants who
are really good," he said. "I have a
tremendous team, and that helps."

The cash award will be donated to
a scholarship fund for undergradu-
ate study, he said.

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ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Martin's goal for Mizzou: 'Be the last team standing one day'

By Dave Matter St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 6 hrs ago

COLUMBIA, MO. • New Missouri basketball coach Cuonzo Martin struck all the right notes for an introductory press conference Monday. Getting a standing ovation from a throng of fans at Mizzou Arena, Martin talked about winning championships. He paid homage to coaching icon Norm Stewart. He posed for photos with The Antlers. Martin said and did everything that’s expected of a Mizzou basketball coach on his first day at work.

“This is a special day for me,” the 45-year-old Martin said hours after MU formalized his seven-year, $21 million contract. “It just feels like home. This is one of those days, that as you begin your coaching career, you start thinking, will I ever get an opportunity to coach at a place like Mizzou?”

The answer was yes, but there was something unique about the process that delivered Martin back to the state where he was born. Unlike Mizzou’s last couple of basketball head-coaching searches, this one produced the school’s initial No. 1 target.
Six years ago Mizzou chased Purdue’s Matt Painter and didn’t close the deal. Three years ago MU couldn’t land Wichita State’s Gregg Marshall.

This time, leading his first major search at Mizzou, athletics director Jim Sterk made Martin his priority from the start of the process. Sterk didn’t know the third-year California-Berkeley coach when the search began, but the more he learned the more he liked.

“I was looking for someone with passion, integrity and experience,” Sterk said.

Martin, born in St. Louis and raised in East St. Louis, comes to Mizzou with 186 Division I coaching wins from his three three-year stops at Missouri State, Tennessee and Cal. Martin played at Purdue in the 1990s then spent eight years at his alma mater as an assistant before landing his first college head-coaching job at Missouri State in 2008.

On Monday, the UM Board of Curators unanimously approved Martin’s seven-year contract that will pay him an average guaranteed salary of $3 million per year, the richest contract for a Mizzou basketball coach in school history. Martin replaces Kim Anderson, who was fired late last month and went 27-68 in three seasons at Mizzou. Martin becomes Missouri’s fifth head coach since Stewart retired in 1999.

Despite a turbulent past in recent years, Missouri’s program, Martin said, has all the makings to win championships.

“I think we have everything to be the last team standing one day,” he said. “And that’s my goal.”

On March 12, three days after MU’s season ended in the Southeastern Conference tournament, Sterk and executive associate AD Brian White flew from Jefferson City to Oakland, Calif., and met with Martin and his wife Roberta for four hours at their home in Northern California, along with Daniel Parker from Parker Executive Search, the firm MU hired to assist with the process. Sterk and White left that night confident Martin was interested in the job but weren’t certain he would accept.

The meeting, Sterk said, validated his opinion on Martin.

“He said he wanted to come (to Mizzou), but they had to talk about it as a family,” Sterk said.
Sterk described his connection with Martin as “a shotgun wedding” and said Missouri had to be aggressive with Martin before other jobs could target him. Illinois was widely considered Mizzou’s top competition for Martin, but Sterk didn’t waste any time.

“Both of us were no (bull) kind of guys,” Sterk said. “We just lay it out there. He told me what he thought. I told him what I thought, that he was my No. 1 choice and I wanted him to be the next coach here. That helped us down the stretch.”

The feeling was mutual. Asked if he considered other job offers or entertained interest from other schools, Martin paused then smiled.

“This is the one for me,” he said. “I’m grateful for everything that was presented to me, but I felt like this was the one.”

Martin was the only candidate Mizzou met with to discuss the job, a source confirmed. Tom Crean, Indiana’s coach until he was fired last Thursday, had shown interest in the position, sources confirmed during the process, but never met with Mizzou officials.

Under the terms of Martin’s contract, Mizzou cannot fire him without cause for his first three years. After Martin’s third season, Mizzou can buy out the contract starting May 1, 2020, for $6 million. That total decreases each year from $3 million in 2021, $1 million in 2022 to $300,000 in 2023. Should Martin leave Missouri prior to April 30, 2018, he owes the school $10.5 million. That total decreases each year, from $7.5 million in 2020 to $150,000 through the final game of the contract’s final season in 2024.

