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## St. Vincent Greenway Cross-Campus Trail opens to public

MADDIE HARNED  
Staff Writer

Sunshine, a mild breeze and temperatures in the mid-70s are perfect weather for enjoying some outdoor recreation. These were the weather conditions during University of Missouri – St. Louis's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Great Rivers Greenway cross-campus trail on September 20.

Ice cream, bicycles and balloons made for a festive mood at the event, which began at 2 p.m. and was held in front of the Millennium Student Center.

Great Rivers Greenway is a public organization focused on developing an interconnected system of trails and greenways in St. Charles County, St. Louis City and St. Louis County. Since 2002, the organization has (continued on page 4)



Chancellor Thomas George (center, with scissors) and other dignitaries open new trail.

Photo by Jenny Lin/The Current

## News at Noon discusses Todd Akin's 'legitimate rape,' power of words in politics

ALBERT NALL  
Staff Writer

Republican senatorial candidate Todd Akin's controversial remark about "legitimate rape" generated nationwide controversy. His comments were the topic of the first News at Noon discussion, "Legitimate Rape: the Power of Words in an Election," on September 19 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Millennium Student Center 316.

News at Noon is a monthly forum for faculty and student discussions about current events with a free pizza lunch. The lunch discussion series is co-sponsored by The Current and The

New York Times. Support is also provided by the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Des Lee Collaborative Vision Community Outreach & Engagement and the Office of Student Life.

The event was co-sponsored by the Gender Studies Program and moderated by Cate Marquis, editor-in-chief of The Current. Discussion leaders were UMSL faculty members Jerry Dunn, Clinical Associate Professor and Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center, David Kimball, Professor of political science and Emily Strang, graduate, psychology.

More than 40 people, mostly students, filled the room for News (continued on page 4)



David Kimball, professor of Political Science (center left at table) was a discussion leader at the News at Noon event.

Photo by Yeseul Park/The Current



Chancellor Thomas George gives State of the University Address on Sept. 20.

Photo by Yeseul Park/The Current

## Chancellor George presents State of the University Address

SHARON PRUITT  
Managing Editor

Chancellor Tom George delivered the 2012 State of the University Address to the University of Missouri – St. Louis campus on Wednesday, September 19 at 3 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Conference Center. An audience of over 300 filled the auditorium to hear the annual speech.

During the State of the University Address, the chancellor reviewed recent student, faculty and alumni highlights and accomplishments of the past year and discussed goals for the university. The event also included the presentation of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence to exceptional faculty and staff.

During his talk, George presented slides to (continued on page 3)



Some of the panels in the "Long Live Freedom" exhibit, now on display at Gallery 210.

Photo courtesy of the German Culture Center at UMSL

## Nazi resistance exhibit debuts at Gallery 210

CATE MARQUIS  
Editor-in-Chief

The story of French resistance is well-known, but less well-known are the young people who opposed the Nazis from within Germany.

Those young people and their resistance organizations are the focus of a new exhibit at University of Missouri – St. Louis's Gallery 210. The "Long Live Freedom!" ("Es lebe die Freiheit!") exhibit is named for the last words of Hans Scholl, who, along with his sister Sophie, led the youth resistance group White Rose.

The exhibit consists of 25 graphic panels detailing the youth resistance movement in Germany. The panels are arranged along the gallery walls. The first few panels give an overview of the history, followed by five panels describing youth resistance groups. The rest of the panels tell individual stories.

"Long Live Freedom!" is making its United States debut here, running through November 1. It is sponsored by the German Culture Center at UMSL, with co-sponsorship by the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Centers, St. Louis/Stuttgart Sister Cities, the German American Heritage Society of St. Louis and the Goethe Institut Chicago.

"This is just such a remarkable exhibit," Larry Marsh, coordinator of the German Culture Center at UMSL, said. "It was just created last year... [The exhibit] was in German, and it had been exhibited in Germany last year, starting off in Frankfurt."

The exhibit was created by the Research Institute for the Study of German Resistance 1933-1945. The traveling exhibit has been displayed in many institutions in Germany.

"I thought this (continued on page 6)







# News

## Ethics in business is topic of panel discussion

ALBERT NALL  
*Staff Writer*

The St. Louis Rotary Club Ethics Panel was sponsored by the Executive Leadership Consortium on September 19 in the J.C. Penny Conference Center at University of Missouri - St. Louis. The majority of the audience for the event was comprised of students enrolled in the College of Business Administration and the College of Nursing at UMSL.

The Rotary Club speakers were Dr. Ira Kodner, Director of the Washington University Center for the Studies of Ethics and Human Values, Rick Tinucci, Senior Vice President of Bick Group, and Dr. Lynn Beckwith, Superintendent and Endowed Professor of Urban Education at UMSL. The panelists discussed ethical situations they have encountered in their professional lives. As part of the discussion, the audience was asked to offer explanations as to how they would have handled the scenarios, and then the panelists shared how they responded to the situations.

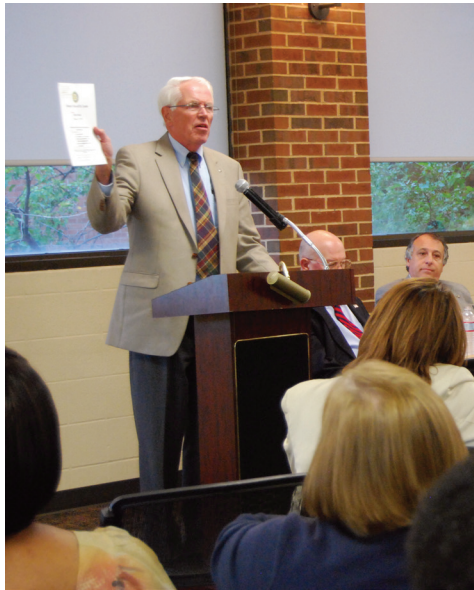
According to Dr. Malakia Horne, Director of the Executive Leadership Consortium at UMSL, the purpose of the panel event was to convey the importance of ethics in professional lives.

"Ethics centers on how individuals respond to decisions that have an ethical component," Horne said. "Even though there are no clear, direct answers as to right and wrong, especially when there are competing interests, there are still steps and ideas of ethics that guide individual morals and behaviors."

