Transition to provost current situation

Search for provost to begin

by Becky Robinson

The search committee for the new provost position has been appointed and will begin the search process soon.

About 18 members have been appointed to serve on the provost search committee. Members were notified two to three weeks ago that they were chosen to be a part of the committee. A list was compiled with the people who were interested and then the Faculty Senate nominated those to whom they chose.

“Think the provost position is an extremely important position for our campus and I am sure that faculty and students, as I thought that it would be important to be on the committee,” Lori Perez, professor and chair of social work, and member of provost search committee, said.

Chancellor Thomas George also appointed some people to serve on the committee. Student Government Association President Patricia Runde is the only student chosen by the chair to serve on the committee. Runde will be representing the students in the interview.

Patricia Runde, education, has been appointed to chair the search. Almost all of the members of the committee are from this campus. There is at least one person from the UM System who will also be present. Runde has not met the provost at all of the other UM campuses. She has a good idea of what the campus should be looking for in the person who will take on the provost duties.

“I just think that I have had a lot of experience talking with people at all of the other campuses and I have gotten an idea of what we really mean from that position,” Runde said.

Perez has served on the search committees for the chancellor and the UM System president. She said that the first thing the committee does is review a job description for the position and approve it. Next, this will be distributed and people will be able to begin the process.

For the committee will be held on Feb. 12. It is not yet known how often they will meet. However, the busy time for the group will be after all of the applications are submitted and people begin the interview process.

At this time, the committee is starting fairly urgent until they finally select somebody,” Perez said.

If all goes well, the committee hopes to have someone appointed by the beginning of the fall semester. The committee does not select the candidates, but recommends to George whom they thinks it would be best suited for the position. George then makes the final decision.

All of the other campuses in the UM System have a provost. The model is also popular nationwide. UM-St. Louis has always had a vice chancellor of academic affairs in place of the position.

Flu vaccine no longer available on campus

by Nichole Leclerc

Managing Editor

Flu vaccinations are no longer available for the 2003-2004 season through University Health Services. The campus health care provider has exhausted its supply.

According to Dana Morris, many people were interested in receiving the shots. The local mall shortage is not connected with recent national shortages. It is a result of purchasing problems.

Each season, University Health Services must determine how many vaccinations will be ordered. This selection may be made as early as June. Although the office provided approximately 500 vaccinations, they recently received requests for the vaccine.

“Based on how many [flu shots] we gave last year, this year we did not order enough,” explained Morris. “We just ordered enough to fill our own orders.”

The decision to limit the second order to those already on the waiting list was made in part by potential waste. The office predicted that demand would exceed the amount and thought the original vaccine order for this season was limited too late since the vaccine was already being used.

“Morris said that though the initial demand for the vaccine was sterilized, the number of vaccines being used were being used late in the season. He reasons general use was between November and February and vendors are more effective when received earlier in the year. As the flu runs to a close, Morris does not feel that further现实中

should be necessary. However, he is doing what people still want the shot to contact the John C. Mahrer Health Clinic in Bohle’s closest medical provider.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, www.cdc.gov, an estimated 30 to 30 percent of U.S. citizens get the flu each year at an average of 114,000 people are hospitalised for flu-related complications.

Merris explained, "This season, unusually high and persistent demand and • production difficulties at Wyeth Vaccines, the only U.S. provider, have led to shortages of vaccine. Both flu shots were produced for this season, with a second type for people with egg allergies. The CDC recommends vaccine is the only flu vaccine available for this season. Those who have egg allergies should consult with their health department as the facility’s distribution to areas of shortages.

However, there has been shortages of vaccine during the past few weeks. Although the vaccine is currently available, it is no longer recommended for anyone with disabilities or who is likely to vote and who will win.

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Statehouse Sisters looks at women in politics

by Stephanie Taylor

Statehouse Sisters, the second annual forum for the future of women in politics, was held on Oct. 13 in Center Room B of the MSC. The forum included Democrat Sen. Rita Days, Democrat Rep. Esther Haywood and Democrat Rep. Ginger Johnson.

UM Curator Cheryl Walker served as moderator and said that the forum was a great time to honor African-American female legislators and politicians. She also served as the host Committee on Curve Education, Education, Curriculum, and Women's Issues in the University. Walker also served as the chairwoman of both The Women's Issues and the University of Missouri's African-American Issues Committee.

The forum was moderated by Stephanie Taylor, a UM staff writer and current member of the Missouri State House of Representatives. Taylor served as the host of the forum and spoke about her personal experiences in politics, including her role as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives. Taylor also served as the moderator for the forum.

The forum was held in the MSC's Center Room B and featured three speakers: Rep. Ginger Johnson, an African-American representative; Rep. Cheryl Walker, the current state representative; and Sen. Rita Days, the first African-American woman to be elected to the United States Senate.

