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Cartwright starts as MU's new chancellor

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On Aug. 1, Alexander Cartwright began his position as MU chancellor, overseeing all divisions, colleges and departments.

He will be paid a salary of $485,000 plus a $25,000 bonus if he remains as chancellor for at least five years.

Cartwright came to MU from his former position as provost and executive vice chancellor at the State University of New York System. SUNY is made up of 64 campuses, serves about 1.3 million students and is the largest state university system in the country, according to its website.

“Dr. Cartwright introduced and saw adopted a sweeping diversity, equity and inclusion policy which applies to all campuses and SUNY’s System Administration,” the SUNY page on Cartwright says.

Since Brady Deaton, who had been chancellor from 2004 to 2013, stepped down, Richard Loftin, Hank Foley and Garnett Stokes have all served as chancellor. Foley and Stokes were each under interim status. MU’s last permanent chancellor, Loftin, resigned after the protests in fall 2015. His resignation took effect at the beginning of 2016.

“I was looking for a chancellor who would serve in this role for five, 10, 15 years and use this opportunity not as a stepping stone, but to move the university forward with both short-term immediate plans (and) long-term plans to grow the university,” current UM System President Mun Choi said when Cartwright was announced as the chancellor-to-be.

Cartwright is from the Bahamas and has a Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Iowa. He is married and has two children.

“If you look at this institution, it has all of the components of being an absolutely great institution, an institution that has a tradition unlike many others in this country,” he said when he was announced a chancellor.

“And I believe not only is it an attractive place, but it can become a premier public research university in this country.”

Cartwright earned both his bachelor’s degree and doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Iowa. He was a professor at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

In addition to his duties as provost and executive vice chancellor at SUNY, he was acting president of SUNY’s research foundation from January 2015 to January 2016. Cartwright is a renowned scholar with an emphasis in optical engineering.
fewer hours and more rules prompted by financial savings for both MU and students

BY KARLEE CASSIDY

Returning students may have to switch around their typical fall and spring semester routines now that hours have changed at some campus hot spots, including the Student Center, Memorial Union, MU Student Recreation Complex, and a few dining halls.

The Student Center and Memorial Union will both open at 9 a.m. on Saturdays during the fall and spring semesters. Previously, the buildings were open at 7 a.m.

The student rec complex will close an hour earlier at 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, but will open at 5:30 a.m. for students hoping to work out or start their day. On Fridays, the building will close at 7 p.m. It will open at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Sunday hours are from noon to 10 p.m.

Rollins Night will no longer stay open until 1 a.m. It will be open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday. Baja Grill will be open Monday through Thursday and until 4 p.m. on Fridays. It will not be open on Saturdays, but will be open for four hours on Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Emporium Cafe will stay open until 10 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 10 p.m. on the weekends.

The reduced hours is an effort by the MU Division of Student Affairs to save money amongst several budget cuts affecting MU and the UM System.

Another change students are likely to notice this coming school year is to student charge for purchases that are academic or educational.

Students who wish to use their MU ID for other purchases can preload it with Tiger Cash, which can be used at the Missouri Store, for select services at the student rec complex, and in dining halls.

MU reorganized in the summer of 2017

Since MU students left campus in May, there have been several rounds of budget cuts and administrative reorganizations by the school.

Budget cuts

On May 10, when many MU students were studying for finals, Interim Chancellor Garnett Stokes sent out an email with an outline of a plan for how MU would handle its budget problems. These cuts were forced by a combination of decreased enrollment and big cuts to state higher education funding.

“The general revenue allocation to each school, college and division will decrease by about 12 percent,” Stokes said in the email. This summed to $55 million.

On May 10, the Friday of spring semester's finals week, Stokes released the draft budget for MU's 2017 and 2018 school year. A total of nearly $40 million was cut from the budget. About $40 million came from annual costs, mostly personnel, and about $20 million came from the reserves of different departments and colleges on campus.

Personnel cuts

A total of 388 positions were to be cut in May, and MU's International Institute of Nano and Molecular medicine was closed effective June 30.

UM System President Mun Choi released the system's planned budget for the 2017 and 2018 school year in a public presentation on June 2 at Memorial Union. The total number of jobs cut at MU was 420 at that time.