Tom Teasdale, an executive fellow at the UMSL Executive Leadership Consortium, helps to organize the ethics panel each semester. Teasdale spoke in regards to the Rotary Club, which is a volunteer organization of 1.2 million businesses and professional leaders worldwide who are committed to providing humanitarian service as well as building goodwill and peace. There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 nations around the world that address such issues as illiteracy, disease and environmental concerns while encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations. Since 1910, when the Rotary Club was founded, the organization has acted on the avenues of service, which include vocational service, community service and international service.

"The definition of a rotary is businessmen and women doing good things for their community, and the place to start is in the classroom," Teasdale said.

Teasdale stated that the concept of ethics is guided by the Rotary Four Way Test, the things that guide how Rotarians act for the public good. Four things are taken into account when it comes to discerning the ethical



Tom Teasdale speaks at Rotary Club ethics talk.

*Photo by Yeseul Park/The Current*

nature of an action: whether it is the truth, whether it is fair to all concerned, whether it will build goodwill and better friendships and whether it will be beneficial to all concerned.

Teasdale said that it is not unusual for organizations, even in hard economic times, to turn down projects if they do not meet the Rotary Four Way Test.

"The concept of ethics is whether or not what a person does is right or wrong," Teasdale said at the end of the panel discussion. "Ethics may not be easy, and there may be some repercussions and losses as a result of doing right, but at least you did the right thing."

Students at UMSL can become a part of the Rotary organization through Rotaract. Rotaract, founded in 1968 by Rotary International, is an international program for adults ages 18 to 30 who want to make a difference at school and in their communities. There are more than 7,300 Rotaract clubs with 170,000 members in over 150 nations around the world. Rotaract members are called on to participate in at least one community service project and one international project each year.

Teasdale said that membership in Rotaract provides students with great opportunities to build career contacts and develop leadership skills, both of which can be good resume builders.

For more information on how to become a member of Rotaract at UMSL, contact Jill Walker at RotaractUMSL@gmail.com or visit the Rotaract website at [www.rotary.org/rotaract](http://www.rotary.org/rotaract).

## State of the University

(continued from page 1) illustrate his points. Among the highlights that received recognition was the rise in undergraduate enrollment, which is up two percent. Total enrollment could reach 17,000 students, which would be a new record for UMSL. The university had its largest incoming class of new students since 1999. The average ACT score was 24, a campus record, and enrollment at the Honors College approached 600.

Enrollment in nursing is up 20 percent, while engineering enrollment is up 11 percent and business three percent. The campus's undergraduate international business program is ranked fifteenth by U.S. News and World Report, its tenth year in the top 20. The university's doctoral program in criminology is ranked fourth nationally, George told the audience.

George also noted the recent conclusion of the Gateway to Greatness campaign, a seven-year fundraising effort that raised \$154.2 million in funds for the university.

The fiscal picture with Missouri's legislators improved. The year began with an expected 12.5 percent reduction in state funding for higher education, but that projected estimate was reduced to 7.8 percent, with the university planning 4.3 million dollars in cuts. In the end, the Governor finally ended up only cutting one percent of the budget.

The chancellor noted that a donation by Peabody Energy would fund renovation of two existing labs in Benton Hall. The university plans to issue bonds to fund an addition to Benton and Stadler Halls, science buildings long in need of renovation. The savings planned for the expected cuts

will go to support that effort and to pay for scholarships and other costs.

George touted the opening of UMSL at Grand Center, the off-campus facility that now houses KWMU, the NPR affiliated radio station that had been located on North Campus.

The launch of a chapter of the National Academy of Inventors on the UMSL campus was also noted, with 17 inventor members and 20 honorary members.

The starting date for construction of the recently approved 94,000 square foot Recreation and Wellness Center was announced as well. Construction is slated to begin in summer 2013, and the new center is planned to open in fall 2015.

George also noted recent accomplishments of UMSL athletic teams and of UMSL engineering students working in Ethiopia. Niji Coker, endowed professor of African/African-American studies, was singled out for recognition for his independent film "Pennies for the Boatman," which won a best script award at the Madrid International Film Festival. Other faculty accomplishments were honored as well.

In addition, George noted that the Marguerite Ross Barnett plaza, which began construction in the spring, should be completed later this fall.

The chancellor also mentioned the passing of Arnold Grobman, the biologist who had been the university's first chancellor and for whom Arnold B. Grobman Drive, a main thoroughfare on campus, is named.

George concluded the address by focusing on plans to update the Gateway to Greatness Strategic Plan.

## UMSL professors and students dissect national and state elections

DAVID VON NORDHEIM  
*A&E Editor*

The Political Science Academy (PSA), an interdisciplinary outlet for political rapport between University of Missouri - St. Louis students and faculty, assembled for its first gathering of the Fall semester on September 20. In addition to providing a venue for a casual, opinionated dialogue on American politics, the meeting featured lectures from three UMSL professors who offered their thoughts on the upcoming national and state elections.

Dr. David Kimball, professor of political science, UMSL, discussed the important trends of recent presidential elections and linked them to the 2012 race. He noted that while Republican strategists expect the dour state of the economy to be an Achilles' heel for the Obama campaign, many voters still hold a favorable view of the president and will not likely be swayed by economic factors.

Kimball also observed that, despite the greater polarization between the Democratic and Republican parties in recent years, incumbent presidents typically win re-election. He concluded that Obama is likely to secure his re-election, although not by a landslide, and that the congressional elections are unlikely to see any dramatic shift in either party's representation.

The next panelist was Dr. David Robertson, professor of political science, UMSL, who focused primarily on the congressional race between incumbent Senator Claire McCaskill and Representative Todd Akin. Speaking on the media frenzy surrounding Akin's now-infamous "legitimate rape" remarks, Robertson asserted that Akin's defeat is not necessarily absolute. There is still no evidence that Akin plans to drop out of the race, despite urgings from his party colleagues.

To Robertson, Akin is a candidate who is at least very genuine in his beliefs. Robertson dryly observed that Akin was "Tea Party before Tea Party was cool." He noted that the GOP will find it difficult to secure a majority without Akin in the congressional seat.

The final speaker of the evening was Dr. Terry Jones, professor of political science, UMSL, who catalogued the current candidates for lieutenant governor,

secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general and state representative in Missouri.

"It was good to learn about the state elections, as the media tends to gloss over them," Nicholas Charalambides, junior, political science, philosophy, economics, said.

