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No injuries reported in chemical spill at MU lab

By Janese Silvey

The University of Missouri's Department of Environmental Health and Safety is trying to figure out what caused a glass container to explode and spill hazardous materials last night on campus.

Columbia firefighters were dispatched just after 8 p.m. to Lafferre Hall on Sixth Street for a report of the spill.

They were told a glass container in a cabinet had ruptured and spilled less than a half-gallon of materials onto the floor of an engineering lab. No one reported coming into contact with the materials or being injured.

The chemical mixture included potassium hydroxide, copper sulfate and aluminum that had been used in a process involving metal etching, Columbia Battalion Chief Steve Sapp said. In addition, there were cleaning solvents — methanol, acetone and isopropyl alcohol — and some acids still being identified, MU spokesman Christian Basi said.

Sapp said the cabinet was closed but he wasn't sure whether the container was sealed.

Fire crews talked about the need for decontamination on the scene but ultimately decided it wasn't necessary, Sapp said.

MU's health and safety staff assisted and determined the materials weren't posing any immediate safety threats. Workers were able to clean it up without incident.

Crews returned to the area today to make sure all of the chemicals had been cleaned, and Basi said this morning the lab had been turned back over to the researcher. The investigation is ongoing.

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Cause of chemical spill on University of Missouri campus still under investigation

By Emily Garnett

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COLUMBIA — A laboratory in Lafferre Hall at MU where a glass container of hazardous materials ruptured around 8 p.m. Wednesday was cleaned, inspected and released to the lab's researcher Thursday morning, MU spokesperson, Christian Basi, said.

The situation was turned over to the MU Environmental Health and Safety Department.

Wearing protective clothing and respirators, the Health and Safety Department investigators identified several chemicals involved in the spill, which amounted to about one-half gallon of materials. Several common cleaning compounds (methanol, acetone and isopropyl alcohol) were found, in addition to potassium hydroxide, aluminum and copper sulfate, Basi said. Mixtures of some acids were also present, but the Health and Safety Department is still working to identify them.

"This is very, very rare," Basi said. The Health and Safety Department is now investigating the cause of the spill, which Basi said is still unclear.

No injuries were reported as a result of the spill, which was discovered and reported by Dan Howard, a research assistant in the building at the time.

Firefighters donned protective clothing and air packs in order to enter the laboratory Wednesday night. They examined the extent of the spill and tested the oxygen level in the room, according to a news release from the Columbia Fire Department.

"The important thing," Basi said, "is that the response of the individual who found the spill and the response of the team that responded to the call, including the fire department, MU Police Department and the Environmental Health and Safety Department, were excellent."



The University of Missouri System's Board of Curators will meet tomorrow and Saturday in Kansas City, in part to interview presidential candidates.

Curators will meet at 12:30 p.m. and are expected to spend less than two hours in open session at the Marriott Downtown hotel before meeting behind closed doors for discussions with university attorneys, personnel issues and other matters exempted under the state's Open Meetings and Records Law.

The board's presidential search committee then is expected to begin discussion of candidates at 6:15 p.m., reconvening at 7:15 a.m. Saturday. Those meetings also are closed to the public.

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Missouri curators meet as Haith awaits NCAA visit

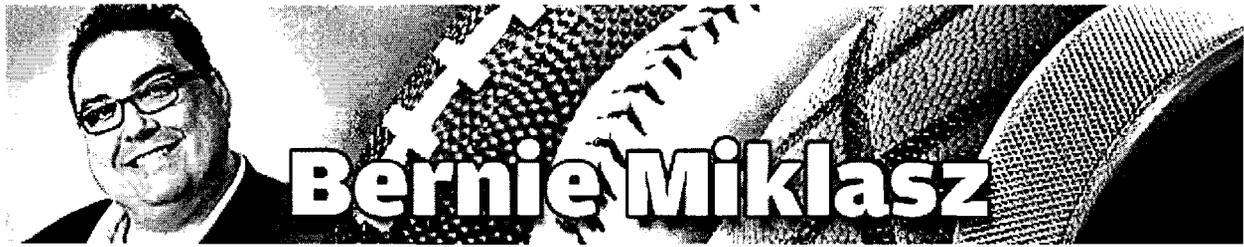
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — University of Missouri curators meet Friday afternoon in Kansas City as pay-for-play allegations about the school's new men's basketball coach continue to swirl.

A former University of Miami booster has said he paid then-Hurricanes recruit DeQuan Jones \$10,000 to attend the Florida school with Haith's approval. Haith spent seven years as Miami's coach before Missouri hired him in April.