Martin’s staff salary pool is $1.1 million, which accounts for three assistant coaches, a strength and conditioning coach, director of operations and director of video operations. Anderson’s staff pool for the same positions was $900,000.

Martin chose his words carefully with questions about Michael Porter Sr., the former University of Washington assistant and father of prized recruiting target Michael Porter Jr., who signed with Washington in the fall but could end up at Mizzou instead. The Porters lived in Columbia from 2010-16 until Michael Sr. joined Lorenzo Romar’s staff at Washington. Romar and his staff were fired last week,
essentially making Porter Jr. a free agent for the NCAA spring signing period, which begins April 12. NCAA rules prohibit coaches from talking about unsigned recruits, but Martin acknowledged that he knows Porter Sr. from his time coaching in the Pac-12. A source confirmed that Martin has talked to Porter about the position.

As for the team he inherits from Anderson that finished 8-24, Martin met with returning players Monday at Mizzou Arena. He hasn’t studied film of the past Mizzou seasons, but he’s aware of the team’s struggles.

“Coach Kim could coach,” Martin said. “Stuff happens, man. … My thing with those guys, I said to them, ‘Hold your head high, have character, have integrity and we’ll get where we need to go.’”

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Missouri basketball players ‘really excited’ about hiring of Cuonzo Martin

BY ALEC LEWIS

The Kansas City Star

COLUMBIA - In a quest to solve the puzzle that was the hiring of Missouri’s 19th men’s basketball coach, Jordan Barnett would have needed to look no further than the contacts on his phone.

The junior, who transferred to Missouri from Texas during the 2015-16 season and averaged a team-high 12.2 points per game last season, was recruited by Martin when he was in high school. On Monday, he said he still has Martin’s “Tennessee phone number.”

At the time of his recruitment, Martin was coaching the Volunteers. Now, just a few years later, it’s all come full circle for Barnett and Martin.
“I’m really happy. I know it’s going to work out for not only myself, but this entire team,” Barnett said. “I think it’s a really good hire.”

So, too, did sophomore point guard Terrence Phillips, who found out about the hire when he picked up his phone while eating at Shiloh Bar last Wednesday.

Missouri sophomore forward and Blue Springs native Kevin Puryear was alerted thanks to calls from his mom, Vicki.

Puryear said that throughout the process that spanned no more than a week, he attempted to stay off of his phone due to the number of texts, calls and tweets he was receiving.

Since the hiring, though, Puryear has enjoyed talking about his new coach. And on Monday, prior to the introductory press conference that took place inside of Mizzou Arena, Puryear and his teammates got to talk to their new coach.

“They’re wonderful young men,” Martin said. “I talked to them about an hour ago, and they’re obviously great guys. … The biggest key is, if losing basketball games — if that’s the worst thing they’ll go through in life — then they’ll live a great life.”

Said Puryear: “I went out to Chipotle and this guy asked, like, how do you feel about your new coach? I’m really excited about it. … I’m excited about the turnaround and I feel it.”

A key piece to that turnaround would be the hiring of Michael Porter Sr., and commitments from Porter Sr.’s sons, high school junior Jontay and high school senior Michael Jr.

Asked about the possibility of playing with ESPN’s top-ranked recruit in the class of 2017, Barnett laughed.

“I would love that,” Barnett said. “That would be awesome. I think Michael Porter is a one and done talent, so to get him here would be really cool for this university.”

Martin, who spoke to reporters following his introductory press conference, declined to speak about the recruit due to NCAA rules.

He did, though, provide a comment on Michael Porter Sr.

“Knowing him, he was a coach at Washington,” Martin said, “so I do know who he is, yes.”

Two hours after Phillips saw the news on his phone, he received a call from a number with an Oakland, Calif., area code. The point guard knew exactly who it was.
Like Barnett, Phillips, who played at Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Virginia, was recruited by Martin in high school. Of the conversations the two had, Phillips said he was impressed with Martin’s energy and his passion.

“He keeps it so up front with you,” Phillips said, “and I think that’s what we all really just need. “I’m just such a high energy guy and having a coach like that — it brings excitement.”

