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MU School of Health Professions Dean Richard Oliver to step down

By Shaina Cavazos

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COLUMBIA — **Richard Oliver, dean of the MU School of Health Professions**, will step down from his position at the end of the 2013 spring semester, University of Missouri Provost Brian Foster announced Monday afternoon.

Oliver is the founding dean of the school, according to a release from the MU News Bureau. Oliver will start a two-year term as president of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions in October 2013, the release said.

"I am, and will continue to be, exceedingly proud of what (the school has) accomplished," Oliver said in the release.

Oliver served as director of the School of Health Related Professions beginning in 1986 and was later named dean when the School of Health Professions was formed independently of the School of Medicine in 2000. He has been director or dean of the school continuously for 26 years, and after years of growing enrollment, that the school is in a place to find its next leader. Oliver said he thinks the school will begin a national search for another dean starting in November.

"It's a great time to build on the great things we've done and bring in a new leader," Oliver said. "I think I've served my time, and I'd like to pursue other things."

He earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate from MU, the release said. Foster said the university is indebted to Oliver for his service in educating students in health fields such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy and speech therapy.

"Dean Oliver leaves a legacy that goes far beyond teaching, research and service," Hal Williamson, vice chancellor for health sciences at MU, said in the release. "Though Oliver's role as dean nears its end, his leadership in health professions will continue well into the future." *Supervising editor is Karen Miller.*

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Pot busts at Mizzou prompt call for new procedure

By ALAN SCHER ZAGIER

COLUMBIA, Mo. -- The recent arrests of three Missouri football players accused of smoking marijuana on campus has some students questioning how the university handles what is a fairly routine infraction on a 34-000 student campus.

Top recruit Dorial Green-Beckham, a wide receiver, and two freshman teammates face misdemeanor charges of possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana and a mid-November court date. They were suspended for one game – a 19-15 Missouri home loss to Vanderbilt – but are now back with the Tigers (4-4), who beat Kentucky 33-10 on Saturday for the school's first Southeastern Conference win.

A 2004 city law approved by Columbia voters treats such cases as low-level, municipal court offenses similar to traffic citations. Violators are typically given a summons to appear in court but not arrested.

The university police force follows more stringent state procedures for marijuana arrests – meaning Green-Beckham, linebacker Torey Boozer and wide receiver Levi Copelin were handcuffed and driven to the university police department after a patrol officer smelled pot in a white Lincoln Navigator sitting in a parking lot near Memorial Stadium shortly before midnight on Oct. 3. The students were released after providing fingerprints and mug shots.

Soon after the player arrests and criticism from student drug reform activists, campus Police Chief Jack Watring said he would review the procedures. Watring also said that he was unaware city officers didn't arrest pot possession offenders, despite the eight-year lapse since the Columbia law changed.

After consulting with municipal Judge Robert Aulgur, Watring said there are no plans to change its arrest procedures.

“We are not changing anything we do,” Watring said. “There is some criticism that we treated the athletes differently. That is absolutely not the case. We treated the athletes exactly the same way we treated all the others.”

Senior nursing student Alexis Lyle, president of the campus chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, called the campus arrest policy a slap in the face to the Columbia voters who approved the 2004 ballot initiative.

“A lot of people who vote in Columbia, Missouri, are students,” she said. “It's not like there's a separate election for us.”

Lyle said the university's stance fits into a pattern of government officials in Missouri disregarding citizens' more lenient stances on marijuana. In the southwest Missouri city of Springfield, elected leaders in late September repealed a citizen-driven ordinance that lowered punishments for small amounts of marijuana – an ordinance modeled after Columbia's statutes.

The council initially adopted the marijuana petition but made it clear they planned to overturn the change.

“It saddens me that judges and police chiefs and politicians would try to deny us these rights,” she said.

Watring also defended his earlier public comments about the city's pot arrest procedures.

“We don't have everyday contact with the Columbia Police Department,” he said. “They have their own policies and procedures.”

