JOURNEY TO A DREAM: CAMPUS PAYS TRIBUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

By SARAH O'BRIEN

Monday marked the 47th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, and the campus paid tribute to the slain civil rights leader in a number of events throughout the day.

One such event was "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a student-organized concert that continued the celebration of King's life and legacy.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" was performed by students and alumni in honor of King, with performances ranging from a gospel choir to a student-led dance troupe.

"He was a man who stood for what he believed in, and he was someone that we can look up to," said one of the performers.

More events, such as a poetry reading and a panel discussion, were scheduled throughout the day, all aimed at honoring the legacy of King and promoting equality and justice.

For more information on events and how you can get involved, visit the University's Martin Luther King Jr. website.

MLK Contest Essay Winner

UM-St. Louis student Karen G. Terry was named this year's first place winner in the "My Country 'Tis of Thee" essay contest.

Terry's essay focused on the significance of MLK's legacy and the continued struggle for civil rights.

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Highway 40 shutdown gets mixed reactions

By SARAH O'BRIEN

The UM-St. Louis Office of Student Affairs received mixed reactions from students regarding the Highway 40 shutdown.

"I think it's a good idea to shut down Highway 40," said a senior. "It will help us focus on our studies and not get distracted by other things.""I'm not sure how it will affect me," said another student. "I don't really drive on Highway 40 that much.""I think it's a waste of money," said a junior. "I don't see why we need to shut down a whole highway just to save a few dollars.""I'm not sure how it will affect me," said another student. "I don't really drive on Highway 40 that much.""I think it's a waste of money," said a junior. "I don't see why we need to shut down a whole highway just to save a few dollars."
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UML still has time to meet reaccreditation criteria
The Higher Learning Commission has changed its requirements for accreditation since last time. Has UML been keeping up with the new criteria?

While the accreditation teams are not required to visit campus for another 270 days, UML is somewhat more compliant than some others in the region on the criteria set forth by the Higher Learning Commission. As a result, students and faculty can expect the campus to be visited by the commission in January of 2007.

"It’s called the Higher Learning Commission. That’s the governing body for the regional accreditation for UML is owned by," said Joel Schraut, director of the UML Office of Institutional Research. "You should actually visit the website and see what the criteria are."

One of the criteria that would require a visit from the commission is "assurance of academic quality." The Higher Learning Commission has "changed its requirements for accreditation since the last time."

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Zoo's Science Seminar Series gives science lovers something to talk about

Otto, 2006 were showcased for everyone to see. Not only do they impress everyone with how they eat, but they are impressive for their newfound ability, partners in conservation research and sources of education. You may have heard of the popular zoological topic at the St. Louis Zoo’s Science Seminar Series. This popular seminar takes on world-health issues, several renowned speakers and又 idea to the public. For additional information contact the Zoo at 314-768-5418 or http://www.zoo.org.

The series is being sponsored by the South Carolina Zoo and the Missouri Botanical Garden. The St. Louis Zoo is also a partner in the Missouri Science & Technology Education Center, headquartered by the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Zoo is open to the public. For additional information contact the Zoo at 314-768-5418 or http://www.zoo.org.

The Science Seminar Series that begins January 22, 2008 on campus, along with the university are free and open to the public. For Thursday, when the Zoo’s Science Seminar Series will begin, Karen G. Terry of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

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Once, zoos were showcases for people. This blanket is not spread over any particular country, neighborhood or the same blanket together. No man sleeps alone. The work here are many motives in this freedom blanket. As a leader in the nation, this idea human or animals. It is something every nation can realize their dreams. Freedom is not just an idea of being. Freedom.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Chris Botti: Trumpet Master

Although Chris Botti is known for his smooth, jazz-influenced style, his recent concert at the Millennium Theatre on Jan. 20 showcased his range and versatility. The audience was treated to a dynamic performance that included both jazz and pop songs, as well as a few surprises that kept everyone on their toes.

The concert began with a powerful set of songs that highlighted Botti's ability to connect with the audience. He opened with "Take Five," a classic jazz standard, followed by "Honeymoon," which featured Botti's unique trumpet sound. The audience was captivated by Botti's virtuoso playing, which ranged from tender ballads to energetic up-tempo numbers.