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It’s ‘a special day’ for Cuonzo Martin as he’s introduced as MU’s basketball coach

BY TOD PALMER
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COLUMBIA - It’s Cuonzo’s house now.

Missouri formally introduced its new men’s basketball coach — former Missouri State, Tennessee and California coach Cuonzo Martin — on Monday at press conference inside Mizzou Arena.

More than a dozen of Martin’s family members joined several hundred Tigers fans for what amounted to an hour-long group hug.

“This is a special day for me,” Martin said in his opening remarks. “It just feels like home. This is one of those days, as you begin your coaching career, you start thinking ‘Will I ever get a chance to coach at a place like Mizzou?’ Now, to be at home just up I-70, is a tremendous feeling.”

And Martin, who signed a seven-year contract worth $21 million plus incentives Wednesday, made it clear he hopes to remain at Mizzou.

“If Mizzou keeps me for 20 years, then it’s my plan to be here for 20 years,” he said. “This is it for me. … These are always emotional decisions, but I felt like this was the right decision. I pray and hope that this is my last decision.”

For first-year Tigers athletic director Jim Sterk, who announced March 5 that he’d asked former coach Kim Anderson to step down, the decision to hire Martin was an easy one.
Sterk said Monday that he zeroed in on Martin from the beginning of the search. He and executive associate athletic director Brian White flew to Oakland, Calif., on March 12 to meet with Martin.

“Going in, I thought he was (the top choice),” Sterk said. “Afterward, (that meeting) validated what I thought.”

Sterk wanted to attract a coach with “passion, integrity and experience,” someone who would resonate with high school coaches statewide and do so with unimpeachable character.

“Anyone I spoke to (about Martin) talked about integrity, character, work ethic and all of those things,” Sterk said. “That stood out to me, and I was impressed with that. … People just respect him a lot. No one has anything bad to say about Cuonzo Martin.”

During nine seasons as a head coach, Martin is 186-121 with a Missouri Valley Conference championship at Missouri State in 2011, a Sweet 16 appearance with Tennessee in 2014 and two postseason berths at California.

Martin spent three years at each stop, posting back-to-back 20-win seasons and improving his overall winning percentage at each successive job with seven total postseason appearances.

The hiring was cheered in Birmingham, Ala., as well.

“Kim Anderson did a really good job in a difficult time here,” said SEC associate commissioner for basketball Dan Leibowitz, who attended Martin’s press conference. “I know that’s been talked a great bit, but it seemed to be time maybe for a change. To see Cuonzo, at first it was amazement, thinking, ‘Wow, that could really happen. That would be perfect.’ So, we’re thrilled.”

So were the Tigers’ players.

“I have faith in coach Martin,” sophomore forward and Blue Springs South graduate Kevin Puryear said. “I think this is going to be an exciting time for Mizzou basketball. … He’s so cool and collected. I can tell he doesn’t get rattled. I’m really just excited to play for him.”

While at Tennessee, Martin recruited junior forward Jordan Barnett, and he went after sophomore guard Terrence Phillips during his tenure at Cal. Both were happy with the hire.

“We all have a new slate here,” Martin said. “I don’t know what the record was last year (8-24). I don’t know what happened last year … (but) I’m not in the business of waiting three or four years.”

With his trademark defensive toughness, which Martin learned under Gene Keady at Purdue but first began to appreciate watching Norm Stewart’s teams, the hope is for a speedy turnaround.

Sterk hired Martin, because he’s convinced the St. Louis native — who played prep basketball at Lincoln High in East St. Louis, Ill., before playing at Purdue and professionally — can develop a championship program at Mizzou.

Martin also is optimistic.

“I don’t think there’s anything that Mizzou’s lacking,” he said. “We have everything to be very successful. I think we have everything to be the last team standing one day, and that’s my goal.”
The hardwood floor still says Norm Stewart Court, but “Cuonzo, this is your house now,” interim Missouri chancellor Hank Foley said, “… and we’re looking forward to filling this house.”

Martin will be joined in Columbia by his wife, Roberta, and two of the couple’s three children, Chase and Addison, after the school year.

The Martins’ oldest son, Joshua, attends Purdue.

As for his staff, Martin said he’s yet to make any decisions, but he’ll have discussions with his current assistants — associate head coach Tracy Webster along with assistants Wyking Jones and Tim O’Toole — soon.

