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Memorial Stadium works to improve sustainability efforts

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COLUMBIA - As a member of the Green Sports Alliance, the athletic department at the University of Missouri is working to improve sustainability efforts.

The events manager for the athletics department said the biggest focus is educating fans and making sure they're aware of the sustainability efforts and that fans are contributing as well.

"We want people to have to make that choice, so you see a recycle or trash bin and you have to say 'I have this plastic bottle, and I'm going to choose to put it in one of those bins'," Tony Wirkus said.

MU researchers released a study today on how much waste is created at Memorial Stadium.

Ron McGarvey, an assistant professor of industrial engineering and public affairs at MU, lead a team of students and other researchers.

"Auditing involves actually setting up a table in the parking lot and tearing open the bag and seeing what you find inside," McGarvey said. "Whenever we opened a bag we had scales nearby and we would weigh the composition of the bag."

McGarvey and Wirkus are working toward a broader initiative called "zero-waste."

According to McGarvey, zero-waste is 90 percent of all the waste that's diverted away from landfills. In order to determine this waste, people need to know the composition of the waste first, which is what McGarvey's team did by digging through the waste.

"We examined not only the waste coming out of the stadium, but also we went to the food preparation facility where all the food for the stadium is prepared," McGarvey said.

The team spent the days leading up to games at the food preparation site, and then audited the waste coming out of the stadium after the games.

McGarvey and Wirkus both said it's a lengthy process that will take several steps to accomplish the zero-waste goal.

"A big portion of that is fan education," Wirkus said. "We can put all the recycling containers out there and give out all the blue bags of recycling that we want, but ultimately we need to get the fans coming to the games to buy into that and choose to recycle."

QUINCY HERALD-WHIG

MU guarantee program a promising step forward

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HERALD-WHIG VIEW

MISSOURI'S flagship university, struggling with decreased enrollment in the wake of racially charged protests in 2015 and a \$60 million reduction in state funding, is being proactive in trying to appeal to current and prospective students.

Beginning next fall, the University of Missouri at Columbia plans to guarantee payment of all tuition and fees for every student who qualifies for a federal Pell Grant, along with providing more financial help for students who qualify for the Honors College.

The university announced last week that it will cover any gap between the cost of tuition and fees and what is covered by other scholarships for qualifying students through a program called the Missouri Land Grant Compact. Students in Honors College would also receive other expenses, such as room and board, and books.

It is estimated that more than 3,500 students -- or more than 10 percent of the student population -- will benefit. The program, open to only Missouri residents, will be funded through a

combination of federal, state and university resources, and is expected to cost about \$5 million a year.

Clearly, it is an investment Mizzou believes it needs to make.

The New York Times reported last month that freshmen enrollment at MU had fallen by 35 percent since 2015. University officials acknowledge the dramatic decrease was caused by protests that year fueled by reports of racial animosity on campus, as well as the 2014 police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson.

The university leadership was slow to react to the campus unrest, leading to the resignations of the university system president and campus chancellor. The school has since been trying to overcome a negative perception regionally and nationally among prospective students, notably minorities.

As a result, plans call for cutting 12 percent from the university's academic and administrative operations budget, or about \$55 million. About \$24 million is to cover a funding shortfall because of lower tuition revenue and reductions in state support.

Most Pell Grants are given to students who come from families making less than \$30,000 annually, although some are awarded to students with extenuating circumstances from families who make more. The maximum annual Pell Grant amount is \$5,920 this current academic year.

In-state residents pay about \$11,000 a year at Missouri for 14 credit hours per semester. Housing and dining cost about \$10,808 and students pay about \$6,148 a year for books, transportation and personal expenses, the Kansas City Star reported.

"We already know that the Pell Grant program is transformational for our students and opens pathways for many to attend MU who couldn't otherwise," said Pelema Morrice, vice provost for enrollment management. "These grants are intended to build on the Pell program and create competitive financial awards for all Missouri residents who qualify."

University officials say this grant program has been in the works for some time and is not in response to the recent turmoil on the Columbia campus.

However, it comes at an opportune time to provide a boost for the state's flagship university as it continues to work to restore its image.



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MU's Land Grant Compact to expand higher education access

Based on MU News Bureau press release: [Land Grant Compact Will Provide Access to Missouri Residents](#)

Editor's note: The Buffalo Reflex is a newspaper that serves Dallas County.

University of Missouri Chancellor Alexander Cartwright and Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Pelema Morrice recently signed the Missouri Land Grant Compact, which will expand higher education access and affordability at MU for Missouri residents for generations to come.

