Little Left for Renovations After Budget Cuts

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On September 22, The Current sat down with Joann Wilkinson, director of budget services, Dr. Jim Krueger, vice chancellor for managerial technological services, and Larry Eisenberg, associate vice chancellor of facilities management, to discuss the financial situation of The University of Missouri—St. Louis in response to the issue of mold growth in Villa. This is part two of an article published in issue 1476 on September 14.

Krueger explained that UMSL receives two budgets: operations and capital. The operations budget covers operating expenses for all of the departments (including maintenance) and the capital budget covers some new buildings and major renovations.

The University receives approximately $90.1 million in a lump sum for the operations budget from the state and approximately $109 million from tuition. UMSL used to get an allotted 12 to 14 percent of the state appropriations for operations. Now the campuses of the UM System must compete for money based on their strategic plans. “We’ve been having budget cuts every year for the last six to seven years,” said Krueger.

Once the University receives the money from the state, a proposal

Cut Up Credit Cards, Get Scholarships

DAVID TOCCO  STAFF WRITER

Grant Baldwin, entrepreneur and author of the book “Reality Check: The Student’s Guide to the Real World,” spent an hour speaking in front of about 50 University of Missouri—St. Louis students on September 22 in a short seminar titled Show Me the Money. During the presentation, he shared valuable information covering many financial topics, including spending philosophy, budget game plans, avoiding debt and credit report/score information. Baldwin travels the country speaking to students and has given over 100 presentations similar to the one he gave last week in the Millennium Student Center Century Rooms.

Baldwin related his past experiences while maintaining a jovial, entertaining approach and interacting with students during his presentation. He gave many practical and important tips, advising students to “learn to develop discipline and self-control” and “have a waiting period before making big purchases.” He also stressed the importance of personal budget development and encouraged students to “spend it on paper before you spend it in person,” Baldwin said that paying cash can often prevent people from overspending.

After budgeting advice, the former youth pastor went on to address the topic of debt. He said that everyone should “avoid debt like the plague,” and that “debt is not just a part of life.” He explained that while school loans and financial aid are not needed to rely on federal financial aid or private loans.

The final topic of discussion was credit reporting and credit scores. Baldwin emphasized that credit cards are not necessary in order to build credit and warned of the potential dangers relating to credit card possession. He advised students not to blow off their credit scores but not to obsess over them either. “The primary use of a credit score

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THE UNDERCURRENT
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HAVE YOU BEEN TO AN UMSL SPORTING EVENT?

GAME CORNER

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Submit solutions to R. Dotzel 329 ESH (dotzelr@umsl.edu)

Just for fun problem of the week:
A chicken and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half.
How many chickens will lay 12 eggs in 3 days?

Please note: Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and the UMSL Math Club presents “What is an Actuary?” on Tuesday, October 13 in ESH 304 at 4:00pm. Refreshments at 3:30pm.

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Eisenberg said, “To go into Villa and replace the roof cause would be a significant cost. It’d sort of be like throwing good money after bad. In reality, the whole system has to be replaced. The only in between solution would be to replace the insulation around the pipes. We can go in and get rid of the mold several times but to go in and actually replace the insulation would cost a lot of money when we also have roofs leaking on campus and elevators breaking down daily.” In fact, the system has $1.4 billion to $1.5 billion of deferred maintenance and repair.

“I've never cut maintenance,” explained Krueger, “because [maintenance] is so underfunded.”

Eisenberg said, “Some people seem to misunderstand. They’ll see at Mizzou a big new stadium and they’ll wonder, ‘Why are they building a brand new stadium when something else is wrong?’ Usually that money is earmarked. It’s sort of different for the mold. These different allocations have different uses attached to them.”

The Recreation and Wellness Center is an example of money in the capital category where the funds came from a 30-year bond issue and will be paid for over time by student tuition (as voted for by the students) and membership.

On the matter of facility renovations in Villa, Jonathan Lidgus, director of residential life and housing, said, “We… felt that the additional presence of a live-on professional staff member was desired to better address the needs of our on campus population. That staffing model required the addition of an apartment in Villa North.”

The completed Villa North renovations allowed “27 additional spaces to be brought online, as well as renovations to the restrooms in Villa North,” said Lidgus.