Jones also explained several of the amendments to the Missouri Constitution on which Missourians are preparing to vote. "Prop. A" seeks to transfer control of the St. Louis police force back to city officials; this is a relic from a Civil War-era state policy with which Confederate Missouri sought to wrest control of the St. Louis Police Department from the Union-supporting city of St. Louis. "Prop. E" is Missouri Republicans' response to the "Affordable Care Act;" the amendment seeks to mandate that any state health care plan requires "a vote of the people" before implementation.

After the panelists finished their presentations, the discussion was opened to questions from the audience. The attendees asked for Kimball, Robertson and Jones's thoughts on voter suppression legislation, the influence of partisan media on voter turnout, rumors of former Missouri senator Jim Talent being offered a position in the Romney administration and other heated topics. "We even had a few non-UMSL students attend," Samantha Williams, senior, political science, Vice President of the PSA, said. "I invited visitors from the Grand Center opening, and they had some questions that really stumped the panelists."

As the evening came to a close, those in attendance were grateful for the friendly exchange of opinions.

"The Political Science Academy is an unusual organization which provides a rare opportunity for informal social interaction between professors and their students," Dr. Martin Rochester, professor of political science, said. "It fosters student-faculty interactions like few other organizations do."

"It's interesting to learn about your professors, to get their perspective on current events," James Ward, junior, political science, said. "It definitely gives you an edge in the classroom."

"It's a great and historic organization and a very important part of the UMSL culture," Robertson said.

## New UMSL chapter of Young Activists United

SHARON PRUITT  
*Managing Editor*

Young Activists United—St. Louis describes itself as a coalition of young social justice activists that serves as a link between students and young activists across campuses, social justice organizations and causes in the St. Louis area. The group now has a University of Missouri - St. Louis chapter that is currently seeking new members.

Sponsored by the Peace Economy Project, YSTL has chapters all over St. Louis. The chapter located at the Washington University George Warren Brown School of Social Work is called Students United for Social Justice. The community chapter is specifically for young activists who are not college students.

Formerly known as the Student Activists Coalition of St. Louis, the group has hosted workshops on social justice, the anti-oppression movement and training in grassroots fundraising. "For me, that's the most important part—getting young folks and emerging social justice leaders to really see that the fight in St. Louis actually isn't

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underground. It's always been happening," Alice Floros, Intercampus Coordinator for YSTL, said.

YSTL is affiliated with local organizations dedicated to promoting social justice issues. These groups include Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates (MIRA), Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment (MORE), the Organization for Black Struggle (OBS), Jobs with Justice and the Yeyo Art Collective.

The group is currently working on building a relationship with young activists at Florissant Valley Community College and Webster University. "It's exciting to have those relationships and see that we really need to work together to build something," Floros said.

YSTL will be hosting a Student Debt Conference on September 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Regional Arts Commission, which is located at 6128 Delmar Blvd. The free conference includes lunch and features a panel of speakers. The speakers will include Margaret M. Clancey, Policy Director and College Savings Initiative Director of Washington University's Center for Social Development; Bradley Harmon, CWA President Local 6355; Lara Barrett of the Transportation Equity Network and Ashli Bolden, an organizer with Fight for a Fair Economy and a representative from Title IV program IV TRiO.

As part of the conference, attendees will discuss possible plans of action concerning student debt. They will also brainstorm topics like capping tuition hikes, forgiving loans and increasing needs-based financial aid.

"It's really important for me that folks get their voices out there and share and build community," Floros said.

The conference is open to anyone who has an interest in discussing student debt and devising a plan of action.

YSTL general group meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the World Community Center, located at 438 N. Skinker Blvd. Details regarding the first general meeting of the UMSL chapter have yet to be determined. "We want a lot of voices in the conversation," Floros said. "The Young Activists United group is not just about student debt or about economic issues. It's about moving forward in a progressive way so that students can change some of the institutions that affect their lives."

Those interested in getting involved can contact Alice Floros at [youngactivistsunitedstl@gmail.com](mailto:youngactivistsunitedstl@gmail.com).





Cyclists try out the new St. Vincent Greenway Trail.

Photo by Yeseul Park/The Current

# New bike trail opens

(continued from page 1) implemented many projects across the region, completing over 100 miles of off-road trails and 80 miles of on-road bicycle routes. UMSL's new trail, formally titled the St. Vincent Greenway Cross-Campus Trail, stands as the organization's most recently opened trail.

Great Rivers Greenway funded the 1.3 million dollar project. Now the trail is in the hands of UMSL. The university will operate and keep up the trail after its public opening date of Sept. 20.

Construction for the trail began on April 30. The new trail adds a segment that connects two already existing trails—the cross-campus St. Vincent Greenway Trail and the Ted Jones Trail.

Additionally, the new trail incorporates an underpass that runs east under Arnold B. Grobman Drive and continues east behind the MSC parking garages.

"The St. Vincent Greenway Cross-Campus Trail is a great example of a shared vision between Great Rivers Greenway and UMSL," Susan Trautman, Executive Director of Great Rivers Greenway, said in a press release about the new trail. "In addition, working with the St. Louis County Parks Department to connect to the North County Bikeway makes it possible to create a trail that allows for the campus to connect to the community and for students and residents alike to have yet another option for transportation."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony drew in a crowd of over 50 people. Attendees included Wayne Goode, Curator of the University of Missouri system; Patrick Dolan, St. Louis County Council member; Patrick Greene, Mayor of Normandy; and Charlie Dooley, St. Louis County Executive. Many other local and state officials also attended.

Thomas George, UMSL Chancellor, gave a brief statement thanking Green Rivers Greenway as well

as those who assisted in bringing the new trail into existence.

"The new St. Vincent Greenway Cross-Campus Trail is a beautiful addition to the campus and to the trail system," George said in a press release about the new trail. "Two great institutions — the University of Missouri - St. Louis and Great Rivers Greenway — continue to work together connecting communities."

Later in the event, the red ribbon was cut, an act that received a warm reception from the surrounding crowd. After the ribbon was cut, attendees rode bicycles and golf carts around the trail. The bicycles and golf carts were provided by Gateway Golf Carts, Ferguson Bicycle Shop and Live Well Ferguson.

To quell participants' hunger, Kona Ice provided



Chancellor George speaks at opening of trail.

Photo by Yeseul Park/The Current

complimentary shaved ice treats and ice cream desserts.