Haith issued a statement earlier this week saying his interactions with disgraced Miami booster Nevin Shapiro "are not an accurate portrayal of my character," but otherwise declined comment. He also said he is "more than happy to cooperate" with an NCAA investigation.

Athletics are not mentioned on an agenda released Tuesday for the curators' meeting, but the board routinely meets behind closed doors to discuss personnel issues.

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Bernie Bytes: Can Alden save Haith?

BY BERNIE MIKLASZ, Post-Dispatch Sports Columnist | Posted: Thursday, August 18, 2011 3:16 pm |



University of Missouri athletic director Mike Alden, at a press conference Monday night to announce Frank Haith as the new head basketball coach at Mizzou. (AP Photo)

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* **I certainly could be wrong about this**, but I don't think Mizzou athletics director **Mike Alden** will fire **Frank Haith** or push him to resign. Why? Alden also needs to save himself here, so naturally he'll do what's best for Alden. Back in early April Alden's surprising choice of Haith was derided in the state and across the nation. And if you were one of the many people who thought this was a strange hire, a bad hire, then what do you think now? Obviously, the hiring looks even worse now that Haith has been named in the Miami scandal. And if Alden terminates Haith or forces him out, the move would be akin to Alden buying time on ESPN to declare: "As an AD, I am an abject failure, and I screwed up this hire about as terribly as you can botch a hire." And Alden isn't going to do that. Say what you want about him, but Alden's survival skills are impressive.

* **So what are the choices?** Alden can (A) fire Haith; (B) ask the coach for his resignation and work out a financial settlement; (C) put Haith on administrative leave while the NCAA investigates the Haith-related accusations made by the berserk Miami booster. Or Alden can (D) just stay the course with Haith. I don't think Alden will fire Haith unless some rich boosters want to pool their money for a massive buy-out fund. The administrative leave makes some sense, even though it's gutless and a hedge on making a truly tough decision. But the option would have sufficient political correctness, something that Alden likes. With the administrative leave option, Alden can make the case to the Haith backers that he's being fair to the coach by giving him due process. And with the administrative leave option, Alden can appease critics, somewhat, by showing that he was willing take action to get Haith out of sight for now. And if

Haith is cleared of the charge that he allegedly knew of a \$10,000 payment to a Miami recruit, then Alden can try to rehab his coach's image. But when would that be? How long would the administrative leave last? And is Alden comfortable turning the season over to an interim or an assistant coach?

* If Haith won't resign, and if Alden won't fire him, then Alden should be bold and go all-in on Haith for the 2011-2012 season. Why? Well, keep in mind that this has nothing to do with the ethical questions of what's right, what's wrong. This is about bobbing and weaving and Alden coming up with a way to salvage the coach. And the shortest route to rehabbing Haith is sticking with Haith for the 2011-2012 season.

* Oh, Alden could "suspend" Haith for a few games just to make himself look sufficiently tough and proactive. But an experienced MU team has a chance at a successful season, and Haith would be on the bench to coach 'em up. And if Mizzou plays well, and improves during the season, and beats Kansas, and lands in the polls, and gets to the NCAA Tournament ... well, that would calm the fans, distract the critics and get most folks talking about Haith's qualities -- and why MU should keep him around. Momentum can change quickly. Just about everybody loves a winner. College Sports Inc. is all about the bottom line. Fans and media and university administrators will usually go in the tank for a successful coach. And if Haith coaches and MU turns out to be mediocre? Alden, his bosses and the cash-money boosters can decide what to do after the season. But if Alden wants to pull out a save, he at least has to take a shot at seeing if Haith can win this season.

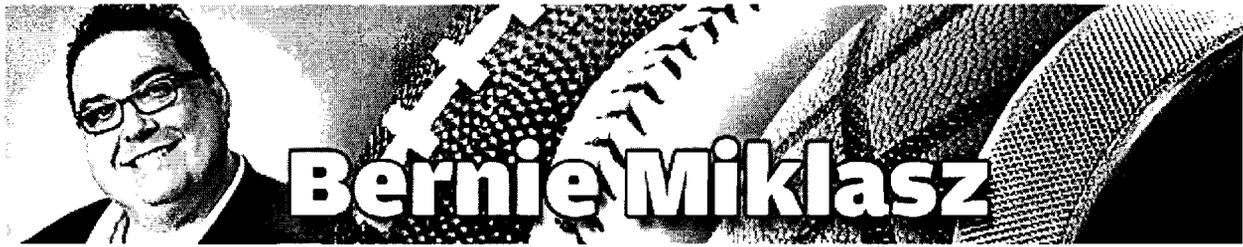
* And imagine the change in the dynamic if Haith begins to win in 2011-2012 ... MU can enhance the positive buzz by initiating a positive campaign on Haith's behalf. We'll see video of scenes of Haith helping out in the community, visiting hospitals, working with kids. We'll read touching stories of Haith's conversion and how he had to find his inner moral compass ... we'll see Haith getting emotional and crying as he expresses intense and life-changing regret for the mistakes he made at Miami. And as long as he wins, these extra sweeteners will ease the crisis. And Alden and Haith will escape the jam they're in. Unless, of course, the NCAA finds serious dirt on Haith ... and then all bets are off.

