SGA takes no action on fee increases

Controversy over SGA deadlines prompts adjournment

By John Reynolds
news assistant

SGA adjourned Thursday without making any recommendations on a series of proposed increases in student fees.

Gary Great, vice-chairman for Student Affairs, said that the SGA meeting was to inform students about the process for identifying new fee increases.

Grace said that the budget includes a change in the Student Parking Fund fees, effective this fall. The current fee is $20 for full and winter and $14.50 for membership and a non-refundable $12.50 per credit hour fee

For a more complete breakdown of student fee changes, see page 7.

Parking stickers generate excuses

By John Reynolds
staff assistant

Safety, security, and null numbers seem to be avoiding university ticket problems in spite of the concerns raised by the president.

The administration is attempting to present a better face to the campus.

While few university officials have been investigating the ticket problems, they are aware of the situation.

The idea of the ticket department, Thompson, said that North Campus Field will be on schedule, and police will be on duty.

Despite the department's ability to handle the ticket problems, some students are still feeling frustrated.

Students for Student Affairs are planning a march on the ticket center, in support of the ticket office, to protest the lack of action by SGA.

Numbers on student service and activity fees remain undecided

By David Rauber
art editor

The SGA took action on Thursday's meeting by making recommendations on student service and activity fees.

SGA President Jeff Neureiter proposed that the fees, which fund student organizations, remain the same, saying that new student organizations are distributed.

"I think we can go another year with the fees, and then we don't have to change," Arney said.

Moreover, SGA Commissioner Bill Ash said that the fees should be increased, saying that a 5 percent increase in student fees would not be a problem.

"It's a problem because we are going to make more money," Ash said.

"But I think we can go another year with the fees, and then we don't have to change."
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Turn of the Century is...
Annual fee proposal meeting comes to a standstill with refusal to vote

The Issue: The annual fee proposal’s meeting was held again, resulting in conflicts. This year the proposed fee increases are being held up by SGA’s timelines as well as a refusal to vote on the subject.

We Suggest: This January should have a better response than last year. For that to happen, SGA should give students the voice to appeal the resolution.

So what do you think? Let us hear from you on this issue in a letter to the editor.

Another SGA tussle over yet another set of student fees has resulted in little concrete action, oddly due to SGA’s own rules. The fee increases have become a December ritual at UM-St. Louis, in which administrators walk into a hostile SGA meeting and explain to students just how much more they need to pay to keep the university afloat. Last year’s fight was particularly nasty because along with the administration also proceeded to pass a resolution that deprived SGA of the yearly fees plan is under a standstill with refusal to vote.

The January resolution’s backfire would not be so disastrous if SGA had not seen fit to include increases to the Curators, but to avoid a vote on fees, the administration neglected to notify SGA representatives of any chance of increases. This reasonable request was made however by an unusual charge, every year the SGA should not be ‘bound or compelled’ to consider fee alterations if the administration did not comply with SGA’s deadlines. Given SGA’s action (or rather inactions) at the last meeting, we feel that the administration completely ignored it.

The resolution, as originally conceived, seemed well-intentioned, but its results are unfortunate. In an honest attempt to make the administrators more responsive SGA has unconditionally flagged itself with a resolution that deprives SGA representatives of any further opportunity to be heard. The SGA does not want to have to pass a resolution that called for a non-binding resolution that called for a resolution that did not comply with SGA’s own rules. Even if administrators on this campus want to comply with SGA’s timelines, delays in volumes may make it impossible.

Worse, Vice-Chancellor Gary Schweppe Jr. says SGA’s proposal was made on haven’s day this year by failing to give input on student service and activity fees until mid-November. The SGA’s desire to give representatives an earlier look at the yearly fees plan is understandable and in fact, understandable. Doubtless, the system should move more swiftly in bringing its figures to campus administration. But SGA’s counterproductive refusal to vote on proposals only paves the assembly and further exacerbates the already tenuous influence of student opinion on fees policy. The Curators should give students a voice in passing the January resolution.

