The Office of Alumni Engagement has brought Crowdfunding to the University of Missouri—St. Louis as the solution to the student organizations’ lack of funding that they are encountering. Extreme budget cuts and not having enough funds to allocate to projects, salaries, and everyday needs for their organizations has been causing major problems. Usually student organizations are funded by the Student Activities Budgeting Committee (SABC), but student organizations are finding it difficult to get the appropriate amount of funding in order to get their needs met. The request in funding each year to SABC is $1 million, but they only distribute half of that to student organizations. With this causing delays in productivity the students have now looked to Crowdfunding to help generate the necessary funding.

Crowdfunding is a method of fundraising for thirty days for a project or venture that attracts a number of small donations from many people to achieve a larger goal via the Internet. Crowdfunding has been around since as early as 2003 and many platforms have emerged from the concept. Kickstarter and GoFundMe have been two of the most popular sites lately that have really popularized the concept. Technology, art, film projects, and inventions to everyday problems are some projects that have been funded.

With the warm weather comes the chance for budding new interest of college opportunities for soon to be high school graduates, transfer students, and those looking to go back to college. Saturday’s spring weather was the perfect day to host the University of Missouri—St. Louis information program called UMSL Day. At the event, about 250 prospective students and their families and friends were able to roam around UMSL from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 7 to see if the college was right for what they wanted. UMSL Day is held twice a year in March and November to offer several opportunities for potential new students to explore the campus and its amenities. The purpose of UMSL Day is to introduce prospective students and their friends and family to the campus, give them the opportunity to learn about specific departments and programs, and give them an option to talk to current students and faculty about the university.

Attendees arrived at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center at 11 a.m. for the introduction program. Current students were brought in to talk briefly about cool facts about UMSL for the audience. One stated that UMSL and Cornell are the only two universities to have more than one alumni who are Chief Executive Officers of top 20 Fortune 500 companies.

Aowed students then traveled around campus to a variety of events. Some stayed at the Touhill and talked to representatives from colleges and departments found at UMSL. Representatives were broken up into two different floors, but it allowed for individualized questions for those curious. There were several time frames of events: the Departmental Fair where students could talk to department representatives at UMSL from 11-15 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Millennium Student Center, the Student Activities Fair where attendees could talk to student organization representatives from 12-2 p.m. on the third floor of the MSC, and the general and academic info sessions located in the MSC at different times and places depending on the subject matter. The events ranged from financial aid help to choosing a major.

“I think it’s gone well so far,” said Harry Harris, Academic Coordinator for Athletics. “Presentations are sharp. It seems to have gotten better every year.”

“This is my second visit to UMSL,” said prospective student Alearthea Williams. “I learned more about student organizations that I didn’t know about before UMSL Day. You come here and get to meet people, and it’s more personalized. I already know I’m coming here, but this made it concrete, and I was able to put my family behind it. I enjoyed the nursing seminar.”

“It’s nice to see so many young people taking an interest in their academic future as

There are several construction projects taking place on the University of Missouri—St. Louis campus in spring 2015. The construction project sizes vary from new cooling and heating to full building construction.

There is construction around Benton Hall and Stadler Hall. Benton Hall was built in 1964 and Stadler Hall in 1967. They provide space for biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, and biochemistry. These buildings do not meet current safety codes or standards and are receiving updated renovations. The project is being funded by an anticipated state allocation of $64.7 million. There is no projected completion date at this time for this project.

Larry Eisenberg, assistant vice chancellor of Managerial and Technical Services said, “The renovation will bring the building up to current building codes and design standards as well as create a consolidated, more efficient, and sustainable environment. It will provide critically needed state-of-the-art technology and flexible classrooms of various seating capacities. It will provide seminar rooms, study areas, research space, collaborative venues, and other student spaces.”

