Students drink less than some expect

By Patricia Lee

College students often have a reputation for being excessive drinkers, but the average UM-St. Louis student is no different, according to a survey of UM-St. Louis students taken last spring, most students have less than four drinks per week. In fact, it has to do with the University's policy of not allowing students to be impaired or to drink alcohol before the legal drinking age living in their residence. In order to be admitted to the University, students must be 21 years old. However, in the residence halls, there are no restrictions, allowing students to drink alcohol in their rooms. In order to be admitted to the University, students must be 21 years old. However, in the residence halls, there are no restrictions, allowing students to drink alcohol in their rooms. Some students, such as Matt Hull, junior, archaeology, and Villa Resident, think that drinking is all right, said Matt Hull, junior, archaeology, and Villa Resident.

"If a college student, you're probably not going to drink as much as people your age who aren't in college," said Matt Hull, junior, archaeology, and Villa Resident.

Union Station rally draws thousands of supporters

Senior John Kenny and Edwards, presidential and vice-presidential candidates for the 2004 election, arrive at Union Station by train for the democratic rally on August 9th. The Kenny Edwards and several other bands are working on a musical compilation called "Rock Against Bush," due out on April 14th.

"Some of them might go after you if they think they're drunk or they're really bad," said Matt Hull, junior, archaeology, and Villa Resident.

"Better if you're not impaired," said Matt Hull, junior, archaeology, and Villa Resident.

Schatz said that another reason that driving may be less on campus is that, "younger students these days are more aware of the dangers of alcohol. They're trying to have a lot more sober for it, and they're trying to keep it to a minimum for them.

For the most part, UM-St. Louis's policy on alcohol is alcohol. Alcohol is allowed in the residence halls at the Center for non-alcoholic and underage students. Students of legal drinking age living in Majors dorm do not drink in their residence halls. Majors dorms are allowed to keep alcohol in their residence halls. In order to keep alcohol in an apartment at the dorms, pre-registration is necessary. When we do our research, there are no exceptions.

The residence assistants are responsible for being the first person to notice alcoholism. They have been trained to look for signs of alcoholism. Some students call the residence assistants, not really bad," said Matt Hull, junior, archaeology, and Villa Resident.

"Don't drink and drive," said Matt Hull, junior, archaeology, and Villa Resident.

PPRC study finds pattern of inaccurate local tax assessments

The Public Policy Research Center (PPRC) at UM-St. Louis recently completed a study which showed some problems with property tax assessments in three of Missouri's fastest growing counties.

Steve Gardner, PPRC research specialist, said that this was the main purpose of this study. The study was done to determine the actual level of assessments in three Missouri's fastest growing counties, because there is no precise process in Missouri to determine these results.

The study looked at property tax assessments under the same value that was set before by County Surveyors. The study suggested that the County Surveyors may have overvalued or under-valued properties.

The study showed that these three counties had their tax values, and taxes set by the PPRC. After research, the study showed that the County Surveyors in St. Louis and St. Louis County failed to fully capture market values for many residential properties. Also, the study found that homes in these counties were assessed at a lower proportion in St. Louis paid more in taxes than they should have. The study suggested that the County Surveyors in St. Louis and St. Louis County should work hard to increase their value and valuations.

Problems with these inaccurate tax rates are primarily due to the inability of the County Surveyors to assess correctly home values.

The study also showed that the value of homes in St. Louis County was set at 30 percent below market. The law in Missouri says that the County Surveyors should assess properties at 100 percent of the market value. The values of properties in St. Charles County are assessed at a lower proportion because they have been set at 95 percent. At 90 percent of the market value, the values of properties in St. Charles County may be assessed at a lower proportion because they have been set at 95 percent. At 90 percent of the market value, the values of properties in St. Charles County may be assessed at a lower proportion because they have been set at 95 percent. At 90 percent of the market value, the values of properties in St. Charles County may be assessed at a lower proportion because they have been set at 95 percent. At 90 percent of the market value, the values of properties in St. Charles County may be assessed at a lower proportion because they have been set at 95 percent. At 90 percent of the market value, the values of properties in St. Charles County may be assessed at a lower proportion because they have been set at 95 percent.

