Biden comes to campus on a search

By Sarah O'Brien

On Friday, April 17, Vice President Joe Biden spoke in the Emerson, accompanied by Secretary Arne Duncan, White House Economic Advisor Cecilia Rouse and Missouri's Senator Claire McCaskill.

They came to talk to students and faculty about college affordability for the middle class.

"A Stronger Middle Class" Biden spoke about the American Recovery, the Reinvestment Act and its effects on the middle class.

"College is getting harder and harder to afford," Biden said.

For many of families, according to the Obama administration, the cost of tuition has doubled making it harder for lower and middle class families to afford college. Biden focused on the solutions that would make college more affordable. Ideas that Biden discussed included giving bigger tax breaks for middle-class families from the American Opportunity Tax Credit.

Before Obama, students and families could claim one of three tax breaks. To many, the tax breaks did not provide enough help, as Biden stated.

Now, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act can be claimed for four years instead of just two and is partially refundable. Another solution that Biden proposed would try to combat Pell Grants for low-income students.

For example, by collaborating with other schools, universities could reduce their "cost per hour" and double their Pell share.

During speech after Biden had finished talking, speaking about the importance of starting kids off early with hopes of furthering their education.

"In a system in making a difference in student's lives," Biden said. "That's crucial. It's going to be fought, we need our fears to serait parents on campus and it's hard to know when you don't have it.

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Tom George was present at the event. Among things he mentioned about the speech, he said of Biden's plan to make college more affordable that, "It makes a difference. Now is the time to do it. I'm confident we can do it."

One student in attendance, Jordan Elliott, junior, political science commented that Biden's visit and speech "gave me hope that I'm actually going to use the University."
To work for the best after graduation. Work for the best before graduation.

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**CORRECTIONS**

On page 4, the Student Government Association was incorrectly listed as a "non-union" student organization. The correct information is that it is a unionized student organization.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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**Mentor/Protte Event**

Topic: A Day in the life of an UPS Professional

April 24, 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Olson's Place (C4B) Club
For Info: Dr. Justin Rossetti at 6810.
The Current

Best in State winner for 3rd straight year

By Sarah O'Brien

Saturday night, the University of Missouri-St. Louis student newspaper, The Current, announced the winners of its student newspaper writing competition. The story can be viewed online at thecurrentonline.com.

The winners were announced at a ceremony held on Saturday night at Jefferson University Center. The ceremony was attended by the Missouri Senator for 3rd District, who presented the awards to the winners.

The awards were presented to students who were selected based on their writing, photography, and design skills. The winners were chosen by a panel of judges who reviewed the submissions submitted by students across the state.

The students present their work in poster format so that visitors may view the entries and learn about the various aspects of the competition.

For more information about each award, please visit thecurrentonline.com.
ER Difference endorsed

Every year, The Current makes their endorsements for Student Govern­ment election after the SGA primary. Unfortunately for the students, applications for positions within the top three tickets of the Student Government were few, beginning with two candidates for Student Government President and Director of Finance in Student Life. As John Reznor, the current SGA President, summed it up: “There are not exceeding a dozen candidates who are willing to run for office for the SGA presidency. This is why some businesses are trying to get creative. Ordinarily, an average one year cut for a business would include an overall pay cut as well. Jobs would be at the same time submitted plans or goals for his term as comptroller if he were to run for president, one for vice and two for comptroller. Cuttings a year of such things could be saving multiple salaries. It seems that Rosner is more focused on small improvements rather than huge changes. With such an arsenal of possible alternatives to layoffs, it seems that UM­St. Louis should have reviewed more closely their alternative to layoffs, instead of losing John Klein, and others, who were very happy and are now deeply disappointed.”