The Science Learning Building that is currently under construction is an addition to the existing Benton and Stadler buildings. “This addition is expected to be completed toward

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SGA Report
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At this week’s Student Government Association meeting, students were made aware that elections and SGA candidate filing for executive and senate positions are closed as of March 6, at 5 p.m. President Cameron Roark, junior, criminal justice and criminal justice, reports that every student will need to complete the campus schedule survey to see what hours work best for them during the week. There has been a problem with parking between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and students may have more classes on Friday to avoid this problem. SGA is hosting Whine and Cheese where students get to voice their concerns openly and honestly. Student organizations are getting a chance to earn extra money by helping at the commencement ceremonies. Each organization sends eight people and the student organization gets $200. Student Hasan Hossayrami, sophomore, history, has had a parking ticket for two years and is trying to appeal it. But there has been no recent response to his attempts to get this resolved. A committee is being discussed to create better communication amongst UMSL Campus Police and students. Career Service Week begins March 9 – 13. Starting with “Resume Reviews” in the Noon from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., every event a student attends increases the chance at winning the $200 gift card. “Get Noticed” is connecting Student Organizations with Employers. Lastly, the printing budget is being discussed on whether to keep it or change it.

Justice Dept Ferguson Findings

The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) released their long awaited report of the “Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department” on March 4. The federal investigation was launched September 4, 2014, after the shooting of Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson on August 9, 2014. The 105 page document goes into detail about the investigation into the Ferguson Police Department’s policies, violation of laws, enforcement focused on revenue, racial bias, erosion of community trust, lack of racial diversity of the police force, and what needs to be changed to fix the aforementioned problems. Captain Rick Henke and Sergeant William Mudd resigned Friday after being on administrative leave when the report released information about racist emails sent in the past. Mary Ann Twitty, the top court clerk, was fired in connection with racist emails. The full report can be viewed at http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/press-releases/attachments/2015/03/04/ferguson_police_department_report.pdf.
Campus Construction
Changing UMSL’s Appearance

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IBCC Brings Businesses and Students Together

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the end of 2015, with con-
nexions into the existing build-
ing scheduled for completion in
spring 2016,” Eisenberg said.

Renovations have also
included cooling towers being
installed on the roofs of the
Thomas Jefferson Library and
the Social Sciences and Business
Building. These cooling towers
will support cooling systems
throughout the academic quad-
rangle buildings. This project
is expected to be completed in
the spring of 2015. In the library,
there is a project to replace and
renovate the two elevators. Sam
Darandari has prepared the bid
package for the elevators. This
project will take a few months to
come to completion, but one of
the elevators will be in operation at
all times.

The Recreation and
Wellness Center will be completed
in the summer of 2015. The
building will open in the fall
2015 semester. The total project
budget is approximately $36
million. Yvette Kell, director of
Campus Recreation, said, “Some
of the things that we are currently
working on are marketing, hiring,
polices and procedures, membership
and programming, risk
management, purchase of
furniture and equipment, as
well as many other odds and
ends.”

There are a number of
building codes the architect and
contractor have to adhere to
when building a recreation facil-
ty. The building codes include the
Americans with Disabilities Act
(ADA) accommodations as well as
fire protection and evacuation
plans in the facility. Before the
building is opened to the public
there are many things that must
take place: marketing, membersh-
ips, hiring of professionals –
part-time and student staff –
creating policies and procedures,
working on programming plans
for all aspects of the facility, and
putting a risk management plan
together.

There is construction just
off of the UMSL campus as
well, but it will affect
entrance into campus from
Natural Bridge Road. The Natural
Bridge Great Streets Project is
intended to reduce the number
of lanes to improve access to
other transportation options
such as cycling, walking, and
mass transit. The Missouri
Department of Transportation
(MODOT) has partnered with
UMSL, the city of Normandy,
Great Rivers Greenway, St.
Louis County, East West Gate-
way Council of Governments,
and North County Inc. on this
project, which should be com-
teled toward the end of 2015.
MODOT is overseeing the de-
sign, management, right of way
acquisition, utility relocation,
and construction. The cost of the
$13 million dollar project. Utility
construction is underway. Lanes
have been reduced from five to
two lanes from Hanley Road
to east of Florissant Road.

