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Last week’s poll question:
Is it inappropriate for adults to wear costumes for Halloween?

Results:

This week’s poll question:
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Mitt Romney challenger
Barack Obama champion

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Who will win the ultimate title?

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Axe murderer demands candy

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It was hard to say who was having more fun: the little kids in costume going from car trunk to car trunk collecting Halloween candy or the students dressed up in costumes handing out the candy and enjoying watching the cute little goblins having such a great time. Either way, “Trunk-or-Treat” was fun for all. The Office of Student Life at University of Missouri-St. Louis hosted the “Trunk-or-Treat” family Halloween event on Oct. 27, noon to 2 p.m., at the Millennium Student Center Garage South near UMSL North Metrolink. The Halloween event is geared toward UMSL families and the surrounding community and is intended to provide a safe and fun way for families to enjoy Halloween festivities. The temperature was brisk, but the day was bright and clear, which seemed to make for perfect Halloween weather.

“This is our third annual ‘Trunk-Or-Treat,’” Ashlee Roberts, coordinator of diversity and service for the Office of Student Life, which sponsored the event. “It’s an event that’s geared towards UMSL families. As you know, we have a lot of non-traditional students. Of course faculty and staff are also welcome to bring their kids, as are the Normandy community around campus.”

A display of hay bales, pumpkins and spider webs greeted families as they arrived to check in. There were various activities like pumpkin painting, games and balloon animals. A DJ provided music, and there was an entire kids’ section. Student organizations (continued on page 5)
What's Current

Monday, October 29

Monday Noon Series: "Oath of Office: A Reading"
Cory Lee Thornton Jr., an UM System graduate retired from his more than 20-year career with the FBI, reads from his book "Oath of Office," 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. at J.C. Penney Conference Center. The book chronicles his upbringing as an African-American child during the '50s and '60s, and his experiences during his career with the FBI, which took him to dangerous settings in several U.S. and Caribbean tropical rainforests and islands. Thornton also focuses on familiar history lessons taught by his elders. For information, contact Karen Lucas at 314-516-5698.

Survivor Series: Profile of an Abuser
Rozes STL, a non-profit that works with battered women and provides both intervention and prevention services, gives insight into the common characteristics of abusers and what is being done to change the beliefs and attitudes of these individuals. 6 - 8 p.m. in Moncur Room of Provincial House (South Campus). For information, contact Ashley Roberts at 314-516-3291.

Pumpkin Carving Contest
Catholic Newman Center's annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, 7 - 9 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Pumpkins provided to carve in two-person teams. You can pick your own. Tables, designs, and carving tools provided, with pumpkin seeds as a snack. For information, contact Rachel Sterren at 314-385-4353.

Haunted Honors College by PLHCAS and UBP
First annual Haunted Honors College offers a scary scavenger hunt experience. Collect all signs to claim your prize. Already inhabited by ghosts, the honors college will be transformed into your worst nightmare. For information, contact Kristie Biele at 314-640-4594.

Tuesday, October 30

Conference on "Africa and the Diaspora in the New Millennium"
Office of International Studies and the Nigeria-based Center for Black and African Arts and Civilization present the third annual conference: "Africa and the Diaspora in the New Millennium." The conference begins 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Century Rooms A & B, Millennium Student Center, and runs through Nov. 1. It will address the challenges and relationships between Africans and the people of African descent worldwide. Schedule of events online.

St. Louis Jazz Orchestra: "A Night of Duke Ellington" concert
St. Louis Jazz Orchestra pays tribute to legendary jazz composer Duke Ellington with his most memorable tunes like "Mood Indigo" and "Satin Doll," October 30, 7 p.m. in Lee Theater, Touhill Performing Arts Center. For information, contact Touhill Ticket Office at 314-516-4948.

Wednesday, October 31

Trick or Treat In The MSC
Students will start off in the Bookstore, where they will be provided with goodbye bags and treats. They will then be instructed to visit each office that proudly displays a "Trick or Treat" in the MSC sign.

LinkedIn & Beyond workshop
Workshop focuses on discussions on LinkedIn and social media resources, October 31, 1 - 3 p.m in Career Services. 278 MSC. Register for workshop at careers.umsl.edu. For information, contact Rachel Shelburne at 314-516-5317.