A highlight of the evening was Botti's dynamic interpretation of "My Favorite Things," a beloved tune from the Broadway musical "The Sound of Music." Botti's trumpet work was showcased in this rendition, as he played with both technical precision and emotional intensity.

The concert ended with "The Best Is Yet to Come," a fitting conclusion to a night of music that had something for everyone. Botti's talent and charisma were on full display, and the audience left the theater feeling grateful for the opportunity to witness such a remarkable performance.

Movie Review

There Will Be Blood

By JIM ROBERTS

Daniel Day-Lewis delivers a tour-de-force performance as Paul Dano, a wealthy oil tycoon who becomes embroiled in a brutal power struggle for control of an oil rich region.

Dano and his family move to the region, where they quickly establish themselves as the dominant force in the area. Dano uses brute force and intimidation to silence his competitors and establish his dominance, but his methods eventually catch up to him.

The film is a powerful exploration of power, greed, and corruption. Day-Lewis's performance is masterful, and he brings a sense of vulnerability to the character of Dano that makes the audience feel both repelled and drawn to him. The film is a meditation on power, and it raises important questions about the nature of leadership and the consequences of unchecked ambition.

The soundtrack, composed by Jonny Greenwood, is a driving force throughout the film, adding a sense of tension and foreboding to the proceedings.

Overall, "There Will Be Blood" is a must-see film for anyone interested in power, politics, and the darker side of human nature.
Winning streak snapped

By LaGanse Fust

Tritons lose 76-55 to Rangers

The UM-St. Louis men’s basketball team’s conference record fell to 3-4 after losing 76-55 to the Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers (14-8, 6-7 overall) on Saturday.

Sky Frazier scored a team-high 22 points, with only three made field goals in the game and also led UM-St. Louis with nine rebounds.

Wisconsin-Parkside held Tim Green, the Tritons’ leading scorer, to just 11 points on 4-13 shooting.

Those points came off of two three-pointers, one with 4:13 left in the first half and the other during the second of the second half.

Paul Paradiso shot 5-for-11 from the field and 2-for-2 from the line. Paradiso ended with 10 points and seven rebounds. Paul Green came off the bench to contribute with six points, two rebounds and five assists. Para- diso was the Tritons’ leading scorer, with 11 points.

The Tritons did not open the game with a high-scoring first half and led 13-9 at the end of the first period, but the Rangers came back in the second half and led 39-33 at the end of the third quarter.

Despite a few more points in the fourth quarter, the Tritons were unable to hold off Wisconsin-Parkside, who finished the game with 51 points and 22 rebounds.

UM-St. Louis finished the game with 34 points, 19 rebounds, and five assists.

By Tim Schmaler

Men’s Basketball

Wisconsin-Parkside scored 18 points in the game while UM-St. Louis gave up 17 points in the game.

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This is an interesting piece on the culture and dance of St. Louis and the art events happening this week. The article begins with a discussion of the Mambo dance and the performance at the Touhill Performing Arts Center. It mentions that Mambo is a popular dance style that originated in Cuba and is enjoyed by many people around the world.

The article also highlights other art events happening this week, such as the Gallery FAB printmakers' exhibit and the master class with Nander Lou. It notes that these events offer a variety of opportunities for students to engage with art and culture.

The article also mentions the UM-St. Louis dance department's collaboration with various professional dance troupes, which will be featured at the Touhill Performing Arts Center. It encourages readers to attend these events and to explore the rich cultural offerings in St. Louis.

Overall, the article provides a snapshot of the vibrant cultural and artistic scene in St. Louis, offering readers a glimpse into the diverse and engaging events taking place this week.
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The enemy, sir. They've broken our code. Perhaps it wasn’t a good idea to use pig Latin.

HOO BOY!

Margaret & Hooney by Cody Perkins

We can pass the bug, but we can’t pass the wings. Don’t look anymore.

Margaret & Hooney by Current cartoonist Elizabeth Goehlert

Even the harshest critics of my Iraq policy have to admit the surge is working!

The surge is working!

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...AND SEE ALL THE LIKELY VOTERS IN A REPUBLICAN PRIMARY...