Eventually, Great Rivers Greenway plans on extending the trail from the UMSL campus to Forest Park.

# News at Noon: Akin

(continued from page 1) at Noon. The event began with presentations by the discussion leaders before the topic was taken up for general discussion.

Copies of two New York Times articles, "Akin Controversy Stirs Up Abortion Issue in Campaign" and "G.O.P. Trying to Oust Akin from Race for Rape Remarks," were distributed to provide background information.

The controversy followed remarks made by Akin, who is seeking to replace Missouri senator Claire McCaskill. On August 19, Akin told viewers on a St. Louis television news program, KTVI-TV's "Jaco Report," that women are unlikely to become pregnant as a result of "legitimate rape."

"From what I understand from doctors, [pregnancy caused by rape,] that's really rare," Akin said on the news program while discussing his views on restricting access to abortion. "If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down."

Akin's "legitimate rape" comments sparked outrage from several groups as well as refutation by physicians. They also brought abortion and women's issues to the forefront of political discussion.

Republican party leaders moved to cut off funds for the Akin campaign and urged Akin to step down as a candidate, which he has so far refused to do.

Some in the media point out that while Republican leaders were quick to withdraw support from the Akin campaign, Akin's positions on reproductive choice are really no different from most of his Republican House colleagues. Although congressional Republicans denounced Akin's remarks, House Republicans have largely moved in step with an agenda to roll back abortion access.

Strang presented a brief legal history of rape and offered some other information, noting that one in six women has been a victim of rape or attempted rape. Statistics on rape and sexual assault from the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) note that "44 percent of sexual crimes are against victims under the age of 18," "54 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police," and "two-thirds of assaults are committed by somebody known to the victim."

"Rape was, throughout history, a crime against property," Strang said as she began the discussion. "In this case, it was a civil crime against the man that a woman belonged to, whether it be a husband or a father, for thousands of years. At some point, rape became recognized as a crime against the person of a woman that is now subject to criminal prosecution."

Dunn explained that there are many different definitions and interpretations of sexual abuse. She went on to define rape as a public health problem that affects children coping with the trauma of being sexually violated. According to Dunn, the impact often entails significant emotional and behavioral fallout.

"Just because something was not substantiated does not mean that it did not happen," Dunn said. "With self-blame for the victims, Akin's remarks sent a message to perpetrators that the sexual abuse of children will be okay, since the victims will not be believed. In that sense, the rhetoric of Todd Akin's remarks has taken root."

"This projects a 'war-on-women' style of politics, where words matter," Kimball said. "The objective of this war is an agenda established by conservatives who oppose abortion rights without exception. This will often play off of the difficult relationship that party leaders have with a demographic on both sides of the reproductive choice debate, where the general public has ambivalent attitudes on abortion in general."

The presentations were followed by a wide-ranging discussion. Several UMSL faculty members attended, including Kathleen Nigro, assistant teaching professor of English, Sally Barr Ebest, professor of English and the Director of the Women and Gender Studies Program and Peggy Cohen, Associate Provost, associate professor of education and Academic Director for the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Laura Rand Orthwein, a feminist pioneer and activist who goes by the name Laura X, also attended. She offered a number of comments and also recapped some of her legislative confrontations with Akin.

Akin's remarks were also the subject of the Philosophers' Forum event the day before the News at Noon discussion. Orthwein was one of a few who attended both discussions.

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# Features



Students enjoying competing in the “Are you Smarter Than the Professors?” trivia night at the Honors College. Photo by Yeseul Park/The Current

## Trivia night proves that students are smarter than professors for the third time in a row

**ANYA GLUSHKO**  
*Features Editor*

The Museum Room of Pierre Laclède Honors College was packed with students and professors on September 19 for the “Are You Smarter Than the Professors?” trivia night.

“It is a wonderful event,” Dan Gerth, Associate Dean of the Honors College, said. “We had over 75 students in attendance and even had to bring in extra tables and chairs.”

The event totaled nine tables — one for professors and eight for students. Each student table had eight contestants, while the professors’ table had only five. The odds, therefore, were not in the professors’ favor. The professors’ team included Rob Wilson, Lecturer, Geri Friedline, Assistant Teaching Professor, Jay Fish, Graduate Instructor, Anne Torrusio, Lecturer, and Gerth.

The trivia night consisted of seven rounds that featured various subjects and required diverse knowledge. Categories included car logos, movie taglines, St. Louis sports, current events, celebrities and their Twitter handles, masterpieces of art and pop culture.

Many categories targeted popular topics that the students were more likely to be familiar with. Surprisingly, the professors did very well in the art and Twitter categories; in the latter, the professors missed only one question. However, they did not do very well in the categories that focused on advertising logos and general pop culture.

This is the third year in a row that the students have beaten the professors. The professors came in first place in 2009 and took second place in 2010 and 2011.

The event had a very warm and friendly atmosphere.

Contestants at each table were able to actively participate as part of a team.

“I had a great time,” contestant Ciara Reeder, freshman biology, said. “I like that I could meet new people at my table.”

Contestants had to bring canned goods and other donations in order to participate in the event. Refreshments and food were provided for the students. The Pierre Laclède Honors College Student Association (PLHCSA) also conducted a lottery that allowed students to donate 25 cents for the chance to win a T-shirt. Collected donations went to Lydia’s House, PLHCSA’s chosen charity for the year.

“All of the money and donations raised go to them to help abused women and their children,” Marlee Thomas, PLHCSA Service Chair, said. “Lydia’s House provides these women with housing and basic needs and supplies like shampoo and toilet paper while they’re transitioning into a new lifestyle free of abuse.”

As the competition drew to a close, tables 11 and 16 were tied to win. To determine the winner, a jury decided to conduct a lightning round in which the first to answer a question correctly would be declared the winner. Representatives from both teams incorrectly answered the question “Which two presidents were impeached?” After several more rounds, table 16’s Heath Summers correctly answered the question, “In what year was UMSL founded?” and claimed the victory for his table.

“It is a wonderful event, and PLHCSA thanks everyone who participated,” Gerth said. “It was the most successful version of ‘Are You Smarter Than the Professors?’ ever. The professors vow revenge in 2013!”