St. Benson's Missouri" documentary screening at Gallery 210
Artist Thomas Hart Benton and his vivid mural "A Social History of the State of Missouri," which is displayed in the Missouri state capital building, are the subject of the documentary "St. Benson's Missouri." A restored version of the documentary will be shown 7 p.m. on Oct. 31 in Gallery 210. The film's co-director James J. Begleit, Emeritus Carleton's Teaching Professor of Art History and Film at Missouri University of Science and Technology, will attend. For free. For information, contact Myra Lopez at 314-516-5881.

Thursday, November 1

Breakfast and Business: "Developing Talent Within"
Breakfast and Business, sponsored by the College of Business Administration, is "Developing Talent Within" by Helen Patton, Executive Director of the Human Resources Department of the St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative, 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. in rooms 202 J.C. Penney Conference Center. For information, contact June Farniel at 314-516-5883.

TeePee for PLHCAS
Throughout the month of November, PLHCAS is collecting items for their adopted charity, Lytia's House of St. Louis. We are collecting cereal, toiletries, paper products, soap, dish towels, toothpaste or other personal items, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Honors College Provincial House. The collected items will be placed inside the entrance. For information, contact Jessica Bleie at 314-640-5941.

Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference
UMSL hosts this regional conference, Nov. 1-2. Pre-conference workshops, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Technology and Learning Center, Manchur Hall.Features hands-on experiences with new and emerging technologies and instructional strategies. Conference on Nov. 2 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in J.C. Penney Conference Center offers participants 24 concurrent sessions. Lunch is included in fee of $20.00 per workshop selected. Registration required. Schedule at www.umsl.edu/technology/conference.html. For information, contact Keta Homes at 314-516-7134.

Campus Rec Trivia Night
Campus Recreation trivia night is 7 - 10 p.m. at the Provincial House on South Campus. Prizes, plus free pizzas & soda. Teams sign up at the Campus Rec. Office. 303 mt. by Oct. 30 maximum of 10 members per table. For information, contact Campus Recreation Office at 314-516-3526.

University Orchestra Concert
(University Orchestra fall concert is 7:30 p.m. in Lee Theater, Touhill PAC. Under direction of Robert Charles Havens, concert will include the UM System's "State University - A Missouri Symphony" by Dr. Barbara Hackworth with guest narrator Dr. Louis Geters. For information, contact Touhill Ticket Office at 314-516-4449.

Friday, November 2

Arianna String Quartet "Passport to Latin America" concert
UMSL's arts-in-residence perform music inspired by AIDS' recent trip to Brazil, 8 p.m. in Lee Theater, Touhill PAC. Under the direction of Robert Charles Havens, concert will include the UM System's "State University - A Missouri Symphony" by Dr. Barbara Hackworth with guest narrator Dr. Louis Geters. For information, contact Touhill Ticket Office at 314-516-4449.

Saturday, November 3

Black Women & Breast Cancer Conference
Topics at this conference, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in MSC, include health care coverage, managing your finances, exercise and yoga. Free but must register in advance. Free non-perishable canned food for Food Outreach. For information, contact Jennifer Clements at 314-516-5994.

Triton Night Life: "The Dark Knight Rises" screening
Free showing of movie "The Dark Knight Rises" on a big screen in the Provincial House Chapel at 7 p.m. For information, contact John LaLoggia at 314-516-5294.

Celtic Festival: Black 47 concert
Center for International Studies: Celtic Festival presents Black 47, a band that has taken Irish-Celtic rock roots and blended the sound with distinctive musical styles of its native New York. In concert 8 p.m. at Arieurn-Bush Performance Hall, Touhill PAC. For information, contact Touhill Ticket Office at 314-516-4449.
The greatest and ghastliest of St. Louis's haunted attractions

David Von Nordheim
A&S Editor

Although often people find America's most dauntingly scary area as if it, a few places take to enthusiastic an approach to Halloween at St. Louis. With countless attractions that tap into the city's own dark history, St. Louis easily rivaled the ghosts per capita of any major metropolitan area.

The Darker Side of St. Louis tradition since 1983, is considered one of the greatest haunted house attractions in the country by nothernard determines such rankings. Focused within a re-purposed warehouse in the St. Louis District, The Darker Side is a two-hour tage of scary scenes and gruesome sights. Although the contents of The Darkness change year by year, textual dramatic elements, special effects, and music are horrorfully amazing and are never the same as the St. Louis Art Museum or the Fox Theatre.

But while The Darkness attempts to create a horror experience of its own, St. Louis' other haunted attractions exploit true events from the city's past for their supernatural source material. The Lemp Mansion, St. Louis' most infamous "real" horror attraction, is haunted by the spirits of the Lemp family, who were the last occupants of the mansion. The haunted history of the Lemp family dates back to the 1870s, when William Lemp, a successful businessman and wine maker, purchased the mansion and expanded it into a grand hotel. However, in 1892, William Lemp's brother, John, committed suicide by throwing himself from the top of the building. After his death, the mansion was abandoned and fell into disrepair.

A new family, the Venti family, bought the mansion in the 1920s and added a grand ballroom. However, in the 1940s, the family was forced to sell the mansion due to financial troubles. Afterward, the mansion was used as a hotel and then a casino. In 1949, the casino was closed, and the mansion was left empty for many years.

The present owner of the mansion, a local businessman, decided to restore the mansion to its former glory. However, during the restoration process, strange and unexplained events began to occur. The house was filled with ghost stories and legends, and many visitors claimed to have seen or heard things that were unexplainable. In 1971, the mansion was turned into a museum, and the ghosts continued to haunt the place.

Today, the Lemp Mansion is one of the most haunted places in the world. Visitors are warned to be prepared for a ghostly experience, and many visitors report seeing and hearing unexplained phenomena. However, some visitors are willing to take the risk and explore the mansion, hoping to catch a glimpse of the ghosts that still haunt the place.

In a horrifying dark twist, the Lemp mansion itself now operates as a bed-and-breakfast, making it an ideal spot for heady honeymooners.

Hunters Specialty (yes, it is a real thing) reports that the hall is inhabited by a sedated vivatix by the name of George, the caretaker who remains the building's lone occupant. George is said to be a ghost, and many visitors report seeing him floating around the halls. However, despite the claims, the Lemp Mansion is still one of the most haunted places in the world, and visitors are encouraged to explore at their own risk.
ALBERT NALL
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Christopher Carter, a mind reader and illusionist, performed his magic routines before an audience of almost 100 people from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Pilot House in the Millennium Student Center on Oct. 25. This was part of the Creepy Week roster of events that was sponsored by the University Program Board.

Carter became interested in Extra Sensory Perception at the age of 8, when he sat in an an imax ‘solar game. Pursuing his dual interest in psychology and theater in college, he honed his fast-paced, humorous theatrical style with his stunning displays of psychological ability. Carter has made appearances on such shows as “The Movie Shirt Show” and “The Dennis & Marie Show.” He is a business speaker and corporate entertainer who has done presentations for such companies as Spirit PICS, Harley-Davidson, Bristol Myers Squibb and more. Carter had been named Performing Entertainer of the Year by Campus Activities Magazine.

Early in the program, Carter gave a gentleman in the audience a book and asked him to pick a page without telling Carter what that page was. When the young man picked the page, Carter then asked him to open the book to that page. The page was missing. Carter had possession of the page, which was somehow torn out of the book.

Carter amazed in the audience that at a previous show with his eyes taped, he guessed the item that was being shown to him. He read was, “What is the name of the woman sitting right next to me?”

By observing the body language of the audience at the Pilot House, Carter was able to use in on the thoughts of people at the event early and often. He got close to his eyes and had them shut with duct tape. Carter then got mental impressions from the audience without having a word whispered to him. He read the mind of one young woman who wanted to know whether he was active or not. And Carter read the mind of a young lady who was concerned about a friend who had a cheating boyfriend.

At one time, Carter instructed members of the audience to pull items from their pockets and purses, and, blindfolded, he guessed the items that were written on slips of paper. None of the information was whispered to Carter. Then, blindfolded again, he picked out random slips of paper. He figured out the favorite sports jersey number of a young man whose position was to be an elementary school teacher.

Carter even picked out a person whose initials are “EP.” Her birthday was on May 31, her middle name was Marie and she was looking to purchase a new car due to a transmission problem with her old car. You can fi nd Christopher Carter’s fan page on Facebook. For details about events where Carter will be performing, visit http://www.lass-scholar.com/christophercarter.php.

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"It's going really well," Roberts said about the turnout for the event. "People are really sticking around and enjoying the activities. The music is good, the activities are fun and we have a lot more trunks this year than we have ever had, so the program is growing."

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Some clown making balloon animals for the children

Photo: Jerry Lin / The Current

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November 9 and 10
Join us for a couple of fun filled days with activities for the entire family!

- Spaghetti Dinner
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- Family Fun Fest
- Service Project
- Magician and more!

Advanced Registration Required
Cost is $15 per person if you register by October 31. After October 31 the price goes up to $20 per person. UMSL students & children under 5 are FREE.