The seventh annual Interna-
tional Business Career Confer-
ence (IBCC) held on March 6 in
the JC Penney Conference
Center building was free to
attend. This event, subtitled the
“Passport to Success,” centers
around educating students on
international business practices
by bringing in international
businesses as sponsors and
guest speakers from international
companies, such as Monsanto,
Boeing, Siemens SISW, and the
Nidec Motor Company. This is
a chance for middle to high level
executives to talk to college
students as equals about how
to be successful in any profes-
sional field and across national
boundaries.

Master of Ceremonies Dr.
Joseph Rottman, director of
the International Business Institute,
said, “Last year 400 students;
this year 500. This shows how
important this is to the region
and the students. This shows
what a career is like interacion-
ally and the pathway to success.”

This year’s event is different
from the other job fairs where companies
look at it as an employment opportu-
nity. Every guest speaker at this
event was more interested in
learning than in promotion and
was attentive to hear questions
from every student. Brian Sebel-
ski, senior, business administra-
tion, was a coordinator for this
year’s event and administrator
of the International Business Hon-
or Society. Sebeliski describes
this as a networking opportuni-
ty, but focused on an education-
al platform. The event attracts
“more than 40 companies,” he
said, and even the catering is
done by local businesses rather
than Sodexo. Many companies
attend because it is mutually
beneficial to businesses and stu-
dents, even without direct profit
in dollars and cents. Students
get a chance to learn about
real world decision making and
companies have a chance to illu-
minate their business strategies
to their future employees.

The success of this event,
though, rests on its wide appeal
to students. The conference has
a lot to offer all majors inter-
gested in going into professional
work. Sebeliski also commented
on the fact that there is no such
ting in today’s global
market. This means that it is
not just about the finances or
the accounting or the market-
ing, which may seem dull
to students from arts and sciences;
it is also about making connec-
tions with people and using the
skills you have developed in
your academic career to benefit
your company.

The speakers at the execu-
tive panel, particularly Torbjorn
“Turbo” Sjøgren from The
Boeing Company and Kei Pang
from the Nidec Motor Corpo-
ration, heavily emphasized the
need to know and market your
university’s value because this
will set you apart from other
prospective employers. Sjøgren,
who has a legal degree, and
Scott Bell from Siemens SISW,
who was an architect, also
pointed out that adaptability is
a key to success. These corporate
executives did not start out as
business students but were able
to adapt to become successful.
This is a necessary skill in any
job in any field, and is particu-
larly sought after in the inter-
national market where so much
diversity requires patience and
understanding.

All of the students in
attendance were eager to hear
the advice from these corporate
executives. Yumna Ali, junior,
information systems, said, “I
really like the opportunities
and connections that UMSL
provides to get a head start on
your career and to explore other
possibilities.” For more infor-
mation on IBCC, visit their
website at www.umsl.edu/ibcc/.

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over the last decade when
there was no backing in tradi-
tional funding available to help
these initiatives. The Office of
Alumni Engagement is working
to bring on alumni, the
UMSL community, students,
and faculty to help give back
to improve the UMSL experience
for students. Being that alumni
are already asked to donate to vari-
ous projects at UMSL, bringing in
crowdfunding has now given
the UMSL community and
alumni the opportunity to con-
cnect with student led projects.

Crowdfunding is not just a way
to attain money, but a way to
teach the value in giving back.

“We want to be able to
make that connection between
the UMSL community and our
student projects—teach students
about philanthropy and how
the university really helps when
they are alumni they’ll have the
idea that it is normal to give
back to the university,” said
James Page, assistant director
of Student and Graduate Engage-
ment.

Homecoming launched the
Crowdfunding agenda when it

encompassed challenging each
candidate for Homecoming
Court to raise $1,000 for a
scholarship of their choice in
only six days instead of a typical
campaign usually lasting thirty
days. The goal was $8,000.