* Am I being cynical? Hell, yes I'm being cynical. But I've been watching these morality plays, these sporting acts of contrition, for more than 30 years in this business. I know how this stuff works. I know how ADs and coaches can smoothly steer themselves out of hurricanes (no pun intended). I haven't changed my opinion; I think Haith should do the right thing and resign. But if he doesn't, and if MU doesn't sack him -- then I'm just taking a look at the next stage, and how Haith could be turned around and reformed. That's all. And it can be done. It may be a longshot, but it can be done. But only if Haith is coaching, and only if this experienced MU team plays hard and well and wins a lot of games.

* I know that Alden and MU usually pay considerable funds to a search firm or consulting firm for this kind of advice, but I offer this free of charge.

Best of luck.

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Bernie: Damage is done to Haith, Mizzou

BY BERNIE MIKLASZ, Post-Dispatch Sports Columnist | Posted: Thursday, August 18, 2011 12:25 pm |



March 10, 2011 -- Miami head coach Frank Haith reacts in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Greensboro, N.C. (AP Photo/Gerry Broome)

When Missouri athletics director Mike Alden hired Frank Haith to coach the men's basketball team, the AD made little attempt to market Haith's won-loss record at Miami.

Granted, the Hurricanes weren't going to be able to fly with Duke and North Carolina near the top of the Atlantic Coast Conference, but Haith had an abysmal 43-69 conference record and one NCAA Tournament appearance in seven unremarkable seasons at Miami.

So Alden adopted an alternative strategy, stressing Haith's skills as a recruiter. More than anything Alden portrayed Haith as a beacon of integrity. That was core of MU's hard sales pitch to a skeptical, agitated fan base that had a hostile initial reaction to the hiring. Alden played the Family Values card.

"Mentoring and the development of men," said Alden as he listed Haith's attributes on the evening MU announced the hire. "Men. Not basketball players. Men. People that are going to grow as sons, and brothers and perhaps husbands some day. Fathers. Whatever that may be. And to model those behaviors and to do those in a way that are reflective of the culture of the University of Missouri. You will note that when you meet Frank and his family that he certainly represents the highest character and ideals relative to social responsibility and mentorship."

That was an emphatic endorsement of Haith's virtue.

You'll notice that Alden has gone underground and hasn't said anything over the last two days.

Not since Haith was implicated in a comprehensive investigation done by Yahoo! Sports.

A former Miami booster, Nevin Shapiro, alleged that Haith expressed gratitude for a \$10,000 payoff to seal a commitment from recruit DeQuan Jones in 2007. Shapiro alleges that Miami assistant Jake Morton received the money to pass along to Jones.

In a statement issued by Missouri, Haith issued a general denial and said he would cooperate with NCAA investigators.

I'm guessing that Haith didn't mention Mr. Shapiro during the job interview with Alden and the Mizzou administration.

Hey, a busy coach meets a lot of people.

He can't remember everything.

Haith has a good chance to clear himself of the most serious accusation, his knowledge of the \$10,000 payoff. If there's no hard evidence, no documented money trail, then the dispute would come down to Haith's version of the truth compared to Shapiro's word and reputation. And the slimy Shapiro is serving a 20-year sentence prison for his illicit role in a \$930 million Ponzi scheme. So Haith's version of events would likely carry more credibility.

However, even if Haith is exonerated on the alleged \$10,000 payoff, that doesn't completely burnish his rep. Haith will need some disinfectant.

The alleged payment aside, it seems that Haith had more than a casual connection with Shapiro, who described it as "a very close relationship," to Yahoo.

In the Yahoo exposé, Haith is seen posing with Shapiro in two photos. Yahoo reported that Shapiro's cell-phone records show 85 calls or texts between Haith and Shapiro over several years.

Shapiro donated \$50,000 to the Miami basketball program in 2008. And Shapiro also told Yahoo that Haith accompanied him to a strip club.

This is a problem for Haith and Alden.

When you hire a coach and position him on high moral ground and depict him as an unassailable man of honor, you are obligated to uphold the ethical standards.

