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UMSLS INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWS

Stockley Found Not-Guilty

**Aubrey Byron**
News Editor

A **former** St. Louis police officer, Jason Stockley, was found not guilty of first degree murder on September 15 for the 2011 shooting death of Anthony Smith. Stockley waived his right to a jury of his peers and the trial was presided over by St. Louis Circuit Judge Tim Wilson. Judge Wilson cited reasonable doubt in his statement while delivering the verdict.

In response to the verdict, protests have erupted in Downtown St. Louis and Central West End neighborhoods. Many businesses in the area closed early and sent employees home. Protests remained largely peaceful as of Friday. However, police and protesters have reported the use of mace on the crowds.

A woman with a milk-stained face was protected as well as providing access to complete the survey. A climate survey was also conducted by UMSL and Missouri S&T in 2012 by the same company. UMSL had the same 11 percent participation rate.

**Rankin and Associates** presented their findings in J.C. Penney Summit Lounge.

**Katy Redler**
Managing Editor

The University of Missouri System hosted several town hall events this week to discuss the results of climate surveys conducted by Rankin & Associates Consulting last October and November. Monday’s town hall was at the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus, Tuesday and Wednesday it was at the UM System campus and the University of Missouri-Columbia campus, Thursday at the Missouri Science and Technology campus, and Friday was at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The 106 slide presentation and executive summary was available on the climate survey website after the town hall. The full report and UM System report will be available September 18.

UM System President Mun Choi sent out a system-wide email on September 11. His email stated, “While some of the findings will be very positive and encouraging, some of them will indicate what we can do as a community to improve our environment. This assessment provides us an opportunity to be forthcoming and transparent; build upon our strengths; develop a deeper awareness of those challenges; and inform our institutional policies and practices to ensure each member of our community is respected, valued, safe and a vital part of a positive culture.” Rankin and Associates Consulting presented their UMSL findings.

UM System Hosts Town Halls to Discuss Climate Survey Findings

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Math Problem of the Week

No correct answers yet! Chicken McNuggets come in packages of 6, 9, and 20. What is the largest number of chicken McNuggets you cannot order from packages of 6, 9, and 20 McNuggets?

Email solutions to covertdj@umsl.edu
Mumps Confirmed on Campus

KAT RIDDLER
MANAGING EDITOR

A CAMPUS-WIDE email was sent out on behalf of the University of Missouri-St. Louis’ Student Health Office, Christopher Sullivan, warning that mumps had been confirmed on campus on September 13.

Sullivan said that there was a possibility that people on campus have already been exposed to a person with mumps at UMSL as there were at least two suspected cases. Sullivan explained the symptoms. “Mumps is a virus that causes painful swelling of one or more salivary glands, a low-grade fever, tiredness, muscle aches and loss of appetite. Typically, at sons with mumps have swelling of the gland located in the cheek area near the ear and at the back angle of the jaw where a pea-sized lump does not have any symptoms.”

Sullivan further explained, “Mumps infection can cause a rash and sneezing or direct contact with the saliva of an infected person. Symptoms of mumps usually develop 1 to 28 days after exposure to the virus, with the most common symptoms being fever, headaches, and swollen salivary glands.”

Sullivan went on to explain, “A student notified the university’s student health center of an exposure to a person with suspected mumps. The student was reported their parked vehicle covered unknown persons damaged a tree and a parked motorcycle. At 6:54 p.m. UMSL PD and Residence Life checked the building for a previous fire alarm. At 12:13 p.m. an UMSL student reported a found driver’s license was turned in to UMSL PD. A student reported their parked vehicle was broken into. The student was accompanied by a non-affiliated person was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center. At 8 p.m. an UMSL student was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center. At 8 p.m. an UMSL student was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center.

Protests Erupt After Stockley Verdict Announced

An email sent by University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor, Tom George, to students and faculty Friday morning included the following statement: “...we are asking faculty to be flexible and make appropriate accommodations for students who have demonstrated obstacles to attending regular courses.”

The statement continued, “We have always been proud of the way in which the UMSL community responds to regional issues – providing professional support to those in need, such as the recent storms. As we continue to work through these challenges, we hope to see you back on campus soon.”