As part of the compact, MU will offer the Missouri Land Grant and Missouri Land Grant Honors for Missouri residents. The Missouri Land Grant will cover all tuition and fees for all Pell-eligible Missouri residents who qualify for admission to MU. Missouri Land Grant Honors will meet 100 percent of unmet financial need, including tuition, fees, books and room and board, for Pell-eligible students enrolled in the Honors College.

The compact means that thousands of MU students will be able to attend the university tuition free. Based on current enrollment, it is expected that more than 3,500 MU students from Missouri will qualify for the grants annually.

“As the founders of this university did nearly 180 years ago, today we are reaffirming our pledge to provide access to higher education with the belief that an educated citizenry is the key to advancing the state of Missouri, our nation and world,” said Cartwright, who began his role as chancellor earlier this month. “It is a tremendous honor as chancellor to sign this historic compact and invest in attracting the state’s best and brightest.”

The grants are an homage to MU’s status as a land-grant university. The first public university west of the Mississippi River, MU was awarded land-grant status in 1870 through the Morrill Act. The act was intended to provide a broad segment of the population with practical education that has direct relevance to their daily lives.

Morrice said the grants will play an important role in attracting Missouri’s top talent who are recruited heavily by universities outside the state.

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Most federal Pell Grants are awarded to students whose families make less than \$30,000 annually. Pell Grants usually provide a maximum of \$6,000 in higher education assistance annually, leaving significant gaps for some individuals and their families.

MU invests about \$12 million per year on need-based financial aid to promote access and affordability in higher education. MU students graduate, on average, with \$8,000 less in student debt than the national average.

“Keeping higher education affordable and addressing student debt has been a focus at Mizzou for many years,” said Nick Prewett, executive director of the Office of Student Financial Aid. “We have a strong commitment to help students identify the financial resources necessary to fund a Mizzou education, resulting in students graduating with the least amount of debt. This helps put them on a great path as they begin their careers.”

The Missouri Land Grants will be available to students beginning in fall 2018. They are open to incoming freshmen as well as continuing and transfer students.

MISSOURIAN

[Deeper dive in Moody's report shows UM System outlook stressed but promising](#)

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Despite declines in state funding overall and enrollment at MU, a recent report from Moody's Investors Service suggested the University of Missouri System is on track to maintain its good credit rating.

Moody's affirmed the UM System's Aa1 rating in June, the second-highest rating an institution can receive, but it also revised the four-campus system's rating outlook down from stable to

negative at that time, which indicates the rating might fall in the future. The system's rating outlook is unchanged.

The research report, issued on Friday, was a consistent follow-up from the summer credit rating, MU spokesman Christian Basi said. It looked at some of the UM System's strengths and actions taken to deal with the past year's financial challenges.

"The purpose was to take a little bit of a deeper dive for investors on some of the key credit strengths that the University of Missouri maintains, despite some of the pressure we see overall," said Eva Bogaty, vice president and senior credit officer at Moody's.

One of these key components is the UM System's broad geographic and program diversity, according to the report.

Although easy to focus on the 23 percent freshmen class enrollment decline at MU in fall 2016, the system's strength is demonstrated from a credit perspective, Bogaty said. The 23 percent decline resulted in only a 4 percent overall enrollment drop for the four-campus system, she said.

MU Health Care's profitability is another key aspect that helps maintain the system's credit rating. As the dominant provider of health care in mid-Missouri, the health system's annual growth in patient care revenue has made "significant contributions to the university system's overall bottom line," according to the report.

There have also been discussions regarding a partnership between the Boone Hospital Center and MU Health Care, which would increase MU Health Care's operational scope and operating revenue, the report said. As MU Health Care's primary competitor in Columbia with an operating revenue of over \$300 million, Boone Hospital Center could benefit the university immensely.

The report also acknowledges UM System President Mun Choi's efforts to unite the campuses, solidify the leadership and reduce expenses. Choi presented a fiscal 2018 budget with more than \$100 million in cost reductions. He has begun the process to reduce expenses and reallocate

resources toward the university, and he has engaged with PwC to review UM System administrative spending and help identify potential efficiencies and cost savings.

“While the team has initiated several strategies in the last few months, getting the system and campuses to work together on strategic initiatives, and rebuilding and maintaining morale while cutting expenses will be a challenge over the next year or two,” the Moody’s report stated.

If the UM System isn’t able to implement actions like these, the strength of its credit profile will be weakened, Bogaty said.

“The main area is it’s going to be different for each individual school, college and division, and we are reviewing the entire university,” Basi said. “Every division is going through a review, and that will help us identify ways we can make better use of the resources that we have.”



