Blunt will require another selection process to fill seat

BY MELISSA S. HAYDEN
Staff Writer

Concerns of students and faculty have driven Gov. Matt Blunt to allow UM-St. Louis to fill a two-year student representation to the Board of Curators.

In a public telephone conference call with the Student Government Association meeting last Friday, Maria Curtis, graduate student, and Matt Blunt, governor, said that the Board of Curators decided to allow Blunt’s office to fill a seat.

In the room, Blunt stated: “It has come to my attention that there is some concern that Maria Curtis is serving a short term of office.”

Blunt also stated that he has made it one of his priorities to bring the term limits and status of the student back onto track with the Missouri constitution.

“Basically, what they’re saying is the governor has no authority over Missouri State University, minus the student representation. This is the Missouri Constitution,” said Curtis.

“The term for the UM-St Louis student body is supposed to be four years. I decided to allow the Board of Curators to keep Maria Curtis in the seat in order to have someone who is a full-time student. It is the governor who is supposed to fill the seat,” Curtis said.

“Decide to allow Blunt to fill the seat,” Curtis said. “That is the Missouri Constitution.”

Curtis said the memo indicated that the governor’s office would have a selection process to fill the seat.

The governor has proposed to sell the loan authority.

Matt Blunt’s proposed sale of the loan authority would go to the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA). If the governor’s office would ask that the interagency Student Council conserve the funds and the selection process will start over again,” Curtis said.

“The interview process is pretty long. It took about six months from filling out the application until the actual selection was made,” Curtis said.

Curtis will continue to serve until a new representative is appointed. After that, she is eligible to apply for the position if she would like to continue to serve.

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Pachydyid paintings ...

BY PAUL HACKBARTH
Editor

The Student Government Association leaders discussed the future of the loan authority in light of the Board of Curators filling a seat during their meeting last Friday afternoon.

SGA President D’Andre Braddix discussed scenarios involving an increase in tuition for the next fiscal year as well as the outlook for the sale of the MOHELA loan authority.

Braddix spoke about tuition scenarios for next semester because UM President Elton Floyd discussed with the Board of Curators in Columbia last Thursday and Friday. The possibility presented in the meeting translates to possible increases in the range of 5 percent to 7 percent, starting in the fall semester.

According to board members from the Curators’ meeting, if tuition increases by 5 percent for example, undergraduates would increase by $230.60 and $229.50 for graduate students.

Student leaders, however, said they are only discussing possibilities.

Moore said the scenarios were reviewed and voted on at the next Board of Curators meeting at UM Rolla in March.

According to Braddix, no long-term planning for proposed fund model from last year’s decision for available funds for continuing parents from across the state of Missouri was expected. Instead, Braddix said a brief memo would be kept tuition increases in line with the Consumer Price Index and Higher Education Index Blue Print.

“If you go down the legislature to fund higher education,” Braddix said. As an example, Braddix said tuition might cost about $15,000. While the student pays $4,000, the state pays for the remaining amount.

Certain students are not only concerned with tuition increases, but Gov. Matt Blunt’s proposed sale of the loan agency MOHELA also has received mixed reactions from students and financial aid officers.

MOHELA is currently owned by the state, however, “the governor has proposed to sell MOHELA,” Braddix said.

With the sale of MOHELA, Braddix explained the money that the loan agency would be given back to higher education institutions, like UM-St. Louis.

“We’re actually the only University in the system that uses MOHELA,” Braddix said.

The governor has proposed to sell MOHELA. Braddix said he was anxious to see the effect that the sale would have on UM-St. Louis since the other campuses do not rely on the loan authority as significantly as UM-St. Louis does.

While certain groups oppose the sale, Braddix said that the money from MOHELA that goes to universities would range from about 450 million dollars for resuscitation costs of the Humboldt Research building complex, which Braddix said needed to be higher priority on campus.

Also at note of the SGA meeting, Student Court will vote for a new justice at the next meeting on Friday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. Student Court will no longer have alternate justices on the court.

Elections will also be held for two new board members for Associated Students of the University of Missouri, which now know as Associated Student Legislative Association. The elections will replace board members Thomas Helton and David Dodd.

Vashon seniors get a jump start on collegiate success

BY BEN SWOFFORD
News Editor

Early Friday afternoon, a group of about 30 high school students shelled out $1,000 each and took a short trip to the way in the Social Sciences and Humanities building. They were bound for hours to take them back to Vashon High School in the city of St. Louis.

While UM-St. Louis reports that 19 percent of high school students take classes at the University for college credit, this true things are different.

That Friday marked the end of the second week of a teaching partnership intended to provide students with a jump-start on college and as an attempt to loans the areas of chemistry, biomedicine, neuroscience and physiology.

The high school students will each receive six hours of college credit for the two courses.

During the first week, around 90 seniors start their day at Vashon High School.s.

They are bound to UM-St. Louis to take advanced classes in new environment with older students. Judging from the students’ reactions, they seem to like the new environment and are adjusting fairly smoothly.

“[It’s been a lot, especially in my two college classes we have. Both are fun classes,” Amanda Johnson, Vashon senior, said, referring to her sociology and anthropology classes. “Everything is more than I’ve ever had,” she said.

The Vashon seniors will also be taking classes at Bottleneck Technical College one day a week. That’s progress in order to prepare for the students’ reception at UM-St. Louis.

The kids have obviously been on the move. Gov. Matt Blunt, head of the state, has said that they will go on to Washington, D.C. for the United Nations conference. In addition, the Missouri State University students will also be visiting the students’ reception at UM-St. Louis.

“The kids have absolutely loved it. The parents know it, and from what I’ve heard, the kids have absolutely loved it. They seem to have come away with a lot. They’ll continue to work hard and stay focused,” he said.

The new learning environment in the Vashon seniors is part of a larger effort by the Missouri State University-’s plan to improve its major high schools. The framework of the students’ travel to Vashon has been moved to Williams School, one of the vacant school buildings owned by the SLPS. At Williams School, the students will take high school preparatory classes.

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Tuesday, Jan. 31
Bovina Student's photos on display
PRPC hosts ‘Point-of-View: From Rooms to Bovina School," an exhibit of 23 photographic portraits taken by Russian immigrants who are students at hangout Bovina Middle School in St. Louis County. The display will open
Jan. 31 and will run through April 26 in PRPC at 362 Social Sciences & Business Building. Center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. An
opening reception will begin today at noon. Call 527-1111 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 1
African-American studies conference
"Teaching African-American Studies to Our School Systems," will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 2 in the Century Rooms at the MSC. The conference fee is $55, and includes all activities. The conference is sponsored by the E. Desmond Lee Foundation and the African-American Studies and Center for International Studies. Call 481-3251.

"Billy the Kid in American Memory," a lunch and lecture with Paul Hurtan, professor of history at the University of New
Mexico, will discuss "Gunsmoke Desperados: Billy the Kid in the Wild West," a book he wrote about Billy in Room 210. The MSC. The event is part of the Lunch & Lecture series sponsored by the Louis
Jennings Library. The lecture fee is $15 and is limited to 518 members, and 518 for nonmembers. Call 7422 for reservations or more informa-
tion.

Open house at the Center for Trauma Injuries
The open house will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the center, located
in the lower level of the Kelly Jo Yahnke Advocacy Center. It will feature a presentation by Steven Bruce, the center’s new director. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served, it is sponsored by the CTR and Department of Psychology. Call 6778 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 2
New Interfaith panel series
"Conversations and Controversy: An Interfaith Series," will be sponsored by Interfaith Campus Ministries and will run through the year in the Pilot House. Religious leaders of various faiths will present brief overviews of their religions. This will be the last of three discussions to be held on the first Thursday of the month.

