

Missouri presidential search picks up pace

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COLUMBIA, Mo. — University of Missouri curators will meet behind closed doors Saturday morning for the third time this month as they continue to search for a new system president.

The governing board's Presidential Search Committee, which essentially consists of the full board, is scheduled to meet at Jesse Hall on the Columbia campus and by teleconference for out-of-town curators. The search committee meetings are closed to the public.

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Those finalists will be interviewed by a 20-member advisory panel.



Missouri coach Gary Pinkel suspended after DWI arrest

By Erick Smith

Missouri coach Gary Pinkel has been suspended one week without pay after being arrested on suspicion of DWI on Wednesday night.

Pinkel will also have his salary frozen for one year and will not be eligible for a bonus if the team reaches a bowl game.

"There's no question we are extremely disappointed by Gary's lack of judgement," athletics director Mike Alden said when announcing the punishment.

In addition to his loss of pay, Pinkel will donate one week's salary to the school's Wellness Resource Center.

The total cost of the discipline for Pinkel totals approximately \$300,000. He will also be required to perform 50 hours of community service by next summer.

The coach was pulled over at approximately 10 p.m. and later posted \$500 bond, according to police in Boone County of Missouri. Police described Pinkel, who was driving alone, as cooperative after he committed lane and signal violations.

No formal decision has been made about charging Pinkel, police said. It is his first offense.

Pinkel said he met friends for dinner before driving home.

"First and foremost, I am very disappointed in myself for my lack of judgment in this instance," Pinkel said in a statement before the punishment was announced. "Nobody should drink and drive, including me. My staff and I constantly reinforce with each of our players the importance of not putting yourself into a position such as this. I did not follow that here and for that, I sincerely apologize to the University of Missouri, to our administration, to the Board of Curators and to our fans. I have already met with our staff and communicated with our players and have apologized to them. I accept full responsibility for my actions and will abide by whatever course of action our leadership deems appropriate."

Due to the punishment, Pinkel will not be on the sideline when the 5-5 Tigers play against Texas Tech this Saturday.

Two players, Will Ebner and Beau Brinkley, were suspended earlier this season for two games after similar incidents as Pinkel.

"We are extremely disappointed in Gary's lack of judgment," Alden said in a statement earlier in the day. "He is known as a man of great character and integrity. However, this absolutely goes against everything we stand for, and everything that he teaches his players in regards to our social responsibilities. We hold ourselves to very high standards, and this is a very serious breach of those responsibilities."

Pinkel is in his 11th season with Missouri and has compiled a 82-54 record.

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Pinkel suspended after DWI citation

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COLUMBIA, Mo. • Mizzou's last home football game of the season and almost certainly of its Big 12 era now will have another distinction entirely.

Following his arrest Wednesday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, MU coach Gary Pinkel on Thursday was suspended for a week by Mizzou and won't have any role in the game Saturday against Texas Tech.

That was among swift and emphatic actions taken by MU that could cause Pinkel to forfeit up to \$306,538 in salary and bonuses. His base salary currently is \$2.35 million, although it also can be calculated as around \$2.7 million if an annuity is taken into account.

Pinkel also is to perform 50 hours of community service before June 30 and compose a public letter of apology to "Tiger Nation," as athletics director Mike Alden called it.

Boone County assistant prosecutor Cassandra Rogers said late Thursday afternoon that she was reviewing Pinkel's case as she determines potential charges.

Maj. Tom Reddin of the Boone County Sheriff's Department declined to provide details of Pinkel's blood-alcohol content. Pinkel's attorney, Bogdan Susan, declined to comment through an assistant.

Whatever comes of the matter legally, Pinkel in effect was banned from MU football from about 2:45 p.m. Thursday through Thanksgiving morning.

So Pinkel won't be on display before the game weeping and hugging his seniors as he customarily does before their final home game. And just as he won't participate any further in MU's planning for the Tech game, Alden said, he won't be on the sideline to coach or even in the stadium to observe. Defensive coordinator Dave Steckel will serve as acting head coach, Alden said.

The episode comes at a time in which college athletics seem engulfed in constant crisis, most recently the seemingly never-ending conference realignment saga, allegations of widespread corruption at the University of Miami that led to MU men's basketball coach Frank Haith being under NCAA scrutiny and, on another tier entirely, the scandal at Penn State involving alleged child molestation by a former football coach.

Pinkel is the fifth member of the MU football program to be arrested on an alcohol-related matter in the last 16 months. Three players who were arrested in 2010 were suspended for two games each, and an assistant coach received a harsh punishment, including financially, that has not been disclosed.

But Alden said he didn't believe in a "cookie-cutter approach" and suggested having latitude to take a comprehensive approach enabled MU to find an appropriate way to punish Pinkel in what he said is "a very significant way."

While Alden made reference to Pinkel's track record of character and integrity and said MU officials consider this an isolated incident, he also said Pinkel's credibility had suffered.

"We do not want one instance, certainly, to be able to tear down what's taken place over the course of (11 years at MU); however, this absolutely goes against everything that we stand for and everything he teaches his players," Alden said, later adding, "Mizzou, and the University of Missouri, and the integrity of us as an institution, is more important than anything, than any of us, here at the University of Missouri. ... We do not expect any further issues such as this with Coach Pinkel here at the University of Missouri. But if, in fact, anything like that would ever happen again ..., then further disciplinary action would be necessary, up to and including termination."

Alden discussed in advance his decision with MU chancellor Brady Deaton, who "agrees with the decision and supports it," according to Mary Jo Banken, executive director of MU's news bureau.

Earlier, Deaton made his displeasure known in a statement.

"I was deeply disappointed to hear the news about Coach Pinkel. Coaches must hold themselves to the very highest of standards. His lack of judgment is especially concerning since he serves as a role model for our students. I expect Mike Alden to take appropriate action and he has my support in doing so. I also expect and believe that Coach Pinkel will accept full responsibility for his actions and will act in accordance with the standards he expects from his players."

Pinkel, in fact, has appeared in advertisements promoting motorcycle safety.

According to Reddin, Pinkel was pulled over in Columbia at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday for lane and signal violations. He was booked on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, and later posted \$500 bail and was released.

In a statement, Pinkel said:

"Last night after practice, I met some friends for dinner. After dinner, I was stopped by a Boone County officer and received a citation for impaired driving. First and foremost, I am very disappointed in myself for my lack of judgment in this instance. Nobody should drink and drive, including me.

"My staff and I constantly reinforce with each of our players the importance of not putting yourself into a position such as this. I did not follow that here and for that, I sincerely apologize to the University of Missouri, to our administration, to the Board of Curators and to our fans.

"I have already met with our staff and communicated with our players and have apologized to them. I accept full responsibility for my actions and will abide by whatever course of action our leadership deems appropriate."

