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Arkeilpane Withdraws from Missouri State AD Search

SPRINGFIELD -- University of Cincinnati deputy director of athletics Bob Arkeilpane has withdrawn his name from consideration for the Missouri State University director of athletics search. Search committee chair Brent Dunn said Arkeilpane notified him Wednesday of his decision.

"I feel like Bob was impressed with the university and the athletics department," said Dunn who serves as Missouri State's vice president for university advancement. "He did not indicate specific reasons for withdrawing his candidacy, but we respect his decision and greatly appreciate his efforts in this process."

With the June 30 retirement of long-time AD Bill Rowe, MSU is seeking a new athletics director for the first time since 1982.

Arkeilpane was the first of five finalists to interview for the position. Since his visit to Springfield, April 26-28, three other candidates -- Rick Darnell, Mike Marlow and Don Oberhelman -- have followed Arkeilpane to campus for interviews. Kyle Moats, from Louisville, will be the final candidate to interview for the position, May 17-19, including a public forum at 4:30 p.m. on May 18 at the Plaster Student Union Theater.

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