Krueger indicated that it is difficult to change allocation amongst units. A partial solution to the budget issues is to work with a firm to do a campus space study.

The solution is to “basically try to reduce square footage,” said Eisenberg. “Maintenance has a cost related to the square footage. So if we can reduce the square footage, then the maintenance costs can be spread among the area and we can get more done. But that comes with some pain because we’re reducing people’s offices and classrooms. Classes might have to be scheduled on Fridays to get by with fewer classrooms.”

“If we can somehow continue to partner with the state for capital appropriations, [that would be a solution],” said Krueger. “Renovations are the highest internal priority for the campus.”

When it was time for the audience to respond, the first response was, “It’s life. It’s life; it does happen.”

As Gary and Rich, Kolis and Beard stole the stage for the third skit, with Radcliffe acting a minor role as Karren. The third sketch was simpler than the second. Karren told Gary her woes. Upon her exit, Rich informed Gary of a rumor about Gary being gay. Gary confirmed the rumor. Rich was livid with betrayal. They had been roommates for two years.

The audience spent minutes discussing the differences between gender and sexual orientation.

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UMSL Biological Society Reorganized

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STAFF WRITER

The Biology Club at the University of Missouri—St. Louis is being reorganized after some years in hiatus. The Biology Club’s advisor is Dr. Peter Stevens, a founding professor in biology. Stephanie Theiss, junior, biology, is the president of the organization. Theiss discussed the new Biological Society with The Current.

TC: What is the objective of the Biological Society? Who are the guest speakers that you have lined up, what are the field trips being planned and what are the research opportunities for members?

ST: The overall objective of the Biological Society is to help expand undergraduate knowledge about career and research opportunities that are available to them and to nourish relationships. In the past, we have had guest speakers from Monsanto, Danforth, and Career Services to discuss internships and job opportunities to students. In addition, biology professors have held workshops on resume building and ‘what to do with your degree.’ We also have an open house every October to help undergraduate students build relationships with graduate students and research faculty. This has allowed many students to find a research lab and receive research credit towards their degree. Lab experience is extremely valuable—it can enhance resumes and make an undergraduate stand out amongst others when applying for a job in the future. Finally, we have exciting behind the scenes tours of the St. Louis Zoo and Missouri Botanical Gardens, as well as hikes with faculty members and fellow students.

TC: How many are on your roster, and are there members from the former club who keep in touch?

ST: This fall we started with 65 students on our roster. Since the beginning of the semester, we have already added about 20 more students. We are growing as more students hear about our organization and some of the events we do. Patricia Panzica (Horack) was our president last fall and has been the main reason this organization has become more active in recent years. She has since graduated but keeps in touch.

TC: Do you have members from majors outside of Biology and the sciences, and what do they gain from membership?

ST: The Biological Society is open to all majors who are interested in biology. In fact, our treasurer Kathryn Janssen, sophomore, is a psychology major. Guest speakers lecture on topics that could be interesting and relevant to many students. The workshops focused on resume building and internship opportunities could prove beneficial for any major. In addition, many people enjoy gardening or have a love of animals.

TC: So what fundraising projects do you have in mind? Is that part of the reason for the Biology Club’s decline in the past?

ST: We don’t focus on fundraising as much as other organizations do—we are primarily an educational organization. Last semester, however, we did donate to the Colleges Against Cancer Relay for Life event. Our previous decline had to do with leadership, not fundraising. A few years ago, most of our officers graduated at the same time, which caused confusion and a lack of leadership. We have learned from this mistake and try to make sure our officers are at varying levels of their degree completion.

TC: Where can we contact the Biology Club on social media?

ST: We are on OrgSync and post regularly about upcoming events. We are on Facebook as UMSL Biological Society/ Tri Beta and on Twitter @umslbiosociety. The best way to stay in touch is through OrgSync or by looking at our organization board outside of 102 Benton Hall—we also keep copies of our applications here. If you have filled out an application, you will be added to our email list and get updates through MyGateway.

The Big Event Service Day Brings Helping Hands to Jennings Community

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STAFF WRITER

On September 26, over 100 volunteers teamed up in a one-day annual service project known as The Big Event. The event was sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) and UMSL Students of Service (SOS). This year, St. Louis County Police Department officers and recruits teamed up with students to help restore an area in the city of Jennings. The cleanup effort took place on a six block stretch of Hodiamont Avenue—one of the most crime-ridden areas of Jennings.