Specifically, that course of action includes the suspension without pay for a week, a second week's pay (\$40,769 including base and incentives) to go at Pinkel's request to the MU Wellness Resource Center, a campus organization dedicated to working with substance abuse among other issues; a one-year salary freeze; forfeiture of his \$100,000 social/academic incentive and the community service.

If MU (5-5) wins a sixth game to qualify for a bowl, Pinkel will not receive his \$75,000 bowl bonus.

Joel Currier of the Post-Dispatch staff contributed to this report.

Pinkel suspended a week, forfeits \$300,000 but can return for KU

By Mike DeArmond - Posted on 17 November 2011

COLUMBIA – Gary Pinkel’s arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol could cost the Missouri head football coach \$306,538 and it will keep him off the sidelines for Missouri’s Saturday home game against Texas Tech.

Pinkel will be allowed to coach the Tigers in their Nov. 26 Border War football game against Kansas, set for a 2:30 p.m. kickoff at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

MU athletic director Mike Alden – saying it was his decision that Pinkel not appear at a 4 p.m. media conference on Thursday at Mizzou Arena – announced the following penalties levied against Pinkel:

1. One week suspension without pay.
2. Pinkel will donate an additional week’s salary to the MU Wellness Resource Center, a campus program deals with alcohol, tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment.
3. Pinkel’s salary will be frozen at its current level for a period of one year to November of 2012.
4. Pinkel will not collect a bowl bonus should Missouri qualify and participate in a post-season game.
5. Pinkel will perform 50 hours of community service and write a public letter of apology.
6. Pinkel is not eligible to take part in coaching or game preparation with the MU football program until Thanksgiving Day.

Those penalties break down to forfeiture of \$100,000 for a social/academic incentive, a \$75,000 bowl bonus, \$13,462 in two weeks base salary, \$68,076 for two weeks’ guaranteed incentives tied to the base salary, and a \$50,000 salary increase that would be due at the end of this year’s contract.

Currently Pinkel has a guaranteed yearly salary of \$2.3 million that runs through 2017.

"There's no question that we're extremely disappointed in Gary's lack of judgment," Alden said as he stood at a lectern in front of the Stalcup Room at Mizzou Arena, which shortly after 4 p.m. Thursday was filled with media and university and athletic department officials.

"Gary is someone who has tremendous character and integrity," Alden said, "and he is someone that over the course of the 11 years that he has been here and all the year preceding when he came to Mizzou has exemplified those characteristics that we hold important to us as we're mentoring you men and women in intercollegiate athletics.

"He's built something special here at Mizzou over the last 11 years and we would not want one instance, certainly, to be able to tear down what's taken place here those 11 years.

"However, this absolutely goes against everything that we stand for and everything that he teaches his players in regards to our social responsibilities.

At 10:15 p.m. Wednesday night, according to Maj. Tom Reddin of the Boone County Sheriff's Office, Pinkel, 59, was stopped on Keene Street near Broadway for lane and signal violations while driving a Chevrolet Avalanche.

He was arrested and was booked into the Boone County jail on a charge of driving under the influence, first offense. Pinkel posted \$500 bond and was released.

"He was cooperative throughout the contact," Reddin said.

Reddin said he would not comment on what tests - field sobriety or breath analysis - were conducted nor on their results. Neither would MU athletic officials or the attorney who represents Pinkel.

At mid-morning, Pinkel issued the following statement:

"Last night after practice, I met some friends for dinner. After dinner, I was stopped by a Boone County officer and received a citation for impaired driving.

"First and foremost, I am very disappointed in myself for my lack of judgment in this instance. Nobody should drink and drive, including me. My staff and I constantly reinforce with each of our players the importance of not putting yourself into a position such as this.

"I did not follow that here and for that, I sincerely apologize to the University of Missouri, to our administration, to the Board of Curators and to our fans.

"I have already met with our staff and communicated with our players and have apologized to them.

"I accept full responsibility for my actions and will abide by whatever course of action our leadership deems appropriate."

Last season Missouri players Will Ebner and Beau Brinkley were suspended for two games following DUI arrests.

When current MU co-offensive line coach Bruce Walker was arrested for DUI - Walker was arrested in a parking lot outside the Missouri training complex - he suffered no game suspension. However, that incident took place during the summer.

MU chancellor Brady Deaton, in a statement, said:

"I was deeply disappointed to hear the news about Coach Pinkel. Coaches must hold themselves to the very highest of standards. His lack of judgment is especially concerning since he serves as a role model for our students.

"I expect Mike Alden to take appropriate action and he has my support in doing so. I also expect and believe that Coach Pinkel will accept full responsibility for his actions and will act in accordance with the standards he expects from his players."

In October of 1987, then Missouri head football coach Woody Widenhofer was arrested - and later convicted - of driving under the influence (DUI) following Mizzou's 34-10 homecoming game victory over Kansas State. Widenhofer was allowed by MU to coach the Tigers' next game against Iowa State.

Alden said that a letter of reprimand had been placed in Pinkel's personnel file and that if there were a repetition by Pinkel of his drinking and driving violation - or of a similar action - further disciplinary action would be necessary "up to and including termination."

Sources familiar with the situation told The Star that the decision not to coach Saturday's game nor take part in Senior Day activities for 26 departing football players was Pinkel's. The MU media release said the additional week's salary donated to the MU Wellness Resource Center was at Pinkel's request.

Alden, however, would not identify what penalties, if any, were suggested by Pinkel but were imposed upon him.

Alden said defensive coordinator Dave Steckel will act as head coach during Pinkel's suspension with input from offensive coordinator David Yost as well as the rest of Pinkel's coaching staff.

Asked why Pinkel was not there to answer questions, Alden said:

"I don't think that's necessary for Coach Pinkel to stand up and answer these questions. I think it's important for me to be able to do that at this time because of the consequences that he has created for us.

"I made the decision for Coach Pinkel not to be here today."

The final paragraph of the school's media release on Thursday afternoon was another statement from Pinkel.

It read, in part:

"I deeply regret the negative attention this has brought to the University of Missouri, and I offer my sincere apology to everyone associated with this institution.

"I hope that our fans will be supportive of our team during this time; they will need their encouragement."

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Pinkel's arrest provides a hard reminder

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COLUMBIA, MO. • If we're smart enough to look beyond the scoreboard, sports always teach us something. From the value of level playing fields to the satisfaction of earnest effort, from believing in miracles to coping with the agony of defeat, the games people play are a never-ending source of inspiration, insight and teachable moments.

So what do we glean from the surprising stumble of Missouri football coach Gary Pinkel and his arrest Wednesday night on suspicion of drunken driving? Perhaps the same lesson we should have learned from the more cataclysmic crash of Penn State's Joe Paterno. Whether it's a long fall off a pedestal of a living legend or a slight trip off a less lofty perch for a solid citizen such as Pinkel, it's time to stop elevating flawed men to exalted moral plateaus.