He declined to address speculation about the possible addition of former Mizzou women’s assistant and Washington men’s assistant Michael Porter Sr., who reportedly has been offered a job.

Asked about the rumored return of the Porter family, including 2017 top prospect Michael Porter Jr., to Columbia, Cuonzo smiled: “I think the Columbia community wants to be successful.”

**ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH**

**Martin guaranteed $21 million over seven years**

By Dave Matter St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 8 hrs ago

**COLUMBIA, MO. • Cuonzo Martin will be paid more than any basketball coach in Mizzou history — and more than all but one Mizzou coach in any sport in school history. Over the length of his seven-year deal, Martin’s guaranteed salary averages $3 million per year.**

When former football coach Gary Pinkel retired after the 2015 season he was making $4 million, which still ranks as the highest salary for any Mizzou coach. Football coach Barry Odom’s guaranteed salary is $2.35 million.

Martin’s annual base salary will be $300,000 through the length of the seven-year deal. Here’s how his supplemental income and guaranteed salary breaks down according to the memorandum of understanding released by the university Monday:
SALARY STRUCTURE

Year 1: March 15 – April 30, 2018

Supplemental: $2.4 million

Guaranteed: $2.7 million

Year 2: May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019

Supplemental: $2.5 million

Guaranteed: $2.8 million

Year 3: May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020

Supplemental: $2.6 million

Guaranteed: $2.9 million

Year 4: May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

Supplemental: $2.7 million

Guaranteed: $3.0 million

Year 5: May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022

Supplemental: $2.8 million

Guaranteed: $3.1 million

Year 6: May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023
Supplemental: $2.9 million

Guaranteed: $3.2 million

Year 7: May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Supplemental: $3.0 million

Guaranteed: $3.3 million

Other benefits:

Country club membership

Two courtesy cars

One suite for home basketball games

Six premium tickets for home football games. (Upon completion of the south end zone facility at Memorial Stadium, this benefit will be converted to one suite.)

Access for all other sports home contests

Also, MU shall pay up to 10 percent of Martin’s base salary ($30,000) for moving expenses. The university will provide temporary housing at no charge for up to three months.

INCENTIVES

Martin receives the following payments if these clauses are met. For categories with escalating incentives, he receives the payment for only the highest bonus attained:

Academic/social: $50,000
Academic/Aspirational: $50,000

SEC champions: $50,000

SEC tournament champions: $25,000

Selected for NCAA Tournament: $25,000

NCAA Sweet 16: $25,000

NCAA Elite 8: $50,000

NCAA Final Four: $75,000

NCAA national champions: $100,000

SEC coach of the year: $25,000

National coach of the year: $25,000

25 wins: $25,000

30 wins: $50,000

12 conference wins: $20,000

13 conference wins: $25,000

14 or more conference wins: $30,000

Ticket revenue of $4 million: $25,000

Ticket revenue of $4.5 million: $50,000
Maximum incentives: $605,000

* The ticket revenue incentive goal escalates annually. They are based on gross ticket sales minus all taxes and includes only actually ticket price and surcharge, not associated donations.

**STAFF SALARY POOL**

At Martin’s discretion he has $1.1 million to spend on annual salaries for three assistant coaches, one strength and conditioning coach, one director of operations and one director of video operations. Outside of the salary pool, there will be one full-time athletic trainer, one executive assistant, nutritionist, media relations assistant and equipment assistant. There will also be a $110,000 budget for graduate assistants and part-time support.

**TERMINATION BUYOUTS**

If Martin is fired …

Missouri will not have the right fire Martin without cause for the first three contract years. Starting in his fourth year if MU fires him without cause Martin shall be continued to be paid monthly for the remainder of the contract with reductions for income received by Martin for that contract year to date and from other full-time employment during the remaining terms of the contract.

After the first time Mizzou wins 20 or more games and/or goes to the NCAA Tournament, the university will not have the right to fire Martin without cause until after his fourth year at which the buyout total increases.

If fired during Year 4, between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021, Martin receives $6 million.