And this raises obvious questions. Why would Haith be hanging out in strip clubs with this scoundrel? Why would Haith accept a \$50,000 donation from Shapiro? What's with the texts and phone calls? Is Shapiro really the kind of person you want your basketball coach to run with?

Goodness, what does this say about Haith's judgment?

When introduced as the new coach by Alden in early April, Haith hardly distanced himself from the character-integrity casting. He fully embraced it. Haith explained his recruiting message on home visits:

"First and foremost, I'm here to mold our young people to be great citizens, great men," Haith said in his first Mizzou news conference. "And when their time is up, I've taught them more than how to dribble a basketball. I've taught them life skills."

How will that recruiting pitch play now?

If parents invite Haith into the family home to explain why they should entrust him to supervise and shape their child, they'd probably be wondering how "great citizens and great men" are molded by visits to strip clubs and spending quality time with a sleazy booster. In the Yahoo! piece the details of Shapiro's creepy, corrupt conduct will give you the hives.

Potential recruits will know that the NCAA is poking around Haith's past. And suppose the NCAA finds more filth? What if the assistant coach (Morton) or another corroborating witness backs up Shapiro's claim that Haith knew about the \$10,000?

The NCAA probe figures to take time, which will hinder Mizzou's recruiting and thus reduce Haith's ability to do his job to his fullest ability.

Why would a top recruit want to commit to Missouri with Haith facing an uncertain future? And the NCAA could punish Haith by imposing recruiting-related penalties on him, as the NCAA did when Kelvin Sampson set up at Indiana after leaving Oklahoma.

I don't know if you watched ESPN on Wednesday, but Haith was frequently mentioned and cited by the world-wide leader. The scroll line at the bottom of the screen continually made reference to "Haith, now at Missouri," ...

So the taint already is there. This is horrible PR for Missouri. Just awful. There's no way around that, no spin that can put a gloss on it. This will stick for a while. And you'd better believe that recruiting rivals will use this crud against Haith and Mizzou.

Even if Haith walks on the allegation concerning the \$10,000, he's already been damaged by this scandal. I think he's severely damaged.

Haith should do the honorable thing and resign, but I'd be surprised if he did. And for now Missouri is in a tough, terrible spot. My fear for the program is that Haith will stay and fight, and that the MU administration will stubbornly stand by their coach, with the everything blowing up on Mizzou. So it's probably best to get a head start on the damage control and cleanup.

Alden should get out in front of this mess. He has a lot on the line.

After all, it was Alden -- not fans or media -- that touted Haith's impeccable standards for honesty and decency. It was Alden who said that as a representative of the university, Haith accepted the fact that he'd be held accountable at all times. Alden gave us the hard sell.

"At Mizzou you are a tremendously public representative of our institution," Alden said in announcing the Haith hire. "There's a lot of responsibility that goes along with that. That reflects not only on yourself

but reflects on your family, and your loved ones. Those people you represent. You accept those responsibilities when you accept the responsibility of being in positions of leadership that we have. Particularly visible ones. The basketball position at Mizzou is an extremely visible position. One not only in our state, but throughout our country.

"So you have to identify people that not only represent those ideals but are willing to accept that responsibility. It's not as always comfortable for people to know that you've got to be on 24/7. And you're never, ever off duty. Ever. And so you have to be recognizing the fact that it spills over to everything you do, and identify someone that was willing to accept that and do that in a way that reflects positively on all of us. And Frank does that."

Or maybe not.

We'll find out if Alden's words, and Haith's words, carry any real meaning. We'll see Alden and Haith abide by their previous statements. We'll see if they were telling the truth when they aggressively staked out the high moral ground to enhance the new coach's appeal.

If Alden and Haith run away from their words, they will be exposed as plastic men that cynically served up empty platitudes to pacify an annoyed fan base.

As made clear by Alden, Haith was hired for two primary reasons: (1) his character, integrity, leadership; (2) his heralded recruiting skills.

Mizzou fans were warming to Haith, who made a positive initial impression. But these revelations have shaken the foundation.

If Haith's integrity isn't anything close to being as pristine as advertised by Alden, and if Haith's recruiting power is compromised by the stench of Shapiro and a looming NCAA investigation, then what does Mizzou have exactly?

Answer: another coaching search.

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Tipsheet: Critics showing no faith in Haith

BY JEFF GORDON | Posted: Thursday, August 18, 2011 5:19 am |

As the sporting world absorbs more details of the University of Miami recruiting scandal, the more heat Missouri coach **Frank Haith** feels.

Damage has been done, **as Post-Dispatch columnist Bernie Miklasz** wrote. Nevin Shapiro's ratted out the Hurricanes football and basketball programs in great detail for Yahoo! Sports.