Extraordinary coaches are not infallible. They have flaws like the rest of us. Luckily for Pinkel, even as he pays a rather stiff and appropriate price for his indiscretion, his fall from grace was not more dramatic.

Pinkel's alleged intoxication led to cops pulling him over only because he was swerving in traffic, not a horrendous crash that ended with fatalities. It could have been worse. We have seen enough evidence of that in the St. Louis sports scene with the tragic alcohol-related crashes of Leonard Little and Josh Hancock.

This is one of those disturbing reminders of how so often in the sports world we don't learn a darned thing. Because if we did learn anything from Little and Hancock, no one in the Missouri sports scene — or anyone in the world at large with half a brain — would climb behind the wheel of an automobile while under the influence.

That's precisely why Pinkel's boss, MU athletics director Mike Alden, dealt the coach such swift and decisive punishment Thursday.

That punishment was hard but reasonable. Alden froze Pinkel's salary for a year. He took away a string of easily attainable bonuses. He suspended him without pay for a week, and made him donate another week's pay, plus bonuses. Total up the salary and bonuses lost and it goes to the tune of \$306,538, which is about 13 percent of his \$2.35 million annual salary. The coach must also do 50 hours of community service and give a written public apology.

On Thursday, Alden stood in front of a room full of television cameras and microphones and scolded his football coach with no apologies.

"We tell our kids this, we tell our staff this," Alden said. — "'We're always on. We are always on.' There is no time that you are ever off the clock. There is no time that you are not being held to a higher standard. So for us to see what went on here (Wednesday) night ... that is certainly consistent with what we tell our kids.

"This has been an isolated incident and we do not expect any further issues such as this with Coach Pinkel," Alden said. "But if in fact anything like this would happen in the future, then further disciplinary action would be necessary, up to and including termination."

This university, this athletic department and this AD over the past decade have not always dealt with public crisis well. There were so many times in the past in which an incident like this would have been handled awkwardly. There would have been foot dragging and lack of transparency. There would have been a lack of understanding who was in charge. There would have been a slow and agonizing drip of information and misinformation, and the entire gumbo would have tasted rotten going down and left a bad aftertaste.

Not this time.

Alden walked into a room at Mizzou Arena and never had a single awkward moment. He made it clear that a mistake had been made and spelled out a quick and precise time line of action and accountability.

His words were direct and left no question of who was in charge, who made the decision and made it clear to Pinkel that another transgression such as this could cost him his job.

Now here's something else I truly hope we've learned in our strange and complicated contemporary sports world. What you do in the dark always comes out in the light.

The Penn State mess was made worse by what seemed like an organizational cover-up that shoved Jerry Sandusky's alleged child abuse under cover for more than 15 years. But now all the disgusting details are coming out and it has taken down the Nittany Lions' head coach, director of athletics, an assistant coach and a university vice president.

Regarding Pinkel and his DWI arrest, Alden said this is a one-time thing.

"He's built something pretty special here at Mizzou over the course of the last 11 years," Alden said. "And we would not want and we do not want one incident to be able to tear down what's taken place over the course of those 11 years. However, this absolutely goes against everything we stand for and everything he teaches his players in regards to our social responsibilities. We hold ourselves to very high standards ... this is a serious breaking of those responsibilities."

Those responsibilities extend well beyond the coach. Alden talked about how important the integrity of the university is and how no one individual is bigger than the institution.

And he's absolutely right. So the way this is lined up, Pinkel and Alden are clearly in the cross hairs if there is anything more to this story than we already know.

On Thursday, as he planted his feet firmly in the ground, Alden made it clear that this was his investigation, his responsibility and his obligation. When someone asked why Pinkel wasn't here to talk about his indiscretions, Alden never hesitated.

"I don't think it's necessary for Coach Pinkel to stand up here and answer these questions," Alden said. "I think it's important for me to be able to do that at this time because of the consequences that he has created for us. It's my responsibility as the director of athletics to be able to speak on behalf of the department ... so I made the decision for Coach Pinkel not to be here today and that I needed to be that person to stand up here."

It was a defining moment for an AD who has spent much of his time here with the label of "embattled" firmly attached to his chest, but he at long last looked to be in his finest hour as the man in charge of Mizzou sports.

I think. I hope.

Mizzou football and alcohol

University of Missouri football coach Gary Pinkel's arrest for suspicion of DWI is the fifth alcohol-related incident for his program in the last 15 months The others:

PLAYER/COACH, CHARGE, DATE, PENALTY

Will Ebner, LB DWI Aug. 22, 2011 Suspended two games

Beau Brinkley, TE DWI Aug. 29, 2011 Suspended two games

Jimmy Burge, DL Open Oct. 2, 2010 Suspended two games container

Bruce Walker, coach DWI Aug. 1, 2010 Unspecified financial penalty

COMMENTARY

These days, scandal is the name of the college game

By *BARB SHELLY*

Edward Hammond, the president of Fort Hays State University, made his annual rounds in Kansas City last week, talking up the achievements of his growing university in western Kansas.

“Aren’t you glad,” I asked, “that you don’t have Division I athletics?”

This was on a Monday afternoon. **The day before, after weeks of speculation and distraction, the University of Missouri had thrown the region’s college sports scene into a tailspin by announcing its move to the Southeastern Conference.** Also, the magnitude of the Penn State scandal was coming into sharp focus.

Hammond raised a hand and fanned his brow. Yes, he said, he was mighty glad.

Fort Hays competes in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, and claims 400 student athletes. Yet none of its coaches earn a six-figure salary. Athletics is part of the school; it doesn’t consume it.

As far as I know, the only whiff of scandal to float over Fort Hays in recent years was when an overzealous debate coach got worked up and mooned a judge. It wasn’t pretty, but neither did it result in criminal charges, cost the school money, ruin lives or break hearts.

In contrast, University of Kansas Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little had barely found her way around campus before the school was rocked by revelations in 2010 that staffers in the athletics department had been stealing event tickets and reselling them.

When the dust cleared, athletic director Lew Perkins had resigned and seven staffers had been sentenced to prison or probation.

Kansas State University President Kirk Schulz also found his first months on the job consumed with scandal cleanup. An audit shortly before he arrived in 2009 found conflicts of interest, accounting problems and improper payments, many of them centered in the athletics department.

Since becoming University of Missouri Chancellor in 2004, Brady Deaton has had to deal with an uproar over the naming of the new basketball arena, the messy firing of a basketball coach, and, just now, the football coach being arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Big-time collegiate sport programs are more than a distraction. They are fiefdoms ripe for trouble — monied, insular and arrogant. Their effect on their universities is corrosive — Penn State being the latest, most spectacular example.