This involved attracting more
people to the university and
more supporters. Each student’s
community needed to be en-
gaged and understand the goals
that were set. A community
for a student could have been
anyone in support of them:
a friend, family, colleague, or
mentor. By the end of that week
244 donations were given and
167 were first time donors to
UMSL. The average gift amount
was $52, the largest single gift
raised was $200, and by one
student $1420 was raised. There
were donations from over 14
states, showing that the UMSL
community spans farther than
St. Louis. With this, the Home-
coming Court was able to meet
their goal and was successful
with a total amount of $8,061
in just six days.

UMSL is the first local
university that has implement-
ed this crowdfunding platform.
Crowdfunding is becoming
very popular and useful to the
UMSL student body, creat-
ing the wherewithal to create
positive change in an organi-
zation or within the commun-
ity. Many organizations here
at UMSL are attracted to it.
Crowdfunding is also a great
start to create something ever-
lasting for the University and
future students. The UMSL En-
vironmental Adventure Orga-
nization is creating a garden on
campus. The Catholic Newman
Center is taking their humani-
tarian efforts international.

“It’s provided us an oppor-
tunity to raise (hopefully) a lot
of money in a short period of
time to go on our first interna-
tional service trip. It’s on us to
spread the word, but if we don’t
reach our goal and beyond, we
may be footing most of the bill
or not even have enough to go.
We’re at that halfway mark and
I think it’s the wake-up call
we need to push forward,” said
Belkisa Dautovic, senior, public
information systems, said, “I
really like the opportunities
and connections that UMSL
provides to get a head start on
your career and to explore other
possibilities.” For more infor-
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One of many sessions taking place in SSB March 6
Sonia Sanchez & Jessica Care moore Visit UMSL

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On the night of February 25, University of Missouri-St. Louis students and the surrounding community were able to meet two renowned and heavily decorated activists, Jessi- 
care moore and Sonia San- 
chez. Although attendance was visibly limited in the spacious E. Desmond Lee Theater of the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center, it provided for a very intimate atmosphere as the audience learned what each po- 
ettes thought it means to be an 
aktivist, a writer, a woman, and a black person in America. 
Ashlee Roberts, coordinator of diversity and service for the Office of Student Life, orga- 
ized the event and, as if able to read the audience’s mind, decided that the show couldn’t be a poetry event without poetry 
reading. For the show’s open- 
ing she brought a fairly well- 
recognized lineup of seasoned poets from the St. Louis area to perform individual pieces: J 
Love, WU-Slam Slam 
Champ Freeman Word, and 
Poetic Slang who read a very 
intimate atmosphere as the 
attendees thought it means to be an 
aktivist, a writer, a woman, and a black person in America. 

Roberts followed by listing 
of some of the more well- 
known triumphs of the eve- 
nings stars. Jessica Care moore is the Chief Executive Officer of Moore Black Press as well as the producer of “Black Women Rock!”, a concert series that pays homage to Betty Davis and features black and brown female rock n’ roll artists. She also founded the “literacy-driven” Jess Care Moore Foundation. She has published a plethora of books, poetry collections, and plays. She also has been featured on the albums of no-
table hip-hop artists like Nas’s “Nasstradamus” album as well as Talib Kweli’s “Attack the Block” mix-tape. She received the Alain Locke Award from the Detroit Institute of Arts in 2013.

Professor Sonia Sanchez tours an impressive number of 
awards and accomplishments herself with over 20 published 
books spanning the genres of poetry, theater, and children’s 
literature. She has performed and taught internationally and 
received The Frost Medal, the 
Lucretia Mott Award, and the 
Audience learned what each poet 
segments thought it means to be an 
aktivist, a writer, a woman, and a black person in America. 