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OUR OPINION

Layoff alternatives

Recently, The Current inverted the jobs of John Klein, former Director of Student Government and Director of Finance in Student Life. Along with John Klein, other candidates from University Missouri-St. Louis won not go. This is a very common trend in the trend from right now. Layoffs are happening all around the nation. Do they have to, though? And likewise, we never heard about John Klein’s layoff survey. Layoffs are happening all around the nation. Do they have to, though? And likewise, we never heard about John Klein’s layoff survey. Layoffs are happening all around the nation. Do they have to, though? And likewise, we never heard about John Klein’s layoff survey. Layoffs are happening all around the nation. Do they have to, though? And likewise, we never heard about John Klein’s layoff survey. Layoffs are happening all around the nation. Do they have to, though? And likewise, we never heard about John Klein’s layoff survey. Layoffs are happening all around the nation. Do they have to, though? And likewise, we never heard about John Klein’s layoff survey. Layoffs are happening all around the nation. Do they have to, though? And likewise, we never heard about John Klein’s layoff survey.

Our Opinion:

Writing as the editor-in-chief, I must say that we are facing significant challenges in our current operations. Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to freeze all hiring. This decision was not made lightly, and we understand the impact it will have on our staff. We are committed to maintaining a high level of service to our readers, and we believe that by making this move, we can ensure the sustainability of the newspaper.

We would like to assure our readers that this decision was not made without consideration for the impact on our staff. We have been working diligently to provide alternate opportunities within the newspaper, and we encourage our staff to continue to contribute their ideas and perspectives.

In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our readers for their support and encourage them to continue supporting the newspaper by subscribing or donating.

We are committed to providing our readers with the highest level of service, and we appreciate your understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Editor-in-Chief

The Current
April 20, 2009

FOREIGNER’S CORNER

Focus on the good

By Bill Emerick

The Currier

Tuning in to my television and watching the news is usually the most unproductive half hour of my day. They tell you hours about war, shootings, and police brutality. It makes me feel like they force on me, and I can’t seem to break free of it.

Sofi Seck

The LHC: good or bad?

By Cat Marin

Particle physics uses very big apparatus but very small things to understand the fundamentals of matter and energy. It’s some of the most complex stuff in the world. There’s a whole new set of particles that might make up all of the universe and all the energy in it. The Large Hadron Collider is one of the most complex and expensive scientific instruments of our time. The LHC was started in September 2008 but that doesn’t mean that the science is over. The basic theme of this talk that followed an electrical presentation by the two of them was that we need to remain patient. It’s going to be a long run if we are going to be able to understand the universe. But even now, we can be excited by what’s expected to be seen and running by late 2009.

The LHC is the most powerful particle accelerator built yet. For the United States: the highest energy beams ever to be brought together to explore the nature of matter and energy. One of the things that researchers hope to find is new particles, like they thrive on this stuff, and we’re not gonna quit this journey until we find them! We are so nervous about the future of this experiment. We are just starting to see results. It’s like the experiments are giving us our first glimpse of particle physics!

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Trebuchets, Moby Dick, Liquid Nitrogen: Birthday has it all

On a raw, cloudy day amidst a week of April rain, the UM-St. Louis held its annual Birthday. This year’s birthday featured a treasure hunt-themed carnival rides and food stands. On what was a relatively unseasonably warm late-April day, students watched the festivities from the outside. The carnival was a fun-filled day spending the afternoon with friends, but this year’s event was more interesting for the students who were there.

“Many of the annual events that I have attended in the past, such as the carnival, have been boring,” said one student. “This year, the event was interesting, as people were able to have fun and participate in various activities.”

The event began with a welcoming speech by the University President, followed by a presentation on the history of UM-St. Louis. Then, a treasure hunt was held, with participants searching for clues hidden throughout the carnival area. The winner of the treasure hunt was announced later in the day.

The birthday also featured a variety of carnival rides, such as the Ferris wheel, carousel, and roller coaster. These rides were a hit with the students, who enjoyed the thrill of the rides and the chance to spend time with friends. In addition, there were food stands serving a variety of treats, including funnel cakes, cotton candy, and more.

While the carnival was a hit with the students, some felt that it was lacking in excitement. One student commented, “I was disappointed that there weren’t any more exciting rides. I was hoping for something more unique and adventurous.”