These fiefdoms aren't going away. Too much money and power and tradition is involved. And don't look for reform to come from inside. College presidents who dare to meddle too much with athletic programs are inviting a buyout package. The National Collegiate Athletic Association, ever fearful of a backlash from the conferences, won't seriously take a scalpel to the rot in big-time sports.

The revolt will have to come from the sidelines.

What if state legislators asking serious questions about \$500,000-a-year salaries for assistant coaches at the public universities, while computer science professors on the same campuses haven't seen a raise in three years?

What if influential alumni started donating to need- and-merit-based scholarship funds instead of the capital campaign for yet another expansion of the football palace?

Here's a big one: What if Congress, which professes to be in a loophole-closing mood, actually snipped off the exemption that allows colleges and universities to avoid paying federal income taxes on revenues generated by ticket sales, television deals, championship games, corporate scholarships and other money-making aspects of their athletic programs? Calling college athletics a charity — the rationale for the exemption — is like describing your Division I head football coach as a working stiff.

Some observers think the revolt is fomenting. "Whether the powers that be like it or not, big changes are coming," wrote historian Taylor Branch, who recently published a lengthy cover story in *The Atlantic* magazine titled, "The Shame of College Sports."

"Threats loom on multiple fronts: in Congress, the courts, breakaway athletic conferences, student rebellion, and public disgust," Branch wrote.

Bring it on, I say. And let's remember that hundreds of schools out there do manage to honor the concept of the scholar-athlete. They just don't have Division I sports. Part of the revolt may be showing them greater respect.

COMMENTARY

Pinkel: Does the punishment fit the crime?

By Martin Manley

As everyone now knows, Gary Pinkel (Mizzou's head football coach) was arrested late Wednesday night on the charge of driving while intoxicated (DWI). His penalty was among the most severe I have ever heard of and one might speculate as to why. The question I'm raising is whether it was too harsh or perhaps not harsh enough.

I'm coming from the perspective of someone who has never driven while drunk and there is one reason I'm 100% sure of it... I've never *been* drunk. So, my perspective on people who are convicted of DWI is possibly skewed. I have pretty much zero tolerance.

Just to clarify, I have no problem with having a beer. It's just that I was raised in a relatively strict environment and by the time I was old enough to go to college, I already knew who I was and shunned peer pressure. I'm so streak-oriented, that I refused to even *taste* alcohol so as to not break my "undefeated" record. One day in college, my dad thought I was taking the whole thing too far (ME?) and so he spiked a glass of pop. I spit it out, but it was too late. The deed had been done. The taste buds soiled for life.

I've had up to three beers before at one setting, but never enough to impair my driving – or at least I don't think so. Could I have had a DWI the one time I had three beers? Supposedly Pinkel had just a few drinks at a dinner. In his case, maybe it impaired his driving, maybe not. He was pulled over for a seemingly minor lane-changing issue. On that score, I can certainly relate.

From roughly the summer of 2010 to the summer of 2011, I was pulled over four times! I usually get home from work anywhere from 1AM to 6AM and at that time of night, police look for anyone who appears to have had one too many. I'm a "one-too-many" driver to begin with – especially in the middle of the night. I don't bother to use my turn signal and I'm usually not concentrating on the road because nobody is around. What's the point?

By the fourth time (literally 1/2 block from my house), I told the officer that I was getting gun shy about driving home from work. He suggested the way to avoid it was to obey the law. REVOLUTIONARY! Fortunately, in all four cases, they just gave me a warning. Clearly, they were looking for drunk drivers -

not illegal lane changers. I imagine by now, they know my car and fedora such that they just go... "Oh, it's Manley again - not worth the time."

I can appreciate the fact that Pinkel could have simply been *me* on any given late-night drive home. He had a few drinks at dinner. His blood alcohol level was (from what I thought I heard, but can't confirm) just over the limit (.08).

But, it's like using your hands in basketball or holding in football. You have to draw the line somewhere. Sometimes, it's barely over the line, sometimes barely under. The difference in a sporting event is insignificant. The difference to Pinkel is HUGE!

Although it is reported that Pinkel's salary is \$2.3M, I used [USA Today's list of all DI football coaches](#) which shows Pinkel's total pay, less bonuses, as \$2,700,000. Whether it is 2.3 or 2.7 is largely irrelevant. He's third in the Big 12 – behind Texas (\$5.2M) and Oklahoma (\$4.0M). And, he's #16 nationally right behind Florida State and just ahead of Wisconsin. The next closest B12 head coach is Texas A&M (\$2.2M).

So, although \$306K sounds like a lot of money (and it is), it hardly affects his lifestyle. For the average person making say (\$50,000 + bonus), it would be equivalent to a fine of \$5,667. That's might well be huge to *that* person. But, as you get up there in salary, a larger and larger percentage of it generally goes into investments and savings. So, it's highly unlikely it would have anywhere near the impact upon him that \$5,667 would have on an average person.

One would presume the much bigger issue is the embarrassment and having to apologize to his players for something he has punished them for in the past. Also, missing a game and community service are identifiable penalties to the general public.

It can't help that Penn State is going through a horrible and public ordeal over their football coaches. It also can't help that Alden is often on the hot seat. And, it can't be good that Mizzou's FB program was just selected to be in the SEC. It was in the headlines for what most MU fans would say is the "right" reason. And, before they can even enjoy the honeymoon, it's in the headlines for the "wrong" reason. Anyway, I suspect all those reasons play into why the penalties are so strict. In a different time and place, I don't think Pinkel's offense would have been treated as severely.

Personally, I think he has done a great job. Giving him a couple of years to get the program going, it's reasonable to say HIS program started in 2003. In the 19 seasons before that, Mizzou averaged under four wins per year. Since 2003, the Tigers are winning well over twice that number (8.5).

Does that excuse his mistake? Obviously not. But in my book, \$306,000 does!

Pinkel's penalty could've been worse

By *BLAIR KERKHOFF*

Younger ones, you'll find this interesting. **There was a time when nobody outside of his dinner companions and the police officer who pulled him over would ever have known that Gary Pinkel had had a few drinks and gotten behind the wheel.**

Football coaches got the celebrity treatment. Maybe the cop would shoot the breeze and ask about Saturday's game. If the coach was too impaired, a squad car would provide an escort home.

Drunken driving wasn't less hazardous, but under the category of changed attitudes over the past quarter-century, this one ranks near the top.

That's why the punishment handed down by Missouri athletic director Mike Alden was appropriately harsh, and perhaps might have gone further.

From Thursday afternoon until Thanksgiving morning, Pinkel will have no contact with the program, and that means he won't be around Memorial Stadium on Saturday when the Tigers meet Texas Tech.

Game-day decisions will be handled by others. Defensive coordinator Dave Steckel was appointed acting coach, but Mizzou has precious little time to sort out responsibilities.