After presenting the esteemed guests, Roberts 
turned the show over to artist and activist April Silver, who segued into the main event 
with an in-depth conversation 
with Sanchez and Care moore. She started the dialogue by asking the audience members if they were writers, poets, 
film-makers, or visual artists and having them applaud their 
own creative souls. It was quite a 
poohshoaling look into the spiritual component that plays 
such a major factor in some 
artists’ creative processes. After 
getting everyone to recognize 
their own creativity, she trans- 
ferred the room’s attention 
to the “marriage of arts and 
activism.” Silver asked both 
the ladies on stage to “do it from 
a perspective that’s not just 
contemporary, but a historical 
view. Give us your best thinking 
and pulling forth of those artists 
who have necessarily used their 
art, their craft, and their talents for a collective enlightenment.” 
Care moore spoke first, 
enlightening the audience on her 
creative upbringing and revealing 
what brought her to the brink 
of both poetry and civil activity. 
Interestingly enough, she does not attribute her knowledge or 
her passion to halls of public 
secondary academia. Care moore found her voice through the 
direct influence of seeing people 
in her city become doers and 
having personal ingenuity to search for that which a standard American curriculum would not give her.

Read the entire article at www.thecurrent-online.com

UMSL Participating in RecycleMania Tournament 2015

JAMIE MITTS STAFF WRITER

Over the next few weeks the University of Missouri—St. Louis Sustainability Office and the Environmental Ad- 
trepreneur Organization (EAO) will continue to participate in RecycleMania, an international tournament, between Canada and the United States, which runs February 1 – March 28. They plan to collect as many recyclables as they can during this time and bring recycling awareness to the campus.

RecycleMania began in 2001 as a friendly competition between Ohio University and Miami University when the sustainability offices from the schools capitalized on the sports rivalry to engage their students to learn about recycling and get more involved. Each year after that, more universi- 
ties became involved and today it has hundreds of colleges participating. This year there are colleges in every state except 
Hawaii and Vermont that are participating as well as Ontario, Canada.

During this two month 
competition colleges compete by collecting and weighing the recycling and trash from the campus entering the data into a scoreboard. Students can follow UMSL’s progress by accessing www.recylemaniacs. 

E. Desmond Lee Theater of the Blanche M. Touhill PAC hosted (left to right) Jessica Care moore, Sonia Sanchez, and April Silver.

ORGANIZATION/search/2015/results/ 

RecycleMania/competition/division. Through- 

out the competition the UMSL Sustainability Office can been seen 

around both North and South campuses educating students, faculty, and staff about what they can do, on campus and off, to help UMSL out in the competition.

A fairly simple way to 

contribute on campus is 

just plain recycle. There are single stream bins all over both 
campuses in the Millenni- 

um Student Center, especially in the Nosh, that can be used 

for much of one’s meal “trash” instead of actually throwing the items in the trash can. Faculty and 

staff should be on the look- 

out for information regarding a shred day; this will give them a reason to clean out their offices and help UMSL’s competition 

numbers all at the same time.

Off campus anyone can do 

some tweeting and texting to 

let people know what they have been doing to recycle, reuse recyclables, save energy, and promote sustainability. With 

each tweet, retweet, or share on the MyActions app UMSL gains points that apply toward the so- 

cial media challenge. All under- 

graduate students are asked to download the app and post to help us gain points. Readers can follow www.campus.myactions. 

org/contactimporter/ref/3914 

to access the app or go to either the iPhone or Android store and search for MyActions. Make sure to join the right school 

when setting up a profile. Using 

#UMSL #Rec2015 and another keyword like “recycle”, “reuse,” or “reduce” when posting gets 

UMSL points toward this 

challenge. All other students, 

faculty, staff, family, and friends can text 21212 to twitter 

reclycemania with these same 

hashtags and keywords to also 

help out. Participants do not even need to be on campus to get points for this challenge.

UMSL Day Warms Up Potential Students

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well as their extracurricular life,” said David McGraw, grad- 

tuate education in secondary school counseling, and presi- 
dent of the Associated Students of the University of Missouri 

(ASUM). 

Students were able to take 

with them a packet of informa- 
tion, including a voucher for the 

Nosh to enjoy on-campus din- 
ing. Some of the fliers included 

schedules that outlined the 
times and locations of several events happening throughout the day. Students and parents 

were also encouraged to fill 

out evaluations in exchange for 

a free t-shirt, which could be 
picked up at the MSC Welcome 

Center. 