So what is athletic director **Mike Alden** to do?

Here are some more opinions from media types from around the country:

Mike Berardino, *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*: "Missouri must be very proud at having lured away a man who managed just one trip to the NCAA Tournament in seven seasons despite allegedly accepting donations from a sleazeball like Shapiro. That \$10,000 payment Shapiro allegedly made through a UM assistant to buy a top recruit? **DeQuan Jones** was the best Haith's program could do there?"

Jeff Eisenberg, *Yahoo! Sports*: "Do they cut their losses and use the scandal as a convenient excuse to fire a coach who was unpopular from the moment he was introduced? Or do they reaffirm their allegiance to a man who they've defended despite his one NCAA tournament berth and underwhelming 43-69 ACC record in six seasons at Miami? As much as some Missouri fans might like to see the school sever ties with Haith and find a new coach with a spotless track record and a winning resume, the truth is the timing for such a move is abysmal. It would be difficult for Missouri to hire a new coach and a new staff between now and the start of the season, so the only realistic option would probably be promoting a current member of the staff to interim coach. That instability would be disastrous on the recruiting trail, especially with a senior-laden 2011-12 roster and numerous vacant scholarships to fill."

Andy Katz, *ESPN.com*: "Haith will now have to spend plenty of time repairing his image. His only hope in the near future will be if he's exonerated in an NCAA investigation, much in the same manner **Tim Floyd** was after he was accused of paying \$1,000 to a handler of **O.J. Mayo's**. That charge never stuck and Floyd was free to be hired by his former employer at UTEP. But Floyd was already out at USC prior

Michael Rosenberg, *SI.com*: "Nevin Shapiro basically paid for an eight-year party for anybody who was anybody in the Miami football program. Read the excellent Yahoo! Sports report and it's obvious. Nobody stopped Shapiro. Evidently, nobody tried, despite obvious signs that something was amiss. Cash payments, alcohol, strippers, hookers -- no wonder the Hurricanes haven't won much lately. They're exhausted."

David Whitley, *FanHouse*: "I hate to jump on the Death Wagon, but holy **Luther Campbell**. After reading Yahoo's bombshell expose, it's obvious the school has a terminal case 'It's a Cane Thing.' The slogan evolved with the program. It means pride, bravado and the rules don't apply. The mindset started when **Jimmy Johnson** swaggered into town. Even Miami's critics would have to admit the era has been wildly entertaining in an NC-17 way. But at some point you'd think Miami would learn that parties, payoffs and prostitutes are not acceptable parts of an athletic program. Instead, administrators have been happily oblivious while the fan base reveled in the Cane Thing image. Exhibit A—Nevin Shapiro."

Gregg Doyel, *CBSSports.com*: "The NCAA knows the entire structure of college sports is teetering on the edge of the abyss. One wrong move -- Texas A&M to the SEC ... or the death penalty to a football powerhouse -- could push the whole thing off the cliff. And when it goes, it won't be just the Big 12 and the ACC that go down. The NCAA will go down with it."

Gregg Easterbrook, *ESPN.com*: "Announcing his retirement, **Phil Jackson** declared, 'As **Richard Nixon** said, you won't have me to kick around anymore.' Nixon said this in 1962, six years before he was elected president. How long until Jackson comes back?"

Michael Silver, *Yahoo! Sports*: "Now that he has taken his talents to South Philly, star cornerback **Nnamdi Asomugha** – the prize of the fast and furious, post-lockout NFL free-agent class of 2011 – has his first shutdown assignment: attempting to contain the viral hype preceding the Philadelphia Eagles' Super Bowl-or-bust season."

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"This little scumbag is in prison for bilking a billion dollars from a bunch of people and obviously he's going to embellish the truth a little bit, but I'm sure he took advantage of some of these kids and I hate it for the program."

Jimmy Johnson, ripping **Nevin Shapiro** on a Miami radio show.



MU contacted NCAA while vetting Haith

By Steve Walentik

A source close to the search that brought Frank Haith to Missouri said committee members, including Athletic Director Mike Alden, contacted more than 20 people in an attempt to vet the former Miami coach before hiring him in April.

Among those contacted were a representative from the NCAA; Miami President Donna Shalala; the head of the school's compliance department; former Miami Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt, now at Texas Tech; Tony Hernandez, who was serving as the school's interim athletic director at the time of the hiring; Texas Coach Rick Barnes, under whom Haith worked as an assistant coach for three seasons; Jim Haney, the executive director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches; Floyd Keith, the executive director of the Black Coaches Association; and a member of the compliance staff at the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The same source said none of those people gave them any reason to be concerned about naming Haith as Mike Anderson's successor.

