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Glenn Chambers photographs some of the geese that imprinted on him while they fly above the Missouri River. When the birds were imprinted, they treated Chambers as if he were their mother.

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Preserving nature with a personal lens

Glenn Chambers combines his passions for photography and conservation to educate the public about wildlife

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Glenn Chambers began his photography career — and career in conservation — at 8 years old when he saw songbirds through the open smokehouse door on his family's farm.

He set his camera, a Brownie Hawkeye, on the ground, wound the film and took a picture.

Chambers would patiently spend hours waiting for the animal to get comfortable enough with his presence to shoot images without using a giant lens. With a collection of wildlife photographs steeped in his Missouri heritage, Chambers has traveled to Alaska and the Arctic to get closeups of polar bears, beluga whales and Arctic foxes.

But it was the animals he raised that were the stars of Chambers'

career. He's brought skunks, deer, beavers, otters, foxes — to name a few — into his home and began caring for them before they opened their eyes. The process, known as imprinting, makes the animals see Chambers as their mother.

The investments Chambers made weren't just for personal reasons. He groomed the critters under his wing so they could star in the photos and videos he used to educate the public. His wildlife films have earned him four television Emmys.

"If you have a conservation story to tell, there's no better way to do it than to use live critters to carry the message and film it so you can play it back so people can see it," Chambers said. "So that's a connection. That makes it easy, and it fastens it all together and makes for a great

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First Snow Otters photographed by Chambers.

UM System considers maximum tuition hikes

Curators will decide in May whether to use increases to cover budget shortfalls

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ROLLA — A 2.1 percent hike in tuition and required fees is being considered by UM System Board of Curators to battle declining enrollment and a drop in state financial support.

The increase would add about \$200 a year to undergraduate resident students taking 15 hours per semester at MU, bringing the total bill to \$9,645 a year. For out-of-state students, the increase in tuition and fees would be more than \$500 a year at MU.

The 2.1 percent hike is the maximum allowed by state law, based on the rate of inflation. Curators could seek a waiver for a higher increase but did not indicate an intention to do so.

Curators discussed the proposal during a meeting Thursday in Rolla but did not vote on increasing tuition. The board will do so during its May meeting after the state budget

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MU revises university policies on protesting

No camping, megaphones or chalking on campus without a permit starting June 1

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Eighteen months after Concerned Student 1950's protests, MU has officially banned camping and the use of megaphones on campus without a permit.

MU will officially implement new and revised policies on protest and freedom of expression, Interim Chancellor Hank Foley said in an email Thursday. The policies,

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Charles Harris faces Georgia on Sept. 17 at Faurot Field. He was drafted 22nd overall by Miami on Thursday. See more on page 1B.

FLASH FLOOD WATCH

The watch in Boone County and the southeast half of Missouri is set to take effect 7 p.m. Friday until 1 a.m. Monday.

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FACT CHECK:

Mostly False: Rep. Nate Walker said Missouri charter schools are "failing in greater capacity" than public schools.

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