The absence will be noticed before kickoff as well. Saturday is Senior Day, with 26 Tigers suiting up in Columbia for the final time. It's an emotional and ceremonial day, the opportunity for a coach's public display of gratitude to his longest-serving athletes. Family participates. Pinkel cannot.

Missouri detailed the financial impact: One week's pay docked, a second week of pay — about \$41,000 — donated to the school's Wellness Resource Center that counsels students on such issues as alcohol abuse, a one-year salary freeze, no bowl bonus if the Tigers qualify. The penalty on the high end could exceed \$300,000.

When Pinkel returns next week, my guess is missing Senior Day will be his second-biggest regret.

The first will be getting into the car in the first place.

A two-game suspension, benching Pinkel through the regular-season finale against Kansas, would have sent a stronger message and matched the penalty of players Will Ebner and Beau Brinkley for similar offenses last year.

The message is important, as Alden conveyed Thursday.

“This absolutely goes against everything we stand for, and everything he teaches his players in regards to our social responsibilities,” Alden said. “This is a serious breaking of those responsibilities.”

And it comes after several scandals and the Penn State shame, when trust and confidence in the college coaching profession has reached an all-time low.

The one-game punishment can be seen as a nod to Pinkel’s exemplary record at Missouri. He has become the face of the university, creating a football program that spends more time in the polls than not, that graduates players and plays by the rules.

“Tremendous character and integrity,” Alden said.

Which makes the lapse in judgment all the more discouraging. The news was stunning, and the police mug shot brought it home.

No, it didn’t used to be this way. The coach would have a few pops, and often transportation would be arranged. If a ride couldn’t be found, the coach weaved himself home. I can’t put a finger on when things changed, but a good guess would be the early 1980s, about the time Mothers Against Drunk Driving was established.

I don’t recall a high-profile coach being involved in a drunken-driving tragedy, but the moms spoke in a language the sports world understands: Statistics. According to the MADD website, a driver will have driven drunk 80 times before a first arrest. Nearly 11,000 people in a year die in drunken-driving crashes.

As a coach, Pinkel, 59, has held a unique responsibility to influence young lives. In this instance, he failed miserably.

Senior Day gets harder for Pinkel after suspension

By *MIKE DeARMOND*

COLUMBIA | Senior Day was already going to be hard for Missouri football coach Gary Pinkel anyway. Whenever he says goodbye to players, his lip starts to quiver and by the end of it, tears are flowing.

What happened this week will make Saturday even tougher.

Because of his arrest on Wednesday night, Pinkel was suspended for one week by Missouri on Thursday afternoon.

Twenty-six players whom Pinkel brought to Mizzou will play their final home game on Saturday against Texas Tech, but Pinkel will not be on the sidelines at Memorial Stadium.

According to MU athletic director Mike Alden, Pinkel left the Tigers' training complex at 2:45 Thursday afternoon after informing the players of his suspension and will not take up his job again until Thanksgiving morning.

"I recognized that I've let everyone down and I fully accept the terms of this suspension," said Pinkel, who will forfeit more than \$306,000 in guarantees, \$75,000 of that being a bowl bonus if MU qualifies for and plays in a postseason game this season. "Everyone is held accountable in our program for their actions, and I'm no different," he said.

More than likely on Saturday, Pinkel will turn on his television and ponder what should have been. Earlier in the week, he discussed the emotions of Senior Day.

"It's really hard to explain to people what that's like," Pinkel said. "We get 'em when they're 18 years old. I meet 'em when they're seniors in high school.

"And you see them as they mature and they develop into young men. They all have a degree or will have them very shortly.

"They've sacrificed so much to be a part of this program. To help build the program and to help maintain the program.

“They’re part of our family. You’re so emotionally tied to them.”

Two seniors stand out in Pinkel’s 11th season as coach at Mizzou: Luke Lambert and Jimmy Costello.

Lambert made this walk last season, unable to play because of a torn medial collateral ligament.

Costello walked away — without fanfare and with a year of eligibility remaining — at the close of last season, intending to enlist in the Army.

But thanks to a medical exemption, Lambert is enjoying his finest year as a linebacker at Mizzou, and Costello chose to return to the sidelines.

“All those seniors have got their stories,” Pinkel said. “Those are two that are very unique.”

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Lambert could barely breathe when he walked to midfield at Memorial Stadium last year, toward his mom and his dad.

He had been elected a team captain. But a mid-October injury made him an outsider in his own mind.

“How do you lead when you’re not out there with them?” he said several weeks ago.

Harder still was making that walk on Senior Day, seeing the tears in his mother’s eyes, fighting the tears in his own.

“Game day and you don’t get to play,” Lambert said this week. “That’s a shock in itself.

“This year’s going to be different. I know my parents will be emotional. I can see my mom doing it: Crying again. My dad, he’ll hold it together.

“I’ve got to make sure they don’t rub off on me. Focus on the game.”

The game for 5-5 Mizzou is everything. Texas Tech has lost three in a row by a combined score of 159-33. A week ago, the Red Raiders fell to 5-5 by losing to Oklahoma State 66-6 while Missouri was defeating then-No. 21 Texas 17-5.

Lambert contends Tech will be ready, so Missouri has to be ready.

“They’re going to come out and fight and punch us in the mouth,” Lambert said, “coming off a loss like that.”

Lambert has been ready in every game during this bonus season. He is fourth on the team with 56 tackles. Eight of those have been behind the line of scrimmage. He has recovered three

fumbles, intercepted a pass, broken up a couple and broken into the backfield three times to force a quarterback into an incompletion.

But Lambert, a small-town kid from Brookfield in northwest Missouri, looks across at Costello, from Liberty, and sees another story worth telling.

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“To see someone who carries himself the way he does, and goes through practices the way he does is something special,” Lambert said.

Costello walked on at Mizzou as a potential backup to a backup at quarterback. In three seasons, he threw 17 passes for 64 yards. And after a 2010 season as backup to Blaine Gabbert, Costello figured it was time to get on with his life.

He didn’t go through Senior Day, because he wasn’t a senior. But Costello did walk over to the north hillside of Memorial Stadium and pick up a white-washed rock that helps form the giant “M” that is to so many a symbol of Missouri football on home game days.

And that was that.

Until Tyler Gabbert at the close of spring football quit the team and ultimately school. Ashton Glaser, starting his third year at MU, had never played a down in a game. As good as freshman Corbin Berskstresser was supposed to be, neither had he.

Suddenly, Missouri had no one like Costello to back up sophomore James Franklin, a first-year starter.

No one who had even spent a season as the No. 1 understudy. There were no promises made. At best, Costello was going to be insurance again. But the Tigers needed him. That’s what offensive coordinator David Yost and Pinkel told Costello.

Costello took a week to think it over, perhaps a bit longer. But then he put life after football on hold again, because Mizzou needed him more than it had before.