However, overall, the birthday was a success, with many students attending and enjoying the festivities. The event was a great opportunity for students to spend time with friends and have a good time. As one student said, “It was a great day to be a student at UM-St. Louis.”
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AEG ON CAMPUS

Birthday brings new band to UMSL
Low vs. Diamond is interesting mix between Honorary Title, The Killers

BY ANNA MARIE CORCORAN

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Photos by Matthew Hill

UM-St. Louis’ own Percussion Ensemble gave a brilliant and booming performance for students, parents, family, and faculty alike on Tuesday night at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center on the University of Missouri-St. Louis’ north campus.

Although the drama was the main feature, other percussion instruments in the concert, such as the xylophone, were not to be overlooked.

The U M- St. Louis Percussion Ensemble performed last Tuesday at the Touhill. Pictured from left to right are Suzy Cadwell, Ryan Humphrey, Casey Ken, KaMin Willingham, Christian Beck, Josh Daly, Patrick Fralovich, Ben Vogt, Chris Self, Kassel Farmar (far left), and Jessica Sugar. (Note: the ensemble’s bass player was not pictured.)

Visio offers photo trip around globe

By CEDRIC WILLIAMS

"A picture is worth a thousand words," and some would call that an optimistic estimate for the words. No doubt this is why there has been so much art of things from far away, probably since the days of travelers.

When stick figures and charcoal drawings were not enough to suffice, other media and techniques were developed and put to the task of circumventing our expressive difficulties. Now, for those to two centuries, people have been going abroad and taking photographs to remember their travels. The technology has vastly improved, and there aren’t any uncharted lands to document. The practice continues.

This past Wednesday, um-St. Louis saw a celebration of that tradition in the form of a gallery opening and award ceremony for the fourth annual International Photo Contest in Gallery Visio.

Honorable mention through first place, of some dozens of entries in all from the international Photo Contest, were put on display in Gallery Visio, the student-run art gallery located in the lower level of the Millennium Student Center.

First prize went to Jeanne Liarnval, senior, psychology, for her work "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," depicting three girls playing in a Costa Rican evening. Second place went to Michelle Takacs for her photo of a graffiti-adorned pillar by the Museo Nacional, called "Primero te Ignoran," also taken in Costa Rica. Third place went to Faisal Peryaz, business administration, for his "The Speed of Life," depicting a Pakistani marketplace.

The submission rules were simple: the photographs had to demonstrate artistic quality and some clearly foreign content. Winners were selected by juror committees from a "quality of image, artistic expressiveness and creativity." Geographic and thematic variety, as well as adherence to the mission of the Center for International Studies, was also considered by the judges in selecting the winners. Cash prizes were awarded for the first, second and third place winners.

The artistic part centered enough: the silhouette of a large tree against the glowing sunset in Robert Muldoon’s "Heron in Treetop at Sunset," for instance, was quite stunning.

The international aspect was a bit more difficult, and was met in different ways: some included a foreign language, others modes of dress. One picture, "A View of Dosodoro" by Mark Talarico, circumvented the problems associated with things generally looking alike by capturing such distinctly Venetian elements (gondola prow and the belfry of St. Mark’s Cathedral in particular) that there is no doubt whatsoever of where the picture was taken.

The majority of the visitors at Gallery Visio at the exhibit’s opening reception on April 15 were those associated with the International Photo Contest.

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Twelve straight wins hurls team into top 25

Then two straight losses drop the Tritons out of the top spot in the GLVC and into third place with three games left in the season.

By Achilles Phane
Softball

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By Bryan Gurne

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tennis

The University of Missouri-St. Louis will serve as the host for the 2009 Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship tournaments for both men and women. The tournament will be held on April 24-25 at the Dwight Davis Tennis Center and also at Washington University.

Soccer

The men's soccer team is hosting a golf fundraiser on May 2. The event will take place at the Florissant Golf Course and will feature a shotgun start.