OPEN THE DOORS...

The Current looks for crosswords and Sudoku at The Current.

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:★★

Moderate ★★ Challenging

HOO BOY!

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(March 21 to April 19)

You are about to experience a new perspective on a situation you’ve been dealing with for some time. What you know can open up more opportunities later.

TAURUS
(May 20 to June 20)

The bold bull is now ready to take risks in your personal life. Take the initiative, and you’ll soon gain the support of the people around you.

GEMINI
(June 21 to July 22)

It is a good time to go on a fun getaway. You have been planning this trip for so long, now is the perfect time to make it happen.

CANCER
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

The MoonChild boxes in on romantic feelings. Set your sights on a magical happening in your relationship.

LEO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

The Lion has the power to change your circumstances. You are ready to grab this new opportunity.

VIRGO
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Your attention to detail will be commended. However, you need to make sure you give some good time to share with someone who needs your attention.

LIBRA
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

It is a good time to prioritize or get in touch with a friend. If you spend time with the people you care about, you might find some of your closest friends are involved in important business connections.

SCORPIO
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You might take pride in working on something you have always wanted to complete. You could show others the way to make this happen on your career path.

SAGITTARIUS
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You are looking for adventure. If you take on something new and exciting, you are likely to enjoy yourself more over time.

CAPRICORN
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You need to put your priorities in order. Those who are interested in your activities might find they are compatible and share common interests.

AQUARIUS
(Feb. 19 to March 20)

You are looking for adventure. If you take on something new and exciting, you are likely to enjoy yourself more over time.

PISCES
(Mar. 21 to April 19)

Take the time to enjoy something new and exciting. You might find that the people around you are supportive of your new adventure.

BORN THIS WEEK:

Your good work flows from an open, genuine heart. Sharing makes you happier than to receive things happily as well.

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Twice is nice for Triton hockey on Saturday

UMSL hockey rolls on with 9-1 victory against SCC and 8-1 win vs. MTSU

By Scott Leach

After a two-month hiatus from game action, the U-M-St. Louis club hockey team returned to action with a pair of convincing victories on Saturday at the Middlesex Gardens Ice rink in St. Peters.

The Tritons opened the day by blanking St. Charles Community College by a score of 0-1, then followed that up with a 9-1 victory against Middle Tennessee State.

Those wins moved their overall record to 7-0, and since the Tritons are members of Division I in the Great Lakes Collegiate Hockey League, they now sit in second in the standings behind only Lindenwood.

"The way I look at it, the first thing we should do is be ready because we"ve been a long layoff, but they played well," said Triton head coach Chris Merchant. "But we could be a little better." We got to play a perfect game (no line changes), because they"re the best in the na-

tion. Everybody has to play their best game.

On Saturday, UMSL-St. Louis could not get away with just an ordinary effort. Their first opponent, St. Charles Community College, has achieved a lot of success at the Division level, so we knew we had to up our game. St. Louis will get a victory against Middle Tennessee State.

The two teams exchanged goals to start the game before the Tritons broke the ice. The college hockey teams played off on the same level as the Tritons' first two games, but with 3-0 minutes left in the first period, this game was over.

The red and gold then opened up a 2-0 lead after a goal by Andrew Locke and the first goal from Aaron Schult, PJ Tallo, and Adam Chelst. The scoring parade continued in the second period, with Blake Prepp and Jason Smith each making a goal, and Lambert putting up his second. Prepp and Tallo each had two assists for the game in addition to their goal-scoring efforts.

After the game, Tallo said that it was a win over the Crusaders and said about their chances to do well when it comes time for regionals and na-

"Our chances are looking good," said Tallo, a freshman forward who leads all Division I schools in the GLCHL in assists and total points.

"First, we seem to be a lot more fluid, and we have better. We"re playing NVCC, who is expected to be a lot more fluid, and we beat them. We"re looking really solid!"

Against division rival Middle Ten-

nessee, UMSL-Louis fed off a solid effort in the first period, but they were unable to hold on to the first period lead.

Although the red and gold were back in making it 6-1, the Tritons were not done. They had a lot of success at the Division level, so we knew we had to up our game. St. Louis will get a victory against Middle Tennessee State.