Mixed feelings reign after lunch

by Jason Granger

Editor-in-Chief

Depending on whom you ask, the most recent Associated Students of the University of Missouri Lunch with a Legislator was either a great success or a disappointing failure. State Representative Matt Mckeele, D-Peterson (district 70), came to UM-St. Louis to talk to students about issues concerning them, but according to Laura Watters Marsh, AUSM member, Mckeele had something else on his mind.

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**Thru March Woodcock Museum**

"Images and Imaginaries: Art of the Americas West" visual exhibit is open now at https://woodcockmuseum.umsystem.edu. Features paintings and sculptures from the permanent collection of the Woodcock Museum and the Missouri State Library at UM-St. Louis.

**Thru Nov. 18 Public Policy Research**

The Plan of Progress: The Agu Avenue Edition, photographs by Michael Mishkin opens on Sep. 17. The opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sep. 17 in the Public Policy Research Gallery, N 245. This free event is co-sponsored by the Cutter Library and the School of Public Service.

**Mon 3 Monday Noon Forum**

*The Authenticity of Art*: a slide talk, is the title of the Monday Noon Forum Speaker Series. The series, hosted by the Philosophy at UM-St. Louis, explores selected ethical issues raised by works of art, for instance through black-and-white prints of water, images of paintings of reflections of water, water in gardens, moving water and natural ponds of water. The program is from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in rooms 209 of the J. C. Penney Conference Center.

**Mon 3 Forum**

*Coming of Age series* author is focusing on the Coming of Age series at noon in the Century Room C of the J. C. Penney Conference Center. New officers will be installed at the event. The program is from 12:30 to noon in Century Room C of the J. C. Penney Conference Center.

**Tues 4 Gallery 210**

Port Arthur Melody presents his poetry at 3:30 p.m. in Gallery 210 at Missouri Hall. Melody reads from his about collection of poems, "The Devil's Garden," which was released in October by Allen Press. The book limited poetry is open to the public. For more info., call 516-4059.

**Bible study**

Christ Christian Center is holding a Bible study at 7:30 p.m. at Dobson Hall Suite B (230), J. C. Penney Conference Center for Protestant and Jewish.

**Wed 5 Counseling Services**

Choosing a Major Workshop is from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to match your interests with academic majors and occupations using the Self Directed Search. This workshop helps students identify interests, skills, work values, and learn how to research occupations, pre-registration by calling Counseling Services at 516-7511.

**Wed 5 Forum**

*International Center for Tropical Ecology* Conservation Forum 2003 is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Living World in the St. Louis Zoo. Frank Joyce from the University of California, San Diego. "Conservation in Costa Rica: Working Interdisciplinary Solutions for the Future." For more info., call Patrick O'Brien at 516-5729. The event is free.

**Biology**

"Unmanned Aircraft: The Future in Military Aviation" is from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the floor of the MSC. Ken A. Wieke, Senior Technical Fellow at Boeing Phantom Works speaks on the X-47 Unmanned Combat Air System. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Nancy Daly at 516-6328.

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On October 31, UM-St. Louis' Sigma Tau Gamma member toured a Halloween party and haunted house for neighborhood children at the Bel Ridge Community Center. Nearly 200 students and faculty attended the event, which was sponsored by the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and the Bel Ridge Police Department. The event was organized as a way to bring the neighborhood together.

Dr. Sheila Muckler, member of the Missouri General Assembly, was the keynote speaker at the event. Muckler has been a strong advocate for community involvement and has won numerous awards for her service. She also serves on the Bel Ridge Board of Directors and has been instrumental in organizing many events for the community.

“Halloween is a special time of the year,” Muckler said. “It’s a time when families can come together and have fun in the community. I’m proud to be a part of this event and to be able to give back to the community.”

The event was well attended, with children of all ages enjoying the festivities. There were games, snacks, and a chance to meet new people. The entire community came together to enjoy the night.

“We are so grateful to Sigma Tau Gamma for organizing this event,” said Community Center Director Janice Abernathy. “It’s a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and have fun in the community.”

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Our Opinion

The Current remembers George “Buzz” Westfall

Politicians are generally reluctant, only occasionally appreciated and rarely liked. So what is it that explains the outpouring of sentiment following the death of St. Louis County Executive George “Buzz” Westfall last fall?

The short answer: He was a good man who did good work, and communities are inclined to mourn in public, especially when the death removes a leader from their midst.

After three terms as St. Louis County’s prosecuting attorney, Westfall, a Democrat, was elected to the position of county executive in 1990. His work in this capacity was so commendable that he was again elected three times.

Known for getting things done, Westfall was involved in passage of local laws to develop the Louisiana Regional Health Commission, which is dedicated to providing public health services to the uninsured and underinsured, funding for the Children’s Miracle Network, improving organ labor, supporting the Montefiore, developing anti-smoking campaigns, tutoring immigrants and minorities for education and employment, helping to keep immigration affordable— he was busy in making a difference with the balance for setting a precedence of the partnership for the general public.