“I know my role,” Costello said. “I’m here to help those guys grow, to help them get better.”

Franklin drank in Costello’s help and knowledge like a flower trying to survive the heat of August in Missouri.

They talked and talked, each bit of encouragement further reducing the chance that Costello would ever play a down. Heading into Saturday’s game, Costello has appeared in four games, completing two of three passes for a touchdown, a 54-yard bomb to Jimmie Hunt.

“Talk about someone who’s committed and unselfish,” Pinkel said this week.

Franklin said the same and more “for what he has done for me.”

Lambert put it this way: “Whenever people aren’t doing things right, you can look at him. Hey, Jimmy, he’s doing things right.”

Because Pinkel did something wrong, he won’t be there to say goodbye to Lambert and Costello and the rest.

And that may be the toughest punishment of all.

Pinkel suspended one week without pay

Steckel will coach Tigers Saturday

Missouri football Coach Gary Pinkel will not coach Saturday's game against Texas Tech, part of a one-week unpaid suspension as a result of his arrest Wednesday night on the suspicion of drunken driving.

In a news conference in the Stalcup Room inside Mizzou Arena, Athletic Director Mike Alden laid out several disciplinary measures taken by the athletic department, starting with Pinkel's suspension effective Thursday afternoon. Pinkel will be reinstated next Thursday and will be allowed to coach the regular-season finale against Kansas Nov. 26.

"This absolutely goes against everything that we stand for," Alden said, "and everything he teaches his players in regards to our social responsibilities."

Pinkel, 59, will not be allowed to attend practice during the suspension or participate in game-planning activities. He will not be at Memorial Stadium for Saturday's 2:30 p.m. game against the Red Raiders, MU's final home game of the season. Defensive coordinator Dave Steckel will serve as head coach for Saturday's game.

Also, Pinkel will donate the following week's salary to the MU Wellness Resource Center, a total of \$40,769, which comes from his base salary and guaranteed incentives.

In addition to the suspension without pay, Pinkel's salary will be frozen for one year.

He will be required to complete 50 hours of community service by June 30, 2012.

He will not be eligible for his \$75,000 salary bonus if MU qualifies for a bowl game this season.

He will not be eligible for the \$100,000 social/academic responsibility bonus that's part of his salary package.

The financial impact of the suspension terms equals \$306,538 if the Tigers qualify for a bowl.

Pinkel will release a public apology. Also, a letter of reprimand will be placed in his personnel file.

"This has been an isolated incident and we do not expect any further issues such as this with Coach Pinkel," Alden said. "But if in fact anything like that would ever happen again in the

future, then further disciplinary action would be necessary in the future, up to and including termination."

Pinkel did not attend the press conference but issued a statement in addition to the statement released earlier Thursday.

"As I said previously, I deeply regret the negative attention this has brought to the University of Missouri," he said in the statement, "and I offer my sincere apology to everyone associated with this institution. I recognize that I've let everyone down and I fully accept the terms of this suspension. Everyone is held accountable to our program for their actions, and I'm no different. I hope that our fans will be supportive of our team during this time; they will need their encouragement."

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Deaton: Faculty can deter alcohol abuse

By Janese Silvey

Hours before one of his top officials was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving, Chancellor Brady Deaton urged professors to help in the University of Missouri's fight against student alcohol abuse.

"The closer you get to it, you see the damaging effects of this," he said during an afternoon faculty meeting at the MU Student Center. "It's heartbreaking and truly a serious issue for higher education and" the university.

Six hours later, at 10:15 p.m., Missouri head football Coach Gary Pinkel was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

"Other university leaders and I have been devoting a significant amount of time to addressing alcohol issues on campus because we want the best environment possible for our students," Deaton said in an email this morning. "It really requires attention from our entire MU family, and we will all be working together to deal with it."

Clyde Bentley, an associate journalism professor who attended the faculty meeting, said he thinks Pinkel will use the experience as a teaching tool. But, he said, "certainly it's embarrassing when your coach gets arrested, especially on the day we talk about alcohol problems."

To curtail student alcohol problems, Deaton encouraged faculty to schedule more classes at 8 a.m. and on Fridays. That might make some groan, "but the reality is research will show these will significantly reduce alcohol abuse," he said.

Faculty members generally avoid early-morning classes because young adults aren't fully awake yet, Bentley said. But he acknowledged not having many Friday classes has turned Thursday into a popular party night.

Deaton also told faculty members to stop cracking jokes about drinking. "This bothers me most," he said. "So many of us will make jokes about alcohol abuse in the classroom," which he fears sends students a message that it's not a big deal.

After the meeting, Deaton told the Tribune MU loses several students a year in alcohol-related crashes, falls and other incidents that cause death or serious injuries.

Plus, “it’s embarrassing” to hear accounts of excessively drunken students, he said. In September, University Hospital physician John Yanos emailed Deaton twice with concerns about seven students with excessively high alcohol levels coming into the emergency room.

Deaton is cautiously optimistic about the Interfraternity Council’s decision to allow those 21 and older to have alcohol in fraternities. “You always hope that a move like that means things will get better, but your fear is that they will not.”

Matt Perkins, vice president of risk management for the Interfraternity Council, said the policy will be an improvement over the ban, which is tough to enforce. Under the new system, which takes effect in August, fraternities will have to go through an approval process and allow a third party to inspect them.

The Columbia Police Department, which has jurisdiction over Greek Town, has expressed concerns that the policy will lead to more problems.

Tom O’Sullivan — speaking as a resident of East Campus and not in his role as a Boone County Sheriff’s detective — welcomes the change. When fraternities went dry in the early 2000s, he said, members turned rental property in his neighborhood into satellite party spots.

And O’Sullivan said he trusts police and university leaders to keep problems in check. “Just because fraternity houses are allowed to have alcohol doesn’t mean cops are going to let Greek Town turn into the French Quarter,” he said. “I assume there will be punitive action for fraternities if they get too out of line.”

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University of Missouri to limit lecture recording

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COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — From videotaped lectures to podcasts, universities are rushing to embrace the digital revolution. Yet even as some schools invite the public to view course material online, they're starting to grapple with how to keep classroom discussions out of the wrong hands

At the University of Missouri, a leaked classroom video that went viral in the spring and triggered an uproar on conservative media has prompted what may be the first restrictions on students recording lectures since the advent of portable tape recorders more than 50 years ago. Under the new policy, students must first obtain written permission from their professors and classmates.

Administrators say they want to make sure that students and faculty don't discover their conversations posted online or become afraid to talk openly. The new policy "protects the sanctity of the classroom for our students so they can freely discuss their thoughts and opinions," said [Steve Graham](#), senior associate vice president for academic affairs for the four-campus Missouri system.

