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The 2017 State of the University Address Focuses on UMSL Success

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The State of the University Address of University of Missouri-St. Louis was held at 3 p.m. on Sept. 27. Chancellor Thomas George gave an address on the state of UMSL, highlighting several positive achievements and developments of the past year.

“I know we’ve had a lot of challenges, particularly at the University of Missouri system the last few years, but here at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, we’re alive and well,” he said.

Among the notable achievements were awards from well-known publications around the country. Business Insider named the university “#1 for Affordability.” The University of Missouri-St. Louis was named “Best for Vets” by Military Times for the third consecutive year. It was named one of the “Top 25” business management programs in the nation. The International Business department was ranked 24th nationally. It has been in the “Top 25” business schools for 15 consecutive years.

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St. Louis Public Radio, an asset of UMSL, has expanded significant-ly over the past year. It assumed operational and programming duties of Missouri Science and Technology’s public radio station. This comes continued on page 3

Gregory Ward is UMSL’s New Grounds Supervisor

KAT RIDDLER
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It is pretty easy to see the University of Missouri-St. Louis was originally the site of a golf course with the hilly landscape and big patches of grass. Will that vision of campus be changing with the new Grounds Supervisor Gregory Ward?

The certified arborist joined the UMSL towards the end of July. Ward’s background is in public horticulture—the science and art of cultivating ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables and creating gardens. He worked and studied public horticulture at Longwood Gardens in Kennet Square, Pennsylvania.

Ward said, “From early on, I’ve had a fascination with the natural world, mainly plants. As I grew older and began exploring career paths, public horticulture piqued my interest as I enjoy educating and talking plants with non-plants people.”

While at Longwood, Ward was required to work on a year-long capstone project that is displayed for all to see in the garden. The theme was Behind the Garden Gates in 2013. Ward and his partner on the project showed the relationship between collecting plants in-situ and introduction into cultivation. Ward said, “We chose Araucaria araucana or Monkey Puzzle tree as our plant to showcase in a pretend in-situ situation, where it has recently been collected and placed into a Wardian Case, neighbored by the same plant in an ex-situ cultivation in a formal setting.”

Prior to Longwood, Ward worked as a horticulturist at St. Louis Children’s Hospital and helped oversee their 7,500 square foot rooftop therapy garden. He also worked at Forest Park Forever with Greg, and we are confident that he will make great improvements to the campus environment over time.”

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Chancellor’s Awards given out at the University Address to celebrate their dedication and service to UMSL.

Gregory Ward helped put in the new turf in front of the MSC.

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Math Problem of the Week

No CORRECT Answers This Week!

You have four playing cards, and each card has a number one side and a letter on the other side. Say your cards are showing the characters: BE63. If you want the cards to obey the rule that “Any card with a vowel on one side, must have an even number on the opposite side,” which of the four cards must you turn over to ensure your set of cards follows the rule?

Email solutions to mathclub@umsl.edu

convivial (adjective): festive, friendly, and merry.

With Family Weekend approaching, UMSL students look forward to convivial events and celebrations with their loved ones.
State of the University Address

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UMSL has issued 11,000 degrees to 8,000 individuals, 70 percent of whom reside in St. Louis. The university spends $50 million on services and $150 million on new construction and renovations. It also is a founding partner of Cortex and recruited Express Scripts to the St. Louis campus.

UMSL is a primary partner along with Ameren and Capital Innovators in the first-ever accelerator to focus primarily on energy technologies. The Ameren Accelerator assesses, mentors, and invests in energy technology startup companies. The program was launched in the spring of 2017 to fund and mentor start-ups to spark innovation and create jobs in Missouri and is a 12-week program.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the campus, with more than $26 million in gifts and pledges from donors for scholarships, facilities, and programs. In November 2018, a team from the Higher Learning Commission will visit UMSL as part of the process of renewing accreditation. UMSL’s last reaccreditation was passed with “flying colors” according to the Chancellor and plans for it to be as successful this time around.