Prospective students were also able to attend several bus tours and walking tours throughout the day. General 

bus tours were mostly full as 

they went to University Mead- 

ows, the residence halls, and the Pierre Laclede Honors 

College. Special tours like the 

Mark Twain Athletic Center 

and the Fine Arts Building had 

less attendance, but were more 

focussed to fit the needs of those 

interested. The walking tour was like the traditional campus 

student-guided tour available at the Welcome Center, visiting 

buildings in the quad area and the 

MCC. All tours were avail- 

able from 1 - 4 p.m so people 

could attend what they wanted 
at their leisure.

Yolanda Weathersby, direc- 
tor of Student Support Services, has been at UMSL for 28 years and eagerly participates in UMSL Day each semester. She commented about her favorite 
things about the event, “Being 

able to showcase our campus to the community and surround- 

ings communities. I enjoy inter- 

acting with prospective students and their families. [UMSL Day is] a great day for all of us to be together- faculty, staff, and students,” Weathersby said.

Campus will be buzzing with potential students once more at the next UMSL Day on November 14, 2015.
Indie Americana Lives in Self-Titled ‘Lowland Hum’ Album

ALBUM REVIEW

Grade: A

When everyone and their sister thinks they can pick up a guitar and become the next great American folk band, it takes real talent to stand out from the pack. For North Carolina’s music duo Lowland Hum, their indie-rock Americana sound has something a lot of acts do not: they are newlyweds. The music of Daniel and Lauren Goans comes out of a collaboration of two people in love who mutually respect each other’s talents, and nowhere is that more apparent than in their sophomore album, the self-titled “Lowland Hum” album, which will be released April 14.

Every track on “Lowland Hum” is a tightly-produced, polished gem of a song, from the couple’s lyrics to the impressive backing of their band. In a word, it is a very natural album in its sound and composition. The opening track’s use of their custom stompbox/tambourine set creates the audio effect of dirt being dug up and thrown into the air. These songs sound like Daniel and Lauren should be playing them on the front porch of a country house for their friends and family, and whoever passes by is drawn in by the sound.

Which is not to say that Lowland Hum’s second album is small in sound, or “folksy” in an annoying way. This album is big on percussion and guitar, and the sound of those instruments punctuate every track with great force. For that, we can thank the Goans’ backing band and sound engineer, who support the couple with drums and bass on the soundboard. What would be very quiet, understated Americana tracks become powerful with the extra help.

The lyrics, written by Daniel and Lauren Goans, are simple and straightforward, often illustrating scenes of daily life with vivid imagery. Repetition is a huge part of Lowland Hum’s repertoire. “Under The Rub” relies heavily on the repeating chorus of the speaker being unable to look up from their cell phone, which is probably a problem a lot of college students experience on a daily basis. Yes, a cell phone makes up the crux of an entire song, but somehow it does not seem as ridiculous as it reads on paper.

If anything, the power of Lowland Hum’s music, and where their biggest appeal lies, is in their shared vocals. Daniel and Lauren often sing together on the same track, although sometimes either Daniel or Lauren will take the lead for a song. No one is trying to outperform the other; they clearly respect their significant other too much to try to overpower the other’s voice. Both of their voices are deep, clear voices without any distracting audio sleight-of-hand that some artists use to disguise their vocal inadequacies. Even though the Goans have only been making music officially together since 2012, their newest album sounds as if they have been singing together for much longer. When they harmonize, it is natural, which seems to be the big theme of this album.