But not only was Westfall admired for what he did but also how he did it. He was one of those men given the job, so was often referred to as being personable, humble and dedicated—by both Democrats and Republicans alike.

It is said that he advised his friends and family to do is to have the opportunity to know George “Buzz” Westfall is a man of many personal qualities. We hope they would find pride in knowing that they were in the heart of a good man, who was truly appreciative of all the time—only a few minutes of his achievement.

So what do you think? Tell us what you think. Drop us a line at the Office of the President at TheCurrentonline.com.

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The issue: George "Buzz" Westfall was a man who tirelessly worked for the betterment of the St. Louis area. From working to bring in the Rams to fighting for benefits, he was tireless.

We suggest "Buzz" should be remembered for his work on the St. Louis region. He will go down as a legend of the St. Louis politics, no matter the political affiliation, Democrats and Republicans remember him fondly.

Shamey Cheney, Nursing
Nicolle Gudmurd, Junior

I wanna get straight! I’m in my classes this semester...

I’d like a piano ticket to New York.

Shamey Cheney, Nursing
Nicolle Gudmurd, Junior

A six pack of PBR and a bag of chips.

Rayann Oglesby, Chemistry

I want the beach in my bag!

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We've been inspired.

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It's my on-site job.

Shamey Cheney, Nursing
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**The science of myths: Halloween ghosts and gh...**

*By Carolyn Maguire, Science Columnist*

When Halloween just passed, today’s article is about how much science accounts for some of the scary origins of tales of the undead, of werewolves, and sometimes even vampires.

**There are a number of myths and beliefs that have been woven into our cultural tapestry over time. Tales of the undead, of werewolves, and sometimes even vampires, of course, may have had beginnings in natural phenomena or diseases that were minimally understood or completely misunderstood with many retellings. Many of these fearful ways were likely shaped by the people’s incomplete understanding of how the world works. Tales of the undead, of werewolves, and sometimes even vampires, were the likely source of tales of the undead, of werewolves, and sometimes even vampires.

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Let us start with zombies and other scary beings.

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*By Blizzard Bauer*

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The new Greek in town

BY ANGELA ASHLEY
Staff Writer

Though she only graduated last May, Allyson Wilson is already full of ideas about how to bring together the Greek organizations on campus. Wilson, a recent graduate of the Greek system's advisor at UM-St. Louis, has tried Greek experience in the past.

"I think living in the dorms," she said. "It's a great experience to meet a lot of different people, and it's also part of your community with your peers.

Dana Burnat, graduate assistant for the Residence Life office and the Greek Council, says she has been working on a better experience for both students and staff.

The main focus of the Greek Council, along with the Residential Life office, is to ensure that the Greek organizations on campus have a positive image and are well-represented.

"I think our main goal is to improve the atmosphere of the Greek Council and the Greek organizations on campus," Burnat said. "We want to make sure that the Greek organizations are represented fairly and that they are able to grow and flourish.

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Culture center offers a variety of resources

by Melissa McDair
Features associate

Those visiting the UM-St. Louis German Culture Center may be surprised when they are greeted with "Kiste singende." The German Culture Center is located in the Telecommunications Center Building, across the hall from the UM-St. Louis Police Department. The Culture Center is the meeting place for the Der Deutsche Club-Kaffeestunde, which is a coffee hour established to promote the German Club and the culture.

The Der Deutsche Club currently has about 25 or 30 students, and we are looking to recruit more individuals who are interested in German culture," said Melissa Dumas, president of Der Deutsche.

The coffee hour meets every first and third Thursday of each month, between noon and 2 p.m. At these meetings, international students share stories about their time at UM-St. Louis, and others can discuss anything they wish to know about Germany. Koffeestunde provides a chance to meet others and learn about German culture, coffee.

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When asked how she felt about how the students were responding to this year's drive, Wilson said, "So far, so good. I think this is a much more successful year. I'm really thrilled to help the students with the fundraising." According to Hinds, PLCSA raised much less money and people still did not stand in line to Klin (the previous drive's stall), and that's understandable because to do so at a job. I want to let people know who I am and that they can come talk to me about anything. The Alpha Gamma Delta, junior, marketing, has been with Wilson so long that she's been a part of Wilson's life, and he said, "She's very energetic and excited to work with us. She also has a lot of ideas for the Greek community. I think she'll help them become stronger as a whole versus separate organizations," said Don DeBuhr, junior, marketing.

"We're very knowledgeable, patient and have helped show me the ropes closer this is my first year on the board," Bailey said. Klini's German group decided to see for the position because it would provide experience for his future career in law enforcement. "Who's going to be there at graduation and being asked (at least one) area is a good experience. Being a kid, he said. It's also a great way to be seen on campus." Klini is the second annual UM-St. Louis because of the crime center of the culture center's department's expansion. UM-St. Louis has one of the best crime colleges in the world. There's no other place, especially in this state, to get a criminal justice degree," said

"The crime center professors and faculty are some of the best in the field in the world," said Don DeBuhr. "A number of our students are involved in crime center programs," he said. "There is no better day to meet people that have the same interests than you get tailored."
Tournament time!
Rivernowen, Rivermen soccer teams ready for GLVC

by Gretchen Moore
Interim Sports Editor

The UM-St. Louis men’s and women’s soccer teams have been preparing over the last week for the start of their GLVC tournament. The Rivernowen will face the Flyers of Lewis University, and the Rivermen will square up with the Pereus of St. Joseph’s.