But some Missouri professors are crying foul. They say the restrictions are impractical and contradict the public university's goal of promoting shared knowledge.

"...We are public, taxpayer-funded faculty, and so we should think long and hard about any sort of restrictions on the rights of our students to record us as we work," said [Charles Davis](#), a journalism professor and former executive director of the [National Freedom of Information Coalition](#).

The proposal, which awaits approval by campus attorneys, is a response to a video of a labor studies lecture by University of Missouri-Kansas City professor [Judy Ance](#). Conservative blogger [Andrew Breitbart's](#) Big Government website obtained a leaked copy and edited hours of classroom lectures to suggest that she and a classroom colleague advocated union violence.

While the school stood behind Ancel, director of the university's Institute for Labor Studies, a former union business manager who helped teach the class at the university system's St. Louis campus offered to resign amid the uproar. He has since been asked to return to his adjunct professor post, Ancel said.

The proposed policy, a copy of which was provided to The Associated Press upon request, notes that "unauthorized distribution of such materials is a violation of academic standards and may violate copyright and/or privacy rights." Students and professors who violate the policy could face university disciplinary sanctions.

Ancel has previously said that her comment about union violence was a paraphrased remark of a statement made in a documentary shown in class about the 1968 Memphis garbage workers' strike and Martin Luther King's assassination. The recordings were obtained from a university website available only to students enrolled in the class.

But the problem was not the recording but the "twisted interpretations by others of the content," Davis said. "No policy could deal with what others do with content."

Faculty objections led to a clarification that students would still be able to record lectures unless someone objects. But the gist of the restrictions remains.

Student government leader Zach Toombs called the proposal "confusing, vague and (one that) prohibits students from taking advantage of studying and note-taking methods that have been used for a long, long time." The Missouri Students Association had asked school officials to distinguish between classmates sharing notes and unauthorized public distribution on the Internet.

Journalism professor David Herzog said the restrictions send a "mixed message" at a time when Missouri and other universities are aggressively promoting open access and technology.

"If we want to innovate, we need to break down barriers to information and conversation, not erect new ones," he said.

The debate in Missouri raises broader questions about the use and ownership of what are known as "captured lectures," said Kenneth Green, who directs The Campus Computing Project, a southern California-based research group that studies the role of information technology in American higher education.

A 2009 national survey by the group found that just 56 percent of campuses had "formal policies regarding the ownership of web-based curriculum resources and intellectual property developed by faculty."

Though universities have not restricted recording, he said, a modern "gotcha" culture attuned to circulating everyday missteps and misstatements increases the impact of the practice.

"The technology to do it has gotten much better," Green said. "And the stakes have gotten much higher."

For Ancel, the proposed policy doesn't go far enough. She cited a classroom conversation in which one student who appeared in the Big Government video worried that her liberal views would create problems at the workplace with a conservative boss.

"I don't want to have to think about what I said in class because my boss might see it," the student told Ancel.

Colleges wrestle with the complicated question of alcohol and athletics

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Missouri fans guzzle beer at Reactor Field in 2008. MU closed down that public park after that season because behavior was too rowdy. MU has never sold beer inside Memorial Stadium — except in suites — although 20 Football Bowl Subdivision schools do so.

By David Briggs

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For Missouri football fans, alcohol — or at least reminders of which beer they should be swigging — is part of the game-day experience.

Tailgaters drink openly in campus parking lots while advertisements for Anheuser-Busch products are aired during games on the school's statewide radio network and displayed on the Memorial Stadium

scoreboard. The back page of the program features a full-page ad touting the “FAVORITE BEER OF TIGER FANS.”

“Nothing goes with game day like the just-right taste of Bud Light,” the message reads.

But there is one line that Missouri will not — and, in the Southeastern Conference, cannot — cross: tapping the keg at college events.

That once-sacred line is becoming blurred nationally as schools search for new sources of revenue. Beer is sold to the average fan at 20 of 120 major college stadiums — twice as many as a decade ago — with West Virginia the latest to cash in. Mountaineers Athletic Director Oliver Luck projects beer sales will generate \$1 million this season.

But Missouri officials do not envision serving suds anytime soon. Nor will they have a choice. The SEC, unlike the Big 12, bans beer sales in nonpremium seating areas. As LSU Coach Les Miles recently told reporters, “If they serve beer in Tiger Stadium, I fear that the upper decks might not hold it.”

The conference also outlaws in-stadium beer advertisements and re-entrance policies, a longtime rite of passage for Tigers fans seeking a halftime return to their beer-stocked tailgates.

Athletic department spokesman Chad Moller said he was unsure if Missouri would need to take down its beer ads or if the signs would be grandfathered in.

“That’s a level of detail that we haven’t gotten to yet,” Moller said.

Senior Associate Athletic Director Tim Hickman said serving beer throughout the stadium was discussed in 2000 when the school acquired a license to serve alcohol in Memorial Stadium’s newly built suites, but the talks didn’t go far.

He said school officials are uncomfortable with selling alcohol in a collegiate setting, particularly in light of the school’s recent efforts to improve fan behavior. In 2009, the NCAA and the MU athletic department gave the Wellness Resource Center \$30,000 for a three-year campaign designed to change the drinking culture that surrounds tailgating.

Last night’s arrest of Coach Gary Pinkel on suspicion of driving while intoxicated will only add to the uncomfortable relationship between alcohol and athletics.

While schools such as West Virginia contend that selling beer in a controlled environment fosters a safer atmosphere by reducing binge-drinking outside the stadium, the leader of MU’s alcohol-education initiative laughs at the premise.

“There’s no logic and no science behind the fact that when you increase the availability of alcohol that it actually makes people more responsible, because it’s actually quite the opposite,” said Kim Dude, the director of the wellness center.

The NCAA also discourages beer sales, banning any trace of alcohol — ads included — at its 88 championship events. Host venues must cover up any offending signs.

But the governing body does not have legislate sales at individual schools. For many, money talks.

West Virginia, which gained approval in June to serve alcohol by a 10-5 vote of the university's Board of Governors, is enjoying a significant financial boost from its new offerings.

According to numbers provided by West Virginia, the concessionaire, Sodexo, sold 21,811 bottles of domestic beer at \$7 each and 10 kegs of beer from Morgantown Brewing Co. at \$9 per 20-ounce cup during the Mountaineers' rain-soaked home opener. WVU, which plans to continue alcohol sales in the Big 12 next season, sold more beer than they did souvenir cups of soda (8,999), cups of frozen lemonade (8,908) and bottles of soda (2,906) combined, with the sales grossing \$160,656. Against LSU three weeks later, the beer sales raked in \$255,396.

At Syracuse, Senior Associate Athletic Director Pete Sala said beer accounts for 47 percent of concession sales at football and basketball games in the Carrier Dome. The school recently upgraded from a ballpark alcohol license to a full liquor license, which allows fans to drink wine in common seating areas.