Death or taxes, which is better?

It’s time to pay my personal property taxes again. Fortunately, this year my personal property consists solely of a rapidly-decaying mid-'60s MG Midget which was not listed in the 1998 assessment. (It was worth $5020 on last year’s bill.) Thus, this does not mean a break from the Coliseum of Revenue but something is afoot. I received a notification from the tax assessor that my annual payment is now $125 larger than a tab for steak at Stax ’n Shake ($18.50 dinner and tip).

But the part of my tax bill that makes a more interesting than a steak is the tax on my 1967 MG Midget. Even if my Olds has probably cost much more, I’m glad to do my part. I also hope about the 31 cents that will go to the “Graffiti Clean-up Fund” though I am fairly certain that I have never utilized their services, whatever those services may be.

Another thing I am not so sure about. While I am happy to contribute to the University of Missouri’s Health, Hillel, and the Center for International Education, the University of Missouri’s Health, Hillel, and the Center for International Education, I was really surprised that I’d try something like that, and was amazed by how little it costs. $6.05 a month. I do wish that my loot would fund a new hobby, photography.

So, more respect from students and the administration. But SGA’s counterproductive refusal to vote on fee proposals only paves the way for a few months of delays in passing resolutions that call for a non-binding resolution.

Lack of student involvement in Kwanzaa shows a lack of unity

Admittedly, I probably would never have gone to the Kwanzaa celebration if it had not been assigned to cover it for the Current. I wouldn’t even have known it was going to happen, though even if I had I probably wouldn’t have gone. Fortunately, I was able to leave out of that room a better person than I was when I walked in.

Dr. Karrnga is a powerful speaker who used humor and eloquence to teach us about everything from love to religion. He brought up issues that we all know about, but fail to address in our personal lives, and is felt to be one of the best black people of all ages there with me experiencing the same indescribable feelings I was.

However looking around the room, I was disturbed by the lack of attendance from the Black students on this campus. That is not to say that people from other racial backgrounds weren’t welcome, but I expected more African American students to attend. It was a shame, and it was a shame.

I was, however, really surprised that I’d try something like that, and was amazed by how little it costs. $6.05 a month. I do wish that my loot would fund a new hobby, photography.
Women's b-ball tops the Rangers with a 74-58 win, putting them at 2-2 in GLVC

**BY JOE MARRIS**

Of the Current staff

A poor first half did the Rivermen in this Thursday against Lewis University, as they fell 48-30 before a sparse crowd at Mark "V." gym. The Lewis Flyers were 15-2 from the field and netted the Rivermen 45-15 in the first half to set the tone for the game. 

"We didn't do a good job of guarding them as they made those tough shots," Head Coach Kirk Meckfessel said. "They did a fine job of not letting us go defense was horrible." 

The loss drops the Rivermen to 1-5 overall and 0-3 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

Greg Ross, Darrell Robinson and Michael Golma led the Rivermen with 21, 10, and 7 points respectively. Terrance Alexander and Greg Stewart led the Rivermen with six and 11 points respectively.

Robinson has been settled and Alexander has been "good," Meckfessel said. "With Michael, he's dogging the ball, on the nose but he has his effort and his commitment to playing hard has been remem-

bered." 

Darrell (Robinson) is a solid enough guy who can score and rebound. He needs to improve his defense, but he's going to be a very fine senior for us," Meckfessel said. 

Robinson's contribution is also key for the Rivermen, as they have lost Kyle Bader for the year due to a thumb injury. Bader was a full-time starter at guard for the Rivermen and the team will take his place.

"The best thing you can do is defensively off fouled," Meckfessel said. "We just don't do enough of it. I thought that some of the foul-drops opportunists that Lewis got were not well-earned." 

"I thought they protected [Ross]," Meckfessel said. "His four-year and a four-year-and-a-half conference player and he gets the type of protection that's usually accorded to a one-player." Meckfessel said.