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STATS CORNER

GOLF

Tennis:

The Missouri-St. Louis tennis team took down Northern Kentucky, 7-0, at the Isle of the Moons tennis courts on April 11.

Women's Basketball:

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The second is a Master’s degree in German literature from the University of Wisconsin. The first is a BA in English from Brown University. Blank explained that she is not at home as she used to be but that if she’s at home, she’ll read the German newspapers. She mentioned that while she’s away, she reads them online.

Lifeguard, page 3

One speaker at the event was Nancy Thompson. She spoke about her experience with the Holocaust and the importance of remembering. The other speaker was a local artist who discussed the role of art in promoting understanding and healing.

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The project is this: I need a few caretakers (you must be caretakers), independent students to help me find one professor who will attempt to answer one question about a specific issue. The question is, "Can you provide, with proof, the name of one person killed in a gas chamber at Auschwitz?"

Will you help find a professor on your campus who will attempt to answer this question? If you can provide a name and proof of your answers, I can be reached at meridianonline.com.

I understand that the question will be considered controversial by some academics and students of the Holocaust, but I believe that people should not be afraid of challenges and should not be afraid to be questioned. The question is a challenge on an campus in a free society. You may have been told that it is "morally wrong" to ask this question. Do you think it is? Tell me why.

If you can name one Professor I am looking for, I'll owe you a beer. At the very least, Bradley R. Smith, Founder Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust www.codoh.com

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ACROSS
3. Killed a man in a duel in 1801
8. Engaged in the "kitchen debate" with Nikita Khrushchev
9. First Republican VP
10. Known as "Silent Cal," he was the first to accept follow-up questions at press conferences when he eventually became president
11. Party that only had two VPs
13. Was the first Secretary of State, the second VP and eventually third president
18. Wealthy VP who donated his salary to charity
20. He was the first
21. Became the fourth new VP in four years when elected with Jimmy Carter
23. Was the eighth VP as well as the eighth president

DOWN
1. "The Buck Stops Here."
2. Won the Nobel Peace Prize after leaving office
4. Was born Leslie Lynch King, Jr in 1913
5. Only VP to resign due to criminal charges
6. Died in 1853 after only 45 days in office
7. "Speak softly and carry a big stick, and you will go far."
9. Served as Mayor of Minneapolis, Minnesota in the 1940s
12. Last VP to succeed due to a president's death
14. Tried to run for President under the Know Nothing Party
15. Had trouble spelling "potato"
16. Last VP to win election for president
22. Current, as well as first Roman Catholic, VP
23. Was the eighth VP

CURRENT CRYPTOGRAM

Find the original meaning of the message below. Each letter shown stands for another letter. Break the code for the letter A, you will have all of the As in the message, and so on.

TUUP NV ZNKNF OQQQM
RWIR FQA ZQKUV HV ICA SICRV
HV RQ TU WIOOZ

The first student, faculty or staff member to bring the solution (along with who said it) to The Current's office will receive a free Current T-shirt!

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The Current CLASSIC

Coming soon.
If your classification of soon is next year...
Graduates return for Alumni Weekend

Did you know that North Campus was once a golf course named Belleville Country Club? Did you know that the Staff Association began in 1937? These questions were part of quizzes that the Alumni Association asked alumni at this year’s Alumni Weekend.

On Friday and Saturday, the University of Missouri-St. Louis held its Alumni Weekend, a two-day event that alumni, living and working in St. Louis and helping to shape the region’s economic engine. We are proud of you and what you do for community.” George said in an Alumni Weekend flyer.

During the Red and Gold Bash, alumni were served pastries and a variety of beverages and food.

Conversations about the new building for the business administration were held on last Saturday. Some of the colleges’ luncheons were held on last Saturday. Some of the colleges’ luncheons were held on last Saturday.

In addition to these events on last Saturday, there was a college brunch event for the Pete Laclede Honors College, the Engineering and Science Program, and the College of Business Administration.

Other than these events, some sauces were served to Alumni and some classic coffee drinks such as “Today’s Political Scoop” were also served.

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