Not only did Gardner put a great deal of work into this project, but also PPRC Director Mark Travell helped this study reach its completion.
Communication Fine Arts and The college of Fine Arts and Aug 15 Arts Center. A reception will follow, special Communication will hold a new stu­ Mi llennium KWMU and faculty.

Mon. Aug. 16 Fine Arts and Communication new student convocation The college of Fine Arts and Communication will hold a new student convocation at Wed. Aug. 18 Full classes begin Full classes begin at 8 a.m.

Thurs. Aug. 19 Clearly You Crystals Clearly You Crystals is a 3-D view of a person's face that is laser-etched into crystal. Witness how their eyes make a heart for $1.

Thurs. Aug. 19 Comedy Showcase Honest John, comedians who has been featured on Comedy Central, and the Def Jam Comedy tour, will be per­ forming in the Main House at 7:30 p.m. A DJ and other comedians will make the evening a complete comedy showcase.

Fri. Aug. 20 MTV Beach Party Two Grant, member of MTV's The Real World: Chicago, and Amya from The Real World: Hawaii will be attend­ ing the Beach Party at the University Memorial Clubhouse and Pool. There will be food, games, giveaways, a DJ, a Mechanical Bull Riding, Contests, a Limbo Contest and Adidas Stick Races. The Beach Party will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Sat. Aug. 21 "Spoken Word" contest A DI from KIPT Radio (The Point) will act as emcee throughout the night as a number of people get up to read and perform their poetry. Sponsored by Building Dynamics, the UM-St. Louis Bookstore and Student Life. Visit the Student Life website at www.usmll.edu/studentlife or call 516-5174 for more information.

Mon. Aug. 23 Snow Cones Campus Administration and the staff of Student Life will have snow cones from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the Millennium Student Center Bridge. Volunteers can tab­ le and meet new people while enjoy­ ing the snow cones.

Tues. Aug. 24 Rec Sports Day Rec Sports Day will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the Millennium Student Center Bridge. There will be a Free-Throw Basketball Contest and a Hold-in-One Golf Contest. Participants will be eligible for prizes.

Wed. Aug. 25 Karaoke The University Program Board and the Office of Student Life will host a karaoke event in the Nile House from 9 p.m. until 2 p.m. Five free entries will be provided.

Wed. Sept. 1 Humph Day Hoopla Come test your jousting skills and take a break from your classes. Check out Humph Day Hoopla, sponsored by the University Program Board. This event will take place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in front of the Millennium Student Center. All Humph Day events are free.

The Catholic Newman Center will hold mass every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., in the BonHM floor chapel. All are wel­ come to attend. For more infor­ mation, connect the Newman Center at 314-932-3415.

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Honors College combats low graduation rates

New program will use mentors and a revamped freshman symposium

By WILL MELTON

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Our Opinion
Amendment violates church-state separation

Missouri legislators recently voted to amend the state constitution. A document which states in its Bill of Rights, “That no person can be compelled to attend or support any place of worship, nor to sustain any ministry or church, against his own consent, so shall the liberty of conscience be preserved.”

Some people have argued that this amendment is indefensible to a society that values religious liberty, but the majority of Missourians are unaware of the implications of the amendment. Let us consider the points that support the need for such a measure.

The Issue
Missouri legislators voted to amend the state constitution so that it bars homosexual marriages.

Many of the arguments that support the ban are religious-based, rather than legally based. We suggest that readers look into the history of church-state separation, how marriage laws evolved, and the American Civil Liberties Union’s position on the issue before reaching a conclusion.

“Take a vacation.

Get up, show up, go to class, get homework done, and go to bed. It’s almost time to return to the daily grind. Along the way, you also need to manage to work and juggle family responsibilities.