Schools with wet stadiums also call the beer sales a counterintuitive safety measure. Luck has used the analogy of fighting forest fires, where firefighters sometimes set fires to contain the inferno.

"It makes sense," Sala said. "In the stadium, we're controlling it."

Among the safeguards: West Virginia eliminated the school's pass-out policy; Syracuse restricts wristband-wearing students 21 and over to one beer per purchase, cuts off sales after halftime and allows only university employees — not the nonprofit workers who run many Carrier Dome concession stands — to sell alcohol; Colorado State limits beer to only 3.2 percent alcohol by volume.

Drinking "is certainly an accepted practice in the general community, so if you're able to pull it off within an athletic venue, then there shouldn't be any reason for it not to be there," said Kenny Klein, a senior associate athletic director at Louisville, which sells alcohol at football and basketball games. "It's worked out fine for us."

MU has a cozy relationship with Anheuser-Busch. The St. Louis-based brewing company is a longtime major donor — a building bears its name on campus — and corporate sponsor. Memorial Stadium, for instance, is one of only two football venues in the Big 12 or SEC, along with Kansas State's Bill Snyder Family Stadium, that displays alcohol-related signage.

Missouri contends that selling beer ads amid an alcohol-education campaign is not hypocritical. For instance, Hickman said MU likely would not accept sponsorships from a gambling website or a tobacco company — or even sell the advertised beer.

"We're in the state of Missouri, and Anheuser-Busch has been a great supporter of this state," Hickman said. "That's a long-standing relationship between us and Anheuser-Busch. ... That puts us in a unique situation in relation to other schools."

Anheuser-Busch would not address the company's partnership with MU. Asked about AB's stance on beer sales at college games, Region Vice President Bill Jones issued a statement.

"We brew our beer to be enjoyed responsibly by adults, regardless of the setting," he said.

Of Missouri's beer advertisements, Dude said: "You have to pick your battles. Having alcohol ads in the stadium I don't think creates enough of a problem that I need to worry about it. I'm much more interested in the access to the actual alcohol."

She does not see the gradual collegiate trend toward kegs-for-cash reaching the SEC and Missouri. MU shut down a problematic public tailgate spot at Reactor Field after the 2008 season and turned it into a parking lot for media and event staff. MU also plasters lots with "social-norming" signs — for example, "70 of Mizzou tailgaters don't like excessive drinking at games." MUPD Captain Brian Weimer, who said there can be between three and 20 alcohol-related incidents on game days, described Missouri's efforts as "very proactive."

"We have enough difficulty as it is trying to get our students to make the best choices possible without making alcohol even more available," Dude said.

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GEORGE KENNEDY: Good news about the SEC wrapped in grim news about funding

By GEORGE KENNEDY

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Here's a holiday tip: If you find yourself feeling too cheerful, too optimistic, too upbeat about the state of our university, just invite Tim Rooney to do five minutes on the budget.

He'll reconnect you to reality and wrap a nice gray cloud around any silver lining.

At any rate, that's how it went at Wednesday's meeting of the general faculty.

Brady Deaton had the good news, no doubt a chancellor's prerogative. All our indicators – well, all except the ones he left to Tim – are looking up:

- Enrollment is growing faster than any of our Association of American Universities peers.
- The six-year graduation rate is up to 68.9 percent, an all-time high.
- Minority enrollment is way up, too.
- The strategic planning process is drawing national praise.
- Federal research funding has hit another high at \$116.9 million.
- Another \$1 billion-plus capital campaign is in the planning stage.

Then he showed some comparisons to demonstrate that our new athletics home, the Southeastern Conference, is actually also superior academically to the Big 12.

For example, in research funding we rank second (to Texas) in the Big 12, but we're seventh in the SEC. In memberships in the National Academy, we're third in the Big 12 but fifth in the SEC. In students' average SAT scores, we're third in the Big 12, sixth in the SEC. You get the idea.

He summed up sunnily, “It’s incredible how much is getting done.”

A few minutes later, he called on the budget director. Tim didn’t hesitate to wipe the smiles off our faces.

The funding we receive from the state, he noted, now stands at the same level as in 1999. (That prompted professor Frank Schmidt to comment that the legislature, having taken us from the 21st century back to the 20th, seems to be hell-bent on reaching the 19th.)

Budget planners are currently working on the request for next year, FY 2013. Two scenarios are being planned — the same level of state funding as this year or a cut of 5 percent, which would leave us at the 1997 level.

Tuition and fees will likely be increased by the amount of the Consumer Price Index, all the law allows. Still, Tim reminded us, our tuition and required fees add up to less than the average of our peers among the AAU public universities and less than the average of the Big 12 or the SEC.

The closest he ventured to good news was to reveal that, if our rulers in the legislature don’t actually cut the budget again, there just might be room for a 3 percent salary increase. His tone suggested that we’d best not borrow against that raise.

After all that, it was almost a pleasure to listen as system Vice President Nikki Krawitz explained the new “performance funding” that will guide the state’s budget allocators from now on.

The *Missourian* has done a good job of explaining how that will work. Last week’s *Mizzou Weekly* carried a lengthy report of faculty foreboding.

Krawitz made so clear the futility of objection that I heard only subdued grumbles about the absence of performance measures that would reflect MU’s emphasis on graduate and professional education. Apparently, federal research dollars will serve as the proxy for all that.

Her concluding comments helped me understand why we shouldn’t lose too much sleep over any inequities. The new formula will only apply to additional funding, she explained. There won’t be any additional funding next year, so the formula won’t kick in until FY 2014.

Then she laughed, briefly and a little grimly, I thought, as she added that there might not be any increase that year either, or even 2015. So not to worry.

It was already dark as we left the auditorium.

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More international students studying at Missouri colleges

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JEFFERSON CITY — A new report said Missouri ranks 13th in the nation in the number of foreign students enrolled at its public and private colleges and universities.

The report by the Institute of International Education said Missouri has 15,114 international students this year, up 13 percent from 2010. Nationally, the number of international students grew by 5 percent over that same period.

MU and Washington University in St. Louis each had enrollments of more than 1,900 foreign students, two of the highest in the state.

More than one-quarter of the international students studying in Missouri came from China, the most of any country.

By comparison, higher education institutions in Missouri reported that more than 5,000 of their students are studying abroad.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Researchers Find Patterns in Student Smoking

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College students are more likely to think about smoking when they are partying, drinking, or working, according to a study in the journal *Substance Use & Misuse*. **After examining the smoking patterns of fraternity and sorority members during three fall semesters, researchers at the University of Missouri also found that overall student smoking declined as each semester wore on. But the rate of smoking increased on weekends.** The study is part of a larger research project published in *Preventive Medicine*. The authors believe the findings can be used to design smoking-prevention efforts at colleges.