Mizzou to students affected by Harvey flooding: Your families can stay here

BY KATY BERGEN

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The University of Missouri has opened its doors to the families of students who were flooded out by Hurricane Harvey.

Chancellor Alexander Cartwright informed students this week that their families could apply for temporary housing in empty residence halls.

Residence halls have room because of a large dip in freshmen enrollment. Seven of the halls were taken temporarily offline this year to save money.

More than 700 University of Missouri students list permanent residences in Texas, while more than 50 live specifically in the city of Houston, spokesperson Christian Basi said.

“Our concerns was to make sure that our students who are from the affected areas or impacted directly by the hurricane in some other way were aware of the resources available to them from the university,” Basi said.

Mental health services, as well as financial help for students most affected by the storm, are also available, Cartwright reminded students in his letter.

“We care about you. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time,” Cartwright wrote.

Basi said the university is still evaluating whether it can offer housing and support to flood victims unrelated to students at the university.

Families of University of Missouri students who are interested in temporary housing should visit the university’s Residential Life website.

MISSOURIAN

UM System looking into resources for Harvey-affected students

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The University of Missouri System is expected to announce measures to provide assistance for those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey.

This comes after an email sent to MU students from Texas and Louisiana from Chancellor Alexander Cartwright stating that MU can provide rooms for families of current students affected by Harvey.

“We are reviewing all of the resources at all four campuses and determining where we can offer assistance and hope we can make some announcement about that in the future,” said spokesman Christian Basi, director of the MU News Bureau.

Basi said Wednesday he did not yet have a timeline for when specifics will be announced.

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Missouri baseball donates shirts and shoes for Hurricane Harvey relief

BY MEGAN SCHALTEGGER SPORTS@COLUMBIAMISSOURIAN.COM

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey’s devastating sweep through southeast Texas, the Missouri baseball team joined fellow athletic departments from across the nation to provide clothes and shoes for suffering Houstonians.

On Tuesday morning, University of Houston head baseball coach Todd Whitting tweeted out a request to the college baseball community asking for schools to each send 20 logo T-shirts and 10 pairs of shoes to be delivered to those in need. The call for support came shortly after men’s basketball head coach Kelvin Sampson posted a similar announcement to his own social media account.

“A request to our baseball community around the country.

Whitting’s appeal quickly racked up thousands of retweets, and among the positive responses came promised gear from teams and coaches throughout the country, including Clemson University, Virginia Tech and Vanderbilt University. Soon the MLB followed suit, and in a show of support, the Oakland Athletics and Cincinnati Reds announced their participation in the clothing drive via Twitter.

By Tuesday evening, Whitting’s request for support had reached MU. Head baseball coach Steve Bieser responded to Whitting’s original social media request with a photo of brand new Nike shoes and MU apparel for the University of Houston’s own team to deliver.

MU Athletics spokesman Shawn Davis declined to comment. The University of Houston could not be reached for comment.

The New York Times

N.A.A.C.P. to Missouri: You're No Safe Space (Still)

By SHIVANI VORA

The N.A.A.C.P. has reviewed and decided to retain its recent advisory urging African-Americans to steer clear of Missouri in the wake of the finding that African-Americans are 75 percent more likely to be stopped by the police than whites and after a new state law that the organization said makes it harder to sue businesses for racial discrimination.

The advisory, the first of its kind for the organization, stated that visitors and state residents should “pay special attention and exercise extreme caution when traveling throughout the state given the series of questionable, race-based incidents occurring statewide recently.” It was reviewed and renewed on Aug. 28.

“This is the first time we have ever issued a travel advisory for a state, but the situation in Missouri is so extreme that it warrants it,” said Hilary Shelton, the director of the N.A.A.C.P.’s Washington bureau and the group’s senior vice president for policy and advocacy.

The advisory evokes an era when African-Americans relied on sources like The Negro Motorist Green Book to guide their travel choices. It also prompts the question: can an entire state be too racist to visit?

The N.A.A.C.P. suggests that yes, it can. **The advisory was drafted in response to race-based incidents, according to Mr. Shelton, including death threats against black students at the University of Missouri campus in November 2015 and the discovery of the statistics from the Missouri Attorney General’s Office saying that African Americans in Missouri are 75 percent more likely to be stopped and searched by police than Caucasians.**

The advisory also comes after the passage of SB 43, known by its critics as the Jim Crow bill, which says that fired employees would have to prove that race, religion, sex or age was the main reason for dismissal, not just a contributing factor.