For many of us, the stresses of the semester have been overwhelming. I feel as if just finished writing my final paper and escaped the stress of my classes from last semester, but have new ones looming. All I can think about is how many of my classmates or peers would imagine managing their life and school responsibilities.

I find that I have to start making plans to summer school starts, I’ll hold myself accountable for the summer faunal season. It’s a good time to reflect on the things I’ve learned and the things I want to learn in the future.

Looking back on the semester, I realize that I have made a lot of progress. I have learned how to manage time better and how to prioritize tasks. I have also improved my communication skills and my ability to work in a team. Overall, I am proud of the progress I have made and I am excited for what the future holds.

Kate Grolet
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Under Current
by Casey Ulrich
Photography Director

What’s the most exciting thing you did this summer?

Steve Armonett
Information Systems
I mostly just work and hang out, and I went to Florida for a while.

Shelly Conquest
Samaritan’s Purse
I went to Florida with my boyfriend.

Dustin Memorial
Graduate Student Biology
I saw a porn star at a strip club.

Caryn Schmitt
Senior Psychology
I went to Las Vegas.

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The role of journalism
What is journalism? I answered that question a few times during my journalism class this semester. The answer always included, “It’s reporting.” But as my answer grew to include more stories, the definition of journalism changed as well. As I reflect on my experiences this year, I am left with a new understanding of what journalism means.

The role of journalism is to educate and inform the public. It is a tool that helps people make informed decisions. It is a voice that speaks for the people, not the powerful. It is a reflection of the times we live in, and it is a mirror that shows us our flaws.

Journalism plays an essential role in society because it holds the government accountable. It shines a spotlight on corruption and wrongdoing, and it allows citizens to hold their leaders accountable.

However, in recent years, the role of journalism has been called into question. The rise of social media has blurred the lines between fact and fiction. The line between what is newsworthy and what is not is often unclear.

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Is it stem cell research or therapeutic cloning?

By Catherine Marquie-Homeier
Science Column

When Ron Reagan, Jr., spoke at the Democratic convention last month, it was not to talk about jobs or the war in Iraq. Instead, the son of President Ronald Reagan spoke about an issue in which he has taken a personal interest: stem cell research.

During his speech, Reagan described this month as "what may be the greatest medical breakthrough in our, or any, lifetime."Highlighting partnerships on the issue, he urged Americans to choose between "moral courage, between true compassion and more ideology, in stem cell research."

Yet when Reagan described what he called "stem cell research," in his speech, the description he gave was actually closer to therapeutic cloning. The two are related but not the same.

Let's start with some basic biology. Cloning in molecular biology and genetics means making a copy. That copy is not necessarily a whole organism; it can be a bit of DNA or a entire gene. It just means identical copies. However, when most people talk about cloning, they generally mean cloning the whole organism, as in the case of Dolly the sheep. The kind of cloning actually has more than one type, depending on the goal. Although both types yield a clump of cells that have the potential to grow into a whole organism, there are some major differences.

In one type of cloning, called therapeutic cloning, the goal is to produce a stem cell line that has the potential to grow into any kind of cell. This kind of cloning begins with an egg that has been fertilized, but whose nucleus has been removed. The nucleus is then replaced with the nucleus from a different cell, and the egg is incubated. The result is a clone of that cell, with the goal of producing a cell line that can be used for medical purposes.

In the other type of cloning, called reproductive cloning, the goal is to produce an entire organism that is genetically identical to the donor. This kind of cloning begins with a nucleus from a donor cell, which is then inserted into an egg whose nucleus has been removed. The egg is then incubated, and the result is a new organism that is genetically identical to the donor.

The two types of cloning are related because the goal of both is to create a cell line that can be used for medical purposes. However, the two types of cloning are not the same, and they have different outcomes.

Cloning is often used to create identical copies of an organism, while therapeutic cloning is used to create a cell line that can be used for medical purposes. Reproductive cloning, on the other hand, is used to create an entire organism that is genetically identical to the donor.

The two types of cloning are also distinguished by their ethical implications. Therapeutic cloning is generally considered to be ethical, while reproductive cloning is often considered to be unethical.