Missouri officials are trying to figure out how to proceed after Haith's name surfaced Tuesday in a Yahoo! Sports report that shined a light on the activities of former Miami booster Nevin Shapiro, a convicted felon who alleged that he committed numerous NCAA violations involving more than 70 Hurricanes athletes and coaches between 2002 and 2010.

Shapiro told Yahoo! Sports that Haith acknowledged and expressed gratitude for a \$10,000 payment made from the booster to a person close to basketball recruit DeQuan Jones, now a senior on the Miami team. Shapiro said former Miami assistant coach Jake Morton, now at Western Kentucky, acted as the conduit for the funds.

The Yahoo! Sports investigation spanned 11 months and reportedly was based on more than 100 hours of jailhouse interviews with Shapiro, who is serving a 20-year sentence in federal prison for his role in a \$930 million Ponzi scheme.

The NCAA yesterday released a statement from President Mark Emmert acknowledging that college sports' governing body has been investigating the relationship between Shapiro and Miami for five months.

"If the assertions are true, the alleged conduct at the University of Miami is an illustration of the need for serious and fundamental change in many critical aspects of college sports," Emmert said in a statement.



Accusations against Haith could hamper recruiting

No one knows if the NCAA will charge Missouri basketball Coach Frank Haith with knowing about a \$10,000 payment used to help secure the commitment of basketball recruit DeQuan Jones, as former Miami booster and convicted felon Nevin Shapiro alleged in a Yahoo! Sports report published Tuesday.

It's likewise too early to tell if Haith's connection to the wide-ranging scandal that is said to include thousands of violations involving dozens of Hurricanes athletes, coaches and staffers will wind up costing him his job with the Tigers.

But it's clear there will be a dark cloud hanging over the program until those questions are resolved, and it couldn't have arrived at a worse time with Missouri working to restock its roster for the 2012-13 season.

"From now until the first of October, it's prime fishing season," ESPN senior basketball recruiting analyst Dave Telep said. "The waters have been chummed all spring and summer long, and now you've got to pull up the net. So the next month and a half is going to be, not just for Missouri, a pivotal month on the calendar for commitments this year."

The Tigers are slated to have only five returning players beyond this season, leaving as many as eight scholarships available in the 2012 recruiting class. That's a lot of bodies to bring on board in a short amount of time.

With seven seniors, including All-Big 12 guard Marcus Denmon and fellow starters Laurence Bowers, Ricardo Ratliffe and Kim English, Missouri will need recruits talented enough to play significant roles right away.

That's particularly true in the frontcourt, where redshirt freshman Kadeem Green is the only returning player taller than 6-foot-5.

The Tigers have pledges from Aaron Scales, an unranked 6-9, 265-pound forward from High Point Christian Academy in North Carolina, and Quantel Denson, a 6-8, 225-pound forward from Paris Junior College in Texas, but neither is considered an instant-impact player even if he chooses to honor his commitment.

"That's the biggest problem right now. They've got no big men," CBSSports.com senior writer Jeff Goodman said. "If they don't land some big men, they're going to be in major trouble a year from now."

Convincing 6-10 center Phillip Nolan, a top-100 recruit from Milwaukee, 6-9 power forward Chicken Knowles, a top-60 prospect from Houston, or one of the other big men Haith's staff appears to be targeting — Marquette High School's Ryan Rosburg and Stefan Jankovic of Huntington Prep in West Virginia are two who come to mind — could prove difficult because of Haith's uncertain status.

Their opponents in the recruiting game won't hesitate to bring that to the attention of the players to get an edge.

"Recruiting is an ultracompetitive business," Telep said. "The smallest chink in your armor will be exploited by other schools. So anything, everything, comes up in recruiting. When you get down to one or two or three schools left fighting it out for a recruit, guys are doing whatever they can to get that signature."

The competition could be even more intense for wing prospects such as Raleigh, N.C., guard Rodney Purvis, Phoenix-area guard Demarquise Johnson or top-50 small forwards Danuel House of Missouri City, Texas, and Winston Shepard of Findlay Prep in Henderson, Nev.

"Whether or not Frank Haith withstands all this, it's going to hurt him from a coaching standpoint," Goodman said. "Even if he's done nothing wrong, it's going to hurt him because the talent's going to suffer."

Of course, the even worse scenario for Missouri is that Haith is guilty of the allegations and that school officials, starting with Athletic Director Mike Alden, have to wait for proof to be uncovered before taking disciplinary action, up to and including termination, against him.

"You've got to wait. You've got to sit tight and get all the facts," Goodman said. "There's no other way to handle it than that. You can't make a decision today, because you don't know what's true and what's not."