If fired during Year 5, between May 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022, Martin receives $3 million — unless the team has won 20 games or made the NCAAs. Then the buyout doubles to $6 million.
If fired during Year 6, between May 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023, Martin receives $1 million — unless the team has won 20 games or made the NCAAs. Then the buyout jumps to $3 million. If MU has won 20 games twice or made two NCAAs, the buyout is back to $6 million.

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Martin can terminate his contract at any time without cause by paying the following liquidated damages.

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If during the first five years of this contract, AD Jim Sterk is terminated by MU, these amounts will be cut in half.

**CAL BUYOUT**

Mizzou will directly compensate the University of California per the buyout provisions in Martin’s contract, which is reportedly $1.1 million.
The Cuonzo Martin era begins at Missouri

RON DAVIS, 11 hrs ago

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Additionally, Martin will be given $1.1 million in staff pool money. Anderson had $900,000 to pay three assistants, a director of basketball operations, a director of video operations and a strength-and-conditioning coach.

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Mizzou welcomes Coach Martin as 19th men's basketball coach


By Marie Bowman

COLUMBIA, Mo. - The University of Missouri welcomed Cuonzo Martin as the nineteenth men's basketball coach of the university.

Martin played for Gene Keady at Purdue, but is from the East St. Louis area. Martin told the crowd that he wants Mizzou to be his last stop as a coach and also said how excited he was to be back in his home state.

According to ESPN, Martin will be making a yearly salary of $3 million for seven years. Kim Anderson was guaranteed $1.1 million in his first year with $30,000 annually.
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Cuonzo Martin finds home at MU

By Daniel Jones

The first person Cuonzo Martin called to tell he was taking the men’s basketball coaching job at Missouri was his mother, Sandra.

“That goes without saying,” Martin said.

By now, Sandra has seen her son succeed all over: He earned all-Big Ten honors at Purdue, was selected 57th overall by the Atlanta Hawks in the 1995 NBA Draft, played professionally in Italy and has coached at Missouri State, at Tennessee and, most recently, at California.

But the opportunity to coach the Tigers in Columbia — just a couple hours west of his hometown of East St. Louis, Ill. — brought him closer to his old stomping grounds than he’s been since graduating Lincoln High School.

Martin informed his mother of his decision almost immediately he was sure of it himself.
“I wanted it to be right when I made the call because I knew how she would feel that I’m coming home,” he said. “She wanted what was best for me. But she was so happy when she found out.”

There was a steady calm over Martin, 45, on Monday afternoon as he took the podium for his introductory press conference at Mizzou Arena as the 19th coach in Missouri history. In front of him were a slew of reporters and a sizeable contingent of fans seated in the south side of the lower bowl.

“This is a special day for me,” were Martin’s first words to the crowd. “It just feels like home.”

There’s more to that beyond proximity to his hometown. He cited Norm Stewart as one of three coaches he was drawn to as a child along with Gene Keady — who later coached him at Purdue — and longtime Connecticut Coach Jim Calhoun. Martin said Melvin Booker, who played for Missouri from 1990-94 and is the program’s seventh all-time leading scorer, is one of his best friends.

There’s the family, angle, too, which is a big one for Martin. Sandra still lives and works in St. Louis. A large gathering of relatives were present Monday and are now just a short drive away.

“As you begin your coaching career, you start thinking, ‘Will I ever get an opportunity to coach at a place like Mizzou?’ Now, to be home, just up I-70, is a tremendous feeling,” he said. “As you all know, I’m a Midwest guy. To be at home amongst family, friends, loved ones, supporters around the state of Missouri is a great, great feeling to me.”

Despite taking over a program that has gone 27-68 over its last three seasons, Martin didn’t shy away from talking about success in the short term.

“We gotta get bigger, stronger, faster, all those things,” he said. “There’s work to be done. I haven’t looked at anybody in the league at what they have or don’t have. I’m concerned with our team and I think we have a chance to be successful. I’m not in the business of waiting three or four years. We have to work and get it done because if you’re physical enough to do it, we gotta get it done.”

Martin’s introduction represented the biggest decision Athletic Director Jim Sterk has made since taking charge in August. Martin is Sterk’s first coaching hire at MU.