OSI Column for September 18

T HIS WEEK in the Office of Student Involvement:
• Student Government Association and UMSL Students of Service bring you The Big Event 2017, an effort to impact one place in the STL Metro area with a day of service. On September 23 with Great Rivers Greenway and the City of Bridgeton Parks and Recreation Department. The event will include planting a bioswale with native plants, removing invasive ivy, and setting litter pickup along the greenway. A light breakfast, lunch, and t-shirts will be provided. For those who registered after 9/13, shirt sizes will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. We will take group transportation. Learn more and register at https://orgsync.com/59704/events/20215896.

• Toddrick Hall Live! is coming to UMSL! Students are sure to purchase your discounted tickets for the Office of Student Involvement Speaker Series: Toddrick Hall Live!

The Equifax Data Breach: What You Need to Know

PAUL BYRON
NEWS EDITOR

E quifax, one of the largest credit reporting agencies, reported that it suffered a large scale data breach from mid-May to July. The breach, according to the company, could affect as many as 143 million Americans and impacted an estimated 1.4 million international users, meaning nearly half of the U.S. population. Many University of Missouri-St. Louis students will be affected by the breach.

Equifax suggested that credit monitoring is the best way to protect against hacks. People who may have been affected should run a credit report and make sure no new accounts have been opened in their name. Consumers are also being encouraged to place a credit freeze or fraud alert on their credit. For more information on how to implement a credit freeze or fraud alert, contact your credit reporting company or your bank.

Consumers may sign up for one year of free credit monitoring to help secure their information. Equifax has a website at www.equifaxsecurity2017.com/ to sign up for the “Potential Impact” tab. (First, make sure you are on a secure computer and network.)

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TODD HALL will host a talk on campus. More information will be posted on the university’s website.

The focus of this year’s Summit is to engage and educate participants in the areas of diversity and social justice. Lunch will be provided. Learn more and register by viewing the calendar event on TritonSync.

The Office of Student Involvement can be contacted at 314-516-5671 or sivc@umsl.edu.

The following is a series of daily crime and incident reports issued by the University of Missouri-St. Louis Police Department between September 7 and September 13.

September 13:
- At 9:57 a.m. a University of Missouri-St. Louis police officer noted that the area around the student center was unsafe on Monday. The police officer was given a list of people who were on campus and told that they should be checked.
- At 12:13 p.m. a minor accident took place in Lot JJ of the St. Louis Police Department. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center. At 8 p.m. an UMSL student was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center.

September 12:
- At 10:44 a.m. a minor accident took place in Lot E of the University of Missouri-St. Louis student center. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center.

September 11:
- At 4:50 a.m. a non-affiliated person was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center.

September 10:
- At 9:57 a.m. a fire alarm was reported in the area of the student center.

September 9:
- At 12:05 p.m. a minor accident took place in Lot E of the University of Missouri-St. Louis student center. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center.

September 8:
- At 9 a.m. a minor accident took place in Lot JJ of the University of Missouri-St. Louis police department. The vehicle was driven off the road and the driver was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center.

September 7:
- At 1:30 a.m. a minor accident took place in Lot E of the University of Missouri-St. Louis student center. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center.

September 6:
- At 12:05 p.m. a minor accident took place in Lot E of the University of Missouri-St. Louis student center. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the hospital via ambulance after feeling nauseous in the recreation and wellness center.
TWLOHA Places Flags on MSC Lawn to Highten Student Suicide Awareness

Michael Plumb
Editor-in-Chief

To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA) is a student group at the University of Missouri-St. Louis that is fighting the suicide epidemic, by raising awareness. This week TWLOHA was on the MSC bridge tabling to raise funds for treatment and therapy via the national nonprofit organization TWLOHA.

At the table students could take and make a (I WAS MADE FOR) Flyer that would state what they were made for or something person ally meaningful to them. Along with tabling, they placed white flags on the Millennium Student Center lawn as part of Suicide Prevention Week. The 1100 flags placed were to represent the number of college age students lost to suicide each year. Students could write the names of loved ones on the flag.

There are a number of suicide prevention resources available nationally and through UMSL Counseling Services. The crisis text line is a 24/7 crisis support line and can be used by texting “TWLOHA” to 74774. The suicide prevention life line is a 24/7, free, and confidential support for people in distress and can be used by calling 1-800-273-8255.

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“That’s high,” Rankin Senior Executive Associate Emil Cunningham, “That’s higher than what we find nationally, so something is going on in the classroom that works for students and faculty.”

Cunningham continued, “The challenging part is to think about here is what it is like for those over 25 overall.”

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The survey found that 57 percent or 177 of Faculty respondents and 63 percent or 244 of Staff respondents have seriously considered leaving UMSL. The main reasons stated were the pay and compensation rate, institution support, and higher workload.