Sept. 14 was bid day for sororities at UMSL. Photo by Danny Reise. All rights reserved

## Tim Collins returns to UMSL for show about rape and sexual violence

**ALBERT NALL**  
*Staff Writer*

“Five percent of college women are raped annually, and alcohol and drugs are involved,” read a poster promoting Tim Collins’s one-man show about rape and sexual violence. Collins performed his show, “The Script,” in the SGA Chambers at the University of Missouri – St. Louis on September 20. The event was sponsored by the Gender Studies Program, the Office of Student Life, PRIZM and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

To raise awareness of the need for violence prevention, Collins performed a monologue about five young people named Jeremy, Jake, Nick, Chris and Stephanie. Each character made his or her own choices in regards to an incident where Stephanie was raped by one of the men. Collins said that he wrote the play because every woman had a story to tell about encounters with violence.

This was Collins’s third appearance at UMSL, and he had been writing and performing his monologues on university campuses since 2000.

“I want to speak directly to young men, because sexual violence involves all women that we know and not just a select group,” Collins said. “While it was true that all men are not rapists, men often communicate by scripts that project a violent attitude towards women in general, and this sends the message that rape and violence against women was okay.”

During the performance, Collins engaged the audience, even glaring at audience members at certain points as if daring them to respond to the themes of the story.

One of the characters, the victim’s ex-boyfriend, was so consumed with anger over his ex-girlfriend’s rape that he ultimately assaulted the rapist and was prosecuted for it.

Another character, who had an obsession with internet porn, was blasé and bemused about sexual violence in general. His attitude was that Internet porn “teaches guys about women and what they really are like.”

Furthermore, this character projected the idea that certain women (“nice people,” like mothers and public figures) are immune to rape and sexual violence, while women who are perceived as having bad reputations are said to have led the rapist on and thus “deserved” what they got.

One character did research on rape and sexual violence and was the one who brought the audience to the realization that “men communicate like rapists by the choice of their words.” This message that “men must decide not to be rapists, not only in deeds and behavior, but in words as well” was clear by the end of Collins’ monologue.

After the performance, Collins addressed the audience alongside Sergeant Dan Contarini, Campus Safety Coordinator, UMSL Police. The allegation of rape or sexual assault on campus was viewed as a civil rights issue in reference to Title IX. According to Contarini, sanctions can often be taken against perpetrators in matters of sexual crimes on campus. These sanctions include restraining orders and housing re-assignments.

The UMSL Police Department was doing what it can to impact attitudes and improve campus policy in regards to sexual assault. For instance, campus police are acting on behalf of victims by hiring three female police officers. These officers in particular can act as resources for women who may not be comfortable talking to male officers.

“The important thing in securing a prosecution and conviction of a suspect was getting the victim’s help,” Contarini said. “...Rape and sexual assault are a form of domination and humiliation by the man against the woman that was similar to domestic violence - and not just a sex crime.”

For more information about how you can get involved in rape and sexual assault prevention, contact the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) at <http://www.rainn.org/>. For information on Tim Collins, visit his website at <http://timcollinsonline.com>.

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## Greek Week attracts students

**KATHRYN BEWIG**  
*Staff Writer*

The beginning of a new school year is a very important time for students seeking a way to get involved on campus. Greek Life certainly proved this during Recruitment Week, during which University of Missouri – St. Louis students explored the opportunity to join a sorority or fraternity.

UMSL currently has 15 active chapters and three different governing bodies on campus. The governing bodies all have their own recruitment methods.

Recruitment week began on September 19. Presentations on what Greek Life is all about were shown to potential members. Sororities and fraternities showed students what the various chapters have to offer. There were also speeches given by the chairmen of the Panhellenic Council.

The following days were spent answering questions about the process of joining a sorority or fraternity as well as discussing the commitment requirements. Potential members were able to visit with different sororities and fraternities to find out more about them. This helped new members decide which Greek organization would best suit their needs.

By the time Thursday came around, students were eager to participate in Preference Night. For Preference Night, students who had been issued an invitation to a specific chapter were able to attend a ceremony during which they rated their preference for a sorority or fraternity. The ceremonies this year were very emotional as students worked hard for the approval of a certain sorority or fraternity. At the end of the night, students were able to fill out a bid card and rate their preferences of a certain chapter.

Friday proved to be the most exciting day. Bid Day is when students discover which sorority or fraternity they

have been accepted into. Each chapter welcomed its new members and planned activities that would allow the new students to get to know the people in their new sorority or fraternity.

Kelsi Schlundt, freshman, nursing, is a recently-selected member of Delta Zeta. She, like several other students, got involved in order to meet new people on campus. “I really wanted to get involved at UMSL, and joining a sorority not only gets me involved but also gives me lifelong friends and connections,” Schlundt said.

Kelly Forsythe, Graduate Assistant for Greek Life and Student Organizations, plays a major role in the preparation and execution of the events each year. Forsythe enjoys this position for a number of reasons. “One of my favorite things about being a Greek Life advisor is seeing students grow personally and professionally and develop into campus leaders after joining their chapter,” Forsythe said.

The opportunity to help the community is another great reason for students to get involved in Greek Life. Greek Life organizations are well-known for their philanthropy. They host events, develop volunteer opportunities and donate heavily to charities every year.

Many chapters on campus also have strict GPA requirements for all of their members. This helps students stay focused in the classroom. Jameelah Jones, President of the Panhellenic Council, promotes Greek Life involvement for that very reason. “Statistics have proven that students who have been involved in Greek Life have shown a greater academic success and better professional career opportunities,” Jones said.

Once again, Greek Week has encouraged student involvement for academic, social and philanthropic purposes.