Seeing a neighborhood in a state of disrepair was a humbling experience for many of the volunteers. There were abandoned homes which had not seen attention in years and some of the homes that were occupied did not look much better than the abandoned ones. Students remarked about how sad and overwhelming it was to see such a poor situation, as little boys rode their bicycles down this forgotten and neglected street. The student volunteers worked hard in the four hours they had to make a difference, however big or small. Activities included clearing trash, mowing and trimming overgrown lawns, and staining the deck of a local food pantry.

As for the residents, their reactions were mixed. Some appeared suspicious, some perplexed, but some of the residents were grateful. Jennings resident Calvin Archibald said, “I think it’s a good thing. I mean it shows the community-policing relationships.”

UMSL Students of Service is putting on several other events this semester. Among these are a trunk-or-treat on October 31 and a Blessing Basket event on November 14. For further information and to sign up for these events, log in to OrgSync and become a member of UMSL Students of Service.
Fake Lawyer Makes Real Laughs in ‘Grinder’

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STAFF WRITER

Take a moment to imagine your favorite movie doctor stepping into the operating room to save your life. No, you are not in the movie; instead, you are in real life and he is not a real doctor. Would you still want him to start your open heart surgery? We can assume not. Fox’s new TV series, “The Grinder,” is a comedy that plays on that idea but this time the man is your lawyer.

“The Grinder” is the next big TV series coming to Fox on September 29. It is a concept based around two brothers, one an actual lawyer and the other an actor on TV, who come together at the end of the actor’s career as ‘The Grinder.’ After nine seasons of ‘grinding’ out cases, actor Dean Sanderson, played by Rob Lowe, finds himself confused and unsure of what to do next. Dean, the famous lawyer on TV, is an exaggerated character who talks through life as if he is constantly on screen. Using dramatic words and pointed passive aggressive tactics, he tries to convince his brother, Stewart Sanderson, to work on Stewart’s actual cases. He uses playwright tactics to attempt to convince everyone to support his plight. Stewart, played by Fred Savage, is one of the very few non-star struck characters in the show trying to be reasonable. Stewart’s reasonable motives can be tied to the fact that he still lives in his famous brother’s dramatic shadow, a shadow that only gets bigger as the audience realizes that Stewart himself is not the bravest lawyer in town.

The first episode starts off with Dean mouthing the words to his own series finale. He makes for a perfectly vain celebrity, all while Stewart’s family is pulled into the magnetic vortex that is his personality. Stewart, on the other hand, spends this cherished family moment with his jaw practically touching the floor as Dean falls more and more in love with himself. Not only a full minute into the show, you can already feel your lips twitching into a smile. This family feels real. Throughout the show, you see a real family as they react to one another. These are not awkward back and forth between actors forcing a family relationship. From the moment the show starts until the end of the episode, you believe you are watching their lives in action. The relationships between the family members and the side characters also feel genuine. The actors of “The Grinder” are not new to the screen. Lowe is an Emmy Award nominee from NBC’s “Parks and Recreation” and Savage is an Emmy Award and Golden Globe Award nominee from ABC’s “The Wonder Years.” These two successful actors are perfect for the show.

The entire family dynamic works well for the show and you can immediately find yourself laughing as this pretend lawyer attempts to give advice to real clients based on information from his TV background. “The Grinder” is smart and classy, a mix that should put this show on your list of things to do on Tuesday nights this fall.

‘All The Way’ Dramatizes Civil Rights Fight for Theater

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In the movie “Selma,” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lobbies President Lyndon Johnson to push for passage of the ground-breaking 1964 Civil Rights law, a campaign that forms the backdrop for the movie’s award-winning play “All the Way,” now on stage at the Repertory Theater of St. Louis, Sept. 9-Oct. 19, 2015.

The ensemble applauds as Lyndon B. Johnson (Brian Dykstra) signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964, in the drama ALL THE WAY, on stage at the Repertory Theater of St. Louis, Sept. 9-Oct. 19, 2015 CREDIT: JERRY NAUNHEIM JR.

In the movie “Selma,” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lobbies President Lyndon Johnson to push for passage of the ground-breaking 1964 Civil Rights law, a campaign that forms the backdrop for the Repertory Theater of St. Louis’ award-winning play “All the Way,” on stage from Sept. 9 through Oct. 19. The play is the centerpiece of the theater’s 2015-16 season. The ensemble adventure, directed by Emmy award winner Eric Schaeffer, stars Brian Dykstra as President Johnson and features a cast of 19 actors portraying various historical figures: Avery Gjovik plays Martin Luther King, Jr., who together with other Civil Rights figures Ralph Abernathy (Ron Himes), Stokely Carmichael, James Harrison (both played by Richard Prioleau), Roy Wilkins, and Aaron Henry (both played by J. Samuel Davis), argue among themselves about the best way to fight for passage of the law. Myxolydia Tyler plays both Coretta Scott King and activist Fannie Lou Hamer. The opposition includes the infamous segregationists Republican Senator Strom Thurmond (Stephen D’Ambrose) and Governor George Wallace (Jon Shaver). Kurt Zischke plays Democratic Senator Hubert Humphrey, who became LBJ’s vice president. Berenadette Quigley plays First Lady “Lady Bird” Johnson, as well as Washington Post owner Katharine Graham and Republican Congresswoman Katherine St. George. Robert Vincent Smith plays FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, as well as Democratic Senator Robert Byrd.

That is a lot of narrative threads and actors to keep track of, but director Woolf has a steady hand and the play weaves them brilliantly into a single story. Much of the weight of keeping all those balls in the air falls to Dykstra as President Johnson, and the actor does an amazing job, creating a charismatic and complex character. Truthfully, all the cast are good in this fast-paced historical drama.

The action takes place on a single set, with Johnson’s desk on a slightly raised platform at the center and with a balcony above. Different parts of the set stand in for various locations, and having a single set means we see both speakers of the many phone calls LBJ makes while working his political magic.

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The annual University of Missouri–St. Louis Founders Dinner was held on the evening of September 24 at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in downtown St. Louis. The ceremony honored faculty and staff members with 25 years of service, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence recipients, Distinguished Alumni awardees, and Auguste Chouteau Society and Pierre Laclede Society donors.

Guests ranged from a variety of experiences and careers, including students, faculty, donors, and university administrators.

“I feel very honored to have been a founder and a member of a committee of 28 and of course I’m still there,” Jim Westbury said. “The committee had high hopes and great expectations of what would happen. But I don’t think we ever envisioned this size and this scope of what we have now. It’s a tremendous development.” Westbury and the committee helped UMSL become the first public university in Saint Louis. Chancellor Tom George said, “Our Founders dinner, I think, is special because we are such a young university. We really were ‘founded’ in 1963. We are the real deal. That sets us apart from other founders.”

Before dinner commenced, a promotional video spotlighted a few UMSL students and graduates who explained why they chose UMSL. The video also featured a welcome message from Chancellor George.

After the dinner, the ceremony recognized the winners of the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence and the 25-year service awards. These staff members were also honored at the September 16 University Address.

The 25-year service award honorees included Priscilla Anne Dowden-White, associated professor of history; Michael T. Elliott, associated professor of marketing; Ricardo A. Flores, professor of physics and astronomy; Aaron Steven Fransel, assistant clinical professor in the College of Optometry; Margo Lea Hurwicz, associate professor of anthropology and archaeology; Janet Lynn Lauritzen, curators’ professor of criminology and criminal justice; Thomas L. McPhail, professor of media studies; Cathy Vaterott, professor of educator preparation, innovation, and research; Gayle A. Wilkinson, professor of educator preparation, innovation, and research.

Other faculty honored in this segment included the six Chancellor’s Award for Excellence winners: Kim Baldus, teaching professor at the Pierre Laclede Honors College; Sanjiv Bhatia, professor of computer science; Susan Brownell, professor of anthropology; Brian Lawton, senior lecturer in information systems; W. Howard McAlister, associate professor of optometry; Christopher Spilling, professor of chemistry and biochemistry. There were also three award winners for the Chancellor’s Award for Staff Excellence: Mary Brown, coordinator of technical training in ITS administrative services; Debra Black, campus police administrative assistant; Samuel Darko of custodial services.

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The set stands in for the Oval Office, Congress, MLK’s offices, and the Democratic Party’s convention center, among other locations.

The acting and action are tour-de-force, but if this masterful play has a flaw, it may be that it assumes that the audience knows the basic historical details, which might not be true for some younger audience members. The play’s program notes include a helpful guide to the people in this political drama, but a short historical description to set the stage for the action would have been helpful too, especially for those too young to know that the South was once a bastion of Democratic power and there were once liberal Republicans.

It is still a terrific production, packed with great performances and energy, all about a significant political moment for the country. “All The Way” is a winner all the way around. Getting this 2014 Tony Award Winner for Best Play for the Rep’s season opener is quite an accomplishment, and audiences should rush to see it while they can. The play runs through October 4, 2015.

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UMSL Men’s Golf Wins Second Tournament

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SPORTS EDITOR

On September 21 and 22, the University of Missouri–St. Louis men’s golf team took to the Brickyard Crossing golf course in Indianapolis. The nationally ranked Tritons got first place over eight other teams earlier in the month at the Arch Cup tournament, and Tuesday marked the second tournament win in as many tries.

Markus Lindberg, sophomore, international business, shot rounds of 71, 69, and 74 for two under par (214) en route to his first collegiate medalist honors, helping UMSL finish with a team score of 869, almost 20 strokes better than the next nearest competitor, Drury University. Teammates Anthony Cope, senior, international business, and Colby Yates, senior, criminal justice, tied for runner-up honors, both posting a par of 216.

The Tritons’ B team also had a strong showing, finishing third in team standings with an 889, only three strokes shy of Drury’s score. Gordon Hundley, sophomore, mechanical engineering, and Stephan Sorg, sophomore, biology, shot as well as many of the other competitors present. Hundley posted a 220 and tied for seventh, and Sorg tied for ninth with a 221.

UMSL next plays on Monday and Tuesday at the Division II Midwest Fall Regional in Chicago, Illinois.

Intramural Registration Deadlines Are Approaching

ALEX NEUPERT
SPORTS EDITOR

One of the many benefits of the new Recreation and Wellness Center (RWC) is the plethora of intramural sports leagues available for students to join. Many are available for men, women, and co-ed formats. While wiffleball and arena flag football deadlines have already passed, there are still plenty of sports to choose from, and they are an amazing way to stay in shape as we head into the holiday season.

Three-on-three basketball, the only variant of the sport on the fall schedule, is an officiated league that will be played on the baskets running the width of court two in the RWC, utilizing a mini court with transition play. There will be modified rules to account for the different space and teams must have a minimum of three players and a max of eight on the roster. Deadline to register is September 29 by 4 p.m.

Dodgeball is a fast paced sport using six cushioned balls and will be played in the multipurpose activity courts at the RWC. Teams attempt to knock out opponents by hitting any part of the body below the neck with a ball or catching an opposing player’s throw. Teams must have six registered players up to a max of 14. Deadline to register is October 20 by 4 p.m.

Four-player volleyball is one of the most popular intramural sports and follows the basic concepts of regular volleyball except without only four players. It will use rally scoring in a best two out of three format. Teams can have a max of ten players. Registration opens on October 13 and closes on November 3 at 4 p.m.

More information can be found at the RWC; registration is done at IMLeagues.com.
TRITONS VOLLEYBALL SPLITS WEEKEND 1-1

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as well. Young cited those early matches as helping the team prepare, saying, “We played four really good teams in Florida, and I think it’s helped us prepare for a tough conference schedule. Teams we played down there were very good and we kind of learned where we were at and what we need to work on. And we’ve improved since then so it’s a good sign.”

The Tritons were quick to show these improvements. During the first set, UMSL forced long rallies with the Rangers, keeping the ball inbounds and letting their opponents make the mistakes. To that effect, Wisconsin-Parkside helped the home team often with 18 errors to the Tritons’ eight. The Tritons won their first set easily with a score of 25-18.

In the second set the Tritons had a major mishap when several players ran into the announcement booth, knocking out the lights and electronic scoring system. However, the game kept going with only a short time out. The Tritons kept the ball going, continuing to force the issue with accurate shots to the tune of a .367 hitting percentage, compared to the abysmal .178 put up by the opposition.

UMSL had their work cut out for them going into the third set, where the Rangers could not seem to amount any response to the onslaught of attack from the Tritons’ offensive core. Four of UMSL’s top five scorers had six or more kills, including a match high of 11 kills supplied by Gina Pezze, sophomore, nursing. Hannah Miller, senior, graphic design, added eight kills along with two blocks. The Tritons had 11 blocks on the night to the Rangers one, with two blocks. The Tritons had 11 blocks on the night to the Rangers one, behind the strong defense of Jessica Ploss, senior, German, who supplied four blocks. Leading defensive specialist Alivia Brinker, freshman, chemistry, also helped out on defense, providing 15 digs alongside Lindsay Meyer, senior, business logistics, who added nine digs and 21 assists to her total of 2,694, which is third all-time for the Tritons.

An 8-0 run during the final set was enough to win the match against the Rangers in straight sets: 25-18, 25-20, 25-14. On the sweep, coach Young said, “I thought we played really solid in all aspects. Obviously, being our home opener we were pretty pumped up and a littleamped up. So I think that helped a lot being on our home floor, but we just played solid and it was good to see three really good complete sets.”

On Saturday, the Tritons took on GLVC East division leader Lewis University. The Flyers had been on a tear, winning ten straight with a win over GLVC (4-0 GLVC) while UMSL started off strong with the first three points of the set before Lewis struck back. After an awkward exchange at the net that resulted in an attack error, the Tritons found themselves down 9-12. After taking the decent lead, the Flyers did not look back, winning seven of the last eight points to take the set 25-16.

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After a ten-minute intermission, the Flyers returned to form, winning the third set in quick fashion, capitalizing on miscues and errors from UMSL. However, the fourth set returned to the back-and-forth play we had seen earlier. Some timely timeouts from Young helped stymy runs from Lewis, giving his team a breather and letting them regroup mentally and physically. The lady Tritons pushed very hard through the whole set, diving at several balls to try and make saving digs, and despite some odd plays, they would pull points out of nowhere.

Unfortunately, on the strength of 11 blocks and 54 kills, the Lewis University Flyers took the match three sets to one with set scores of 25-16, 18-25, 25-15, 25-21. They improve to 12-1 (4-0 GLVC) while UMSL finishes the weekend with their record at 5-7 (2-2 GLVC).

Maddy Russell, freshman, nursing, led the team with 12 kills and two aces while Meyer helped her teammates with 18 assists and 17 digs. The UMSL Tritons women’s volleyball team next faces Lindenwood University on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Mark Twain Athletic and Fitness Center. They defeated the Lions 3-1 in their previous matchup.
The role gender plays in the workplace continues to provoke public discourse. In recent years, the number of males in female-dominated occupations has increased significantly. Men are increasingly taking jobs as teachers and clerical workers to nursing, all of which have been traditionally female-dominated. Those who debate the idea of gender diversity look at this as a civil rights issue that has an impact on Title IX as well. The question is, does the presence of men in female professions hurt or help equality among all genders?

Point: Men stunt feminist progress: It is not news that women earn less than men in male-dominated occupations, however, according to a report from the National Women’s Law Center in March of 2014, women make up close to half of the workforce. Despite this, women make up 76 percent of the low-wage workforce. While there may be significant crowing by social institutions about male representation in female occupations, wage disparities are still present in the 20 most common occupations for women in 2013. According to the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, female elementary and middle-school teachers earn 8.2 cents less than their male counterparts. The male to female gap for registered nurses is at 12 cents per hour. For female social workers, the gap widens to 16.4 cents to what their male cohorts make. These pay gaps do not even represent the difference between pay among women in male-dominated fields; rather, these gaps are present in fields where women are have been stereotypically considered ‘better suited.’ In addition, it is widely known that there are points in a woman’s career when she is unable to rise in her organizations while her male counterparts rise higher. This is widely known as the ‘glass ceiling.’ What is startling is what little is known about the ‘glass escalator’—the reason why males in female-dominated professions rise higher and faster than women in male-dominated occupations. Women are often expected to discontinue their careers to be full-time mothers. This may make it quite difficult for women to return to full-time work after extended absences. According to Women Empowered, the ideal executive or manager features traits stereotypically considered male. Since only the males appear to fit such skewed models, they often are promoted faster than the women. What is more, being the only male in a female-dominated field draws more attention and advances their potential for promotions. In that sense, the distinction between the glass escalator and the glass ceiling continues to vilify feminist ideas by reinforcing male privilege, and thus, the sexism women endure.

Counterpoint: Men advance feminist goals: Title IX, fights for equality for women in male-dominated professions, and the male minority in female-dominated occupations has not changed that. Some advocate more male representation in traditionally female professions for good reasons. Elementary schools are expressing great concern about underachieving males who do not have significant masculine role models in urban schools. Another reason fathers are encouraged to work in female-dominated fields is for paternity leave. Under the Family Leave Act of 1993, passed by President Bill Clinton, fathers have the same leave rights as mothers do where leave is offered, which is often only in traditionally female occupations. Finally, theorists make correlations between the female professions and contributions to household chores. According to a study by Notre Dame Sociologist Elizabeth Aura McClintock from 1981 to 2009, as more males enter into non-traditional ‘feminine’ jobs, the distribution to household chores becomes more evenly distributed. Working in that environment causes men to respect women’s paid and unpaid work more,” said McClintock. In conclusion, regardless of who dominates a profession, at the core is holding America to its ideas of equal opportunities and dignity for both men and women in both the workplace and at home.
Missed Opportunities = Wasted Money

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Annoyed by the numerous emails you receive and postures you read on a daily basis informing you of free activities, clubs you can join, tours, offerings, learning seminars, trips, etc? Well, if the opportunities had a consciousness, they would be not only annoyed but disappointed at your lack of enthusiasm to take advantage. Many valuable activities which are not only offered but beg for your attention slip by with very little involvement from the student body. Ironically, many of the students who ignore the chances presented complain that “There is absolutely nothing to do here,” or that “Sts. Louis is so boring…I need to move.”

Last Tuesday, I attended the financial seminar, Show Me The Money, which featured the entertaining author/entrepreneur Grant Baldwin. This event was paid for with University of Missouri-St. Louis funds and promoted by the Department of Financial Aid. Attendees learned or were reminded of many important financial tips during the presentation. Baldwin started late, obviously waiting for more students to arrive, hoping perhaps that many were stuck in class or traffic, but his wait would be in vain. Both at the beginning and during the middle of the event, I counted the number of attendees and both counts yielded less than 50, with a seating capacity of approximately 300.

How sad! This event was promoted like none other I have seen so far this fall semes- ter. I remember first reading about the event in an email a couple weeks ago and marked it on my calendar, planning to be there. I knew I needed reminders regarding how to stay financially stable and, hey, the email said there would be attendance prizes, so I was sold—and way more than 50 of my peers should have been as well. Not only were numerous emails sent out advertising the event, but fliers were posted on doors in several areas. On the day of the event, sidewalk chalk was used to write the who/what/when/where. All this effort for less than 50 attendees. Pathetic.

I think the instinct of students, especially new undergraduates, is to think that any activity sponsored and/or promoted by their university must be lame and not worth investigating. I am attempting to break this taboo.

The staff and student leaders at UMStL work hard to provide a large variety of different events and the students can find extracurricular activities to be excited about. And do not forget—a portion of the student activity fees which you or your parents pay fund a variety of events sponsored by their university must be considered.

Carly Fiorina and Planned Parenthood

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If your Facebook feed has not already informed you, there has been a lot of hate directed at Planned Parenthood following the ‘baby parts’ video—you know, the heavily edited ‘undercover’ interview in which a Planned Parenthood medical director supposedly insinuates that the women’s health organization profits off fetal parts ($30-$100 per donation to cover shipping and processing costs, what room for profit? QVC wanted me to pay as much to get the ShamWow value pack.)

Despite the video being secretly recorded by members of the ironically misnamed anti-choice group ‘Center for Medical Progress’ and fully debunked over and over again by medical professionals, Planned Parenthood executives, and internet rumor watchdogs such as Snopes.com, the Health Care Providers Representatives successfully pushed a bill to the Senate this week in an effort to defund Planned Parenthood.

While the Senate shot down the bill, Republican presidential nominees have been relentless in their continued attacks on Planned Parenthood and the pro-choice community, none so much as Carly Fiorina, who recently gave a speech at a crisis pregnancy center.

You may be asking yourself, what is a crisis pregnancy center and why should a presidential hopeful not be speaking at one? You came to the right place for information. Unfortunately, if you are a pregnant woman in need of life-changing medical assistance and you went to a crisis pregnancy center, you probably went to the wrong one.

Like the CMP, crisis pregnancy centers is so poorly named, it is almost criminal. As the University of Chicago Department of Family Planning and Contraceptive Research states: “Also known as pregnancy resource centers or pregnancy support centers, crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) are nonprofit centers that provide services and counseling to pregnant women, but oppose abortion. Often branches of national evangelical Christian and anti-abortion organizations such as CareNet and Heartbeat International, CPCs largely aim to dissuade women from getting abortions. Their services are typically limited to pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and counseling, and they often provide women with inaccurate and intimidating information about their options for reproductive health care.”

It only gets worse from here. According to the University of Chicago as well as Finer and Henshaw’s ‘Abortion Induced and Aborted Services in the United States in 2000’, the U.S. is seeing an increase in CPCs and a decrease in abortion clinics, with 4,000 CPCs in comparison to 2,000 (and declining) comprehensive reproductive clinics.

Some documented, deceptive practices by CPCs include misleading or false advertising, delayed pregnancy test results, coercive or threatening language, and knowingly providing false information.

As many as 86 percent of CPC websites provide false information about pregnancy, abortion, and the law. CPCs recognize that low-income, minority women under the age of 24 are at the greatest risk of unintended pregnancy, causing CPCs to often advertise on college campuses and in low-income neighborhoods. Start to feel taken advantage of yet?

In the 2015 Spring Semester, I personally investigated information being distributed on University of Missouri-St. Louis campus by UMSL Students For Life, who were directing pregnant students to CPCs, and found such inaccuracies. Pamphlets claimed that “94 percent of PP’s pregnancy services were abortions in 2013.”

Since ‘pregnancy service’ is not a term listed on PP’s statistics, I politely asked what they considered to be a ‘pregnancy service.’ The reply was “abortions and abortion-ultrasounds.” You mean to tell me that 94 percent of the abortions were abortions? What were the other 6 percent?

The actual numbers: a mere 3 percent of Planned Parenthood’s services are abortion-related. 42 percent of PP’s services are STD/STI screening, 34 percent contraception, and 9 percent cancer screening. They also directed students to local CPCs for reproductive medical assistance.

When I see male presidential candidates attack Planned Parenthood, an organization which provides cancer screening, STD/STI testing, counseling, and contraception to low-income men and women—the people at the highest risk of unplanned pregnancy—I am saddened by their lack of understanding and education. But when I see a woman, who is seeking the highest office in our nation, choose to misinform other women about their reproductive health and seek to eliminate their resources, I am disgusted. It is one thing to have religious and moral beliefs and to support those beliefs. It is another to deliberately disenfranchise at-risk groups in order to consider getting together with your peers on the weekends in a university-sponsored activity. Here are some ways in which you can have fun and get your money’s worth at the same time:

-Attend a Triton home sporting event and support your team! They are fun and free for students. Here is a rundown of Triton home games this week:
  -Volleyball (Mark Twain Gym) Tuesday (9/29) vs. Lindenwood: Women play at 7:00pm in the Mark Twain Building
  -Soccer (Don Dallas Field behind the Mark Twain Gym) Friday (10/2) vs. Drury: Women’s game starts at 5:00pm, Men at 7:30pm Sunday (10/4) vs. Missouri S&T: Women’s game starts at Noon, Men at 2:30pm
-Test Taking Strategies: Thursday (10/1) from 5-6pm in 225 MSC

*These are only suggestions; there are many more opportunities. Check out the full calendar listing to prepare in advance: umsl.edu/campus-calendar/
Hanging with _______ at the MSC at 1 p.m.? Or catching some _______ at the Touhill at 1 a.m.? It’s the perfect time to feed your Crave for _______ , _______ and _______ , because anytime is breakfast time at the _______. But it doesn’t _______ there. Get anything on the menu, anytime we’re _______.

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