In conclusion, while the two types of cloning are related, they are not the same. Therapeutic cloning is used to create a cell line that can be used for medical purposes, while reproductive cloning is used to create an entire organism that is genetically identical to the donor. The ethical implications of the two types of cloning are also different, with therapeutic cloning generally considered to be ethical, while reproductive cloning is often considered to be unethical.
Strassenfest: beer, brats, polka... and scholarships?

By Gary Soon
Features Editor

The German Strassenfest was held in downtown St. Louis, attracting a large number of people. The event is held annually and provides UM-St. Louis Foreign Language and Literature department with scholarship money for students.

"It started with a very small school that grew into an endowed school and it's something that the University will continue to support for years," said Good.

"The endowed scholarship has helped fund nearly every branch of the German department specifically," Good said.

"The festival was a success with great turnout and very nice weather. I hope it becomes a regular event," said Pastoor.

"We're not about beer and red lederhosen. It's about what can be done with foreign language learning and appreciation," he said. And the scholarship is one example thereof," he said.

At the end of the Strassenfest, the event featured beer, brats, polka... and scholarships.

Financial Aid offers Scholarship resources

By Melissa McGrady
Features Editor

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The Mark of the Needle

Tattooing is a modern art with a long history: more than four thousand years.

By JACQUELYN LEWIS-HARRIS
Features Associate

A 4,000-year-old lesion was found burning it on his skin. Captain Cook brought news to Europe of its methods practiced in Tahiti in 1771. College students today can be seen having gone through it, bearing it on their skin.

Tattooing is an ancient form that has been practiced for thousands of years among many different cultures. The mark of the tattoo is, in most cases, the pain of the needle. The ancient tradition of tattooing has been practiced for over a thousand years, and has been passed from place to place, from the South Pacific Islands to Europe and eventually to America.

After going through tattooing, you get a tolerance for pain... You have to be able to withstand pain and in the process find out something about yourself. It is a badge of honor.

-Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris

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New recruits bring enthusiasm to teams

by Dave Beckman

This year is a good year to be a new addition to the university. The GLVC has added three new freshmen, developed new plans for buildings in the future, and has brought in an almost entirely new coaching staff for this upcoming school year.

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The Riverwomen soccer team has new coaches for this fall. Rick Gyllenborg in the spring and Jesse Gater in the fall. The following is an interview with Coach Gater.

Q: What is your team's background? A: I was assistant coach at Division I school called the University of San Francisco for three years.

Q: What is your team's philosophy for the sport? A: Tennis is a nature is a negative sport. You lose because the other person makes mistakes. There's no way to give scholarships towards in coaching, and playing tennis is tough. If you can suppress and not get down on yourself you always have a chance.

Q: What are your team goals for this year? A: The immediate goal is to finish better than last year. Really it is tough to see how much improvement will be done since I wasn't here before, but maybe this year a step would be tangible improvement.

For more information on the Head Coach and the women's tennis team go to umsl.sports.edu.

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Lytle delivers unique Soca sound

By Tony Rodgers

Kevin Lyttle exploded onto the music scene with his upbeat first album, "Turn Me On." The colorful video quickly made him a household name, sparking groundswell demand for his Caribbean's most bars and clubs, instantly becoming part of MTV's "Love, Sweet Love." The Romel album has four exceptional singles: "Dancehall" featuring reggae singer "Call Me," "Duna" featuring dancehall singer "Letter Kills," "Duna" featuring dancehall singer "Letter Kills," and "Duna" featuring dancehall singer "Letter Kills.

If that fails to round out the good, the bonus track, "Bridge," is a necessary addition. If you do not have this album, you do not know what you are missing.

Lytle's second album, "Love, Sweet Love," is a journey of self-discovery and growth. It is a reflection of his experiences and emotions, capturing the essence of the Soca sound.

"Letter Kills" and "The Bridge"

By Gary Portal

Letter Kills debuts album, "The Bridge," released July 27, is twelve tracks of high-energy, upbeat dance music, filled with catchy hooks and dynamic rhythms.