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# A&E

## Nazi Youth Resistance

(continued from page 1) would be a wonderful exhibit to bring here, but if we are going to do it, it has to be in English,” Marsh said. Marsh found support for that from a whole host of organizations. “The German Culture Center is part of the Center for International Studies,” Marsh said. First, Marsh needed approval from Joel Glassman, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Director of International Studies and Programs. “He was enthusiastic from the very beginning,” Marsh said. The opening reception for the “Long Live Freedom” exhibit was on Thursday, September 20 at 7 p.m. in Gallery 210. Thomas Altmeyer, Director of the Research Group of German Resistance 1933 – 1945 in Frankfurt, Germany and one of the creators of the exhibit, spoke at the reception. Altmeyer has used his extensive research on resistance to the Nazis to develop educational materials for use in schools. Also in attendance was another of the exhibit’s creators, Gabriele Prein, a former journalist who is now editor of the organization’s magazine. As one of the panels points out, Hitler particularly targeted youth for his recruitment efforts, which makes those who resisted all the more striking. “We wanted to present the variety of the social and political backgrounds of the opposing and resisting young people. We wanted to show their suffering as well as that resistance did not mean death in every case. And we wanted to show the wide range of possibilities anti-Nazis could choose from,” Altmeyer said. “Out of a variety of biographies we had to decide which story to present in our exhibit, so it would not become too big for a general public. And we had an intensive exchange with Celile Kose, a young designer, who brought design and content in to a good balance,” Prein said. “Another criterion in choosing the biographies was that we

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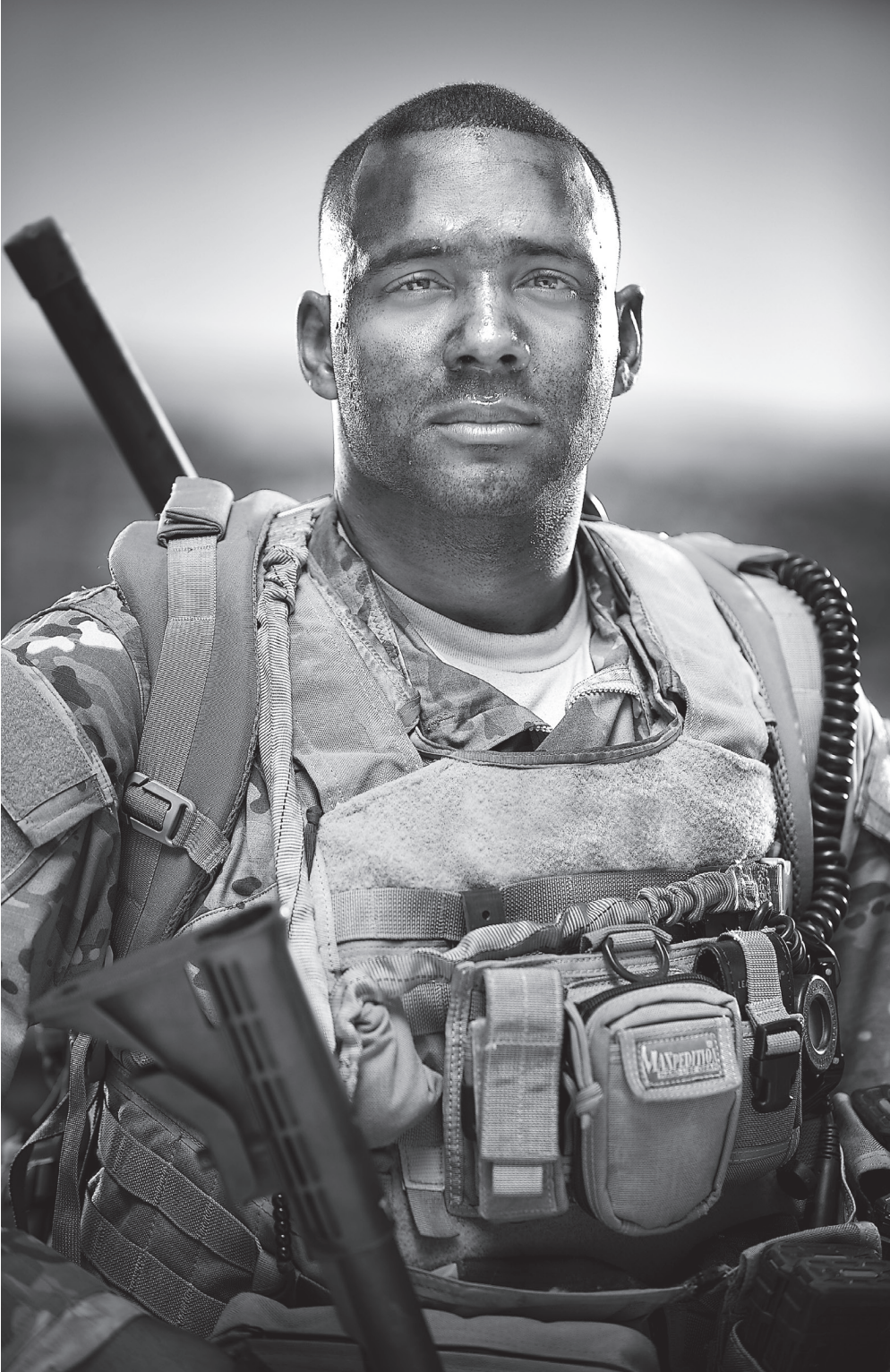
wanted to cover different places and cities in Germany.” Opposing the Nazis took great courage, but the youth of people involved was shocking. One of those featured is Gertrud Liebig, a 17-year-old deported to Buchenwald for reading Nazi-banned newspapers. Another was Hans Gasparitsch, a young artist and printer arrested at age 17 for printing anti-Nazi materials. Each story is both unique and compelling. Among the spotlighted groups was the well-known but short-lived White Rose. Other groups described included the Red Orchestra, a group of intellectuals, artists and journalists, and the Edelweiss Pirates, a group of young people from blue-collar families, straining against the blind obedience of the Hitler Youth. There are panels on the Swing Youth, who embraced jazz music and dance, something that the Nazis labeled “un-German,” and the Baum Group, a Jewish youth group led by a left-leaning young electrician named Herbert Baum. All of these groups engaged in resistance, publishing pamphlets or organizing campaigns to scrawl anti-Nazi messages on walls. Many youth resistance groups grew out of hiking clubs, where outdoor hikes may have permitted freer discussions away from Nazi surveillance. The exhibit’s creators especially chose Gallery 210 for its U.S. premiere. “My cousin Bob Case told Larry Marsh of the German Culture Center at UMSL about the exhibition and showed the catalog to him. Larry was immediately intrigued,” Prein said. “Gallery 210 was his first choice for the location, and we are very happy that its director, Terry Suhre, could make the arrangements.” “It was serendipitous,” Marsh said. Case has been a visitor at the German Culture Center for many years. “Long Live Freedom” was originally planned to run through October 18, but the exhibit’s run has been extended until Nov. 1.