State withholding

On June 30, the last day of the 2017 fiscal year, Gov. Greitens withheld an additional $251 million from the state budget, with $24 million coming from higher education and $11 million coming from the UM System. These additional cuts were a result of the state's revenue growth not hitting expected amounts and they represented an additional punch to the gut to MU and the system when they were thought they'd had the budget cuts under control.

Administrative cuts

On July 6, MU announced a laundry list of layoffs and moves aimed at restructuring its administration. The Division of Operations took over all maintenance positions from the Department of Student Affairs, which resulted in about a dozen jobs being eliminated.

Several major positions were announced to be eliminated: assistant vice chancellor, three directors and a senior associate director. The July 6 moves consolidated several major departments that directly impact student life under a newly expanded dean of students position, and Jeff Zalewski, former associate vice chancellor, agreed to serve in this position. His former assistant vice chancellor position is likely to be the one that was announced as eliminated.

Frankie Minor, the former director of residential life since 1994, was one of the directors laid off in the cuts, and Mark Lucas, the former director of student life since 1997, was also laid off.

The senior associate director who was laid off is Jenna Basker, who was placed on administrative leave following her role in the Melissa Click controversy of fall 2015.

Tuition increases

The UM System Board of Curators voted unanimously at a May 23 meeting to raise tuition by 2.1 percent in an effort to stem the bleeding from the school's revenue stream.
MSA president wants to strengthen communication, provide low-cost textbooks, set up ‘coffee on the couches’ sessions

BY LORETTA LEE
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Nathan Willett was elected the president of the Missouri Students Association in March.

To prepare to serve the MU student body, he set goals for the upcoming school year:

— Provide textbooks online at no cost through Open Educational Resources.
— Help connect the new chancellor with different student groups across campus.
— Communicate with administrators about re-evaluating student charges and suggest alternatives.
— Get students involved in conversations about university decisions.
— Fill over 80 spots on the chancellor’s standing committees at the beginning of the school year.

“Set up ‘coffee on the couches’ sessions to let students share their comments and concerns,” Willett said.

Willett became involved with MSA during his freshman year and then joined several student groups.

He was elected March 8, along with Payton Engelt as vice president, to represent roughly 25,000 undergraduate students at MU.

“I truly believed that our campus is better together — as ‘Tigers together,’ Willett said.

After the 2015 protests by Concerned Student 1950, Willett said he was determined to help build bridges and make sure student voices are elevated to the administrators in the best way possible.

“The thing I’ll be fighting for is making sure the student as a stakeholder is involved in those conversations when appropriate,” Willett said.

He said problems arise when students are not connected to the proper resources or avenues to express their views.

Willett and Alexander Cartwright, to hear from student groups across campus to help student charge options.

Willett also said he wants to work to lower the cost of textbooks for students through Open Educational Resources.

“Why are we buying textbooks that are so expensive, when we can find some that are still be able to provide the same quality of high education to students but at a lower cost?” Willett asked.

The most important thing is not just making a decision but following up afterward, seeing the consequences, he said.

“I understand that administrators want to eliminate student charges, but they need to understand the consequences,” Willett said.

As soon as fall semester begins, Willett said he wants to fill over 80 spots on the chancellor’s standing committees.

“These students make recommendations to administrators on campus about specific policy issues.”

“This is where students can have a great impact. They can vote on things the administrators present to them,” Willett said.

Willett plans to set the couches in different locations around campus, including student resource centers, academic buildings and possibly restaurants or cafes near campus.

“We are here for you to serve your best interests, to fight for your student voice, and to make sure you are included in all of the conversations,” Willett said to students.

“If anyone ever needs anything, feel free to reach out to me. I work for all the students here.”

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Six new restaurants coming this fall to replace Dobbs

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The Restaurants at Southwest will replace Pavilion at Dobbs with six new restaurants plus Starbucks beginning Aug. 16.

The six new restaurants:

1. **1+5+3 Salads & Soups** will serve vegetarian, vegan and allergy-friendly food. Students and guests can enjoy “made from scratch” soup and individualized salad.

2. **1839 Kitchen** will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Students can enjoy rotisserie chicken, for example, with different portions that suit their needs.

3. **Legacy Grill** will serve burgers, hand-cut fries, quesadillas, nachos and chicken sandwiches. The sports-themed restaurant will be open during late-night hours.

4. **Truffles** will serve coffee, smoothies, yogurt parfaits, freshly baked croissants, truffles and bagels.

5. **Olive & Oil** will serve pasta in a “build-a-bowl” concept. The Mediterranean restaurant will offer different pasta sauces and toppings.

6. **Tiger Avenue Deli** will offer customized hot deli sandwiches. Students and guests can also choose from a selection of Philly-style sandwiches.

According to the Campus Dining Services’ website, each restaurant will provide an à la carte menu, so students or visitors can pay for specific items. As the first cashless operation on campus, the new dining hall will accept dining plans, Tiger Plan, debit, credit and Tiger Cash, said Michael Wuest of Campus Dining Services.

“Just come and experience it,” Wuest said. “It’s a beautiful facility and is going to have a lot of variety, options. They décor highlights Mizzou history with a modern touch!”

Dobbs ended its 58 years of service when it closed in May.
Women’s volleyball has 2016 success to build on

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The Missouri women’s volleyball team has a tough task ahead of them if they want to match last season’s success.

Last November, the Missouri volleyball team took home their second SEC championship when they won against University of Tennessee finishing the championship with the final result (27-6). They then moved through the NCAA Tournament with ease, dispatching Northern Illinois and Purdue while only dropping one set. Unfortunately, they lost to No. 2 Minnesota in the Sweet 16.

The team has more upperclassman this season than the last, with Courtney Eckenrode, Ali Kreklow, Sydney Deeken, and red-shirt seniors Melanie Crow and Kira Larson stepping up into their final season on the court.

The Tigers also have an influx of freshmen joining the team. Newcomers this year are Leketor Member-Meneh from St. Louis, red-shirt freshman Kayla Caffey from Chicago, and Andrea Fuentes and Dariana Hollingsworth-Santana who are both from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Molly Kreklow, a former Missouri volleyball player who was named SEC player of the year 2013, returned this year as a volunteer assistant coach and said she hopes to help the team win the 2017 SEC championship, according to previous Missourian reporting.

The first NCAA game in the SEC will be a home game against Kentucky at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Fans can play their part in the volleyball team’s success as well.

VolleyZOU is the student cheering section for the Missouri volleyball team. It has over 5,000 active members according to their website. VolleyZOU said through Twitter that as of July 5, they’ve had 1,052 new sign-ups.
Your 2017 SEC football forecast

**COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN**

**BY BENNETT KELTY**

**Missouri**

2016 record overall [conference]: 4-8-1 [0-8-1]

Head coach: Barry Odom

Key players: Drew Lock (QB), Damien Crockett (RB), Jaron More (WR)

Outlook: Missouri had a productive offensive year, but its defense was inconsistent. The Tigers will need to improve their defense to compete for a SEC East title.

**Georgia**

2016 record overall [conference]: 8-4-1 [4-4-1]

Head coach: Kirby Smart

Key players: Terry Godwin (WR), Nick Chubb (RB), Jacob Eason (QB)

Outlook: Georgia has a strong defense, with Nick Chubb leading the way. The Bulldogs will need to improve their offense to compete for a SEC East title.

**Tennessee**

2016 record overall [conference]: 8-5 [4-4]

Head coach: Butch Jones

Key players: Jalen Hurd (QB), Jarren Worley (RB), Marquez Callaway (WR), Jauan Jennings (WR)

Outlook: Tennessee had a strong defense, but its offense was inconsistent. The Volunteers will need to improve their offense to compete for a SEC East title.

**Florida**

2016 record overall [conference]: 7-6 [4-4]

Head coach: Jim McElwain

Key players: DeAndre Goolsby (QB), Veer Jamin (RB), Jonathan Kongbo (DT), John Kelly (QB)

Outlook: Florida has a talented offense, but its defense was inconsistent. The Gators will need to improve their defense to compete for a SEC East title.

**Alabama**

2016 record overall [conference]: 14-1 [8-0]

Head coach: Nick Saban

Key players: Jalen Hurts (QB), Calvin Ridley (WR), Minkah Fitzpatrick (CB)

Outlook: Alabama has a strong offense, but its defense was inconsistent. The Crimson Tide will need to improve their defense to compete for a SEC East title.

**Mississippi**

2016 record overall [conference]: 8-5 [3-3]

Head coach: Hugh Freeze

Key players: Shea Patterson (QB), Jordan Wilkins (RB), Marquise Hainey (WR)

Outlook: Mississippi has a talented offense, but its defense was inconsistent. The Rebels will need to improve their defense to compete for a SEC East title.

**Mississippi State**

2016 record overall [conference]: 7-6 [3-3]

Head coach: Dan Mullen

Key players: Nick Fitzgerald (QB), Dakarai Fields (RB), David Reese (WR)

Outlook: Mississippi State has a strong defense, but its offense was inconsistent. The Bulldogs will need to improve their offense to compete for a SEC East title.

**Arkansas**

2016 record overall [conference]: 8-5 [3-3]

Head coach: Bret Bielema

Key players: Trace Steele (QB), Dantavion Smith (RB), Jordan Jones (LB)

Outlook: Arkansas has a talented offense, but its defense was inconsistent. The Razorbacks will need to improve their defense to compete for a SEC East title.

**Texas A&M**

2016 record overall [conference]: 8-5 [4-4]

Head coach: Kevin Sumlin

Key players: Christian Kirk (WR), Chico Akaike (QB), Trayvon Williams (RB)

Outlook: Texas A&M has a talented offense, but its defense was inconsistent. The Aggies will need to improve their defense to compete for a SEC East title.

**TOP LEFT:** Wake Forest's Chris Black and Ohio State's J.T. Barrett in action. **TOP RIGHT:** The Cardinals' Lamar Jackson and Cam Newton in action. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The Cardinals' Johnathan Jones and Wake Forest's Tony Pollard in action. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The Cardinals' Lamar Jackson and Wake Forest's J.T. Barrett in action.
The 2017 SEC football forecast

Georgia

2016 record overall [conference]: 9-3 [5-3]

Head coach: Kirby Smart
Key players: Skai Moore (LB), Ty'Son Williams (RB), D'Andre Walker (DL), Tyler Clark (LB), Lorenzo Carter (LB)

Outlook: Last year Georgia lost its bid for a second straight SEC East title to Florida when the Gators relied on a late touchdown to win 17-9. This year, the Bulldogs will look to get back to the championship game. Key players in 2016 included Nick Chubb (2,365 yards, 16 touchdowns) and Mecole Hardman Jr. (942 yards, 11 touchdowns). Chubb is gone, but Hardman will fill some of his receiving duties. Georgia will also have to replace a key member of last year’s defensive line, Lorenzo Carter, who left school early to enter the NFL draft. However, the team is returning another strong defensive line, and several key players from last year’s national championship team are back. Expect the Bulldogs to have a strong season, especially if they can put together a complete performance against top competition.

Missouri

2016 record overall [conference]: 9-3 [5-3]

Head coach: Barry Odom
Key players: Drew Lock (QB), Damarea Crockett (RB), J'Mon Moore (WR), Christian Holmes (OL)

Outlook: Missouri needs to replace some key players from last year’s team, including quarterback Drew Lock and wide receiver J'Mon Moore. The Tigers will have to rely on a young quarterback to step up and lead the team. Missouri’s defense was strong last year, but they will need to improve their pass defense to compete against top SEC teams. With a new starting quarterback and some key departures from the offense, the Tigers will have their work cut out for them.

Arkansas

2016 record overall [conference]: 7-5 [4-4]

Head coach: Bret Bielema
Key players: Brandon Allen (QB), Keon Hatcher (WR), Devwah Whaley (RB), Frank Clark (OL)

Outlook: Arkansas struggled to find a rhythm on offense last season, finishing with a 7-5 record. However, the Razorbacks have a new starting quarterback in Brandon Allen, who will bring a downhill running style to the football field. Arkansas will also benefit from the return of several key players on defense, including defensive tackle Boogie Basham, who had 10 sacks last season. If the Razorbacks can improve their special teams play and stop the run, they have the potential to make a run for the SEC West title.

Tennessee

2016 record overall [conference]: 9-4 [5-3]

Head coach: Butch Jones
Key players: Joshua Dobbs (QB), Jalen Hurd (RB), Video Call, Elder Call (TE), linebacker Alvin Jones (LB)

Outlook: Tennessee has a lot of experience on both sides of the ball. The Volunteers have a strong defense with returning starters like linebacker Jalen Reeves-Maybin and defensive tackle Shy Tuttle. Offensively, quarterback Joshua Dobbs and running back Jalen Hurd were both first-team All-SEC last season. The Volunteers need to improve their special teams play and get more production from their wide receivers to compete for a conference title.

Georgia Tech

2016 record overall [conference]: 9-4 [5-4]

Head coach: Paul Johnson
Key players: Clayton Matthews (OL), Elijah Holyfield (RB), Truitt Smith (CB), defensive tackle Christian Barmore (DL)

Outlook: Georgia Tech has a strong defense that should be able to hold its own against top SEC teams. The team also has a solid running game with running back Kapadia Bibbs (1,033 yards, 7 touchdowns) returning for his junior year. However, the Yellow Jackets need to improve their passing game and special teams play to compete for a conference title.

South Carolina

2016 record overall [conference]: 6-7 [3-5]

Head coach: Will Muschamp
Key players: Mike Davis (RB), Jamarcus King (LB), Mike Williams (WR), Deebo Samuel (WR)

Outlook: South Carolina has been inconsistent over the past few years, but they have a solid foundation to build on for the 2017 season. The team returns several key players from last year’s team, including quarterback Mike Davis, who was a second-team All-SEC selection. The Gamecocks also have a strong defense with returning starters like linebacker T.J. Johnson and defensive back Jamarcus King. With a new head coach in Will Muschamp, the Gamecocks have the potential to make a run for the SEC East title.

Florida

2016 record overall [conference]: 9-4 [6-2]

Head coach: Jim McElwain
Key players: Antonio Callaway (WR), Jordan Scarlett (RB), Duke Dawson (CB), defensive tackle Caleb Brantley (DL), defensive back Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (CB)

Outlook: Florida returns several key players from last year’s team, including wide receiver Antonio Callaway and running back Jordan Scarlett. The Gators also have a strong defense with returning starters like defensive tackle Caleb Brantley and linebacker Chauncey Gardner-Johnson. Florida will need to improve their offensive line play and special teams play to compete for a conference title.

Auburn

2016 record overall [conference]: 14-1 [8-0]

Head coach: Gus Malzahn
Key players: Kamryn Pettway (RB), Jarrett Stidham (QB), defensive back Marlon Davidson (LB), defensive end DaQuan Hunter (DL)

Outlook: Auburn has a strong defense that should be able to hold its own against top SEC teams. The team also has a solid running game with running back Kamryn Pettway (1,007 yards, 10 touchdowns) returning for his junior year. However, the Tigers need to improve their passing game and special teams play to compete for a conference title.

Tennessee State

2016 record overall [conference]: 8-5 [4-4]

Head coach: Ed Orgeron
Key players: Joe Burrow (QB), Derrius Guice Jr. (RB), tight end Foster Moreau (TE), defensive back Tre monot (CB)

Outlook: Louisiana State University was dominant in the SEC West last season, finishing with a 12-1 record. However, the Tigers need to improve their special teams play and get more production from their wide receivers to compete for a conference title.

Notre Dame

2016 record overall [conference]: 9-3 [6-2]

Head coach: Brian Kelly
Key players: Josh Adams (RB), DeVonta Smith (WR), defensive back Jalen McCord (CB), defensive lineman Jaylon Smith (DL)

Outlook: Notre Dame has a strong defense that should be able to hold its own against top SEC teams. The team also has a solid running game with running back Josh Adams (1,090 yards, 11 touchdowns) returning for his junior year. However, the Fighting Irish need to improve their passing game and special teams play to compete for a conference title.

Ole Miss

2016 record overall [conference]: 9-3 [5-3]

Head coach: Matt Luke
Key players: Shea Patterson (QB), Kiffin Smith (RB), defensive back Antonio Winfield (CB), defensive tackle Breiden Fehoko (DL)

Outlook: Ole Miss has a strong defense that should be able to hold its own against top SEC teams. The team also has a solid running game with running back Kiffin Smith (977 yards, 9 touchdowns) returning for his junior year. However, the Rebels need to improve their passing game and special teams play to compete for a conference title.

Texas A&M

2016 record overall [conference]: 9-4 [5-3]

Head coach: Kevin Sumlin
Key players: Christian Kirk (WR), chris Allen (LB), Trayvon Williams (RB)

Outlook: The Aggies have a strong defense that should be able to hold its own against top SEC teams. The team also has a solid running game with running back Trayvon Williams (1,160 yards, 10 touchdowns) returning for his senior year. However, the Aggies need to improve their passing game and special teams play to compete for a conference title.
Five key football games for Mizzou in 2017

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Homecoming takes place this weekend with games against Idaho on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The Missouri Tigers move on to their second game of the season, looking to stay in the SEC East hunt.

The Gators demolished Missouri in 2016 by a score of 40-14, but their stingy defense returns only two starters. In addition, head coach Jim McElwain has some uncertainty at the quarterback position. There are strategic points Missouri can capitalize on, but this game’s timing is the most key. Florida will be coming into Memorial Stadium off a brutal stretch of six straight SEC games over the course of seven weeks. On the flip side, the Tigers will be coming into Memorial Stadium off a 2-0 stretch. Florida SEC swing to close the season. Missouri will need to capitalize on a fired but talented Florida team and set the tone for a strong finish.

BY CONNOR LAGORE
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Barry Odom’s first year in the helm of Missouri football did not go as fans had hoped, as the Tigers struggled through the SEC, finishing with a 2-6 conference record and 4-8 overall.

The Tigers will also have to worry about the experienced QB Jake Bentley, who is being surrounded by a lot of hype coming into his sophomore campaign. The Tigers will have to limit not only Eason but also Kirby Smart’s two-headed monster in the backfield. Sony Michel and Nick Chubb combine for one of the top RB combos in the country. Drew Jacob Eason’s game-winning touchdown pass over the middle to Isaiah McKenzie with 1:29 remaining in the fourth quarter took the wind out of Missouri fans in Memorial Stadium.

The “Battle of the Columbias” will be fought on Faurot Field this year, after last other time these two teams met in SEC play. Auburn will likely be the toughest team Missouri faces this year, and the toughest team in the Barry Odom era thus far. Head coach Gus Malzahn has a plethora of offensive options, with two quality QBs in Kamryn Pettway and Kerryon Johnson and picked off QB Kyle Shurmur twice. Auburn is a dark horse in the SEC East, and will be for the Tigers this early in the season will be a huge boost of confidence for Barry Odom’s squad.

Here is a rundown of events:

OTOBER 20-22:
- Homecoming parade and Homecoming game
- Traditions Plaza at 9 p.m.
- Greektown, 6 to 9 p.m.; Spirit Rally at Tradition Plaza at 9 p.m.
- Homecoming parade and Homecoming game

More information can be found at: Mizzou.com/homecoming

Get ready for ‘Rhythm of the Roar’ during Homecoming 2017
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Sometimes, the dominoes just fall into place. For Missouri basketball, the 2017 off-season is one of those times.

Beginning with the firing of former head coach Kim Anderson, the Tigers basketball program has built itself into one of the most talked-about heading into the 2017-18 season.

Much of that has to do with the hiring of Cuonzo Martin and the events that transpired, but newcomers can’t do it alone. Missouri returns almost everyone from a team that won eight games but gained valuable experience. Veteran leadership will come in the form of Terrence Phillips, Kevin Puryear and Cullen Van Leer, the longest-tenured Tigers.

The three juniors were forced to carry much of the weight early on in their career, and they should now flourish with a balanced influx of talent. That being said, they wouldn’t have received all the help without the 2017 offseason. Here’s a look at how it came together:

March 5
Kim Anderson removed from position as head coach.

Anderson was 27-68 overall and 8-46 in three years as the Tigers head coach. The former Big 8 Player of the Year could never get his footing right at his alma mater, and athletic director Jim Sterk had no other choice but to fire him.

March 15
Cuonzo Martin named new Missouri head coach.

Martin resigned from his head coaching position at California and accepted the Missouri job on the same day, becoming the 20th Tiger head coach. Martin signed a contract for 7 years and $21 million. Lorenzo Romar fired from Washington.

Romer, the Washington head coach, was relieved of his duties the same day as Martin took the Missouri job, which immediately set into motion the potential to bring Romar’s assistant coach, Michael Porter Sr., back to Columbia, where he was formerly the Missouri women’s assistant coach.

March 17
Jontay Porter decommits from Washington.

Porter tweeted that he was decommitting from the program due to recent events, implying the change in staff, and reopening his recruitment.

March 23
Michael Porter Sr. officially accepts assistant coaching position.

Porter Sr. accepted the role of assistant on Martin’s staff at Missouri, relocating his family back to Columbia after moving to Seattle for the Washington job. In that family were prized recruit Michael Porter Jr. and Jontay Porter.
Michael Porter Jr. granted release from letter of intent.
The No. 1 high school prospect in the country was released from his letter of intent from Washington following the coaching change, allowing him to reopen his recruitment.

March 24
Michael Porter Jr. commits to Missouri.
Porter Jr.’s recruitment didn’t stay open for long, as he committed to play for the Tigers the next day, via a tweet. Porter Jr. became the highest-rated basketball recruit in Missouri history, and now has a chance to turn an entire program around in the 2017-18 season.

April 3
CU Roberts stands by commitment.
The Texas-based point guard originally committed to Kim Anderson in September of 2016, but after meeting with Martin in late March, decided to stick with the Tigers and reaffirm his commitment to the program.

April 5
Jeremiah Tilmon decommits from Illinois.
Tilmon, an East St. Louis, IL native, found himself in a similar situation to Porter Jr., as John Groce was fired from Illinois. The university released him from his letter of intent, and Missouri immediately became the favorite to land the center.

April 8-9
Blake Harris visits Missouri.
The Chapel Hill, NC-based point guard came visited Columbia with Porter Jr. and Kevin Knox, a McDonald’s All American who would later commit to Kentucky. Harris, like Porter Jr., was a Washington commit who was released from his pledge following Romar’s firing. At the tail end of the visit, Harris committed to Martin and the Tigers.

May 3
Kassius Robertson transfers to Missouri.
The graduate transfer decided to play out his final year of eligibility in Columbia, committing to Missouri and immediately becoming an important veteran leader. Winston played his undergraduate years at Canisius College where he shot 41% on 3-pointers.

May 15
Tilmon picks the Tigers.
After extending his recruiting process, the 6-10 center chose to play for Martin, who has deep East St. Louis, IL, ties.

May 22
‘JonJay Porter makes it official’
In a move that surprised no one, the younger Porter committed to the Tigers, enabling Martin his first commitment for the class of 2018. Porter announced his reclassification in August to be eligible to play in the 2017-18 season.

The turnaround the Tigers program has seen in such a short time is monumental, and others are noticing. Missouri is ranked No. 25 in ESPN’s May 25 edition of the “Way-Too-Early Top 25.”
The expectation is now for the Tigers to make the NCAA Tournament, something they haven’t done since 2013.

Of course, Selection Sunday for the 2018 tourney is far in the future, but this young team will most certainly be a hot ticket come Nov. 10.

Top Right: In this photo taken Feb. 8, Michael Porter Jr., the nation’s No. 1 high school recruit for the nation’s No. 1 high school team, smiles before a Metro League basketball game in Seattle. AP Photo/Elaine Thompson
Bottom Right: Missouri head coach Kim Anderson, center, rests his head in his hands after a lost point at the Mizzou Arena on Jan. 28. Missouri lost by a final score of 75-63. Davis Winborne/Missourian
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AUGUST
15 SOCCER AT ILLINOIS
7 p.m., Champaign, Illinois
16 SOCCER VS. IOWA STATE
4 p.m., Columbia
21 SOCCER VS. OREGON STATE
5:30 p.m., Corvallis, Oregon
25 VOLLEYBALL VS MARSHALL
12:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tennessee
25 VOLLEYBALL VS MIDDLE TENNESSEE
5:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tennessee
26 VOLLEYBALL VS NORTHERN IOWA
10 a.m., Clarksville, Tennessee
26 VOLLEYBALL VS AUSTIN PEAY
3 p.m., Clarksville, Tennessee
27 SOCCER AT NEBRASKA
8:30 p.m., Lincoln, Nebraska