The album covers a range of topics, from personal struggles to love and relationships. It is a perfect blend of Soca and Dancehall, with a touch of Reggae.

Even when driving on the real love road, Letter Kills sounds like a traffic jam, with all sorts of unexpected turns. The album is a journey, and Letter Kills takes you on a rollercoaster ride of emotions.

The album is available on all major streaming platforms, and we highly recommend giving it a listen.

"The Bridge"

By Paul Crutcher

Underwelling 'Urban Legends' lacks bite

BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOOPET

"Urban Legends" is a collection of stories that are so strange that you can't help but wonder if they're true. But when "Urban Legends" was released, it was met with mixed reviews. The book was praised for its unique storytelling, but批评 sound overall, with many feeling that the author didn't go far enough in exploring the urban legends.

"These guys are all American comic figu res on a quest for something that Stim Loui sians should be familiar with - the genuine, authentic sound of White Castle.

The disc includes a variety of tracks, from fast-paced, upbeat numbers to slow, soulful ballads.

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Deceptively simple, ‘Maria Full of Grace’ is engaging film

by Catherine marquardt-Hovemyer

Maria has no friends. She is a street-smart, down-to-earth type, who has seen it all before. She never seems to be surprised by anything, even when it happens right in front of her. Her world is filled with drugs and violence, but she manages to stay out of trouble. She is a survivor, always one step ahead of her enemies.

This is the tale of a teen recruited as a "mule" for Columbia drug smugglers. It is a powerful and emotional story, one that will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end.

The restaurant had red binders and the dining room was large and dimly lit. Booths near the front counter. The dining tables are sat in a checkerboard pattern, lined with wainscoted tables .

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by Monica Martin

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**Tattoos, from page 7**

Below a tattoo was called a painting, a tattoo is actually called a "tatu," which is Hawaiian for "picture." The word "tatu" is from the Polynesian language. When Captain Cook heard of the "tatu," he asked what it was called in today's "tatu," "tattoo." A tattoo is a mark of growing from immaturity to the beach, hours a day, we can communicate with the students. The University Eye Center is open on a D.O. The O.D. is a four-year full program for the people for the people.

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**Work Study, from page 6**

To determine eligibility a student must first meet the Financial Aid Department and if they are eligible, the student will then complete an online application and then put the student in contact with Career Services. Career Services will inform them of job openings.

The Career Services Office will have a job for "Career Days" on Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some employers expected to be present include the Archbishops of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Joel Jones, Patrice Schmide, Walgreens, and the U of H's Office of the Medical Center. This event is open to all students who are interested in employment opportunities and 10.

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**Scholarships, from page 6**

"The best time for continuing and returning students to apply is in December, for the next academic year." Awards can range from $500 to $2,000 per year, or can even be full-tuition scholarships. The delay amount of the award depends on the college, high school, employer or organization that is providing the scholarship.

**Summer Vacation, from page 6**

The books that Jennings is reading on the course catalog at the university is no longer printing. Jennings said that without these books, registering for full classes was difficult and confusing. He also mentioned that he regretted not enrolling in summer classes and is now making up for lost time by preparing for the Spanish class he will now be attending.

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**Eye Care, from page 6**

All interests and credits are reported with fellow check-up, given by other faculty members and professional standards.

"The Eye Center gives students a variety of experience such as examining, identifying and diagnosing problems," Sanford said.

The Eye Center is not open to students, but at least the price for a vision examination.

Some of the services offered include Adult Comprehensive Eye Examinations, low vision rehabilitations, ocular pathology and electrodiagnosis. The center also sells glasses and contact lenses.

The Eye Center offers services for the blind, many services are conducted at a discounted price or free of charge.

Students can receive a free vision examination for free. "Last year we were charged $15 for an eye exam," Sanford said. "This year it is about $20 if students if students want to go to the Eye Center. This is a free service given to students this year." Students can also receive 50 percent off of the cost of glasses, dispenser fees, and loan matters, savings are given to contact lenses and 20 percent off on the cost of a contact examination.