First Thursday of the month, MSC 345-1005 for more information.

Friday, Feb. 3
Lawrence Lithography Workshop
"The Lawrence Lithography Workshop: Twenty-Six Weeks of Collaboration," begins today and runs through March. 25. The workshop will be held at 11 a.m. in Room
210. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday. Call 5974 for more information.

"Facing the Aisle of Porn and Offensive Presentations," a workshop will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in MSC. Participants will sharpen their oral presentation delivery skills and increase the effectiveness of PowerPoint present-
gations. The workshop will focus on teaching and Technology Services and the Center for Teaching and Learning. Call 4508 for more information.

Safe Zone training
Jamil Ulrich, consultant psychologist with University Counseling Services, and Lori Curtic, instructor in the School
of Social Work, will conduct Safe Zone training from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the conference room at the lower level of the Ad
vising Center, 225 MSC. The program is free and refreshments will be served. The program is limited and reservations are
required. Call 859-2006 for more information.

For more information, call 516-5174 for details or email current@jinx.ums.edu.
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Students showcase academic programs, encourage legislators to invest in higher education

BY PAUL HASKIN

When Missouri legislators decide whether to increase or decrease funding for higher education, they often want to know where their money goes. Last Wednesday, the Capitol in Jefferson City, legislators listened to the newsworthy answer to that question at the annual Student Showcase event sponsored by the Associated Students of the University of Missouri.

"ASUM hosts the Student Showcase every year in order for unique academic programs in the UM system to present their programs and their accomplishments to legislators," Morris Smith, programming director for ASUM, wrote in a final notice.

This marked Smith's first year in coordination of the event. She was hired to fill an on-campus campus role. Smith wrote that this year's theme, "Higher Education: A Return on Your Investments," showcased students' organizations and involvement on their respective campuses.

"Legislators have a chance to walk around, ask in the displays and talk to students and faculty members," Smith wrote. She also noted that Showcase gives students the opportunity to meet with and talk to senators and representatives about their academic achievements.

Tammie Hassan, vice president for the UM-St. Louis Student Government Association, said, "This [Showcase organized] try to show people where higher education funding is going, to show them that it's being put into good programs and to show them that students care and are doing things with the money they're getting." Hassan attended the Student Showcase to represent the St. Louis area. Besides the SGA, the College of Nursing and School of Optometry from UM-St. Louis were also represented.

Hassan said certain legislators from St. Louis and the surrounding area came to the UM-St. Louis display to see if their city was well represented.

"In the past, UM-St. hasn't necessarily been the most active in a lot of things," Hassan said. "A couple of them really excited us that we were getting out there and doing more things along the lines of what the other big campus are doing." Smith wrote, "The turnout was fantastic, the best it has been in several years." According to Smith, 26 academic programs from the four UM campuses attended the event. She explained that holding the event earlier this year helped increase involvement.

'We'll host Student Showcase six months earlier in previous years in order to increase participation from students and programs as well as increase attention from legislators,'" Smith said. Smith wrote that the Student Showcase's reactions to the Student Showcase were well received.

"I heard extremely positive feedback from every legislator I spoke with as well as hand written cards were given to us thanking us for this event again this year," she said. Smith explained that showcasing what students are going back to the legislators and showing them that the money is being well spent is important not only for ASUM but for the entire UM system student population.

"ASUM wants legislators to realize that by investing money into the University of Missouri, they are investing in a brighter future for the state of Missouri," Smith said.

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If the SGA and SIC approve her a choice, she will be sent to Blunt's office to be chosen.

"What it boils down to is, do my fellow students satisfied or not?" Curtis said.

At the UM-St. Louis Faculty Senate meeting, Chancellor Tommy George said, "I'm doing an outstanding job, and any student you will talk to has no trouble meeting with her all the time by being a member of the Board of Curators." The Faculty Senate unanimously voted to support a resolution for the continued appointment of Maria Curtis for the full two-year term as president in Missouri's student populace.

According to Alice Budd, the SGA is waiting to pass a resolution regarding Curtan's position. Budd said it would like to see the results of the Faculty Senatus's resolution first. In addition, SGA is waiting for more information to become available concerning Blunt's recent decision.

"This is a very difficult situation for me to be in," she said. "With a position this magnitude, you have to be able to plan for it; you have to know what you're going to do to fulfill your responsibilities."

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Science Column

Grounding Day is Feb. 3. According to the saying, if it is sunny and dry, the grounding cracks will cease. If it snows, we get six more weeks of winter. If it wets, we get six more weeks of spring. 

For most students living in the dorms, University life may be the only access to a computer and the Internet. A 24-hour computer lab would benefit these students living on campus, since most have no other options available at midnight in UM-St. Louis’ surrounding area.

Last remaining...
Going Greek at the PAC

The Informed philosopher Socrates vigorously addresses the Athenian jury in defense of his actions while on trial.

NBS at UMSL Asia's ties students to media professionals

by Melissa McCrary

The National Broadcasting Society at UMSL-Lois is an organization that connects and mentors students and professionals from around the world who are involved in the field of media studies.

Jan Wilson, executive director of the NBS organization at the national level, said that Wilson originally founded at Southeast Missouri College in 1994.

"Eight schools came together in 1983 at a conference and shared their experiences, which led to our current broadcasting and multimedia society," Wilson said. "So we have two organizations in one. NBS is open to all students majoring in media and Alpha Epsilon Rho, the National Honor Society for students pursuing a degree in electrical media." Wilson said that the organization originally started as just an honor society, but split into two groups: NLS-AMHS in the early 1990s.

"The organization focuses on three levels: national, regional, and local. With the national level, students have the option to attend a national convention. The regional level is divided into six regions with individual regional conferences and the local levels are made up of chapters with numbers from over 80 colleges around the country," Wilson said.

Guest speakers within the media field attend both the national and regional conventions. The local chapters also give a cause opportunity for students to meet in small groups and take part in discussions sessions with professionals. Students who attend the conventions can network with other students and mentors.

"The conventions provide ample learning activities that wouldn't be found in classes and speakers that wouldn't be found on campus," Wilson said.

"This year there will be 17 panels with a broad range of topics like radio, television, web design and advertising.

"The national convention is set to take place in Washington, D.C. From March 13 to 15. The regional conventions will be in late October in Madison, Wis. The next regional convention will be next March in Chicago."

Wilson said that there are currently over 1,500 members in the local chapters, but there have been members from over 800 different colleges since the organization was created.

On campus, Sodexo offers a range of positions for students, including positions in the dining halls and other areas. The positions are open to all students, including those who are involved in the Greek system.

"Sodexo has positions available for potential employers, but it's important to consider the role of the employer and the work environment," Wilson said.

"Sodexo offers positions in a variety of areas, including kitchen staff, food service staff, and even management positions. Students who are involved in the Greek system may have additional opportunities available to them, but it's important to consider the work environment and the benefits offered.

"Sodexo offers benefits such as competitive pay, flexible schedules, and opportunities for advancement. Students who are willing to work in a fast-paced environment may find these positions to be a good fit.

"Overall, Sodexo offers a range of positions for students, including positions in the dining halls and other areas. The positions are open to all students, including those who are involved in the Greek system."
Ph.D. student promotes education in her new book

BY MELISSA MCCRARY
Features Editor

A Ph.D. student at UM-St. Louis, a school teacher, a mentor, a youth program coordinator, a founder and CEO of a non-profit educational outreach organization and a convicted scholar, Carletta Washington has many lifelong accomplishments, including becoming a recently published author.

After Washington received her bachelor's degree in secondary education with an emphasis in English from UM-St. Louis in 1994 and her master's degree in education in 1997, she began to pursue a career teaching not only children, but also the community.

Washington has been teaching within the Ferguson-Pavilion School District for 12 years. In addition to being a wife and a mother of a son and a daughter of a son, she is the process of receiving her doctorate in educational leadership.

Washington said her time spent at UM-St. Louis has prepared her for all of her endeavors.

"My time at UMSL has been wonderful," she said. "Undergraduate and graduate students have helped me because writing doesn't involve communication and all of the courses that I have taken here has been able to get me a better focus and understanding of education.

"I have some ideas about my education because there have been many changes within the educational system. We have now so many different groups pointing fingers at each other in order to improve the quality of education. This book is designed to appeal to all groups of individuals, including students, teachers and parents." She said the goals of the students who join the education system are to make the world better and make a difference and preserve our history.

"As an undergraduate student, she was involved in numerous African American student organizations on campus. She was a former leader and member in the Associated Black Colleges, African American Leadership Council and the African Student Organization Program.

"She said that being involved in organization is the chance to learn more about the school, rule corrections and traditions with others and organize various social programs and events. Because of her passion and her dedication to teaching, Washington established Education 4 All Incorporated, a non-profit organization, in 2002. The mission of this organization is to "inquire students, parents, educators and communities to begin working together for a better tomorrow." Their vision is "academic excellence for the entire educational community."

"Education 4 All was created to provide an outlet for everyone to voice their concerns with education, to provide information and resources to the community through radio and television, to assist in academic development and to encourage community involvement."

Approximately 40,000 people have visited her organization's Web site at www.educationforall.com. People can contact her, read different stories and find out information about the organization by visiting this Web site.

"Besides establishing the organization, Washington is an educational columnist for the Spanish Lake Post Newspaper. To continue to get her voice heard, Washington recently published her book "Education Reform: The Role and Responsibility of Schools, Parents, Students and Communities" on Jan. 15, 2005."

Washington said she decided to write a book about education because there have been many changes within the educational system. "I have seen so many different groups pointing fingers at each other in order to improve the quality of education. This book is designed to appeal to all groups of individuals, including students, teachers and parents."

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In 2005, the music fare was far too many curve balls for fans to handle. Perhaps it was the fact that music—like life—is hard. The last thing that teenagers want to discover is that some of the greatest music artists were nothing more than gang members, pimps and drug dealers. However, amidst the chaotic world of politics and pret­­":essence, there is always a chance that fans will discover that the music fare of 2005 was also the perfect fit to get acquainted with the tastes of the music critics on publications you frequent. So, this is what I loved about the memoirs of... you can’t say too much. garage, dreamer or even laugh. Certainly this memoir was one of the top albums of 2005. "His"}

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Photo Director

"Billy Clgars, 'The Czar's Revenge'"

When the white wines of Billy Clgars's career turned against the music, nobody could have predicted that he has done as well. Whether it is a matter of music or life, Billy Clgars has mastered his art. He is a singer of songs, a writer of lyrics and a creator of a musical world that is unique to his own time. With his latest album, "The Czar's Revenge," Clgars takes us on a journey through the dark recesses of his mind, weaving a tapestry of sound that is both haunting and mesmerizing. Whether you are a fan of his earlier work or new to his music, "The Czar's Revenge" is an album that is sure to leave you with a sense of wonder and admiration for the man himself. So, what are you waiting for? Get your ticket to "The Czar's Revenge" today and experience the journey of a lifetime.
A Season of Sizzling Cinema

By Cate Marquis

Did you know there is a good film season just starting? Well, what you need to taste in this movie sea s on? As Captain Smith, Peter O’Toole’s, journey to New York or Los Angeles at the end of 2005 or to Quebec, are opening now here.

If you are a movie fan, you probably spent some time during the summer break at the movie theatre but now is the time to see more movies - quickly - before you want and are replaced by movies that are less entertaining, less imaginative, less beautiful, less entertaining. I’m sure of that and worth your money.

The reviews of recom­mended movies in theaters now.

The New World - Terrence Malick’s film, is an epic account of the founding of Jamestown is a typically beautiful meditation on the clash of cultures. It’s a film about the world and man’s civilization, natural beauty and the progressive nature of the world.

Sideways, starring Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti, is a nice guy befriended by Pierce Brosnan’s suave lies, Bond. Keanu and Freeman are just great together in this film and comedy - the broadest that you can find a really good film.

Zodiac, directed by David Fincher, is a film about an assassin who loses his way. Stars Colin Farrell as a government commission formed to investigate the case. However, the commission is referred to as C.S. Lewis’.

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UMSL point guard firefight starts off with a bang

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LSU's Darrin Horn leads the Tigers on a run.

Staff picks for Super Bowl XL

By Lee Garrison

Sports Editor

Who will win the Super Bowl tonight? The Seahawks and the Steelers are the only two teams left in the NFL. The Super Bowl XL is the first Super Bowl where the only excitement in the game was the last 15 minutes of the game. Denver scored a touchdown late in the game to make a playoff berth a reality.

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The Rivermen fell to Drury on Thursday at 74-68 but led in the first half scoring 49 points. Griffin contributed 29 points in 28 minutes and had four three pointers. Jonathan Alexander healthy and ready to play. Ben Roethlisberger has the ability to win the ball. Yes, the pressure will be on him Sunday but with veterans like Jerome Bettis and Hines Ward, the pressure will ease. No mention, Bettis will be at home and the wins nothing more to get the win in Detroit. Seattle might have a strong defense but Pittsburgh has proved to be unstoppable.

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"Single-Serving Friend"

The new kid on the block is La Cantina Loca. No, it is not a new dance craze or Latte-based. It is the new fresh-ens food venue that has arrived at UM-St. Louis. Positioned with southern, bright colors and an open staff, La Cantina Loca offers a friendly relaxed type atmosphere for both students and faculty.

According to Carla Canales, food service director for Chartwells, the

idea for La Cantina Loca began when the Student Government Association approached Chartwells and together they developed the new venue. Students chose the name La Cantina Loca, which is Spanish for "the little bar."

Robert Harren, freshmen, pre-law, said he has eaten at La Cantina Loca six times. "It's more personable and there is a good atmosphere. It is something different," Harren said. "Comparable to Qdoba."

Roni Rutledge, an employee at La Cantina Loca, said, "It's moist; a different taste for your taste bud."

One hundred and seventy-two students and faculty members ticked their taste buds when they attended the grand opening on Tuesday, Jan. 24. When they experienced the music of a local Mariachi band, giveaways and samples of the cuisine.

"This is different," Amber Curtiss, a writing student from Gateway College of Evangelism, said as she entered the Pilot House. "The menu is simple and basic which is good because it's quick and understandable," she said. After trying a chicken burrito she said it was, "Very filling, stuffed from top to bottom (and) you could taste all the ingredients." She is looking forward to coming back. "It's fun to come to another school and see what's like," she said.

The prizes are comparable to those in The Nosh. Students can use Voss or MasterCard with their student IDs, which gives a percentage of additional money based on the amount deposited. For more information on the Chartwells debit system and nutrition info, visit www.biznet campaigning.

"Check out your school. There is so much more variety," said Curtiss.

If you are still on the fence, Ricky Thompson, an employee at "The crazy bar," said, "Just come down here and try it."

La Cantina Loca is located in the Pilot House on the first floor of MSC, down the hallway from The Nosh. Its hours of operations are Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

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Washington said she believes that education reform benefits everyone.

"Education reform efforts are not to be dismissed. Small efforts that extend from great intentions, lack of collaboration, shared leadership, empowerment, professional leadership, personal evaluation and reflective dialogue can yield amaz­

ing results," Washington said.

Washington said that it took her about four months to complete her book.

"I plan to use some other books in the future. All of them will focus on education," she said. "I would like to try and write another book by December 2006."