The best way to describe Lowland Hum is one part Rufus Wainwright, one part the Mountain Goats, and one part Radiohead. The ‘Lowland Hum’ album is thirteen tracks of rich Americana sound with modern edge, showcasing how far the music duo has come in performing together since their marriage and subsequent band formation.
The Triton men and women’s basketball teams unfortunately had their seasons come to an end. Thursday night started with high hopes when the Tritons men played the number 2 seed Drury in the quarterfinals round. University of Missouri—St. Louis led with seven points and 2:39 left to play but shortly after, Drury came back to score those seven points, unanswered, which forced an overtime. Drury took the lead for the first time in the beginning of the overtime period, bringing the score to 64-60. UMSL missed the last three shots of the regulation game and the last five shots in overtime. The Drury Panthers took the win with a score of 70 to 65 over the Tritons; UMSL finished their season with a 19-11 record. Aaron Smith, senior, business, led the team with 21 points during his last game at UMSL. Tylor Wimbish, senior, liberal arts, added 14 points along with Shane Hayes only allowed one run over six and walked only one while cam engineering with four hitless innings. McGuire struck out six and walked only one while Hayes only allowed one run with four hits and struck out five. Make sure you come out and see our undefeated baseball team when they play their next home game, and don’t forget the peanuts and cracker jacks.

UMSL Tritons

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Triton Basketball Season Ends with a Bang

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The Tritons followed with five buckets in a row, including two from Wimbish, with 4:34 to play. Smith sank another bucket with 2:39 to play, upon the Panthers regaining ground, giving the Tritons a 60-53 lead, but the Panthers would not give up. With a last minute three-point-er, they tied the game at 60-60. The Tritons shot 55.8 percent in the opening 20 minutes, while Drury shot 30.8 percent. Friday was not without excitement either, even though the UMSL women’s basketball team also saw their season come to an end against the number 3 seed Southern Indiana, losing 77-65, in the quarterfinals. One of the most memorable feats that occurred during the game on Friday was the performance of Alexis Lawrence, senior, business finance, who scored 20 points in her last game as a Triton; this included her 1,000th career point which came in the second half. Lawrence is the 17th player in the program’s history to master this amazing feat. Tierra Snow, senior, social work, added 13 points – 12 of which came in the second half. Snow also grabbed a team high of 11 rebounds, locking in her third double-double of the season. Kelley McGovern, senior, special education, played her final game as a Triton and finished with eight points and seven rebounds. McGovern will graduate ranked in the top five all-time career assists and free throw shooting percentage and top ten in steals. Regardless of the early bucket by Indiana, the Tritons used a 13-8 start to open the second half. They later pulled within 43-35, and after a three-pointer by USI, the Tritons spun off six unanswered, cutting the deficit to 46-41. UMSL reassembled from a 15-point shortfall in the tournament, but would not get any closer since Indiana shot 59 percent in the second half and with 71.4 percent from beyond the paint. UMSL got within five points twice, including 50-45 following a set of free throws from Jordan Fletcher, senior, business finance. The Triton women ended their season with a 14-14 record.

The seasons were filled with excitement and record breaking performances. UMSL is losing some amazing players as they go off to live happy lives after graduation, but with that comes an opportunity for the rest of the team, including new players to shine and to fill the shoes of soon to be graduates.
Media Sensationalizes Winter Accidents

Many people in the St. Louis region who did not have anywhere to go on March 1 stayed off of the roads for good reason. A winter snowstorm in Missouri dropped 4.4 inches in St. Louis. While the accumulation that St. Louis got may not have been as severe as storms in other parts of the region, still there were many concerns heard. There was the risk that more roads would be cleared by the highway crews, with trucks traveling side by side in a way that slops muck over to the sides of the road and the sidewalks. In contrast, I noticed that many of the side streets and major thoroughfares were cleared exceptionally well by Sunday afternoon, mainly due to the dearth of drivers on the roads.

