

CRASH Inappropriate pilots' conduct, lack of attention, fatigue deemed causes of October plane crash that killed 13 people, injured two

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The two discussed the importance of having fun while on the job. Sasse expressed frustration with colleagues who lacked this opinion:

"Too many of these [expletive] take themselves way too serious, in this job, I hate it, I've flown with them and it sucks: a month of [expletive] agony."

The NTSB ruled that although the weather conditions were not ideal, weather was not the cause of the accident.

"In this case, it could have been landed without any problem had the pilots done what they should have been doing," Holloway said.

Holloway said the NTSB made several recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration based on information found during

the investigation. He said the NTSB suggested the FAA reemphasize the importance of a sterile, or professional, cockpit and amend the flight crew hours-of-service regulations.

Laura Brown, a spokesperson for the FAA, said the FAA has 90 days to respond to the NTSB's recommendations.

The FAA released a statement in response to the NTSB's recommendations, in which it replied specifically to the suggestion that would guarantee pilots avoid fatigue.

"Ensuring that all pilots receive adequate rest is key to maintaining a safe aviation system," the statement said.

Regions Air, formerly Corporate Airlines, was the carrier for flight 5966. Regions Air president Doug Caldwell said he is aware the NTSB

has made several recommendations to the industry.

"Obviously we've incorporated what we've learned from the Kirksville accident into our training," he said.

Caldwell also said he thinks Congress appropriated funds to the Regional Airport to purchase an Instrument Landing System but that development is in progress.

The ILS, which the Regional Airport did not have in October 2004, is not regulated by the FAA, but was reported by the Index in October 2004, as an upgraded landing system that increases safety and allows pilots to land under more severe weather conditions.

Caldwell said Regions Air also complied with the FAA regulation enacted March 29, 2005 to equip

aircrafts with an enhanced ground proximity warning system, which flight 5966 lacked. The NTSB concluded that the enhanced GPWS would have provided the pilots with an alert in sufficient time to avoid collision with the trees.

Holloway said the NTSB's final draft of the report will be the conclusion to its involvement in the investigation.

Krogh said all the families involved in the crash have lawyers helping them determine a settlement, but he said the litigation resulting from the flight 5966 crash probably will not change drastically as a result of the NTSB's report.

Caldwell said he was unable to discuss any litigation or any other aspects related to the NTSB investigation.

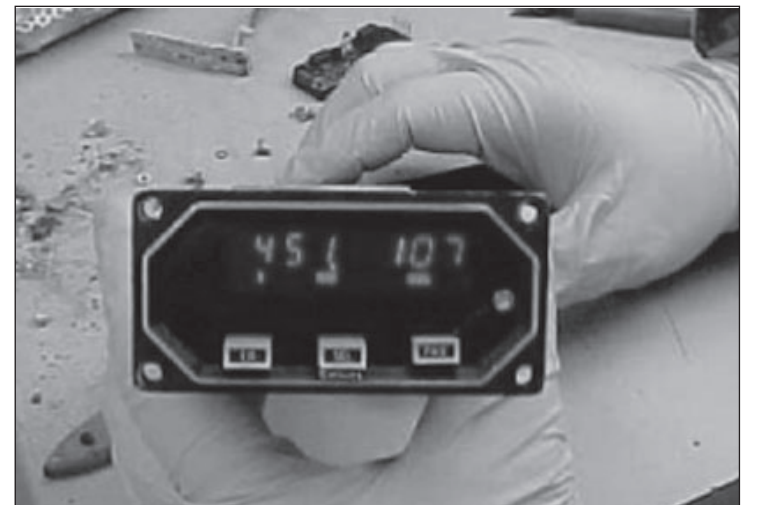


Photo released by NTSB
After close inspection the NTSB determined this accident display unit of flight 5966 had been functioning correctly at the time of the crash.

College coalition sprouts across state

Julie Williams
Staff Reporter

Truman students concerned about the cost of college tuition in Missouri have been given a chance to act.

Students from the University of Missouri-Kansas City are forming a group that will not only pressure legislators to pay attention to students but also get students active in issues that affect them, such as affordable tuition. Adam Jung and Jared Wight, with about 10 other students from UMKC, are organizing the Missouri Students United group.

"We're not officially launching until a month from now," Jung said.

He said they got the ball rolling at the beginning of this week by sending out e-mails with information about the group to students at 13 different colleges in Missouri.

Jung said Missouri Students United will be a statewide organization controlled by stu-

dents from many different colleges. He said they already have received support from 20 to 30 students at each campus and an even more overwhelming number of students at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"That's actually quite a lot of people," Jung said.

Walter Stokely, a freshman at Truman, said he responded to Jung and Wight's e-mail. He said, however, that he has yet to take further action.

"I think that education as a priority at the state and federal level is nowhere as high as it should be," Stokely said.

Stokely said he thinks college tuition around the country is too high, and it would be great if Missouri could lead the way in making college more affordable.

"If there is a united coalition of students from across the state, it's going to be a lot harder for state legislators not to pay attention to us," he said.

Jung said a meet-and-greet with Missouri legislators is scheduled for Feb. 1 at Jefferson City, and they also are working on an event called Wall of Debt. Jung said the group will send 20,000 brick-shaped postcards to students and ask them to sign and write the amount of debt they will have when they graduate on the cards. The postcards will be used to build a wall, both on college campuses and at the Missouri state capitol, and legislators will be challenged to tear the wall down after signing a pledge to work to meet the students' needs.

Jung said they have been working on this group since last spring, and the group's focus has been narrowed to the issue of college tuition and democratizing institutions around the state. He also said the group is open to students with conservative, liberal and moderate political views.

"We were able to get a lot of students active and involved in a lot of issues,"

Jung said of their work last spring.

Jung said they are interested in providing students with free legal aid, tutoring and healthcare.

Before last February, Truman was involved in another organization that focused on issues involving higher education: Student Association of Missouri was a statewide group formed by Truman students.

"We were more or less an organization that lobbied on behalf of statewide higher education issues," said junior Angela Crawford, former acting-president of SAM. "I think an organization like that is beneficial to all public universities in the state."

SAM dissolved last February. Crawford said that after former president Jesse Holcomb resigned, Missouri Western State College was the only full-member school left, and very few students were willing to work on SAM.

CITY | Rowe delivers

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"We are waiting, and that will take some time," Rowe said.

Clayton Dillavou, chairman of the Watershed Management Commission, said he understands why Rowe didn't mention the petition.

"It's difficult to make decisions with such a change in the council," Dillavou said. "In April there will be a full council, and it will be much more stable."

Dillavou said the commission will have its second meeting at 5:30 tonight.

"It's going to take at least two or three months to make any progress," Dillavou said. "We have to get to know each other first."

Rowe said that after reflecting on the address, she would not have changed anything. "I'm so glad I finished it," Rowe said of the address that took the city staff weeks to prepare.

Rowe said she made only minor revisions to the document she read to the city.

"I just make it my own," Rowe said. "I have to make it comfortable for me."

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