# University City gives Saturday in the park a fitting soundtrack

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An eclectic crowd of nuclear families, beret-sporting college students and dyed-in-the-wool jazzbos gathered in downtown University City’s Heman Park for the second annual University City Jazz Festival. Festival-goers picnicked under the shade of the main stage and basked in the gorgeous weather, creating a truly picturesque Saturday afternoon. As a tool of jazz enlightenment, the festival seeks to pay tribute to St. Louis’s musical heritage, crowning it the “second city of jazz” outside of its New Orleans birthplace. The festival was sponsored by a number of St. Louis’s greatest champions for independent music, including KDHX, Vintage Vinyl, the Riverfront Times and WSIUE, the St. Louis jazz station. This year’s festival boasted nearly six hours of live entertainment, featuring a diverse roster of performers in a variety of jazz styles, from jazz-funk to bop to swing. The evening began with St. Louis Metrobones, an army of trombone and rhythm students from St. Louis-area high schools and colleges that included UMSL’s Brett Lindsay, senior, musical education, and Mike Opich, junior, musical education. It was an infectious Dixieland-style routine, made all the more impressive by the youth of the performers. The Metrobones were followed by Tracer, a fusion combo featuring internationally renowned keyboardist Ptah Williams. Propelled by the infectious grooves of their slap-happy bassist, they were a clear audience favorite. The Miles Davis All-Star Tribute gave sincere homage to St. Louis’s greatest musical hero, and Naked Rock Flight, a jazz-fusion group fronted by pink-haired trumpeter Dawn Weber, gave easily the most energetic of

the performances. The goofily-named Bach to the Future, formed by festival organizers Rob and Michael Silverman, was the evening’s most unique act. The quartet interpreted a variety of Bach, Beethoven and Mozart pieces using jazz instruments and dynamics, giving testament to the old credo that jazz is America’s classical music. The final performance of the night was Trio Tres Bien, a swing group with a dedicated following in the St. Louis jazz community. The trio consists of brothers Jeter, Harold and Howard Thompson, who have been playing together for over two decades. The love they have for their craft and for each other was infectious, providing a fitting capstone to the celebration. Between sets, the festival organizers played nuggets from iconic musicians like Thelonious Monk and Grant Green, dropping in bits of jazz trivia and generous plugs for Vintage Vinyl’s peerless collection of jazz LPs. The crowd was encouraged to mill about the local merchants’ tents and kiosks, whose souvenirs included hand-crafted African apparel and portraits of music legends like Dizzy Gillespie and Louis Armstrong. In addition to the food and retail, the festival offered plenty of diversion for the less musically inclined. A professional plate-spinner precariously balanced spinning tops on the tips of baseball bats and bowling pins. A jazz workshop for children taught the eager young visitors about African percussion, forming a rhythm section of slap-happy toddlers. As the second step in a new U City tradition, Saturday’s jazz festival was a definite success. Even if St. Louis’s jazz elite cannot make the pilgrimage to the legendary Newport Jazz Festival, University City provides an effective substitute.



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# Sports

## Tritons defeat Rockhurst in men's soccer

LEON DEVANCE  
*Staff Writer*

Friday night was quite a night for Thomas Mihalcz, junior, political science, and his teammates on the University of Missouri – St. Louis Tritons men's soccer team.

Back/middle-fielder Mihalcz headed the ball in the net, scoring his first goal this season on an assist from mid-fielder Ajdin Dedic, senior, nursing. Mihalcz scored the goal at 1 minutes 23 seconds into overtime. In doing so, he beat the Rockhurst Hawks' goalie Ryan Bass and sent UMSL to a 1-0 win on the Don Dallas soccer field.

The Hawks came into the game as the fifth-ranked team in the Great Valley Lakes Conference. UMSL's record improved to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the GLVC. Rockhurst fell to 4-1 in the GLVC, 5-1 overall.



Patrick Ream blocks a pre-game practice shot. Photo by Leon Devance/The Current

UMSL has also won 4-0 against Missouri S & T, who was ranked seventh, making this the second season that UMSL has defeated a top 10 team.

Rockhurst had a 15-8 advantage in shots, including an 8-3 on shots on goal. UMSL goalkeeper Patrick Ream, senior, criminology and criminal justice, stopped eight shots.

Mihalcz, who recorded career-highs last year against Maryville in goals, said that he was determined to secure the win against Rockhurst. "It was one of those times when you just react," Mihalcz said. "I just went for it and luckily [the ball] went in. This team takes a lot of pride in playing well and it is very thrilling to get a win at home in front of the fans."

UMSL coach Dan King noted that the Tritons need to stay focused with eight consecutive GLVC conference games starting against William Jewell at home. Next week, UMSL opposes Missouri S & T and Drury on the road.

Other conference games include matches against Lewis, Wisconsin – Parkside, Indianapolis, St. Joseph, Bellarmine and Quincy. King believes that Quincy will give UMSL a stiff challenge, because the Hawks are a disciplined, focused team.

"We have a long way to go, and we have to stay disciplined," King said. "If we take care of the little things, we should be all right. But I am proud of my guys tonight for staying focused."

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UMSL has certainly remained disciplined in recent wins against Wesleyan Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

In the Tritons 5-0 win against Wesleyan Kentucky, three freshmen were essential to victory. Forward Jared Swierk, freshman, undeclared, scored twice.

Forward Chris Pearson, freshman, secondary education, scored once more. Tyler Collico, freshman, business administration, and Dennis Bayens, sophomore, accounting, scored the other two goals for UMSL.

UMSL out-shot Wesleyan Kentucky with a score of 19-10 and had 12 shots on goal. Collico attempted a team record of three shots on goal, and 14 players attempted one shot on the goal.

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If the Tritons practice the little things that King values, more opportunities will come their way.

Mihalcz recalled that on his game-winning shot his teammates stayed confident and poised against Rockhurst in overtime. "We stayed organized, and our communication was good," Mihalcz said. "This game was a tight one, and we did not receive a lot of chances. This is my first game-winning shot, and I am just glad that I capitalized on the opportunity."

## Women's volleyball team headed upward

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With a record of 4-9, things are finally looking up for the University of Missouri – St. Louis women's volleyball team.

UMSL started 2012 at 0-4, but things are improving. The Tritons are 3-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference after defeating Maryville 3-0. UMSL is tied for third place with Drury in the GLVC.

UMSL may yet assume command in the conference race as the Tritons travel to Kansas City to oppose William Jewell and Rockhurst. Coach Ryan Young believes that UMSL is in a position to make a successful run.