After the address, a series of awards were given out, honoring employees of the month in the 2016-2017 school year, the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in a variety of categories, the Gerald and Deanne Gitner Excellence in Teaching Award, and Service of Twenty-Five Years and Fifty Years. Bob L. Henson, professor of the department of physics and astronomy was awarded Service of Fifty Years and received a standing ovation from the audience.

Currently Involved Column

T his week in the Office of Student Involvement and PRIZM UMSL’s Queer Trans Straight Alliance for the LGBTQ+ History Month Kickoff. We will be giving out fliers for the events for the month and assorted desserts. The kickoff will take place on October 3 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

The Office of Student Involvement can be contacted at 314-516-5291 or studentinvolvement@umsl.edu.
**Hispanic Heritage Month Has Started at UMSL**

Students, faculty, and staff celebrated the National Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff in the Nosh area and patio of the Millennium Student Center on September 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ice cream and churros were handed out while music by DJFanzo was played. The event was to encourage people to speak and practice Spanish while making new friends and learning about HISLA. Noteworthy features include the Spanish Conversation Table on September 27 in the Quad. Participants may learn to dance Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, and other Latin American rhythms. Professional instructors will be there and no prior experience is necessary to participate. If you would like a flyer or poster, please contact Ashlee Roberts, assistant director in the Office of Student Involvement, at robertsak@umsl.edu or 314-516-5291.

Hispanic Heritage Month’s kickoff had people up and moving in the Nosh.

Different dances were taught to those who wanted to dance and learn.

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**'Headlines of History’ to Open at Mercantile Library**

On October 8, the “Headlines of History: Historic Newspapers of St. Louis and the World Through the Centuries” exhibit at the University of Missouri-St. Louis’ Mercantile Library will have its grand opening. The celebration of the grand opening will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Mercantile Library. On the following day, October 9, the exhibit will open to the public.

The event is the third in a planned tetralogy of exhibitions which is part of the 175th anniversary of the St. Louis Mercantile Library. It marks the growth and special nature of the collections of the Mercantile through focusing on one of the oldest forms held at the research center: its newspapers. Noteworthy features include the first known issue of the Missouri Democrat, a paper that started in 1816 to serve a growing settlement in St. Louis. The Missouri Democrat was ordered to disperse the official broadside edition to several newspapers throughout the country.

Other features include The Missouri Democrat, a paper that started in 1852. The newspaper took a strong pro-Union and anti-slavery stance as pro-Union and anti-slavery were in a time where it was dangerous to take a stance in a battleground state. In the 1870s, the paper merged with the St. Louis Globe to become the Globe-Democrat, which surpassed The Missouri Republican to become the leading paper throughout the state.

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2013. Ward is also a volunteer as a landscape designer with Emmaus Homes- a local organization that assists in housing mentally handicapped adults in over 80 homes in Franklin, Warren, St. Charles, and St. Louis counties.

Ronald Taylor works with Ward as a groundskeeper. Taylor said, “We are very lucky to have Greg. He is very easy to work with and he works with us. I think Greg has been a great improvement to the grounds department. He is a working boss and that is hard to find now days.”

There are different parts to the Grounds Supervisor position besides planting and maintaining the greenery on campus. Ward explained that day-to-day things he oversees. He said, “Managing time, people, and tasks is a part of every day. However, a lot of it is fluid as weather events can change a start date on a project or there are equipment setbacks.”

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Pangea Tells Tales from All Across the World

AUSTIN HAYES STAFF WRITER

On September 23, the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center hosted Pangea, a contemporary world music collective. The venture sells papers for this project under the Post masthead. The venture still goes out in November to Thanksgiving Day, which supports children’s associations with major civic activities.

The 100th anniversary issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch is archived as well. The newspaper display in the Mercantile Library displays the golden age of print.

Weí dancers take the stage at the Touhill. The International Studies Office, with assistance of the St. Louis Chinese Association. The concert was assisted with the help of choreographer Weiwei Fu and Wei Dance, a local St. Louis dance organization, founded by Fu.

The concert was brought to the University of Missouri-St. Louis by the International Arts Tour through the International Studies Office, Bob Ell, Coordinator of International Talent.