For more information or to register call 314-516-5291 or visit umsl.edu/studentlife

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Obama would like to reform student loans and has expanded Pell Grants. In his 2012 State of the Union speech, Obama spoke in favor of ending the taxpayer subsidies that go to banks for student loans. Obama also proposed that annual graduation students should be required to pay only 10 percent of their income to student loans, with student loan debt being forgiven after 20 years. Obama also implemented and expanded the post-9/11 G.I. bill, which has aided veterans in pursuing their higher education. Obama has pledged commitment to ensuring that veterans can find work when they return from service.

According to Obama’s campaign website, his economic plan focuses on growing the middle class. The manufacturing sector has recently rebounded — led by President Obama’s rescue of the auto industry — and created half a million manufacturing jobs over the past 30 months. To build on this recovery, Obama has set to create 1 million new manufacturing jobs by the end of 2016 and is working to double American exports over the next five years by promoting U.S. goods and removing trade barriers, expanding access to credit and expanding strong growth.” Obama’s website also states, “Obama’s plan pays 1.5 million dollars the private sector we’re no longer spending on war to put American back to work ... and uses the other half to help pay down the debt.”

Obama's highlighted legislation was his first term was the Affordable Care Act. Affordable Care Act mandates that all citizens purchase health insurance and also prevents insurance companies of the significant policy measures will end of his economic plan focuses on growing the by promoting U.S. goods and removing obstacles for the consumer to recover fully. Obama’s plan seeks to reduce taxes, spending, regulations and also fought in favor of protecting federal resources like wind and solar, production sources-like natural gas, clean coal, and nuclear.

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Romney's economic focus, according to his website, is to re-build the foundations of the American economy on the principles of free enterprise, hard work, and innovation. He believes that the Obama administration has not done the right things for the economy to recover fully. Obama’s plan seeks to reduce taxes, spending, regulations and government programs. It seeks to increase trade, energy production, human capital and labor flexibility. It deregulates power to the states instead of claiming to solve the energy crisis.

Obama has said that his budget will allow for an investment in the middle class by providing them with tax cuts and access to tax credits. It will also invest in technology and education. President Obama often stated that the wealthiest people in the nation need to be subject to tax increases in order to make the budget balance. He said that under his budget government discretionary spending has decreased and that his plan will be the start of a $4 trillion deficit decrease in the next decade.

Both candidates promise to discourage illegal immigration by securing our borders and to improve the current immigration policy by allowing more skilled workers to enter and remain in the U.S. Obama wants to allow second-generation illegal immigrants to gain citizenship through higher education as well as an amnesty program by which immigrants would be required to register for criminal and background checks, learn English and basic civics and eventually become citizens through naturalization. While both Obama and Romney want to implement some mandatory employer sanctions and CI-60 program, Obama wants to hold the employers who intentionally hire illegal aliens accountable.

Obama's website states his focus on energy independence. It states his position as supporting “the safe and responsible development of our near 100-year supply of natural gas, which can support more than 600,000 jobs by the end of the decade, investing in new resources like wind and solar, production of which has already more than doubled.

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McCaskill believes there is a need for health-care reform, supports implementation for the Affordable Care Act and voted yes on the measure. McCaskill promises to protect Medicare for future generations and also opposed the Republican plan to end Medicare, voting against it in 2011 and again in 2012. McCaskill voted in favor of legislation to prohibit health insurance companies from denying coverage to children under the age of 19 based on pre-existing medical conditions. She also allowed 39,667 Missouri young adults to gain health insurance coverage through their parent's health insurance plan.

McCaskill is in favor of increasing Pell Grants and expanding the Direct Loan program and supporting the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program. In order to save money, McCaskill would like to shift entirely to direct lending. McCaskill is also a supporter of the Post 9/11 Veterans' Education Assistance Act of 2008 (S.22).

Akin's campaign website states "America's economy is undergirded by business. It is a clear sign that the businesses are not healthy when we see double-digit real unemployment... From my background at IBM and Lincoln Steel Company, I can see clearly that businesses will not begin creating jobs until there is certainty and a regulatory environment that encourages, rather than punishes, success."

Akin believes that government should target reforms that reduce the cost of care and help people access insurance when they need it most. Akin is in favor of repealing the Affordable Care Act, focusing instead on free market approaches to health care.