Pitiful fly the Flyers with 25 points and 10 rebounds. He also knocked down 13 of 14 free throw attempts. 

Even with the loss, Ross has been praised by some of his performance. Last year as a sophomore he performed quite well with some of the top guards in the GLVC.

"Rosalie has been up and down, he played very well in the Lewis' loss," Meckfessel said. "It has been quiet what we've hoped for a long season and I expect him to play well down the stretch just like he did last year." 

Meckfessel believes there are high hopes even with the down trend. He said the Rivermen played their best offense of the year against Lewis and the team is close to turning it around.

"We've got a lot of games to play yet and we expect us to win a lot more of them," Meckfessel said. "We expect to get better and we expect to win a lot of conference games." 

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**Sports Analysis**

**NCAA champions a numbers game**

And the national champi-

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BY SUE BRIIT

Canned food drive highlights holiday festivities

Kwanzaa Founder Visits Campus

BY SHONTA DODSON

The monthly food drive is intended to help those in need.

The food drive was held in the University Center student lounge on December 1.

The food collected included canned goods, rice, and other non-perishable items.

The drive was organized by the University Center Student Activities Committee.

The collection is intended to support local charities and those in need.

The drive is also meant to raise awareness about food insecurity and hunger.

The food collected will be distributed to local food banks and other organizations.

The drive is open to all students and staff of the University Center.

Kwanzaa is a word taken from the Swahili language which means "first fruit." It is a cultural and spiritual celebration that celebrates African heritage and tradition.

The Kwanzaa celebration was held in the University Center student lounge on December 1.

The event included a ceremony, a dinner, and a cultural performance.

The ceremony included the lighting of candles, the presentation of gifts, and the recitation of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The dinner featured traditional African cuisine and was open to all.

The cultural performance included African music and dance.

The event was sponsored by the African-American Student Center and was open to all students and staff of the University Center.

The event was a meaningful way for the University Center community to come together and celebrate African heritage and culture.
resolutions so as to accommodate any increases in any student fees. He said that this would be a way of sending a message to the Board of Curators.

"The Board has turned a deaf ear to what we have to say," Rankins said. "These fees will be raised regardless of what we say or do. It's time now to wake up and call them out!"

Several students objected to Rankins' ideas, saying that sending a message to the Board of Curators might be counter-productive. Rankins said that the SGA was in the dark about the student body's stance on the fees and that the SGA was always left out of the decision-making loop.

This board and other students recommended on what they think the fees should be and (SGA) is asked to approve these fees increases," Rankins said. "With the exception of the Student Association and Student Services fee, we have absolutely no power at all over what the fees are being up. We can say what we want, but it's not a real choice."

Another complication came up when Rankins complained that the details of Curators had held student fees budget information to the University too soon for any real debate to take place.

"The SGA is not informed of the $6.55 per credit hour fee increase was passed by SGA in a non-bid resolution but last year many students did not get the information they didn't have enough time to consider the fee hike."

"Last year we passed a resolution in the student government," Rankins explained. "It states that this increase of any type that are to be taxed on or approved by the SGA must be presented to the SGA body in writing no less than 30 days in advance of their being voted or commented on."

"That didn't happen this year," Rankins added. "They presented them on the same day, despite our having made it very clear that this was not acceptable and was against our own rules."

Greco said, however, that the SGA played a role in the delay. He said that the University received the student fees budget information in mid-October. To complete the information, he needed to consult Student Activities and Student Services fees from Rankins and SGA President Jim Ayre.

"They both knew we needed those fees two weeks," he said. "I had saddled the materials by the end of November, but we did not get our input until the Wednesday before Thanksgiving."

Rankins said he was confused about Greco's account.

"It's frustrating for this SGA to find out," Rankins said. "I don't know why Dr. Grace and I am not on the same page about this."

After the SGA informed without taking action, Greco said that he would take the bill to the chancellor and vice-chancellor about the opinions expressed at the meeting.