Chancellor Thomas George tried to explain during the question and answer portion of the town hall, following the presentation, that UMSL is the only campus out of the UM System that will have a merit pay system for this next year to accommodate pay raises.

All information gathered will be the property of the UM System and each campus. Chancellor George stated that UMSL had $2.5 million set aside for the compensation increase. "It is a system that we will have to adjust for this next year as we allocate funds to have merit salary increases," he said.

Inclusion and University Advancement was asked about UMSL's future plans in terms of improving diversity and inclusion. "UMSL has also had a more balanced gender representation," she said. "We have a 50/50 split of men and women on campus. And there are UMSL initiatives like the Inclusive Excellence Framework project that are being implemented to improve diversity and inclusion."
IT is Here to Try to Give You Nightmares

MICHELLE REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

IT has become synonymous with today’s hip-hop culture. He has guested on tracks and collaborated with artists like Dr. Dre, Drake, and his labelmate Ab-Soul and even rock, making him one of the biggest names in hip-hop since.

In 2010, K-dot released his first album, “Overly Dedicated.” The album garnered him universal acclaim and more recognition and is still being played everywhere.

But for the true Lamar fans out there, another album/mixtape entitled “unfitter unmastered.” This album has a lot more variety, with the same connecting themes that make the other albums and mixtapes stand out.

Lamar is a member of a rap collective called Black Hippy. There are three other members, all signed to TDE, instead of one. None of those rappers has risen to the level of K-dot. Not surprising, as several rappers like Jay Rock and Ab-Soul have some good music of their own, but most of their best tracks are collaborations with Lamar. We can only hope that the group will release an album of their own one day. Until that happens, we have one of the greatest rappers of all time, and definitely the best of his generation, to tide us over with all the hip-hop music that comes our way.

As mentioned earlier, Lamar is the greatest of our time.
**Sports Calendar September**

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Kaepernick Shunned by NFL Teams After Protesting Police Brutality During Anthem

Kyle Mannisi
Opinions Editor

Colin Kaepernick is just 29 years old, yet his athletic career has likely already reached its end. He did not receive performance-enhancing drugs, was not accused of any heinous crimes like domestic abuse or murder. Kaepernick simply sat on the bench, rather than standing during the playing of the national anthem, in silent protest against police brutality and racial injustice.

His actions went unnoticed for two preseason games, only gaining media attention when an unrelated twitter photo from a team reporter showed Kaepernick sitting during the anthem at the third preseason game of 2016. After the game he spoke with reporters, explaining that he did not kneel because of his desire to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. In the weeks that followed, teammates and fellow NFL players showed solidarity with Kaepernick by kneeling during the anthem, but not rebuke from their sponsors. Brandon Marshall, a linebacker for the Denver Broncos, lost a contract because of his protests. Aaron Rodgers told reporters that it would be “ignorant” to believe that Kaepernick’s unemployment had nothing to do with his activism.

Earlier this year, statistics website “FiveThirtyEight” analyzed free agent data, concluding that “it’s obvious Kaepernick is being frozen out for his political opinions,” adding that “he might inspire even more athletes to get involved.”

Meanwhile, sources like Fox and the Drudge Report continuously cater to supporters of the President and focus on the far-left extremists. They frame anyone on the left as “liberal” or “leftist.” Right advocates label the Democrat Party as “socialists.”

The division of the two political wings once came down to a few simple disagreements about the economy and social issues, but nobody wants to hear that these days. At least the opinion-leaders don’t. And that’s what scares me. As the radicalization of the narrative continues, we are hearing more and more stories pushing a division.

The media is quick to point out the appearance of white supremacists, Neo Nazis, and the KKK, as we saw recently at the Charlottesville protests. They covered the violence that broke out between both sides, however, they tended to remain quiet about the left-wing radical group Antifa, who also arrived at the scene, ready for action.

During a press conference about infrastructure last month, President Trump was asked about the violence and responded that violence selling extremely well online, making him the only player on the top 50 that is not on a roster.

The NFL argues that Kaepernick’s unemployment is justified, suggesting that his protests are too controversial for team owners to handle. This change of heart is surprising, considering previous years in which teams have happily awarded multi-million dollar contracts to convicted criminals with offenses ranging from animal abuse to domestic violence and rape.

The owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, Jeffrey Lurie, signed Michael Vick in 2009 after his 23 month prison sentence for running a dogfighting ring. According to Lurie, Vick’s case is different because “there was a complete vetting of: ‘How is he as a teammate? What is his character? What is his potential? Does he have all the intel? Can he be backed up?’”

Somehow, Kaepernick has not proven to Lurie that he meets these criteria. In 2016 alone, Kaepernick won a prestigious character award from his 49er’s teammates and donated almost a million dollars of his own money to charities that fight oppression.

As an organization, the NFL is able to extract an obscene amount of wealth from the labor of black men, who make up over 70 percent of players in the league. It makes sense for the NFL to try to silence Kaepernick. He threatens to weaken their grip on their most profitable employees.

The only thing that is keeping Kaepernick off of a professional football team is his activism on behalf of people of color, simply stated. Kaepernick by all accounts, is a genuinely good guy, yet the NFL and team owners have vilified him for standing up for what he believes in. Many players who have done heinous things have gotten their misdeeds swept under the rug and given the chance to play for the NFL, yet Kaepernick is being boxed out.

Many players have joined his protest, and owners are scared that he might inspire even more athletes if they give him back his platform.

The Baltimore Ravens have recently shown a small amount of interest, but Kaepernick has likely played his last game in the league. He seemed to acknowledge this, as early as the first time he was asked about his protests. Despite the possible consequences, Kaepernick dug in, saying “If they take football away, my endorsements from me, I know that I stood up for what is right.”

Kaepernick’s conviction and demonstration of being radicalized narratives, we see less and less of the moderates. What’s truly sad is that there are so many people who have nuanced views but are afraid to speak about them. On top of that, people continue to hold their opinions without wanting to open discussion with those that may disagree with them. Discussion and debate is undermined and often ignored. If nobody will reach out, then we really are divided.

The Political Divide: Where Are the Moderates?

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There is a simple, yet complicated reason that people disagree: we are all different. We come from various upbringings, faiths, sets of values, and cultures. What we gather from these life-shaping experiences often determine what we think to be correct, at least for a time.

But when it comes to politics, there only seems to be two sides. Yet, most of us, it seems, fall somewhere in-between these two sides. However, the media and other social outlets have continuously catered toward certain ideals and we’ve seen two sides of the political spectrum continue to divide over the years.

In recent months, we have seen major news outlets like CNN, MSNBC, and the New York Times cater toward “not going to write editorial denouncing the president and focus on every bit of negative evidence of the president as the right.” Extreme left advocates call the Republican Party and those they don’t agree with racist, homophobic, and fascist.

Meanwhile, sources like Fox and the Drudge Report continuously cater toward supporters of the President and focus on the far-left extremists. They frame anyone on the left as “liberal” or “leftist.” Far-right advocates label the Democrat Party as “socialists.”

The division of the two political wings once came down to a few simple disagreements about the economy and social issues, but nobody wants to hear that these days. At least the opinion-leaders don’t. And that’s what scares me. As the radicalization of the narrative continues, we are hearing more and more stories pushing a division.

The media is quick to point out the appearance of white supremacists, Neo Nazis, and the KKK, as we saw recently at the Charlottesville protests. They covered the violence that broke out between both sides, however, they tended to remain quiet about the left-wing radical group Antifa, who also arrived at the scene, ready for action.

During a press conference about infrastructure last month, President Trump was asked about the violence and responded that violence

 Charlottesvile “Unite the Right” rally. came from “many sides” in the conflict. After being pressured from both political parties to address the white nationalist groups more directly, he spoke again two days later, denouncing the KKK, Neo Nazis, White Supremacists, and said that “racism is evil.” Yet, the next day, while responding to reporters, he doubled down on his first statement, saying, “I think there’s blame on both sides...I’ve condemned many different groups, but not all of them were Neo Nazis.”

While all of this is happening, media outlets continue to put their spins on the coverage. CNN’s hard article on Trump’s comments leads with a neutral title: “Trump says both sides to blame amid Charlottesville backlash,” but then begins to paint the President in a negative light by describing the conference as “staggering” and claims that he equates “the white supremacists on the left” on the other side.

So, the media doesn’t seem like they’ll be stopping their war with the right and the Trump administration. But neither does it seem that Trump and the right will stop bickering down on the “fake news” label. In a world of perpetually-dividing narratives, we see less and less of the moderates. What’s truly sad is that there are so many people who have nuanced views but are afraid to speak about them. On top of that, people continue to hold their opinions without wanting to open discussion with those that may disagree with them. Discussion and debate is undermined and often ignored. If nobody will reach out, then we really are divided.
**Nintendo Showing Promise as it Doubles Down on Third Party Games**

By Michael Plumb

Nintendo showed off their upcoming games and updates for the Switch at a September Direct event. The event featured several new games, updates, and announcements. Nintendo's program, called "Arcade Archives," includes several old games, "Phallic Fight," "Vs. Ice Climber," and "Morphie’s Law," among others.