The Rivernowen ended their regular-season matches with a 3-2-1 GLVC record and tied with the Lewis men for the number two spot and sixth in the GLVC tournament. The Rivernowen was seeded third in the tournament and will face the third-seeded Riverame n, Riverme n ending their regular-season play with a 3-2-1 GLVC record, placing them fifth in the tournament.

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**Movie Review**

*The Human Stain* reflects on society's prejudices by Catherine Marquis-Homeyer

**STORYLINE**

"The Human Stain" is an interesting drama, the added layer of racism makes you think about the way people have been treated for centuries and the effects of such prejudice.

The film centers around Professor Stain (played by John Travolta), who is accused of having an affair with a black woman. The story takes place in the 1960s, at a time when racial integration was still a new concept.

**CRITICISM**

The film is well-acted, with Travolta and Nicole Kidman giving powerful performances. The dialogue is thought-provoking, and the film raises important questions about race and identity.

However, the film does have some weaknesses. The pacing can be a bit slow at times, and the storyline can be a bit predictable.

Overall, "The Human Stain" is a worthwhile film that is definitely worth watching. It offers a unique perspective on race and identity, and it is a film that is sure to make you think.

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The film takes place in a small town in the mid-1980s, and it centers around a group of young musicians who are trying to make it big in the music industry.

**CRITICISM**

The film is well-written and well-acted, with a talented cast that includes John Travolta, Nicole Kidman, and John Cusack.

The film is also visually appealing, with a bright and cheerful color palette that perfectly captures the spirit of the mid-1980s.

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Baked goods will remain fresh as long as the restaurant is open. However, since both have a similar focus on "farm-to-table" cuisine, it's difficult to say which one offers a better selection of fresh ingredients. Specialties at the buffet include soups, salads, and fresh bread. The service can vary from visit to visit, but overall it is generally friendly. For more information, you can visit SweetTomatoes.com or SouperSalad.com.

Cusumano’s Pizza

Cusumano’s Pizza offers a variety of pizzas with different toppings, including pepperoni, sausage, and mushrooms. The menu also includes salads, sandwiches, and desserts. Prices vary depending on the toppings and size of the pizza, with options ranging from $8 to $15. The restaurant is open daily from 11 am to 10 pm. For more information, you can visit Cusumano’s Pizza’s website at CusumanoPizza.com.

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Down on the Bayeux

While "Pieces of April" is writertor/director Peter Hedges' first film as director, he has a long list of screenwriting credits behind him. Hedges has written novels and plays, as well as adapted screenplays for the screen, including his adaptation of "About a Boy," for which he wrote at Once. It is the characters and their unpredictability that make "Pieces of April" fun to watch. But the film, where you never really know what people will do next, we have to just go along for the ride. Despite the serious undertone that motivates the characters, the film focuses on comedy and how humor helps people cope in different ways. The director used a handful of cameras that follows the actors to give up the feeling that we are being pulled along, with no idea what the next scene will bring. "Pieces of April" has the kind of real-life functionality that most mainstream movies lack.

High-caliber writing and a script full of wonderful characters are what make this little film so enjoyable. Oliver Platt and Patricia Clarkson do their usual wonderful work, as do Jim and Joy, asking depth to the relationship and their feelings about what they both know lies ahead through small gestures and actions, without obvious dialogue. More important in the strong performance from Katie Holmes as April, as elusive as the month she is named. Holmes has a lot of screen time, and she has done this kind well. Holmes does well letting us to know her character and her feelings about her family as she copes with all the ups and downs of her life. Drew Liles plays the understandably loving Bobby, a character as different from his previous role as Antwone Fisher as you might imagine. The smaller roles are also sparkling gems, with Jean Smart as the Norman girl who is hard to understand and an up-and-coming actress with better stories, as this one, those in front of digital video. Director Hedges opted to shoot the film in only 16 days, but there are visual links to digital video. However, the character-based story and director of cinematography Trent Bell's efforts to see the home-movie look of digital video to tell advantage help make the choice work for his film.

There are plenty of Christmas films, so it is nice to see a Thanksgiving film with the potential to become a perennial favorite. In the hands of the usual Hollywood forces, this film would have become a series of predictable "required" scenes and two-dimensional stock characters. Writer/director Peter Hedges wisely lets his actors bring his script to life and lets those more complicated creations drive the film. His trust in the audience's ability to recognize the community in the human experience of familiar scenes as from the title and predictable scenes of sentiment one sees only in movies and never in real life. The focus on real life makes this enjoyable little comedy the kind of film you might want to see again and again.

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