Johnson, who has been in the Missouri General Assembly since 2008, spoke about her experiences as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives. Johnson said that she was proud to be a part of the Missouri General Assembly, which she said was a place where women could make a difference. Johnson also spoke about the importance of women's issues and the need for more women in politics.

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The forum was sponsored by the Missouri State House of Representatives and was held in the MSC's Center Room B. The forum was moderated by Stephanie Taylor, a UM staff writer and current member of the Missouri State House of Representatives.

For more information, please visit the Missouri State House of Representatives website at www.msho.org.
**Our Opinion**

Spots not earned

New residence hall plans lack parking

Owning a car is not like keeping a pet. Simply having one around is not enough reward for the investment.

So how will campus residents respond to having limited access to their own vehicles and finding transportation in and out of their transporta-

We may find out when the new South Campus Residence Hall is completed. Only 11 parking spots are currently available at the new build-

and those available are on the next closest parking lot, which will be a miles away. Although the University Board of

So why, when the University has the opportunity to start with superb and fun plenty of locations to choose from, is it adding to the problem? Why not build a better location, or incorporate parking into the plan? It is to build a smaller build with more parking, or to make the basement parking available? Construction has not yet begun, so why is the Board of Curators stressing on this front already?

There seem to be a number of alternatives to the present course of action, but disregarding these in favor of planning the layout on the site and ignoring the potential level of commitment on the part of the campus community seems to have failed.

If there is a substantial reason for the current building campus strategy, perhaps the necessary resources for development and additional students will be devoted toward it. Already indicated is the potential to provide several unit types and adding days and hours to the dining services will be beneficial. Offering food service or maintaining a basic campus grocery store on weekends would also be appreciated.

If you have not yet heard of this project, you are not alone. In fact, though most students, staff and faculty are aware of the building project, few have heard much about the parking issues. Details have been discussed during Board meetings, but are lacking in public reports. Maybe the low priority of this problem is due to a skilled lack of public awareness, scrutiny and pressure.

There may be no good reason for the Board of Curators' decision to build a residence hall without parking. Students' safety, convenience and added expenses might pale in comparison to whatever the answer is. But rather, it does not make any sense as to why the Board has not found a chance to enter the discussion.

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**The Issue**

The new plans for the residence hall have factored in only 11 parking spots for over 400 students.

The next closest parking is almost a mile away. This could be dangerous at night.

We suggest:

- Something needs to be redesigned.
- The board of Curators needs to stop being so secretive about it and get feedback from the students themselves. After, all, they are the ones who will have to live there.

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**Ic e y dawn**

UMSL risks students' safety by staying open

Ugh. That is all I can say about the weather this past week. Ice, snow, and wind could make the last three odd weeks not so much fun.

Perhaps the least fan of all to UMSL is the response to the inclement weather. What do I mean? Well, first and foremost, we all have to understand that UMSL is a commuter campus. A small population of its students live on campus and the rest do not.

At 11:00 AM, the first I saw was an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch titled "UMSL's Hanley to take days off." At 3:00 PM, I had driven into the parking lot at the S#58 Center. I was afraid I was one of the last to arrive even David Denton and Charlie Backman. Not far.

So then I had to walk across campus for the first time since we were at school when he met with snow and ice conditions. When I went to Southeast Missouri State University, I never had to walk on campus when there was snowfall. They had us there. I am afraid I do not feel the same way about the new campus at UMSL. And no, it was not snow and ice conditions that led to the decision to open the campus. I believe the decision was made to open the campus, because it is 7:00 PM and the campus is open.

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Pineapple pizza I think is kind of gross.

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**Under Current**

**What's the weirdest food combo you've ever seen someone eat?**

Doritos and peanut butter: isn’t that gross? I eat them all the time!
Four times as many people died from the 1918 flu pandemic than were killed in World War I. It was not caused by the flu itself but by the global economic depression that followed, which meant people were in poorer health and had less resistance to disease.

Unusually, influenza is a non-lethal disease more dangerous to the very old and very young. Yet in 1918, 40 million people died worldwide from a form of this flu that had been weakened in the Soviet Union and the healthy, hard-working. This can happen because the flu is usually an immune system, but only rarely against the flu. This is because there are several months of latency.

This isn't helped by the fact that, although it is not a microbe. Vaccines look "dead" for most healthy young people. Although influenza is usually non-lethal in healthy young humans, it becomes much more dangerous when it jumps from one species to another, or from wild to domestic. But for the first time, a very young and a very old.

However, a single instance of trans­mission from the flu from person to persons does not even have an as an ability to spread readily between humans. Once it reaches that point, it is a disease that is difficult to control.