“When I said we weren't aware of what they're doing, there's no reason for us to be aware of what they're doing,” he added. “They do their thing, we do our thing.”

City residents found to have violated the more lax marijuana possession laws must still be booked after their trial, the chief said, calling the decision to immediately process pot suspects one that is partially about convenience.

“They do it after they go to court. We do it before we go to court,” he said, estimating that the campus police department makes two to three such arrests weekly when school is in session.

Once in city court, violators typically pay a fine of no more than \$250 and receive community service in lieu of jail time. The conviction is dropped if the offender stays out of legal trouble for another year, though repeat offenders and those with felony convictions are exempt.

Read more here: <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/10/30/3891797/pot-busts-at-mizzou-prompt-call.html#storylink=cpy>

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Hunger awareness tour visits MU

By Andrew Hazzard

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COLUMBIA – Hunger U brought its message to MU on Monday: The world has mouths to feed and advanced agriculture can help.

Hunger U is an organization touring around the Midwest to promote conversation about the world hunger crisis. MU was the sixth stop in the Hunger U tour, which targets large land grant universities. The Hunger U bus was parked on Hitt Street on the edge of Lowry Mall all day. The bus has two interactive flat screen monitors controlled by iPads. Visitors could interact with these iPads to see graphics on food security statistics from nation to nation. MU juniors Kayla Frederick and Caitlin Frank were among those who took time to learn more about hunger at the booth. Frederick said she learned a lot about hunger worldwide.

"You always think about countries in Africa, not necessarily those in Europe or Asia," Frederick said. Amanda Stephens, a member of the Hunger U staff, said that this tour is all about raising awareness, not fundraising.

"We are trying to get students to think about where their food supply is coming from," Stephens said. Food security is defined as knowing where the next meal will come from. According to Stephens, the U.S. is the most food secure nation in the world.

The Hunger U tour is an effort put on by the Farmers Feeding the World Initiative, which aims for permanent and temporary solutions to the hunger problem. Temporary solutions take place in the form of food drives and meal-packing events while permanent solutions require large amounts of research and in-depth regional knowledge to address the problem, Stephens said.

Hunger U visited MU because research done at the MU College of Agriculture can help find better, more efficient ways of growing food, Stephens said. The tour has already visited Michigan State University, Kansas State University, University of Illinois, Purdue University and Ohio State University. The tour heads to Iowa State University next. Stephens said the organization hopes to expand tours in years to come. *Supervising editor Karen Miller.*

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David Livingstone Smith talks incivility at MizzouDiversity Summit

By [Janine Brownridge](#)

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COLUMBIA — After a quick warning, graphic images of the Nanjing Massacre and the Rwanda genocide appeared on the projector screens facing more than 100 audience members sitting quietly in Stotler Lounge.

"This has got to change," David Livingstone Smith said of the images of violence. "It's time to take dehumanization seriously," he said.

The danger in conceiving people as less than human dominated Smith's keynote address to the 2012 MizzouDiversity Summit on Monday night. The summit is a biannual event that brings the community together to discuss topics of diversity at MU, including campus cultural, racial and religious diversity, according to [the summit's website](#).

Smith is an author, associate professor of philosophy at the University of New England and the director and co-founder of the New England Institute for Cognitive Science and Evolutionary Studies. In his presentation, Smith spoke about the concept of dehumanization from his book, "Less than Human." He reasoned that a human who is capable of doing acts of kindness is also capable of committing great acts of violence.

"Dehumanization is not just name-calling," Smith said. "When people dehumanize others they conceive them as being less than human." According to Smith, dehumanization is an extreme form of incivility in which a person deeply believes that another human being is different from them and subhuman. This kind of thinking is powerful and can be dangerous, he said.

"Dehumanization unleashes extreme violence resulting in war, genocide and atrocity," he said. The MizzouDiversity Summit kicked off Monday at noon with a State of Diversity Address by MU Chancellor Brady Deaton. The event will continue Tuesday with various workshops, presentations and stories from the [MU Human Library Project](#).

[MU's Show-Me Respect civility campaign](#) also officially launched Monday.