"Things are good now, because the players have their confidence at a high level," Young said. "We got a lot of new starters this year, so it took a while for them to get comfortable in their roles and on the team."

The new starters for UMSL are defensive special/libero Shelby Bishop, freshman, biology; setter Lindsay Meyer, freshman, undeclared; middle blocker/outside hitter Hannah Miller, freshman, studio art; and middle blocker Jessica Ploss, freshman, criminology and criminal justice.

Now that the UMSL players have settled into their roles, there is no scrambling on the court to return the opponents' serves.

"Now we have nice consistency because the first touch to the setter is important... And the consistency across the board is there now," Young said.

Against Maryville, Young said the goal was to sweep and get a conference win. Against Rockhurst and William Jewell, Young is looking for more wins.

"Because we now have consistency on both sides of the net, we are playing sharper and we are harder to deal with," Young said. "The three

tough, then we are able to pass to feed the attackers. If the side out passing is good, we will take good swings at the ball and our efficiency rate, blocking and defense will be better. So it will require a total team effort to win this weekend."

Things did not go the way Young planned against Rockhurst and William Jewell. UMSL dropped both matches.

Against Rockhurst, the UMSL highlights were opposite side/outside



Chelsea Burkle anticipates a serve.

Photo by Leon Devance/The Current

hitter Liz Jaeger, senior, nursing; 19 kills; 11 digs; three service aces and assists by Meyer and Anna McNulty, senior, communications.

Middle blocker Corinne Hoekstra, junior, social work, had 14 kills, seven blocks and six assists. Jennie Manis, senior, business administration, recorded 31 digs and two service aces. The UMSL team

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totalled 11 service aces.

Against William Jewell, UMSL committed 30 errors. Ploss recorded a career high of 11 kills and four blocked shots. Jaeger also had 11 kills, 11 digs and two service aces.

UMSL has 15 conference games left in the 2012 season. After the road trip to Kansas City, they will play at Lindenwood University before their conference home matches against Missouri S&T and Drury.

Young explained that against Missouri S&T, the challenge will be to match the Miners' energy.

"Missouri S&T digs out every ball, and their defense is outstanding," Young said. "They have good energy and play well as a unit."

If UMSL takes care of business on the court, Young sees a possible playoff run for UMSL toward the end of the season.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of conference play because we have a good record in the conference," Young said. "It is a long season, but in the end, the more wins we have, the better off we will be."



Coach Ryan Young.

Photo by Leon Devance/The Current

most important things for us this weekend against William Jewell and Rockhurst are our serving, passing and side out... If we serve tough, we now have the advantage. Rockhurst and William Jewell, then, cannot go to their best players. And now we have set up our go players. If we serve



Celebratory dogpile after Thomas Mihalcz's game-winning overtime goal.

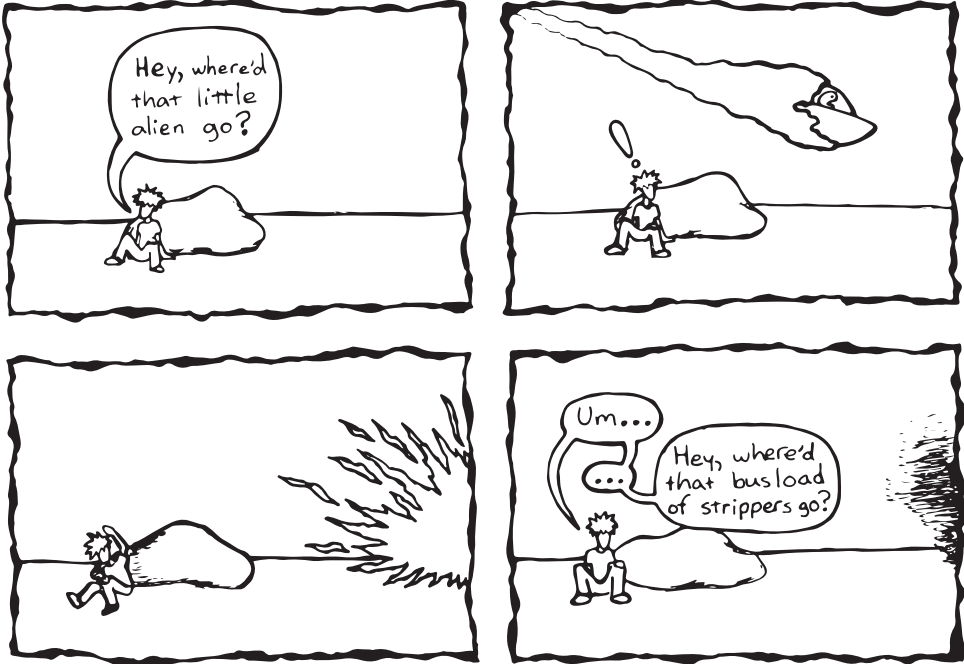
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# Comics

## JUST A COUPLE DRIFTERS

Christian Kessler



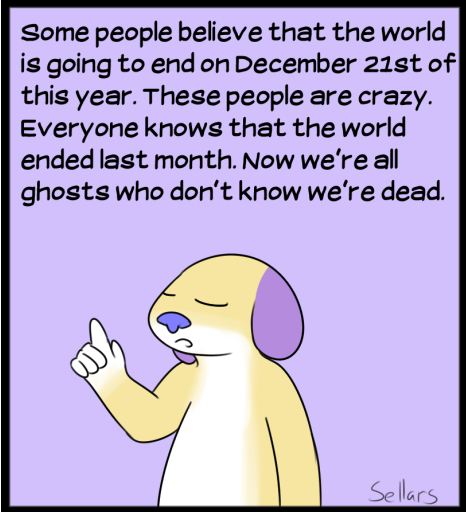
## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

### CRYPTOGRAM

FOX NEWS IS NOTHING IF NOT IMPRESSIVE. NO MATTER HOW HARSH THE CRITICISM IT ENDURES, THE NETWORK SOMEHOW ALWAYS MANAGES TO PROVE ITSELF EVEN WORSE THAN WE HAD PREVIOUSLY IMAGINED. —ERIC ALTERMAN

## SIMPLY BEAGLE

Lee Sellars



## BRAIN DEAD

Zach McDaniel



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## STUPID TABLET COMIC FUN TIME

John Clifton



## THE UMSL MATH CLUB PRESENTS: PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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