"I have written an e-mail to vice-chancellor Jim Krueger and chancellor Schmitt that was a part of the meeting," he said. "In brief it dealt with the chancellor and the vice-chancellor and the issues expressed at the meeting."

Greco informed that a committee would be set up to receive student fees budget information from Curators. He said that the next SGA meeting would be held before the Board of Curators met on Jan. 28 to discuss the budget. "We can not be informed as to what are student fees thinking about and how much increase," Rankins said. "It may be no too late to hold a vote, but there will be a portion of the Board. Either myself and Jim Ayre will do it, or SGA as a body will do it."

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said, "We had different opinions." Greco said that the SGA's main goal is to gain more of an influence with the Curators.

"I think it's very important that we can work together even when we have our disagreements and I think that is the way we were all working toward the same thing to get more say, in the budget to learn more about," Ash said. "That's what our main goal is." Greco said that he would push for the tax and two other tax increases at the next SGA meeting. "I think it's Mike and Jim will agree to something along those lines," Ash said. "We can't do this. SGA as a body can't do it."

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**MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONTAINS REGIONAL TREASURES**

**Museum revamp is geared for 21st century**

by David Baughen and Sue Britt

The planning committee for the College of Arts and Sciences spoke to open forums of students, faculty, and the public on the potential expansion of the Missouri Historical Society. According to Kerz the focus of the new museum will include the Bobo Family Museum, which explores the historical, social, and political effects of the television show "The Eyes of a Child," and will open in February of 2000.

Young students interested in the new Thomas Jefferson Building were interested in the opportunity to learn about the new galleries. The four new galleries will be able to exhibit between eight and ten percent of the collections housed by the Missouri Historical Society. The most surprising aspect of the exhibition will be the most of the work, except the actual construction and design, has been accomplished by the staff of the Historical Society. Fifty to sixty members of the staff of approximately one hundred and thirty have been working on this project for ten years. The goal is to have the facility complete and ready to be used.

David Burkholder, chairperson of the history department, was the second candidate in the ongoing search for a new dean. Burkholder is the internal candidate for Nancy Glover, a former dean in the English department.

Burkholder has a unique standing in the ranks as he has served in the UM St. Louis campus as an endowed professorship director chair for a cumulative 20 years.

"The Mark Burkholder, "Professor of history, chair of the history department; an old-timer on campus." I want to be your dean," Burkholder said.

Burkholder began by addressing the many financial issues facing the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Increased enrollment, he said, is one of the reasons toward a more focused curriculum.

Burkholder said he is interested in promoting the curricula that are already available to this campus with greater drive.

Burkholder mentioned the relationship that our campus has already established with the St. Louis Zoo.

"We've got a dean who is interested in science. We've worked with the St. Louis Zoo and the St. Louis Science Center, but we have a strong biology program, we have a school of business..." this is worth exploring and I just think there may be a lot of other things that are worth exploring," Burkholder said.

Burkholder said that he is very interested and a willingness to be able to solve the problems with finances and suggests that a number of students will be co-opted to help solve the problems. He said he recognizes the decline and the dependence on soft money from the chancellor's office.

"It's tricky to set up so many of the soft money problems but we do have a student-run loan office at 77 to 42 after that. I don't mean the occasional course or program, I mean English literature..." mark up and music, "we have been paying our soft money forever," Burkholder said.

Burkholder says many more examples of the use of soft money. He said he believes the College of Arts and Sciences is fully deserving of this money and said that a better case should be made to show the chancellor, especially off the money is well spent.

"Well then," Burkholder said. "We'll do it by lot to make the most convincing case possible to the chancellor who is a chancellor who is a dean".

Burkholder spoke of the site and importance of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"We do 83 percent of the research. We are one of the best small universities in the country, but in terms of business and education costs, frankly, we have the graduate program," Burkholder said. "We do a lot. I think the test is how to make it, and we're doing it. We're doing it, we need to have an appropriate fiscal plan."
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