News Updates

Former Mizzou track assistant files racial discrimination suit against Curators, MU track coach
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 28, 2018
A former *Mizzou* track and field assistant coach has filed a racial discrimination and retaliation lawsuit against MU head track coach Brett Halter, MU associate athletics director for compliance Mitzi Clayton and the UM System Board of Curators.  
*This story also ran in multiple Associated Press newspapers across the country.*

Former track and field coach's lawsuit alleges racial discrimination
Columbia Missourian – June 28, 2018
A former track and field coach for *MU* filed a lawsuit on Tuesday against the UM System Board of Curators and others for racial discrimination.

Former MU track coach suing university for racial discrimination
KOMU.com - June 28, 2018
A former *Mizzou* track coach filed a lawsuit against the University of Missouri Board of Curators and two others on Wednesday, alleging racial discrimination while he was an employee.

Academic Minute: Hand Transplants*
Inside Higher Ed - June 29, 2018
Today on the Academic Minute, part of *University of Missouri* week, Scott H. Frey, Miller Family Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience at Missouri, examines whether the brain can relearn all the functions of a transplanted hand. Learn more about the Academic Minute here.

Missouri was least lucrative public SEC school in 2017
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 28, 2018
*Missouri* was the least lucrative athletics program -- amongst public schools -- in the Southeastern Conference for the 2017 fiscal year, according to a report by USA Today.

New approaches to boosting faculty member diversity
Colleges have tried a variety of methods to recruit minority faculty. The University of Missouri and Clemson University have initiated programs to find potential candidates by recruiting students seeking advanced degrees. Others have changed the content of their advertising and carefully considered new placement in locations where minority candidates might more likely see it.

Bayer Bought Monsanto and Is Now Stuck With its Biggest Headache
Mother Jones - June 29, 2018

Kevin Bradley, a University of Missouri weed scientist who tracked the destruction nationwide, was stunned. “In my opinion,” he wrote in August 2017, “we have never seen anything like this before; this is not like the introduction of Roundup Ready or any other new trait or technology in our agricultural history.”

Columbia mail carrier battles heat
KRCG News - June 28, 2018

MU Health Care doctors said people can get sick from the heat without realizing the danger. Heat stroke can be life threatening.

’Never do this to a woman’: Men harass 2 sports reporters at the World Cup
Boston.com - June 28, 2018

Elizabeth Willis Frogge, an associate professor of broadcast journalism at the Missouri School of Journalism who co-founded the school’s student chapter for the Association for Women in Sports Media, recently attended the association’s annual convention, where sexual harassment was the subject of a panel discussion. “Things are gradually changing, but it’s still not where it needs to be,” she said.

MU burn surgeon stresses firework safety on July Fourth
KRCG News - June 28, 2018

Jeffrey Litt, DO, is medical director of the burn and wound program at University of Missouri Health Care. He sees people injured by fireworks and sparklers come into the hospital every year around Independence Day.

Could a woman be what Trump needs for SCOTUS?
Politico - June 29, 2018

“When the hearing does happen, of course I think the Ginsburg rule is completely appropriate,” said Erin Hawley, a University of Missouri law professor. “I would be all for a woman nominee,” said Hawley, while adding: “Judicial philosophy should be the main factor.”

As a Mizzou Prof, Josh Hawley Took Money from Anti-Gay Alliance Defending Freedom
Riverfront Times - June 29, 2018

In June 2013, Josh Hawley, then a law professor at the University of Missouri, was flown to Phoenix to serve as a faculty member for the "Blackstone Legal Fellowship." The job was cushy — for what appears to have amounted to an hour-long address, Hawley was paid $2,500, given a flight and extra money for expenses, and put up in the Ritz-Carlton.
Hawley wants to talk about the Supreme Court. McCaskill’s staying quiet, for now.
Springfield News-Leader - June 28, 2018
Peverill Squire, a political science professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia, said it makes sense for Hawley to focus on the next Supreme Court justice.

University of Missouri System

With proposed cuts restored, one Missouri community college is lowering tuition
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 28, 2018
The budget earmarks $409.7 million for operations of the University of Missouri System, which includes the state’s flagship institution in Columbia.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Kansas City Maker Faire Made Great Geeky Fun For All
Sound & Vision – June 27, 2018
Darryl Wilkinson shared a few of his favorites, beginning with Steve Siegel, senior research design engineer at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, playing the “Pirates of the Caribbean” theme song on his personal musical Tesla coil.

USC Scandal Sparks A Reckoning In Gynecology: How To Better Protect Patients?
Omaha World-Herald – June 27, 2018
“Patients can always ask, ‘Why are you asking me this? Why is that pertinent?’ or ‘Why do you need to do this exam?’” said Dr. Trammel Cox, who begins OB-GYN residency training at the University of Missouri-Kansas City this month.