"It's like the legal process. You've got to gather all the information, do your own investigation. To me, I'd be trying to get ahead of it. But I don't see anything happening soon. I don't see Frank Haith getting fired tomorrow or anything like that. They're going to do their due diligence."

Telep doesn't believe "due diligence" can mean sitting back and waiting for the NCAA investigation to run its course.

There's simply no way to be sure when that will happen.

The NCAA, known for wading slowly through the facts of these types of scandals, has an unprecedented amount of material it must sift through before releasing any findings.

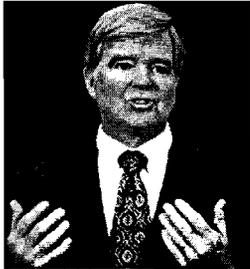
The Tigers can't afford to wait for them to reach the end.

“I really think that the best thing for Missouri to do is to take the pulse of their situation and then come out and instead of letting people draw their own conclusions, they’ve got to make a stand and make a statement about the status of everything going on,” Telep said. “That doesn’t have to be today. That doesn’t have to be tomorrow. But it can’t be six months from now.”

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Burwell: NCAA's system is broken



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NCAA president Mark Emmert talks about discussions with university administrators and coaches during a presidential retreat in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. Emmert believes it's time to update the NCAA rule books and he's hoping for major changes. (AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

So here we are again, stuck in the middle of another embarrassing mess in college sports. So where is the leak springing now?

Ohio State?

Boise State?

Oops, now it's Miami ... or has it wandered back to Mizzou again?

The story never changes, just the location. And by now it's time that someone finally admits (heck, maybe everyone) that this mess is just too big, too widespread, too complicated and far too out of control to fix. And isn't it time that someone acknowledges the scandals that keep rippling through college athletics are gun-shot-wound serious and the people who are supposed to be trying to fix it are armed with nothing more substantial than cotton balls and Q-Tips?

The NCAA rulebook makes no sense anymore, as if it ever did. It is too large, too out of touch and woefully outdated. There is nothing in that antiquated rulebook that can adequately address the problems that modern collegiate athletics is dealing with. There is nothing in the current culture of big-time college sports that can cope with its blatant fiscal hypocrisy or superficial and misguided justice system without the use of a comedy laugh track.

Thankfully, new NCAA president Mark Emmert understands this, which is why he has repeatedly acknowledged that it is long past due to rip up the current rules and regulations that govern collegiate athletics and rewrite a rule book that has fewer pages, but a realistic sense of the problems that are plaguing the contemporary culture of American "amateur" sports. On Wednesday, while acknowledging that his investigators were on the trail of these alleged infractions at Miami for the past five months, Emmert said, "If the assertions are true, the alleged conduct at the University of Miami is an illustration of the need for serious and fundamental change in many critical aspects of college sports. This pertains especially to the involvement of boosters and agents with student-athletes."

But the biggest problem that Emmert has in actually getting anyone to agree to those changes is the way the NCAA system works, or more accurately doesn't work. There will need to be a recommendation, which will then lead to a resolution, which will be followed by a committee, which will lead to a panel, which will create a report, that will then be reviewed by another committee that will author a splendid amendment that is 80 pages long and will be added to the back of the current rulebook.

You see, no one in collegiate athletics really knows what the heck to do other than count the money. Which is what leads us to the latest ill-advised, superficial nonsensical attempt at enforcement. Ladies and gentlemen, we give you Roger Goodell. Speaking of working with a laugh track, what are we supposed to make of the NFL commissioner deciding that his Judge Dredd routine needs to be expanded to college rulebook enforcement? On Thursday, Goodell announced that he was letting Ohio State's rules-challenged quarterback Terrelle Pryor into the NFL supplemental draft, but not before he serves a five-week suspension for something he did in college football.

So now it's official. The NFL is finally acknowledging that college football is its official, free and necessary minor-league system, and in order to keep the system operating without any noticeable glitches, the commissioner will make nice and punish the miscreants who slip through the NCAA cracks.

Well, sort of.

This blatant bit of selective enforcement by Goodell is fraught with hypocrisy and inexplicable double standards. Pryor is neither a star first-round franchise player or a star-power head coach fleeing the NCAA posse, so it's easy to crack down on him. But why does Goodell get religion now with Pryor, who might last until the sixth or seventh round of the supplemental draft? Why didn't Goodell exhibit similar concern about the integrity of the league when it let Pete Carroll in the room even though everyone knows he was running away from a scandal that happened on his watch at USC?

Why isn't Goodell swinging his mighty gavel to retroactively discipline all the players in the league whose names have been attached to NCAA scandals like Reggie Bush, or Rams rookie first-round draft pick Robert Quinn, or any of the North Carolina or Miami players who are in the league now?