Sterk said he didn’t know Martin before the process, so one of the first people he talked to was Missouri State President Mike Nietzel, who raved about Martin and said that beyond his tough exterior Martin was a "big teddy bear.” Sterk also talked to current head coaches Steve Fisher of San Diego State, Tony Bennett of Virginia and Mike White of Florida.

Martin said the only person he sought for advice on the decision was his wife — Roberta — and Sterk said she asked more questions in the interview process than Cuonzo did.
Martin arrives with a few built-in connections to the roster. He recruited Terrence Phillips, who is from Orange County, Calif., to play at Cal. Jordan Barnett’s dad used to own a golf course in East St. Louis, where Martin hails from.

The new coach met with the players for the first time in the locker room Monday afternoon just before he was introduced to the public. Barnett and Phillips said Martin emphasized building a mentality focused on defense and hustle.

“He’s so calm and” collected. “I can tell he doesn’t get rattled,” Kevin Puryear said. “Really just excited to play for him. He’s confident, confident in us, confident in his coaching ability. That’s all you can really ask for. I know he’s completely bought into what we’re doing, and we’re all gonna buy into what he wants from us. I know he’s gonna pull the best out of all of us, so we’re really excited.”

History confirms that Martin’s coaching profile is dominated by defense. Four of the last six squads he’s coached have finished in the top 40 in the nation in defensive efficiency. His last two teams at Cal were in the top 15 in effective field goal percentage defense.

“I tell guys all the time, ‘I haven’t shot a basketball in 20 years. My job is to put you in a position to be a successful basketball player,’ ” Martin told the crowd. “But the things we cannot compromise are defending, rebounding and playing hard.”

He brings a solid recruiting prowess to Columbia, having nabbed two five-star prospects — Jaylen Brown and Ivan Rabb — at Cal and a future NBA player in Josh Richardson at Tennessee.

Martin didn’t limit Missouri’s recruiting scope Monday.

“Mizzou is not just a national brand, it’s a world brand. When we recruit, we’re not just recruiting the United States, we’re recruiting across the world,” he said. … “For us, we want to start in the state first and foremost. But we have to go out across the world pretty much to get ballplayers.”

But Martin didn’t provide any updates on the recruit that excites Missouri fans more than any other — Michael Porter Jr. Martin is prohibited from talking about any recruit that has not signed with the Tigers, and Porter is still bound by the letter of intent he signed to Washington last fall.

Martin was then asked about his connection to Michael Porter Sr., who was an assistant under longtime friend Lorenzo Romar at Washington last year. Romar was fired Wednesday and subsequent reports indicated Porter Sr. would join the staff at Missouri, but Martin offered no insight on the topic.

“I’m not trying to be evasive, but to respect to the current guys that are coaching, and also my guys, I want to be careful,” Martin said. … “He’s the coach at Washington.”
Martin expressed his gratitude for Missouri courting him professionally, noting the delicate touch that is required for gauging interest in a coach that is employed elsewhere. He said the administration was forthright about the ongoing NCAA investigation regarding a tutor who alleged to have committed academic fraud.

“To give them credit, they’ve presented all that information,” Martin said without elaborating on further details. “It wasn’t a case that they were hiding information. I respect and applaud that.”

He also asked a favor of the fanbase that he now answers to.

“Even in those tough times, we need everybody on board,” he said. “You have to understand, our staff will do everything in our power to be successful and we’ll work to the midnight hour to be successful as a program and we won’t stop until we’re the last team standing.”

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**Cuonzo Martin introduced as Mizzou basketball coach**


By Matt Antonic

COLUMBIA - The University of Missouri introduced Cuonzo Martin as 19th head basketball coach in program history in a Monday press conference at Mizzou Arena.

Martin comes to Columbia after head coaching jobs at Missouri State, Tennessee and California, where he compiled an overall record of 186-121. He will take over as the head coach after Kim Anderson was fired by first-year athletic director Jim Sterk.

Before introducing Martin, Sterk spoke confidently that Martin was the right man for the job. "Today we are able to check off all the boxes to develop a championship program in the hiring of
Cuonzo Martin," Sterk said. "Cuonzo from the very start looked like a great fit for the Missouri program and the community."

In his opening remarks, Martin, a native of East St. Louis, said that coming to Mizzou felt like coming home. "To be home just off I-70 is a tremendous feeling," Martin said.