"The missing virus would be highly resistant to this disease, and this is why Sigrun Omi of the World Health Organization, who works with a world-class health organizations, says that the flu is a disease that we are overreacting to.

A flu virus is produced every year by the vast majority of the population. It is usually not as deadly as the flu strain that killed six people in London, in 1997. However, this strain only killed six people in 2011, but a strain that killed six people in the Netherlands. Influenza is found in a number of species, including birds, and is especially deadly to them.

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New ‘Bellerive’ debuts with class at Honors College reception

The UMSI literary magazine’s fourth issue features work by over 30 students and a piece by PHLC Dean Bliss. For the first time, the magazine was created by students in a ‘Bellerive’ class.

BY KATE DIAGOLEY
Features, Editor

Friday, Feb. 6, students, faculty and staff gathered in the Pierre Laclede Honors College common room to debut ‘Bellerive’, a student-produced literary magazine.

A string quartet from the University Orchestra played at the reception, and guests mingled and enjoyed an assortment of hors-d’oeuvres.

Nancy Gleason, faculty advisor and instructor for ‘Bellerive’, said that the production of the magazine was a lengthy, but enjoyable process.

“We started last spring, collecting submissions. This is the first time we’ve had this as a class,” she said.

“An interesting note is that the class wasn’t filled with just English majors. We had people in computer science, music, communication, business and physics. It was a really good mix.”

Submissions were received during the winter 2003 semester and the class met during the fall 2003 semester. Students were in charge of the solicitation of writing and art and of selecting, editing, designing and marketing.

David Bradley, author and professor at the University of Oregon, was one of the featured guests at the ‘Bellerive’ reception on Friday. The day before, Bradley and Andrea Odentadal led a discussion on “Writing and Race in America and South Africa.”

“Just that is part of our community. Anything that process communication in any way is great,” Bradley said.

“I wasn’t sure what this was about until I received a copy of (‘Bellerive’). It’s an impressive thing. You should say ‘It’s good for a school magazine. It’s good for any magazine. It’s good for any magazine’,” he said.

Bradley went on to discuss his personal experience with breaking into professional writing and offered some advice to all writers.

“Bellerive” is currently on sale for $6 for one copy or $12 for two. Submissions for next year’s publications are being accepted through April 15.

Donna Hart, a faculty member in the Pierre Laclede Honors College, looks through her copy of the 2003 issue of ‘Bellerive.’

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Student court takes over parking appeals

This semester, UM-St. Louis students will be appealing to a court of their peers instead of to a thuggish unknown and unapproachable group composed of one faculty and one police staff member.

"It was a pretty loud voice before, and this is another way for me to stay involved," said Brandon Dempsey, sophomore, communication, referring to his role as justice on the student court. The court now officially deals with major parking ticket appeals.

"We're changing to process to make it more student-oriented," Dempsey, one of seven student justices serving the student court this semester. Last semester, Dempsey was the student member of the appeals court, and he continues to serve on the parking appeals committee under the new system.

The student court will meet about every two weeks to review parking appeals. Students can get a copy of the pamphlet at the information desk in the Millennium Student Center or at the UM-St. Louis Police Department.

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Dempsey said that the new court system will be more lenient. das who do not own parking permits, but simply chose to drive a different vehicle to campus. Dempsey said the court also sees many thick-skinned students who do not own parking permits if the reason stated falls under the 2006-2007 student parking permits for parking and traffic regulations. Students can get a copy of the pamphlet at the information desk in the Millennium Student Center or at the UM-St. Louis Police Department.

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Blood Drive - 1 pm to 7 pm, 3rd floor MSC

Tuesday, February 24th
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Wednesday, February 25th
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- Present BMOC
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Thursday, February 26th
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- Men's Game - 7:45 against Parkside

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UMSL wins over Wisconsin-Parkside


Students surveyed about new campus recreation center

The University of Missouri - St. Louis has retained the firm of Bradbrook & Lockley B & D, based in Washington, D.C., to assess the need for a new recreation and wellness center.

All responses will be gathered directly by B & D and analyzed in conjunction with first-hand knowledge and analysis will be presented to the University with no individual identifiers.

Within the survey, there are three winners, which would then be passed to the University for follow-up contact.

Men's tennis working hard going into season

The UMSL-St. Louis men's tennis team is on pace to make it the NCAA tournament for the third straight year.

The men's team tennis efforts have been focused on improving their form and techniques for the upcoming season. The team has been practicing hard in the light of the recent improvements made in the second week in January, which does not include weight training. Coach Beckman has already indicated that the team is preparing for the upcoming season with dedication and hard work. The team has been making progress in their training and is looking forward to the upcoming season.