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# Racial Incidents Take Toll

## University president resigns under fire

(AP) — The president of the University of Missouri system and head of its flagship campus resigned Monday with the football team and others on campus in open revolt over what they saw as indifference to racial tensions at the school.

Tim Wolfe, a former business executive with no previous experience in academic leadership, took “full responsibility for the frustration” students expressed and said their complaints were “clear” and “real.”

For months, black student groups had complained that Wolfe was unresponsive to racial slurs and other slights on the overwhelmingly white main campus of the state’s four-college system. The complaints came to a head two days ago, when at least 30 black football players announced they would not play until the president left. A graduate student went on a weeklong hunger strike.

The Columbia campus is about 120 miles west of Ferguson, Mo., where Michael Brown was killed last year in a shooting that helped



Members of the Legion of Black Collegians and the Concerned Student 1950 supporters gather outside the Reynolds Alumni Center after an emotional protest over the weekend on the University of Missouri campus, in Columbia, Mo.

spawn the national “Black Lives Matter” movement rebuking police treatment of minorities.

In response to the race complaints, Wolfe had taken little public action and made few statements. As students leveled more grievances this fall, he was increasingly seen as aloof, out of touch and insensitive to their concerns. He soon became the pro-

testers’ main target.

In a statement issued Sunday, Wolfe acknowledged that “change is needed” and said the university was working to draw up a plan by April to promote diversity and tolerance. But by the end of that day, a campus sit-in had grown in size, graduate student groups planned walkouts and politicians began to weigh in.

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## The Week in Review

### Minimum Wage Protest

Portland joined cities across the country Tuesday in protests for a \$15 minimum wage. “Without a \$15 minimum wage, people aren’t going to be able to live in the city anymore,” said Justin Norton Kertzen of “15 Now PDX.” Fast food workers were among those participating in the rallies, part of a national declared day of action.

### Gang Killers Sentenced

Two Portland gang members have pleaded guilty to manslaughter and sentenced in the death of Precious Jackson, 24. Authorities said Corey Demmar Hill, 23, enlisted the help of Antonio Lorezno Sanders, 22, to kill Jackson, his ex-girlfriend, because he was enraged that Jackson had a new lesbian love interest. Sanders, 22 was ordered to spend 12 years in prison and Sanders was sentenced to 18 years.

### Klan Letters Investigated

Several Gresham residents reported finding flyers enticing them to join the racist Ku Klux Klan over the weekend. The invitations included small bags of root beer-flavored jellybeans and a listed website for the hate group. Gresham Police spokesman John Rasmussen said the department didn’t

think the letters were a hoax because they were distributed over such a large area.

### Wolves No Longer Endangered

The gray wolf was formally removed from the Oregon endangered species list on Monday by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Removal from the list will do little to change current wolf management but opens up the possibility for a controlled wolf hunt in the future for the 81 known gray wolves in Oregon, officials said.

### Clustered Bar Robberies

Police were investigating two early-morning robberies Tuesday of bars just five-minutes apart in northeast and southeast Portland. A man walked into the Coasters Bar and Grill on Powell around 1:36 a.m. and demanded money while brandishing a gun. A half-hour later, a similar suspect brought a gun into Rounders Bar on Halsey. No one was injured in either robbery.

### Five Pedestrians Struck

Portland police reported that five people were struck late Tuesday morning by a vehicle on Hayden Island in north Portland. Everyone survived, with two people taken to the hospital suffering non life-threatening injuries. The accident at the Mannheim Auto Auction parking lot appears to have occurred when a driver quickly accelerated and lost control of the car, striking the victims during an auction.