Martin spoke highly of Mizzou's facilities and fan support, and said he did not believe the program lacked the ability to win. "I think we have everything to be the last team standing one day, and that is my goal," Martin said.

In his most recent job at California, Martin finished 62-39 in three seasons while making both the NCAA Tournament and the NIT once. Martin quickly became a favorite for the job in Columbia after Kim Anderson was fired, and he said that he hopes to finish his coaching career in Columbia.

"If Mizzou keeps me for 20 years, then it's my plan to be here for 20 years," Martin said, "I pray this is my final stop."

Missouri introduces Cuonzo Martin

By Tony Mullen

COLUMBIA — Missouri officially introduced Cuonzo Martin as the 19th men's basketball coach in school history on Monday.

"This is a special day for me," Martin said. "It feels like home."

Martin, an East St. Louis native, said he wants Mizzou to be his last stop as a coach. He agreed to a seven-year deal worth $21 million.

"This is it for me if it works out," Martin said. "If Mizzou keeps me for 20 years, it's my plan to be here for 20 years. This is it for me."
Martin owns a 186-121 record in nine years as a head coach. He spent three years each at Missouri State, Tennessee and California.

Martin takes over a Missouri team that went just 27-68 in three seasons under Kim Anderson. The Tigers finished last in the SEC in each season.

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**MU Family Medicine Ranked Top 10 in Medical Education by U.S. News**


By Caroline Peterson

COLUMBIA - The MU School of Medicine is ranked seventh in the nation for the specialty of family medicine by U.S News & World Report.

The school’s Department of Family and Community Medicine has ranked in the top 10 for 24 consecutive years.

MU also ranked 55th for its primary care training program out of 170 schools.

U.S. News & World Report surveyed 140 medical schools and 30 schools of osteopathic medicine to determine this year’s medical school rankings.

The chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, Dr. Steven Sweig, said the longevity and consistent local leadership of the department is what has made it so successful.
There are 60 faculty members and 36 residents in the department.

"We have been a department for 41 years, but we have only had three department chairs. Many of our faculty stay here because they can thrive," Sweig said.

Family medicine takes care of all types of needs such as prenatal care, chronic diseases and routine care in clinics, hospitals and nursing home facilities.

He said because the family physician responds to the needs of the patients in the communities where they work, they know where the greatest needs are and look for ways to move forward.

He said finding new ways patients can get better access to care is essential.

One way MU Family Medicine has offered greater access to the community is through Mizzou Quick Care Clinics in local grocery stores as a way of providing access for urgent, but not complicated or serious problems.

"Family medicine is really first contact medicine, and we really emphasize access but also continuous and comprehensive care. So we want our patients to feel like their family physician is their medical home," Sweig said.

"The fact that we have been named in the top 10 for 24 consecutive years is a source of pride for me and our health system. That pride comes not only from this recognition but the knowledge that our graduates will use what they’ve learned here to benefit the citizens of our state and beyond," said Dr. Patrick Delafontaine, MD, the Dean of the MU School of Medicine.

"It's helpful to get some recognition from our peers because it helps us in terms of recruiting faculty and residents, it improves the morale locally and helps everyone to really keep striving to do a good job... Our goal is to keep doing that," Sweig said.
EDITORIAL

THE TRIBUNE'S VIEW

J'den Cox, champion and team leader

On Saturday, Missouri wrestler J'den Cox became the first Tiger athlete to win three national championships when he won once again at 197 pounds. Last year, for good measure, he won a bronze medal in the Olympics.

Developing a winning record is an important attribute for a team in any sport. It encourages the best prospects to consider joining the program and gives incentive to younger members of the team to do their best. Even more, a performer like Cox is an inspiration in unseen ways, giving the entire team a lift.

Cox clearly was moved emotionally by his unprecedented victory. He is a successful person beyond the mat, deserving of recognition as No. 1. That he is a local Columbia man makes it all the more rewarding.

As Coach Brian Smith said later, Cox completely dominated the match, a more decisive win than earlier title matches. He is winning going away, so to speak.

Missouri is coming late to the ball, pushing into the elite ranks of college wrestling. The superiority of Penn State as the nation’s best was evident in this year’s championships. Missouri qualified three wrestlers for the finals but against the cream of the crop only came in fifth. Five Tigers qualified as All-American, matching their highest total.