Everyone keeps getting things wrong. No one has a clue how to fix it, who to punish and how to punish them. But they better start figuring out what to do, because up until now, what they've tried isn't working. Death penalties, scholarship reductions, bowl ineligibility and all the other so-called crackdowns don't work. SMU was busted with the notorious death penalty decades ago and that scared exactly how many programs into not cheating?

Seriously. None. The scandals have popped up like weeds in every conference, every region and countless schools, with plenty of repeat offenders. Miami is an old hand at this. Decades have passed since the last known indiscretions at The U, and as best as we can figure, the most lasting memory from that era was an ESPN documentary that romanticized the entire sordid tale, made everyone cult heroes and all we got from that was ... Pause ... Repeat.

We get a scuzzy grifter named Nevin Shapiro, who made his riches by perpetrating a \$930 million Ponzi scheme, then decided he wanted to become a power broker in U of M athletics by providing prostitutes, cash and parties for 'Cane players. And from his jailhouse cell he wants us to know that he was deeply wounded when the folks at Miami didn't stand by him when the feds came down on him for bilking people out of nearly a billion dollars, so now he's going on a vindictive "tell-all" to purge his conscious and pay back all the people at Miami who kicked him to the curb.

Now just because he's a thieving, lowlife jailbird doesn't necessarily mean what he's saying about all the players, coaches and administrators at Miami isn't true, because it very well might be.

But what if it isn't?

Like I said before, let's not punish the wrong people. And assuming **Missouri basketball coach and former U of M coach Frank Haith** is guilty of something sleazy just because this Shapiro guy says he is can't be enough to fire Haith at Mizzou until there is some hard evidence that he actually did something wrong. Because if you go after Haith now, you're punishing the Mizzou players, who have done nothing wrong. They have a chance to be a pretty good team this year, the sort of team that can make a deep NCAA Tournament run.

They don't deserve to be caught up in the middle of this garbage coming out of South Florida. So as sloppy as things may appear now, here's what it all comes down to. It's not about what an unsavory character who is sitting in prison says happened. It's about what really did happen. It's about what Frank Haith honestly knew. Taking photos with this creep doesn't make him guilty.

But if there is something there, if there are incriminating text messages or incriminating voice mails or incriminating anything lurking out there that can bring public shame to Haith — and by extension to the Tigers basketball program — then that's a different story entirely. Haith needs to look his boss Mike Alden straight in the eyes and tell the truth. Tell the truth now and walk away with a little honor.

But guilt by association isn't a crime and the guy serving 20 years in prison for running a near-billion dollar scam doesn't get the benefit of the doubt. Until we know the full truth, the kids in that Missouri basketball program deserve the benefit of any doubt that comes Frank Haith's way.



Buck's Ice Cream Place lets people try out healthy treats

By Janese Silvey

For a limited time, Columbians have a chance to taste-test the healthy ice cream that University of Missouri researchers concocted earlier this year.

Buck's Ice Cream Place in Eckles Hall on the MU campus is serving samples and scoops of the frozen treat in blueberry and acai flavors.

The acai-flavored ice cream debuted Tuesday at the Missouri State Fair.

About 300 people sampled it, said Ingolf Gruen, an associate professor of food science and adviser to Ting-Ning Lin, the graduate student who created it.

"Most of them liked the ice cream," Gruen said. "We received a few comments that if it's healthy, people will buy it."

The multifunctional frozen dessert has a trio of ingredients to give digestive systems a boost: dietary fiber, probiotics — good bacteria that ward off ailments — and prebiotics, which support the probiotics.

Because of ice cream's changing texture from first lick to the melting process, complicated flavors such as chocolate weren't as easy to manipulate, so Lin opted to use acai, a Brazilian fruit that has a chocolaty, nutty bite to it.

Most state fairgoers weren't familiar with the flavor, Gruen said.

"There was some confusion, of course, about what is acai," he said. "The idea that it's a berry didn't sink in because most of them really thought it was some kind of light chocolate."

At Buck's yesterday, freshmen taking a tour of the building lined up for scoops of popular Tiger Stripe ice cream and didn't seem interested in taste-testing a healthy substitute.

Two Residential Life custodians agreed to try the blueberry flavor, and both said they liked it. They had mixed opinions about the concept, though.

"Anything that's healthy is positive," Ron McQuitty said.

Edward Jones, enjoying a scoop of chocolate ice cream, disagreed.

“I want artery-clogging, put-on-some-weight kind of ice cream,” he said. “If I want ‘good for me,’ I’ll run. Ice cream shouldn’t be good for you.”

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