There were many reports of major accidents in the St. Louis area caused by the snowstorm, along with hearsay accounts of what caused the melee on the roads. There were versions told of drivers who allegedly engaged in dangerous behaviors on the road, running the gambit from texting and sidewise to drinking and driving, depending on the interpretation of the tales. Then there is the perception that the reason that there are high accident rates in the winter is due to uninsured motorists. According to a 2014 study by the Insurance Research Council (IRC), 12.6 percent of drivers, or one in eight motorists are uninsured. The fallacy of winter accidents being caused by uninsured motorists is, however, that the statistics by the IRC would actually contradict this claim. The IRC measures the number of claims of bodily injury made against uninsured drivers. In 1992, the percentage of uninsured drivers was at 15.6%. Over a 20 year period, claims by uninsured drivers actually dropped to about 12.6 percent in 2012. The reasons for this decline could be due to the majority of states, including Missouri, that have implemented mandatory coverage for vehicle owners. It appears, however, that the reason for the exaggeration on uninsured drivers is that there is more liability assessed in car accidents in a fault state such as Missouri. Missourians are required to carry collision insurance, so the same time comprehensive coverage for weather related damage is not mandatory.

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Situated near two major interstates—a international airport and several populous neighborhoods—the University of Missouri—St. Louis is, without a doubt, an urban campus. This, along with the fact that over 80% of the school’s population hails from the St. Louis area, makes it reasonable to assume that gardening and organic food production is absent from a significant portion of students’ lives. It is with this in mind that UMSL’s Environmental Adventure Organization (EAO) seeks to establish the UMSL Community Garden (UCG). The UCG, which will be located immediately behind the South Campus parking garage across from the nursing building, will be open to anybody in the UMSL community with an interest in gardening. “[The garden] will provide a space where students, staff, and faculty can interact with each other and in a structured but informal way,” said David McGraw, graduate, education in secondary school counseling and the leader of the project. “In addition to this obvious community-building aspect, it will also encourage people to think about where their food comes from and empower them to take their health and nutrition into their own hands. By sharing knowledge about gardening, the UMSL community will be expanding their relationship with nature and joining the global sustainability movement.”

“I think a lot of people on campus would be eager to participate in gardening,” said Adam Berger, sophomore, English. “Having a community garden on campus would make doing so much more practical.” Practicality is one of the major focuses of the garden’s project. The EAO believes that the garden’s proximity to student residential buildings—Oak and Villa Hall, which are within a few minutes walking distance—will be especially beneficial in this regard. “Students living in campus dorms and apartments currently have very limited opportunities for outdoor activities like gardening,” said Sage Rohrer, sophomore, biology, and Treasurer of the EAO. “I think those students will be especially eager to interact with nature.”

For a while, the idea of starting a community garden on campus was only an idea. The EAO, however, has recently found a platform that may be a major step in the transformation of this idea into reality. The UMSL Crowdfund website is a new platform developed by the Office of Alumni Engagement designed to “empower the UMSL community to raise the funds they need for the projects, events, and organizations they’re passionate about.” The UCG is one of several initiatives using the platform to better reach potential donors. Although the UCG has already received over 20 donations, it has yet to reach half of its $5,500 goal and has only until March 17 to do so. Regarding these difficulties, McGraw said: “convincing people to give their hard-earned money to us in not necessarily easy or enjoyable, but . . . anyone who thinks about community gardening can see how beneficial it is, so the real struggle is spreading the word to as many people as possible.”

“We appreciate the big givers, of course, but we really value those individual who have less to give but are still passionate about our efforts,” said McGraw. “The more people hear about it, the more likely it is that we reach our goal.” Those interested in supporting the UMSL Community Garden can do so by visiting www.crowdfund.umsl.edu and making a donation.

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• Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) preparation programs
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WCW Discusses Minimum and Living Wages

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Robert Russell, Labor Studies Coordinator, spoke on the public debate over the minimum wage. The lecture by Russell, “Minimum Wages & Living Wages: The Debates Over Jobs, Work & Compensation” took place in room 316 in the Millennium Student Center building on March 4 from 2 to 3:15 p.m. with a packed audience. Pizza and beverages were served, and a reprint of the New York Times article by Liz Alderman and Steven Greenhouse from October 27, 2014 was distributed at the event. What’s Current Wednesdays is a series of round-table chats that is co-sponsored by The Current” and “The New York Times.”

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