Since Ben Askren put the team on the map in 2006 and 2007, the program has been building, culminating in Cox’s Olympic medal and third national title. His inspiration will be part of the team going forward.
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
Law school slated to host
appellate court arguments

The University of Missouri School of Law will host arguments in five cases for the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District at 9 a.m. April 6.

Chief Judge Mark Pfeiffer and judges Lisa White Hardwick and Gary D. Witt will be on hand for the arguments and will take a brief recess between arguments to discuss the court system and explain the proceedings to people in attendance.

The law school has hosted arguments for the court before as it travels around its jurisdiction to hear arguments and give people outside of its base in Kansas City the opportunity to see how the court works.

Among the five cases will be Brian J. Adkison's appeal of his 2015 rape conviction in Columbia. Adkison, who was convicted of raping his ex-girlfriend in her north Columbia home in 2013, was acquitted of burglary the first time he went to trial, which ended in a mistrial on two other counts. He was acquitted at trial the second time of deviate sexual assault but convicted of rape.

Adkison's appeal alleges the trial court erred in overruling his motion for mistrial after a judge made errors in jury instruction. He also alleges the court should have asked him whether he wanted to testify on his own behalf.
Searching for Safe Spaces

They are easy to caricature, but examining safe spaces within the broader context of the university and the First Amendment shows that, properly constructed, they can help students pursue knowledge, write Ashutosh Bhagwat and John Inazu.

*Opinion Essay by Ashutosh Bhagwat and John Inazu March 21, 2017*

In 2015, Arnold and Cassie Stigmore endowed a new campus building at Lynnfield College in honor of their daughter, Alexis. “When our Alexis felt weird after hearing someone discuss an idea that did not conform to her personally held beliefs, she had no place to turn,” said Arnold Stigmore, standing outside the $2 million space that reportedly features soothing music, neutral-colored walls, oversize floor cushions, fun board games and a variety of snacks.

“God forbid any of you, in your years at this institution, are ever confronted with an opinion you do not share. But if you are, you will have a refuge on this campus.”

The Stigmores’ story appeared on the parody humor site The Onion. In other words, it is not actually true. But amid the ongoing debates surrounding the limits of safe spaces and political correctness, it sounds nearly plausible. Consider that in November 2016, following the election...
of Donald Trump, the University of Michigan School of Law offered students “stress-busting self-care activities” that included coloring, blowing bubbles and sculpting with Play-Doh.

Or that the year before, student activists at the University of Missouri asked that reporters be denied access to their tent city “so the place where people live, fellowship and sleep can be protected from twisted, insincere narratives.” One Ivy League professor has suggested that students should be provided “campuswide, reflective, self-aware distance from the grit of the everyday.” Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt worry that some advocates of microaggressions and trigger warnings seek “to turn campuses into ‘safe spaces’ where young adults are shielded from words and ideas that make some uncomfortable.”

An unbounded deference to hurt feelings and sensitive emotions makes for easy caricature. More significantly, walling off certain spaces from unsettling speech cuts against the First Amendment principle that speech should be “uninhibited, robust and wide-open.” Losing sight of basic First Amendment values is no mere abstraction: a recent Pew study reports that 40 percent of millennials think government should be able to prevent speech “offensive” to minority groups.

These are real dangers. But there is also a danger of overreacting with First Amendment bluster or ridicule, as many right-leaning critics do in deriding advocates for safe spaces as “snowflakes.” Proponents of safe spaces have some important arguments behind their grievances. In fact, most people depend upon private and protected places to regroup, rest and re-energize. They form their most intimate bonds and their deepest convictions outside the public eye, with trusted friends, in spaces that might fairly be characterized as “safe.” For this reason, critics push too far when they dismiss the very notion of safe spaces.

We think the debate over safe spaces raises important questions about the nature of human interaction, the limits of free expression and the role of the First Amendment in our civic practices. The fact that these debates have emerged on college campuses is not simply a function of campus activism and progressive faculty. Rather, we think the nature of college campuses -- including the people, places and purposes that comprise them -- creates an environment that illustrates both the limits and the possibilities of safe spaces. Story continues.