The College of Optometry's Eye Center is affiliated with other eye care centers in Harvard, in Central West End, at St. Louis and on the South Campus of UM-St. Louis.

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"The Eye Center is part of the University of Chicago and is the largest center in the nation," said Sanford.

"There are many things that are evolving in the eye care field, smaller class, we can communicate more effectively," said Sanford.

"The University Eye Center is open on a D.O. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. The Eye Center will open on Fridays, 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

To find out more information about all of the services provided by the University Eye Center or to make an appointment call 530-5171.

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He accused the Bush administration of tying up life-sustaining treatment for seniors, wanting to privatize social security, making women less for medical care, and going tax cuts intended to benefit the wealthy while ignoring the middle class.

Kerry, whose wife Teresa Heinz Kerry has considerable wealth from her ties to the Heinz Company, said he stood against corporate taxes and interests, sweeping unemployment and long-term unemployment that effectively cause American citizens to subsidize the loss of their own jobs. He also spoke in favor of developing renewable energy sources.

As it has become routine Kerry, who won in favor of the Iraq war resolution (which passed by a wide margin) the day the 1991 resolution for the Gulf War, criticized the Bush administration. Kerry said the U.S. is "a quarter to war because we want to, because we have to."

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The Student Health Services held its annual Student Health Fair at the Olympic Club. Everyone who attended the event received certificates redeemable for free meals at the Student Union.

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Sunday, August 15, 2004:
Welcome Back BBQ, 4:30-6:30pm, Nosh
Students, parents, families, friends, faculty and staff are all welcome to celebrate the beginning of another school year at the Welcome Back Picnic. The theme this year is the "Red & Gold Round Up." Gather your posse and come for some good ol' fashioned food and family fun.

Thursday, August 19, 2004:
Clearly You Crystals, 12-6pm, MSC
Clearly You Crystals is a 3-D scan of your face that is miraculously laser etched in sparkling clear crystal. A one-of-a-kind treasure that you get to take home with you! And it is only $1!

Friday, August 20, 2004:
MTV Beach Party, 8pm-Midnight
University Meadows Clubhouse & Pool
Theo Gantt from MTV's Real World Chicago and Amaya from MTV's Real World Hawaii will be making guest appearances at our annual weekend bash. FREE food, prizes, and giveaways, as well as a DJ! Don't forget about the Mechanical Bull Riding Contest, the Limbo Contest and the Aloha Sack Races for even more great prizes!

Saturday, August 21, 2004:
“Spoken Word” Contest, Pilot House
A DJ from KPNR Radio (The Point) will act as the MC throughout the night as a number of people get up to read and perform their poetry. Sponsored by Building Operations, the UMSL Bookstore and Student Life.

Monday, August 23, 2004:
Snow Cones, 11am-1pm MSC Bridge
Come meet the Campus Administrators, the Student Life staff and enjoy a refreshing FREE snow cone before or after class!

Tuesday, August 24, 2004:
Rec Sports Day, 11am-1pm, MSC Patio
Take a break and join Rec Sports for fun and games including a Free-Throw Basketball Contest and a Hole-in-One Golf Contest. There will be prizes for participants and the winners will also receive Rec Sports t-shirts!

Wednesday, August 25, 2004:
Karaoke, 10am-2pm, Pilot House, MSC
Come Karaoke with the University Program Board and the Office of Student Life! Free refreshments!

Wednesday, September 1, 2004:
Hump Day Hoopla, 11am-1pm, MSC
Come test your jousting skills and take a break from your classes! Check us out in front of the MSC, as all students are welcome to try out their skills for FREE! Also, look for other Hump Day Hoopla events such as Sumo Wrestling and Laser Tag every other Wednesday throughout the school year!

For more info about any of these events, call (314)516-5531 or (314)516-5555, or stop by Student Life in 366 Millennium Student Center! http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife