First Lady speaks to St. Louis women
Laura Bush campaigns at ‘W Stands for Women’ rally at Frontenac

By KATE DIDDLE
Editor-in-Chief

I learned at an early age that women can make an incredible difference in our world.” First Lady Laura Bush said to an audience at the ‘W Stands for Women’ for President program, hosted by the Missouri Women’s Political Caucus and the St. Louis women’s group Betrayed Kids, at the Hilton Frontenac hotel on Tuesday, Aug. 17, to rally for the Bush campaign.

Several prominent Missouri politicians, including Missouri Secretary of State Catherine Hanaway, Brenda Talent, wife of Sen. Jim Talent, and Lt. Gov. candidate Peter Kinder, came to support the Republican National Committee’s and the ‘W’ Stands for Women campaign.

President’s post, Bush, Brinkley and Perry Bush also attended.

“I have the heart and soul of America,” Bush said, creating an atmosphere and character of the Missouri Women for Bush coalition, which has been active for over a year. She is also crowning for attending and introducing the First Lady since Ann Wagner, who currently serves as co-chairwoman of the Republican National Committee, is the Missouri Republican party’s candidate for the Senate.

“We need more women who understand that this is the most important election of our lives,” Wagner said. “We know that ‘W’ stands for women. It’s time for women to stand for ‘W’.”

Wagner introduced the First Lady to the lively audience up and waving miniature American-flag, red, white and blue pens-persons as Laura Bush as she entered.

“All of us go to the Bool influences of our mothers, or great-grandmothers, or grandmother for their wisdom to be heard,” Bush said. “Women across America are making important decisions about the future of our country. My husband has been very involved in empowering women to be decision-makers.”

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Martin Rochester lays out five main points for getting the most out of college

By WILL MELTON
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KWMU airs discussion on prevention of global warming

By PATRICIA LEE
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, KWMU hosted a “Climate of Uncertainty,” a program from American Radio Works, discussing global warming. Produced by Daniel Grossman and John Rudolph, “Climate of Uncertainty” repeated to students that the last century, governments have done little on the issue of climate change, with one concern about this warming was caused by carbon dioxide emissions, which have generally come to a stable extent.

Rudolph said that there is an increasing concern about the warming is caused by carbon dioxide emissions, which have generally come to a stable extent. “It is about developing better ways to make decisions about the warming,” said. “The next point encouraged students to experiment with maps of ideas and topics before coming to a conclusion. Students should not shy away from reading multiple sources from different perspectives.

‘Welcome Week’ starts the semester off right...

Shawn Morgan, a Chicago-bred comedienne on BET’s “Comic View” program, heatmaped up the crowd at the Comedy Showcase held Thursday night in the Missouri Union. The event was part of Welcome Week festivities. For more photographs of Welcome Week events, see page 14.
Monday, Aug. 23
Snow Cones
Campus Amenities and the staff of Student Life will host the event from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the Millennium Student Center patio. There will be free throw basketball games and a ‘Hold-in-One Golf’ Contest.
Campus Administrators and the staff from the Mark Re Sports Day will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the Millennium Student Center patio. There will be free throw basketball games and a ‘Hold-in-One Golf’ Contest.

Wed., Aug. 25
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Karaoke
The University Program Board and the Office of Student Life will host a karaoke event in the Plant House from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free refreshments will be provided.

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Monday Noon Series announces Fall schedule

Monica Derwents, junior, political science, serves as a volunteer for the Bush campaign and is the youngest Missouri delegate that will attend the Republican National Convention in New York City this fall. "I was more prepared for the event, and that enabled us to meet the First Lady," Derwents said. "My job was to escort more young ladies to the rally that were either college students or young career women.

Bush pointed out that more women are entering politics and that women's presence in senior positions is tremendous. "The role of the First Lady is essentially to serve the University's teaching mission," said Derwents. "She said that she would like to do various exhibits which will focus on women's rights, art, and faculty and student community for study and discussion.

The First Lady said that the current state of women in Afghanistan is satisfying but the women's situation in Afghanistan is 'vital' to their homes to drive away poverty. They can't stay off the doctors if they are not well. She said that we must save them from torture if they are under torture. She added that the future of Afghanistan is in women's hands. The President Bush also advocated the human right to vote.

Families with children, married couples and single mothers are saving more of their own money," the Bush said. "More than 80 million women will save an average of nearly $5,000 in their own homes this year."

"President Bush also said that "The diverse forces that are working in Afghanistan are fighting back against the Taliban and简历 jihad." He also said that the nation and people are saving more of their own money.

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**OUR OPINION**

**Parking: cheaper than leaving the car at home**

Students at UMSL would give anything not to spend their credit hour to park on campus. Even though新生 were pleasantly surprised, they really are not very conveniently located, and for many, it is just a pain. Students cannot avoid parking or campus rules that require a parking pass to access the campus online through the My Gateway portal, and fees cannot be altered by students. It can be done, but it is not easy.

Each semester more and more online courses are being added to the course schedules. Online courses may seem like the way to go, but this solution has its drawbacks too. If students try to do this in order to avoid paying costly parking fees, they then find themselves in trouble.

For each enrollment, a student registers and pays an additional $25 for a technology support fee that they are paying for the cost of the存在问题 from the rising fees. This technology support fee is also the only fee that is required of every student taking the courses and limited access to accommodate them. The courses are taught through the My Gateway website, which is already very crowded.

Every course, six- and off-campus, gets a site fee, and most off-campus courses require a fee higher than that of parking, it is worth not having to deal with the hassles and stresses of driving back to the classes. Students do not have to park on campus, and unless it is a weekend, the parking rules are still in effect.

In the end, there are few things that make sense, those with facilities and those who live far from campus. However, the same is not true of students taking online courses at their own pace, with deadlines that work for them. Students have to be self-disciplined enough to learn from the course materials and not wait until the last minute.

Every student is expected between the class members through discussions. Those who are difficult to work with may not like what the student would think of them. However, students have to be disciplined enough to learn from the course materials and not wait until the last minute.

The decision to take an online course is up to the student; those who need to complete their degrees online for one reason. More students do not do well with online courses. There is a disconnect between the class guidelines and the assumed course that those preparing online.

If students can make the decision right from the beginning, they will be able to get the work done and avoid parking. It might be a good opportunity.

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**How do you feel about the topics we’ve covered?**

You can make your voice heard in a variety of ways!

**Online polls**

**Back up your ballot**

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**Online classes**

**deprive students of interactive communication. A new $25 per-credit-hour fee has further reduced the appeal of web-based courses.**

**We suggest Students should talk to advisors before enrolling in online courses. Advisors need to make sure students are aware of all the possible pitfalls of an online education.**

**So what do you think?**

**Interview killers**

**Come to the interviews prepared with a resume and cover letter. Almost all jobs require you to have a readable and clear idea of what you are all about. If you don’t prepare ahead of time; once again, you may lose out on a job you really want. Be ready to show off your skills when the time comes, you can back up your qualifications.**

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**Back up your ballot**

John Kelly is a baby killing scum bag. George Bush is an oil-hungry tyrant who just wants to take over the world. The people of this nation want the country in better hands. Let’s do what we can for our country. Let’s vote. A vote for a better future is a vote for a better nation.

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A new semester brings new courses to UMSL

Ancient Greek, topics classes are new options

by Melissa McCrary Features Editor

UMSL's St. Louis is offering many new courses this fall.

Whether you are majoring in business, communication, anthropology, English, theater, etc., there are a variety of new courses available.

Anthropology has two new special topics courses for upper level students. Special Topics in Non-Western Culture: Symbols in American Indian Culture will discuss and explore prehistoric and historic Indian cultures of the eastern United States. Special Topics in Anthropology: Memory and Processing Women in Greek Tragedy will study the role and characteristics of many ancient Greek female figures.

Senior Advisor for the University Admissions Committee, Shirley Simon said how new classes such as these are opened for the semester.

"The subject matter and the title for special topics courses can change each semester, but generally they are based on English 130: Topics in Literature: The Louvre, Paris, England 490D: Studies in African-American Literature and Drama, and English 490D: Studies in Women and Literature, which are open to the English Department.

UMSL is also planning to start shower fitness, a novel, a play, selected poems, essays, and specific baseball titles like "The Natural" by Bernard Malamud.

Business and Spanish for Business will encompass concepts of Spanish business and study international business trade.

There are also new theater classes like Theater 1000: Theatre Workshop, Theatre 1105: Dance Repertory, Theatre 1150: Intro to New Western Theatre, Theatre 1170: Intro to Theatre Technology, Theatre 2280: Lighting and Sound Design, and Theatre 2310: History of the Theatre I and Theatre 3005: Dance Composition for the Stage, Television and Video.

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by Ericka Harris Staff Writer

This is the year that of time has come again. The time when hundreds of dollars are spent on books that may never be opened, time to sit in class and listen to lectures that may or may not be of any interest, and time to start last minute cramming for all those end of semester exams.

Students have spent the past three months of sleeping, studying or even working to get a good start at school. School is again in session, many students have new faces and returning students.

The fall semester was Aug. 15, 2004 and this fall semester is the time to get to know. Students connected with students, with a mission of their own.

All the comfortable chairs were occupied by students either falling over on the floor, putting their feet up or sitting before a class. Many talked with one another while they had done on their summer vacation.

When asked about his reaction to the first day of school, Massi Junior, justice, political science and a transfer student from St. Louis University in North Carolina said, "I'm excited to be here, but this school is different because I came from an HBCU (Historically Black College/University)." The University's undergraduate and graduate buildings.

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According to the official website of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, the first UMSL students are believed to have been held in 776 B.C. Emperor Theodore, who claimed the events were "for pious" abolished the games in 399 A.D. It was not until 1896 that the Olympics were re-established and Greece held the first modern games.

One hundred and eight years later, in 2004, the Olympics once again returned to Athens.

This summer, swimming appears to be one of the favorite events. Jacob Clark, senior, chemistry, said he had been watching a little bit of the Olympics this year, especially the swimming competitions.

Cape McCray, Missourian journalist, actually did have the opportunity to go out and see the men's swimming teams in 2000 and 2004.

"It's a mental game more than a physical game," Clark said.

In the past, Clark has never been to a real Olympic Games. He has only watched them on television.

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Guth Myers, junior, business, reads a book outside Lucas Hall while waiting for her senior budget class to start on Thursday, Myers is beginning his first semester at UMSL-St. Louis after transferring from Mineral Area College. In Fact Hills, Mo., said he was impressed of the Main campus during his tour.

"It was overwhelming," Myers said.

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Texas Hold 'Em: an old game with new popularity

by Ashley Richmond Staff Writer

Although there have been World Series of Poker Tournament since 1970, there has been a sudden popularity to the old "game."

"The game was once a mainstay at all the casinos," Hughes said.

Not only are the winners taking home the cash, but also millions upon home thousands of dollars of TV money.

Television viewers are shown watching the players in the championship take home their kind of money. "The most interesting thing is that is so much money going in or out in a single hand," said Josh Morgan, senior, business.

The money changing hands also surpasses Colin Hugill, Hughes, senior, physical education.

"I have to see people getting budded up out of their money," Hughes said.

Hughes also said that there is a lot more to the game than just having the best hand. By watching the risky play of professionals, you can pick at the cards to back it up.

Bequette said that these shows are not only the beginning for what is in store for this season.

"It's cool because you get to see people in your life, or "the guy" or "the girl," and you get to see them be themselves," Hughes said.

"Poker tournaments are not only thrilling events but they also have a lot of money at risk as well," said Morgan.

"They are money and time for the people who are playing," said Morgan, "but I can't help but enjoy the games that much more playing the cash games part-time, but this is the second time offering Ancient Greek.

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"Everything is online and I hate it," Rita Myers, junior, English said.

However, Morgan feels that there is no need to worry about what their reactions to the celebrity. "We are online and I hate it, but it is what it is."

"They are money and time for the people who are playing," said Morgan, "but I can't help but enjoy the games that much more playing th..."
Olympics, from page 6

McCrary, who has been swimming since he was five, headed to Indianapolis in July 2000 for the Trials. He competed in the 100- and 200-meter fly and said that the experience was, “very exciting.” This past July in Long Beach, Calif., McCrary was not only involved in the 100- and 200-meter fly races but also participated in the 50 and 100-meter freestyle competitions.

“It was amazing to not only compete with the best swimmers in the country but the best swimmers in the world,” McCrary said.

McCrary is currently on the Missouri swimming team and hopes to help coach next year. He also plans to try out for the Olympics again in 2004. He said that “the average age for a swimmer is 28-29 years old; I wouldn’t be surprised if I’m one of the oldest.”

Another sport that tends to attract many viewers is gymnastics, especially women’s gymnastics. Lauren Nasif, senior, community involvement, was involved in gymnastics when she was younger and is still a fan of the sport.

McCrary says that “I think gymnastics is really interesting to watch. The level of competition has gone up in the last few years, and the routines performed have gotten much more difficult.” Nasif said.

No matter how many sports are showcased in the summer Olympics, track and field continues to be the core of the games. It was the core event in the ancient Olympic Games and still is today. The events have evolved since the beginning of the Olympic Games and currently include different variations of running, jumping and throwing.

Although the games are broadcast nearly 24 hours a day, some UM-St. Louis students such as Gabe Brennan, sophomore, management administration are still unable to find time to watch up on the medal races. He said that he is too busy with his two kids, work and getting back into college to take a break in front of the TV.

For those who cannot catch up on how Team USA is doing, results and news are available on the Internet at www.olympics.com. Also, McCrary says, “enjoy the Olympics.”

Community Service Division helps those in need

The Division of Community Service Program at UM-St. Louis gives students a chance to participate in numerous service programs throughout the community, enhance academic learning and work with nonprofit organizations to help those in need.

Some of the on-campus organizations and groups which partner in community service events are the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, Beta Alpha Phi, the Catholic Newman Center, Delta Zeta, Alpha Xi Delta, Zeta Kappa Key Honor Society, the Philanthropic Association, Sigma Tau Gamma, Sigma Pi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Zeta Tau Alpha and the Office of Student Life.

All of these groups have held service projects such as blood drives, car washes, park clean-ups, food drives, fence repairs and other community tasks.

Jenny Heinz, senior, graphic design described who can get involved and the benefits of working with community service groups.

“Everyone from the UM-St. Louis community is invited to participate in the service projects sponsored by the Office of Student Life,” Heinz said. “This includes current students, alumni, prospective students, families, parents, staff and faculty.”

Heinz went on to say that the on-campus students getting involved in community service because they really get a sense of a job and gratitude when you are helping people who do not have what you have.

“The people you serve are so grateful for your help and support. Community service also helps bring groups together regardless of race, color or gender. The common goal is what is important,” Heinz said.

Building a resume, finding professional contacts and networking are just a few other great reasons for people to get involved.

During the fall semester, UM-St. Louis dedicates a month to service, and in the spring semester, the Office of Student Life hosts a service day called the “Big Event.”

Part spotlight project last week was held by Beyond Housing; the Faith House, Operative Food Search, the St. Charles Humane Society, the Children’s Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis and St. Vincent County Park.

Beyond Housing/Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) rehabs older homes for low-income families and assists people with affordable housing loans. Over 1500 homeowners have received financial assistance for repairs on their homes through the support of NHS.

The Faith House works for children who have been exposed to drugs prenatally or whose parents are substance abusers. Over 100 employees, including inspectors, mant­ takers, volunteers and social workers look after the care of children under the age of eight. The Faith House currently has 54 beds that house children before they are adopted, sent to foster care or sent to live with their relatives.

UM-St. Louis students have helped in numerous children, facilitate play activities, help in housing projects and care for children three months to the Faith House,” Volume Coordinator Jenni Kibby-Williams said.

The Faith House also collects donations and household items for their organization. The Faith House’s Wish List includes wash clothes, bath towels, diapers, toothbrushes, oral hygiene products, baby bouncy­­b Seas, cloth diapers, tv games and diaper bags. Donations should be sent to Faith House, 1555 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63112. For a list of all needed items, visit www.faithhouse.org.

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Teams practice hard to begin with momentum
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The fall sports season is getting ready to kick off, and with each of the fall sports’ first practices, players are set to start the season on the path to victory. The men’s and women’s soccer teams, along with the women’s volleyball team, have been busy traveling to California. The Rivermen soccer team opened up its season early by hosting a four-game road trip to California. They will return to主帅a to host the San Francisco State University Golden Eagles on Oct. 29. The soccer team, already holding expectations as they ended 1-3-1 last season, has nothing to prove, but they do have something to prove this season after last season’s dismal performance and expect to fill the spot left by three men, a position in particular, but more sound. Maybe he is looking for you.

JAMES DAUGHERTY
Sports Editor

Basketball seeks fresh talent

By JAMES DAUGHERTY

Some days ago out of the sport’s self-styled writers suggested that we do an article that explained the history of athletics at UMSL. As a football, it did not seem that interesting. However, after speaking with some of our athletic department employees and learning where we have come from at UMSL, the story became much more interesting.

Recent sports articles appearing in The Current have highlighted the program and what the department does as “menace” and average. Though the numbers do show that the department was nearly 500 and 500 and 500 last year, but it is only the first part of the story.

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As the fall sports season begins, the team is ready to begin. They have won the NAIA district championship game to Northern Kentucky University, and won their opening game. The NAIA student-athlete face pressure from only two seasons ago, and have to set goals and think about the team from where they are. The university is also in the early stages of building with its current facilities, and has to plan for the future. The university has to plan for the future. The university has to plan for the future.

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Collateral is stylish, focused
by Catherine Marcus-Hymer

“Collateral” is an action thriller with a strong streak of noir film. This tale of a professional hitman, played by Tom Cruise, is an assassin passenger completing his assignments is visually engaging and moves through the narrative at a fast pace. The film is free from any of the spills or thrills that often become a part of modern action films.

Tom Cruise, in his role as a hitman, excels in the film. His performance is nuanced and believable, making his character believable to the audience. Cruise’s character, Vincent, is a professional hitman who is assigned to kill a rich businessman. The film follows Vincent’s journey as he completes his assignment, all while dealing with the consequences of his actions.

Collateral is set in Las Vegas, providing a unique backdrop for the story. The city’s neon lights and endless streets create a perfect setting for this action-packed tale. The film’s cinematography is stunning, capturing the essence of Las Vegas and the city’s nightlife.

“Collateral” is a thrilling ride that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats. With its fast-paced narrative and intense action scenes, it is a must-watch for fans of the thriller genre. Overall, “Collateral” is a film that should not be missed, it is a cinematic experience that is sure to leave a lasting impression on viewers.
Braff blooms in ‘Garden State’

by CATHARINE MARQUIS-HOMER

Film Critic

The film is good but not flawless. It has a nice mix of drama and comedy, with enough weight to be taken seriously without being too much beyond the scope of most films. While it has a great deal of quirky charm, some of this premise is pretty facile from other indie films, where a twenty-something person returns home and

"Garden State" is a slightly quirky film with a lot of heart...it is both funny and touching, with sweetness and romantic appeal.

Left to right: Mark (Ian Scarragard), Sam (Natalie Poerup) and Andrew (Zach Braff) appear in ‘Garden State.’ In the film, Andrew has been heavily medicated by his psychiatrist father (Ian Holm) since childhood, following the injury that put his mother in a wheelchair. Shortly after arriving in New Jersey, the nice discovers he has left his medications behind in L.A.

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Does music affect intelligence?  

BY CATHERINE MIRUSKEY-Hynes  

Karen Lydon

Did your parents play music for you when you were little? Did they encourage you to play a musical instrument?  

It has been believed for some time that there is a connection between music and intellectual development. For generations, parents have encouraged their children to take music lessons. There was a study done in the late 90s, the 2000s, or when you were born, or when you were young. After one year of lessons, the child did in fact play music lessons showed improvements in intellectual ability. For example, the children in the study were given a test of IQ, and it was found that those who took music lessons did not show this improvement.  

The study was done at the University of Toronto and looked at the effects of music lessons on 30 children. The study included children aged 5 years old for seven years.  

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SLAM is the word

Students and local poets compete in a poetry slam hosted by UMSL and 105.7 The Point. The winners won the chance to perform at UMB Bank Pavilion.

Kevin McCameron, a "SlamMaster" with St. Louis Poetry Slam, co-hosted the poetry slam with The Point's radio host Rizzuto. St. Louis Poetry Slam holds a slam event every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Red Sea restaurant at 9 p.m. in the Delmar Loop.

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