Several different games on the Nintendo Switch.

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**Briefing**

On September 13, Nintendo released its online presentation called the "Direct." The event featured several new games, updates, and announcements. Nintendo also held a poll for Kirby fans, with the winning copy ability being "Kirby Battle Royale."

Nintendo announced that in early 2018, they will release "Alliance Alive," "Shin Megami Tensi Strange Journey Re-Edit," "Radiant Historia: Perfect Chronology," and "Tribal Wyverns V: Beyond the Myth," on the 3DS. Additionally, "The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild" is the latest installment of the "Zelda" series. The Switch version will feature items from "Zelda: Breath of the Wild" such as the champion tunic, Hylian shield, and master sword. All of these can be unlocked from using certain Zelda Amibos or you can find them somewhere in the vast world of the game.

One of my personal favorite series from Nintendo has always been the Mario Party games and that is mostly because of the addictive mini-games that it’s known for. Well, apparently either Nintendo read my mind or others think like me, because at the Direct, they announced "Mario Party: The Top 100," which will include new and old games from the top 100 ranked mini-games from the extensive series. It launches on November 10.

While there was ultimately no talk of "Mario Prime 4," we did see a release date for "Metroid: Samus Returns," which is a remake of the GameBoy classic, "Metroid II: Return of Samus." The game released on Friday, September 15.

For third party games, there was no shortage of new 3DS RPG fans will have plenty to work with in the near future. Developer Astar announced that in early 2018, they will be releasing "Alliance Alive," "Shin Megami Tensi Strange Journey Redux," "Radiant Historia: Perfect Chronology," and "Tribal Wyverns V: Beyond the Myth," on the 3DS. And while those titles are about a memorable as a trigonometry lecture, all of the aforementioned games look visually pleasing and appealing to traditional RPG fans and will certainly provide hours of gameplay.

Speaking of third party games, Mojang will finally release "Minecraft" for Nintendo’s handheld. Other titles mentioned include "Apollo Justice: Ace Attorney," release date in November, and "Fire Emblem Warriors," release date October 20.

Now, as for the Switch, which has become the company’s star console, outpacing the 3DS in sales, there were some tremendous announcements made.

First off, let’s talk about third party games. The long-awaited Nintendo edition of Bethesda’s "Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim" was given a release date of November 17. The Switch version will feature items from "Zelda: Breath of the Wild" such as the champion tunic, Hylian shield, and master sword. All of these can be unlocked from using certain Zelda Amibos or you can find them somewhere in the vast world of the game.

Bethesda also announced that they would be releasing both of the latest installments of two legendary first-person shooter series: "Doom" and "Wolfenstein II: The New Colossus." These two titles, along with Skyrim, may prove to be strong unit shifters for the Switch.

Speaking of first-person shooters, "Morphie’s Law," a title by imprint Cosmospope, was announced. In it, you play as armed robots who are in a fire fight. When your avatar shoots another, whichever body part is struck will shrink, while your avatar same body part will grow.

The goal is to have the largest player by the end of the round. The game will release this winter.

As for sports fans, they will have a variety of titles including "NBA 2K18," eShop September 15 and retail September 18 release date, "WWE 2K18," no release date set, and "FIFA 18," release date September 29.

A Square Enix title appeared in the announcements as well. The tentatively-titled RPG "Project Octopath Traveler" was explored more in-depth since its announcement at E3 earlier this year. The game will give you the option of playing as one of eight characters and features 16-bit era graphics and a visual style that the developers refer to as “HD-2D.” A demo was released on the Nintendo Switch eShop on the day of the announcement and the full game will be out sometime in 2018.

Another strong and successful title, "Pokken Tournament DX," the Pokemon-Tekken crossover, will come to the Switch on September 29. There’s also a demo available for download right now. Fan-favorite "Super Mario Odyssey," "Yasuke," "Ede Chronicles 2" will be out on December 1. The massive RPG/adventure looks visually stunning with a large world to explore. Alongside the base copy of the game, there will also be a special edition including some downloadable updates soon, including new weapons and levels.

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