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The St. Louis Blues played the Minnesota Wild September 28th in a preseason game held in Kansas City, Mo at the Sprint Center. The Blues coming into this game are being hindered by many injuries. Especially, the biggest shocker that Robby Fabbri re-injured his knee after the last game against the Columbus Blue Jackets. Fabbri is officially done and will miss the entire 2017-18 season, the Blues announced. Blues stated that with the talent on this roster the young guys will get playing time.

Kansas City is a city that does not have a hockey team, they do have a myriad of other sports though. Soccer, baseball, football, and they used to have a couple hockey teams many years ago. 12,865 fans came out to watch some NHL preseason hockey. Many of which were Blues fans ironically, but the Wild fans showed some good support. One sign from a fan read, “Thanks for bring hockey to us, KC.”

The Blues are 3-3 and the Wild are 3-2 this preseason so far. The Blues came out aggressive against the Wild, while the Wild seemed to just play really balanced. The aggression paid off on the offensive side with Vladimir Tarasenko scoring at the 8:06 mark in the first period on a Power Play. He was assisted by Brayden Schenn and Alex Pietrangelo. Schenn has been showing great promise in training camp look for him to get real playing time once the season starts.

The Blues Lose on Puck Butt Fumble: Blues vs. Wild in Kansas City

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The Blues kept their poise though, and after Kyle Brodziak’s second slashing penalty from the Blues swarmed. At the 16:27 minute in the first period the Wild scored, right after the Blues killed the Power Play. Play became chippy Chris Thorburn of the Blues and Chris Stewart of the Wild went at it at the 18:20 minute. Thorburn got in some of the better punches much to the fans great cheers and excitement. Jaden Schwartz of the Blues had a great opportunity to put one in the back of the net, hesitation led to a nothing play.

The second period the Wild picked up the pace and seemed to abandon the balanced play. Much of the period was good play that was neck and neck. Jake Allen starting goalie for the Blues would only play 10 mins of the second period and then switched out for backup Carter Hutton. Scary moment for the Blues was when Hutton garnered a penalty for Delay of Game. The Blues played very well killing the Power Play of the Wild with no goalie in net. The Blues played some great hockey and then at the 16:44 minute scored a goal. The goal was by Oskar Sundqvist, assisted by Tage Thompson, and Jake Walman.

The third period came and the defense of the Blues seemed to slack off, a few miscues took place. At the 9:44 minute the Wild would score and even the score 2-2. The defense of the Blues didn’t look as tight and locked down as usual. At the 18:04 min in the third period Mikael Granlund received a penalty for a Faceoff Violation, which gave the Blues a Power Play. Then with five seconds left in the Power Play the Blues slipped on defense and Charlie Coyle of the Wild could go one on one with Goalie Hutton. It was almost a butt puck fumble by the defense of the Blues. Which allowed Coyle scoring the short-handed goal at 19:55 of the third period assisted by Jonas Brodin. Ending the game with a score of 3-2 for the Wild. “I haven’t played behind everyone in the camp, but we’ve had a pretty solid camp.” “Obviously were missing Bouw, Jay Bouwmeester is the Big Man Eater for our team,” said Jake Allen. “Hopefully once October games start hopefully he’s back and he can get our six guys going again.”

“I’ve been impressed with some of the young guys in camp.” “The guys coming back, they know what to expect at this early stage.”
Hurricane Wreaks Havoc in Puerto Rico, Trump Slow to Respond

**Kyle Mannisi**

Opinions Editor

The U.S. territory of Puerto Rico has been heavily damaged from the Category 4 Hurricane Maria, and currently 1.4 million residents are without power. The lack of electricity on the island leads to multiple other problems, such as water and food shortages and compromised abilities of local hospitals. The people affected in Puerto Rico are all considered U.S. citizens, and are legally entitled to the same rights that U.S. state-dwellers have. The slow government reaction to the devastation reminds many of George Bush’s inadequate response to Hurricane Katrina. Among other egregious missteps from the government in the aftermath of the 2006 disaster, Vice President Dick Cheney called a Mississippi electricity cooperative and ordered crews to prioritize restoring power to an oil and gas pipeline over the restoration of power to two area hospitals. Don’t mind the fact that only one Puerto Rican hospital is considered ‘fully operational’, as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson announced that 80 percent of gas stations in Puerto Rico will be operational by next Tuesday. The government response has also been desperately lacking in manpower, with only 10,000 relief workers sent to the island, compared to Katrina which ultimately utilized over 70,000 workers.