“The U.S. State Department warns us of the dangers of traveling to certain destinations overseas,” Mr. Shelton said. “This is our version of warning people about what’s going on in Missouri.”



MU reports decline of males studying education

By: Caleigh Peterson

Watch the story: <http://krcgtv.com/news/local/mu-reports-decline-of-males-studying-education>

MID-MISSOURI — According to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, males make up less than half of the teachers in the state of Missouri, accounting for 29 percent of teachers.

Jefferson City Public Schools employed 152 male teachers in 2017-2018 school year, 19 percent of all teachers in the district.

Lewis and Clark Middle School teacher JR Royston believes male role models are crucial to the success of students.

"In our society it's kind of uncomfortable or it's not really seen as some type of care giving role, but some students are lacking that at home or in their relationships outside of school," Royston said. "They're lacking that perhaps adult male they can relate to, that they can communicate with, or even perhaps try to become like."

Royston said diversity among staff is important to the educational experience.

"I think anytime you enhance the diversity or promote diversity among the staff, that's going to enhance the learning experience for everyone," Royston said.

Experts said a lack of male role models at an early age and in the classroom may account for the staffing disparity.

"There aren't too many males teaching in elementary or early childhood so if you're a child, you're a boy and you're going to your elementary school you don't see very many

males there. So you don't start thinking this could be a profession that I could go into because they don't have role models," John Lannin, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at MU said.

A teacher at West Elementary school said he did have strong male role models in the classroom which encouraged him to get into education.

"I was fortunate to have some outstanding male role models growing up. They really were an inspiration," Steve Plumb said. "They not only taught me a love of learning, but they taught me how to hold myself accountable for my behavior."

Plumb also said his experience as a boy scout allows him to offer a unique perspective to the classroom as a male.

Lannin said the amount of males studying education at the University of Missouri has declined in recent years, however, not enough to cause concern.

He also said there tends to be more male administrators in elementary schools where a majority of educators are female.

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LGBTQ support groups and organizations celebrate pride in Mid-Missouri

By MAWA IQBAL

In celebration of the LGBTQ community's increasing visibility in Mid-Missouri, LGBTQ organizations Mid-Missouri Pride and The Center Project came together to host their 14th annual PrideFest on Saturday at Rose Music Hall.

The festival lasted from 1-10 p.m. and featured an array of performances and guest speakers, from live musical groups to an interfaith sermon from local LGBTQ-allied clergy and even a pole dance routine from Muse Pole Fitness dancers. The festival closed with the Downtown Hometown Drag Show, headlined by Roxxy Andrews and showcasing 15 other local entertainers.

In addition, various sponsors and organizations from around Mid-Missouri set up booths outside the music hall for festivalgoers to visit, including Planned Parenthood, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center and the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri offered petitions, newsletter sign-ups and pamphlets containing additional resources from their respective organizations.

Many organizations also offered volunteer opportunities for anyone who stopped by their booths. Sarah Mitchell, a Center Project board member, believes it's vital for people to be aware of all the different ways to get involved within the organization, whether it be through fundraisers or social events.

"We have a lot of resources for people within the community," Mitchell said. "It's important to have a safe space where people can actually come and find other people that are like minded and supportive of all people."

Center Project's youth group Prism specializes in providing networks for LGBTQ community members to connect.

"LGBTQ teens struggle with social isolation if they don't know other queer teens and especially if they don't have family acceptance," Prism member Melina Constantine said. "We want to advertise a social network for those teens who can't find one in school or their home."

Although the annual PrideFest started in 2003, Mid-Missouri Pride didn't officially join forces with The Center Project until earlier this year. According to Mid-Missouri Pride's official website, the goal of the merger was to create a greater impact on the community at large.

In an effort to reach out to a larger scope of LGBTQ people within the greater Missouri area, PrideFest hosted a wider variety of organizations. **Strategic communication manager of MU's Division of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Ryan Gavin sees this year's festival moving closer to intersectionality.**

"It hasn't always been like that," Gavin said. "I've definitely seen a lot more support this year than I have in years before. I think all minority communities should work to find that place that's supportive of all identities."

Organizations not traditionally affiliated with the LGBTQ community were also working toward creating an atmosphere of support and inclusion for those identities. Beth Hendren, board member of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, believes that aligning the group with the LGBTQ community will greatly benefit both parties.

"It's my goal to get the LGBTQ community to be a part of us," Hendren said. "I think they are two groups that go by without anyone really helping. I want them to know that we are here for them no matter what."

Hendren, who has been with the AFSP for two years, has been involved in many outreach events including the Out of the Darkness Community Walk, a fundraiser meant to raise awareness and prevention of suicide and mental health issues. Knowing that suicide rates are higher among members of the LGBTQ community, Hendren sees this festival and the walk as perfect opportunities to make the organization's safe space known.

"Regardless if it's LGBTQ or mental health, I think it's important for everyone to have something they can go to and not feel judged," Hendren said.

Establishing visibility was a goal many sponsors and organizations had set out to achieve at the festival. In fact, some sponsors recognize that having a festival that celebrates acceptance and individuality was enough proof of a supportive presence within Mid-Missouri.

“Having the festival is a celebration of all types of people,” Mitchell said. “When you come here, you see the overwhelming support and love for people of the LGBTQ community and just everybody else too.”

THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Colleges Confront the Perils of Frats

NO MU MENTION

By KATHERINE MANGAN

Puzzle night for new members was presented by Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Arizona as a bonding experience, a wholesome alternative to the brutal ordeals that define this rite of passage for so many fraternity pledges.

Arizona is widely seen as a leader in combating hazing. As part of a national consortium, the university worked with StopHazing for three years on prevention, adopting strategies like encouraging team building and challenging the power dynamics that can lead to abusive behavior. Out of those discussions, Alpha Sigma Phi proposed puzzle night.

But the event, in March, took a dangerous turn when members pressured pledges to get drunk, blindfolded them, and marched them down a hallway, where one was reportedly shoved into a pillar and seriously injured. Members threatened retaliation for telling anyone what happened, pledges said, but word got out, the university investigated, and it revoked the chapter’s status as a recognized campus group for at least a year. Meanwhile, the chapter can continue to recruit new members and hold social events because it is still recognized by the national fraternity and has its own house.

So how can colleges keep students safe? For all the efforts to rein in fraternities, problems associated with recruitment and initiation seem intractable nationally. At least one student dies from hazing every year, according to Hank Nuwer, a professor of journalism at Franklin College who has studied the issue. Hazing is by no means restricted to fraternities, but the combination of free-flowing alcohol, an unequal power dynamic between members and pledges, and decades of tradition can create breeding grounds for abuse. With each tragedy — this year the death of 19-year-old Timothy Piazza at Pennsylvania State University — comes new pressure to do more to prevent similar crises.

Making Fraternities Safer

Bringing problems out into the open and promoting confidential reporting have helped lift the veil of secrecy that perpetuates abusive behavior.

Some colleges that kept fraternities at arm's length now assert greater control over them, requiring students to attend safety workshops and chapters to submit detailed orientation plans. Others are pursuing a more bottom-up approach, encouraging fraternities to develop their own solutions or face heavy sanctions for infractions.

Change has been slow, in part because of the entrenched interests of tradition-bound alumni. But bringing problems out into the open and promoting confidential reporting have helped lift the veil of secrecy that perpetuates abusive behavior.

Success is hard to gauge, but campus officials report some progress, whether signaled by increased reporting, greater traction of alternative activities, or students' challenging the psychology of hazing. Following are some of the latest strategies that Greek-life leaders, student-affairs officers, fraternity members, and anti-hazing activists have identified to make fraternities safer.

Change the structure of the recruitment and initiation process.

The rush period, when students and fraternities try to impress each other, often with heavy drinking, is a blur of barbecues and mixers that may start before the fall semester. Houses then offer bids, and the students who accept them become pledges. It's during the pledging process, which lasts until the new members are formally initiated into the fraternity, that hazing is most likely to occur. It may involve seemingly harmless stunts and escalate to forced drinking, sleep deprivation, beatings, and real or simulated sex acts.

To limit opportunities for dangerous behavior, more colleges and fraternities are altering or compressing that timeline, delaying rush and eliminating pledging.

Postponing rush until late fall or even early spring, as Vanderbilt, George Washington, and Penn State Universities now do, "is the big current reform being talked about," says Mr. Nuwer. The argument for waiting is that students are more settled, have established friendships, and are less likely to feel pressured into risk taking. (On the other hand, delaying recruitment can lead to a semester of hard partying as chapters woo potential members before rush officially begins.)

Starting this fall, George Washington will require students to complete at least 12 credit hours before they join a fraternity, despite complaints from some Greek leaders that the move was made without their input.

Colleges have also set their sights on pledging. At the University of South Carolina, reports of hazing and other abuses dropped this spring after the university threatened to ban pledging and closed or placed on probation more than a dozen chapters.

Some fraternities have compressed pledging on their own. Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Alpha Epsilon now initiate new members within a few days of signing bids.

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