Band of Angels surprises metro musician with her own saxophone
Fox4 – June 27, 2018
A metro student is learning all about advanced saxophone skills at jazz camp at UMKC this week, and thanks to Band of Angels, she has one of her own now.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Workforce is Growing in the Mining and Metal Industries
MyMOInfo – June 27
Mining and metal industries are seeing a growing workforce right now. Mark Coomes is the Vice President of Human Resources and Community Relations for the Doe Run Company... In addition to internships, the Doe Run Company partners with Missouri S&T in Rolla and Mineral Area College in Park Hills to provide scholarships, field trips and equipment donations that help train the future workforce.

To Increase Protection of Miners from Black Lung Disease, A Comprehensive Report on Underground Coal Mine Dust Says Monitoring and Sampling Should Go Beyond Regulatory Compliance
The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, Medicine – June 28
Black lung disease cases in coal miners have been increasing since 2000 for uncertain reasons... Committee members: Braden T. Lusk, Chair, Mining and Nuclear Engineering Department, Missouri University of Science and Technology Rolla

Kent’s Kachmarik among award winners at Highline College*
Kent Reporter – June 28
Kent’s Amanda Wetzel (physics, senior) made the honor list for spring semester at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

People in the News Grasmick*
Delta County Independent (Colorado) – June 27
Johnathan Grasmick of Delta, a senior majoring in chemical engineering, was named to the spring 2018 honor list at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

FHS 2018 Project Graduation presents scholarships
Democrat News - June 27
Michael will be attending Missouri S&T where he will be majoring in the medical field, Austin will be attending Three Rivers where he will be pursuing a degree in law enforcement and Tyler will be attending Mineral Area where he plans to major in business management.

EDUCATION NOTES: Missouri S&T awards degrees at annual commencement*
Clinton Herald – June 27
Nearly 1,200 candidates received degrees during commencement ceremonies at Missouri University of Science and Technology. The university awards bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees. Cole Thomas Stuedemann, of Clinton, earned a bachelor of science in petroleum engineering.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

What to see at the Gateway Arch museum? Here's a historian's top picks.
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 28, 2018
Fred Fausz, an associate professor of history at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, loaned many of his best objects from his lifetime of collecting fur trade items. Among the more than 40 objects are silver crosses, beads made in Venice, a beaver pelt and a beaver hat dating from the 1830s.

Beak size points to sex of Galápagos penguins
Futurity - June 28, 2018
Boersma also obtained blood samples from each penguin and sent them to Patty Parker, a professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, to determine the sex of each adult using the DNA test.

Stenger declares opioid crisis a public health emergency
KTRS - June 28, 2018
There’s a new initiative aimed at combating the opioid crisis in St. Louis County. St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger signed an executive order on Thursday declaring the opioid epidemic a public health emergency in the county. Stenger took this action during a news conference at the St. Louis County Department of Health in Berkeley, where he was joined by other community leaders. The University of Missouri-St. Louis, Missouri Institute of Mental Health, State Targeted Response team is among the community partners.

Maryville University life coaches provide ‘academic, professional, personal development’
The St. Louis American - June 28, 2018
“Part of the funding will be used to build out our student success initiative to where we are going to be providing professional development opportunities for college personnel to learn about the best practices, not only throughout the region, but throughout the country, and seeing how we can replicate those things in the various campuses,” said Alan Byrd, co-chair of St. Louis Graduates and vice provost for Enrollment Management at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. “Then each of the partner institutions will get $20,000 to accelerate the work that they are already doing.”

Amazon’s deal to acquire online pharmacy PillPack could threaten Express Scripts
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 28, 2018
Express Scripts employs 4,687 people in the region and 26,600 worldwide. Its headquarters has been on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis since 2007, and executives at both companies stressed a commitment to St. Louis operations.

Higher Education

White Supremacists’ Use of Campus Propaganda Is Soaring, Report Finds
The New York Times – June 28, 2018
White supremacist groups are increasingly using propaganda like fliers and posters to spread bigoted messages on college campuses, a new report by the Anti-Defamation League found.

White-Supremacist Propaganda on Campuses Rose 77% Last Year
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 28, 2018
White-supremacist propaganda on college campuses is rising sharply, according to data released on Thursday by the Anti-Defamation League.

What Podcasts Can Teach Us About Teaching
The Chronicle of Higher Education - June 28, 2018
Emma Bjorngard-Basayne is a podcast maven. She listens to them at the gym, on walks, and on her commute to her job as an academic adviser at the University of Connecticut’s School of Business and to her gigs as an adjunct. It’s not unusual for her to listen to them for four hours a day.

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