A type of pill offered to treat ADD or ADHD that some patients do not want to take. Some days are better than others, but the smallest things sometimes create the biggest problems when dealing with ADD. Greene said that he is constantly forgetting things like his keys, wallet, or phone. The constant forgetfulness and inability to focus is not something that can necessarily be cured. There are only ways to cope with the disorder and many choose to turn to medication for help. Medication is not something that Adam necessarily condones for ADD. “I used to take medication, but it just made me really dependent on it,” said Greene. He did not like that he had to have a pill to help him focus. “Because of the ADD I would forget to take the medication... and I couldn’t function, I couldn’t do everyday tasks, so I stopped taking the medication.” He became so dependent on the medication that any time he forgot to take it, his whole world fell apart. He felt that just simply reminding himself of what he needed to do and where he last left his belongings was a better way to manage it. “I do I have this, do I have that, do I have this, and I just feel it works better for me doing it that way,” said Greene. Many experts also believe that medication is not a very practical solution when dealing with ADD and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Russell Hyken, Ph.D, a therapist who specializes in ADHD management and coping strategies, feels that while medication can help, it is not always the most appropriate solution. He said, “For a student with minor challenges, coaching and accommodation may be the perfect solution.” Medication is not necessary for everyone, and Hyken believes that the decision to medicate or not should not be taken lightly.

Just like Greene there are many others who have decided that medication is not right for them. The thought of being reliant on a pill to deal with a focusing problem is not a reality that most want to live in. Just managing the problem without any medication can be a huge relief. However, figuring out how to manage the disorder is sometimes the hardest part. It is a frustrating situation, not being able to do simple daily tasks without getting sidetracked or forgetting something. While some days may be worse than others, once a solution is found it only gets simpler. Greene said that recognizing the problem is the first step and that controlling ADD becomes easier with each day.

A Struggle with Focus: ADD and Its Daily Battle

**Mike Rademacher**

Guest Writer

I imagine waking up on a normal day and getting ready to go to work. You get dressed, eat breakfast, and head out to your car. But once you get there, you realize that you forgot your keys, so you need to go back inside and get them. Now, you do not remember where you last left your keys, so you have to spend time searching for them. When you finally find them and begin to head back to your car you are stopped in your tracks because a news story on TV catches your eye. Before you know it, 30 minutes has gone by and by the time you finally arrive at work, you are late.

This is a typical day for Adam Greene, who suffers from Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder. Five percent of its effects Adam every day, as he is constantly forgetting about things that he has to do and where he places his belongings. It is a disorder that many suffer from and it ends up causing problems for the professional and personal lives of many. Adam says that managing this disorder is a real challenge at times. “I go out to my car and I’m leaving my keys, so I have to go back and get my keys, I come back to my car, I forget my wallet, and I might have to go back five or six times and then I’m late for work,” said Greene.

It is a tough problem to deal with. "It’s just a struggle every day, all day long," Greene said.

One of the gas stations between Castle Comfort to Roseau, gas has been in high demand since Maria.
You’re Invited!

What’s Current Wednesdays

ARE WE TRULY PREPARED FOR THE NEXT TYPE OF WARFARE?

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 - 2:00 - 3:15 PM
MSC Century Room C For Cookies and Conversation*

Join The Current and discussion leader Dr. Maurice Dawson, Assistant Professor of Information Systems at the University of Missouri - St. Louis (UMSL). In this session, we converse about the next battlefield and understand if America is ready. Cyber security has become a matter of national, international, economic, and societal importance that affects multiple nations. This type of warfare, cyber warfare, changes the landscape of war itself. This kind of war removes the need to have a physically capable military and requires the demand for a force that has a substantial technical capacity, e.g., computer science skills. The U.S. and other countries have come to understand that this is an issue and has developed policies to handle this to mitigate the threats.

The New York Times features that will serve as the jumping off point for the conversation are:

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