SEPTEMBER
1 VOLLEYBALL VS SACRAMENTO STATE
Noon, Boise, Idaho
1 VOLLEYBALL VS BYU
6:30 p.m., Boise, Idaho
1 SOCCER VS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
6:30 p.m., Columbia
2 FOOTBALL VS MISSOURI STATE
11 a.m., Columbia
2 VOLLEYBALL VS BOISE STATE
8:30 p.m., Boise, Idaho
3 SOCCER AT TCU
7 p.m., Fort Worth, Texas
3-4 MEN’S GOLF AT TURNING TIGER INTERCOLLEGIATE
Verona, New York
7 SOCCER AT NORTHWESTERN
Evanston, Illinois
8 SOCCER VS GREEN BAY
5:30 p.m., Salt Lake City, Utah
9 VOLLEYBALL VS SAN DIEGO
11 a.m., Salt Lake City, Utah
9 VOLLEYBALL VS UTAH
8 p.m., Salt Lake City, Utah
9 FOOTBALL VS SOUTH CAROLINA
6 p.m., Columbia
10 SOCCER VS SAN DIEGO STATE
1 p.m., Columbia
11-12 WOMEN’S GOLF VS JM WEST CHALLENGE
The Woodlands, Texas
13 SOCCER VS GEORGIA
6:30 p.m., Columbia
15 VOLLEYBALL VS PEPPERDINE
Noon, Reno, Nevada
15 VOLLEYBALL VS NEVADA
8:30 p.m., Reno, Nevada
16 VOLLEYBALL VS SACRAMENTO STATE
Noon, Reno, Nevada
17 FOOTBALL VS PURDUE
3 p.m., Columbia
17 SOCCER VS ALBANY
6:30 p.m., Columbia
18-19 WOMEN’S GOLF AT MERCEDES CHAMPIONSHIP
Knoxville, Tennessee
20 VOLLEYBALL VS KENTUCKY
7 p.m., Columbia
21 SOCCER AT MISSISSIPPI STATE
6:30 p.m., Columbia
23 FOOTBALL VS AUBURN
Columbia
24 VOLLEYBALL VS AUBURN
Auburn, Alabama
24 FOOTBALL VS SOUTH CAROLINA
6 p.m., Columbia
25 SOCCER VS TEXAS A&M
Noon, College Station, Texas
25 SOCCER VS TEXAS A&M
5 p.m., Columbia
26 VOLLEYBALL VS TEXAS A&M
7 p.m., Auburn, Alabama
OCTOBER
1 VOLLEYBALL AT ALABAMA
1 p.m., Tuscaloosa, Alabama
2-3 MEN’S GOLF AT JACKRABBIT INVITATIONAL
Valentine, Nebraska
2-4 WOMEN’S GOLF AT JOHNNIE IMES INVITATIONAL
Columbia
5 SOCCER AT FLORIDA
6 p.m., Gainesville, Florida
7 FOOTBALL AT KENTUCKY
Lexington, Kentucky
8 VOLLEYBALL VS OLE MISS
Noon, Columbia
8 SOCCER VS TENNESSEE
1 p.m., Columbia
12 SOCCER AT KENTUCKY
7 p.m., Lexington, Kentucky
13 VOLLEYBALL VS MISSISSIPPI STATE
6:30 p.m., Columbia
13-15 MEN’S GOLF AT BANK OF TENNESSEE INTERCOLLEGIATE
Jonesborough, Tennessee
14 FOOTBALL AT GEORGIA
Athens, Georgia
15 VOLLEYBALL AT TENNESSEE
12:30 p.m., Knoxville, Tennessee
19 SOCCER VS SOUTH CAROLINA
6:30 p.m., Columbia
20 VOLLEYBALL VS GEORGIA
6:30 p.m., Columbia
21 FOOTBALL VS IDAHO
Columbia
22 SOCCER AT ALABAMA
6:30 p.m., Tuscaloosa, Alabama
22-24 WOMEN’S GOLF AT LAS VEGAS COLLEGIATE SHOOTOUT
Las Vegas, Nevada
25 VOLLEYBALL AT OLE MISS
7 p.m., Oxford, Mississippi
26 SOCCER VS LSU
6:30 p.m., Columbia
28 FOOTBALL AT CONNECTICUT
East Hartford, Connecticut
29 VOLLEYBALL AT GEORGIA
12:30 p.m., Athens, Georgia
29-31 MEN’S GOLF AT WARRIOR PRINCEVILLE MAKAI INVITATIONAL
Kauai, Hawaii
30-31 WOMEN’S GOLF AT TRINITY FOREST INVITATIONAL
Dallas, Texas

NOVEMBER
3 VOLLEYBALL VS TEXAS A&M
6:30 p.m., Columbia
4 FOOTBALL VS FLORIDA
Columbia
5 VOLLEYBALL VS LSU
1 p.m., Columbia
5 VOLLEYBALL AT SOUTH CAROLINA
5 p.m., Columbia, South Carolina
12 VOLLEYBALL AT FLORIDA
Noon, Gainesville, Florida
17 VOLLEYBALL AT MISSISSIPPI STATE
7 p.m., Starkville, Mississippi
18 FOOTBALL VS IDAHO
Columbia
21 VOLLEYBALL VS FLORIDA
12:30 p.m., Columbia
22 VOLLEYBALL VS ALABAMA
6:30 p.m., Columbia
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Fayetteville, Arkansas
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