Akin believes that life begins at conception and "is pro-choice. We do not protect the innocent lives of our unborn children. Akin's website says that he has remained steadfast in "fighting for life," actively working to pass numerous pro-life legislative initiatives at both the state and federal level. Akin has co-sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 358), which, according to Akin's campaign website, would prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions. Akin also co-sponsored the Protect Life Act (H.R. 3366), which, according to the Huffington Post, would prohibit women from having health insurance plans that cover abortion under the Affordable Care Act and make it legal for hospitals to deny abortions to pregnant women with life-threatening conditions.

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Both candidates believe in some form of employee verification system for employers to check an applicant's legal status before hiring. They are both against any measures of amnesty or government benefits that "reward those who break [this country's] laws." McCaskill wants to hold employers who hire illegal aliens responsible through some penalty.

Akin said that he does not support the federal stimulus package, and that it would economically irresponsible. He said that he supports the Bush tax cuts and co-sponsored the FairTax legislation, which would eliminate some taxation that applies most often to businesses.
Spence vs. Nixon

Spence believes in the need for quality education to create a skilled workforce and attract new high-paying jobs. Spence is a sponsor of a special entrepreneurial study program for students at the Trulaske School of Business at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

According to his campaign website, Spence plans to "remove impediments to job creation by getting government out of the way of responsible private sector employers, allowing them to do what they do best!" Main points of Spence's plan call for "applying state agency head with proven private sector success," leaders from the business world rather than public policy or academics. He wants to "focus on helping the small businesses." He supports "reducing drug tests for unemployment recipients and shifting benefits for those who fail." Spence proposes making it more difficult to raise taxes by requiring "at least two-thirds support from the legislature to put any tax measure on the ballot."

Spence is in favor of repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with a plan that has not yet been outlined in its entirety. Spence states on his campaign website that he is committed to protecting human life at all stages. He goes on to say that his pro-life stance is based on his deep personal convictions, and as governor he will fight to reduce the number of abortions in Missouri. Spence is endorsed by Missouri Right to Life for his strong pro-life beliefs.

Spence said that he will reform the tax code to make it more difficult to raise any loopholes. Spence has not voiced an 'official opinion restructuring as well as rejecting the Affordable Care Act.'

Nixon believes that any Missouri student who works hard and wants to attend college should have the opportunity to do so. Nixon's strategy to expand higher educational opportunities for Missourians include supporting scholarship programs like Access Missouri and Bright Flight, while expanding college savings opportunities with legislation to amend and reduce barriers to the Missouri higher Education Savings Program (MOST).

Nixon plans to lower the cost of health care. In 2000, he helped found the Missouri Foundation for Health, which provides health care services to ready Missourians. Nixon also supports the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Nixon's policies on the economy have been focused on balancing the state budget. According to his website, "Nixon balanced the budget every year without raising taxes and protect the state's perfect AAA credit rating. The site adds that Nixon "brought Democrats and Republicans together to revive our state's hard-hit auto industry. The site credits these policies for Missouri's ranking third in the nation in job creation behind Texas and Florida, according to the August report of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Columbia Missourian's voters' guide also notes that "Under Nixon's administration, the state workforce has shed more than 4,000 employees."

Nixon does not provide an official stance on abortion on his website. However, in 2001, Nixon vetoed Senate Bill 249 in a statement released in July of that year. Nixon explained his decision, stating that Bill 249 would allow insurance companies to override the rights and beliefs of employees and employers and, by doing so, would shift authority to make decisions about access to contraceptive coverage away from Missouri women, families and employers and put that power in the hands of insurance companies.

Nixon said that instead of depending on taxpayers to balance the state budget, he will look for ways to make Missouri government smaller and more efficient.

Nixon supports increasing border security and the immigration quota to allow for more skilled workers in the U.S. through legal channels. Nixon wants to prevent any provisions that may deny illegal aliens basic human rights such as emergency medical care and education.

Governer Nixon's campaign website has a section on energy independence. It states that the governor "understands that making Missouri a leader in energy production and innovation means more jobs today and a stronger economy in the future." The site states that he is focused on "boosting Missouri's energy security by developing more domestic energy sources; strengthening Missouri's position as a hub for high-tech energy jobs and innovation and ensuring clean, affordable and abundant energy for Missouri families and businesses." The site touts nuclear energy, bio-diesel and electric vehicles but does not mention wind energy or small hydro-power.
Women's basketball hungry to win in 2012

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As the 2012 season begins, the University of Missouri-St. Louis women's basketball team is embracing changes on and off the court.

Among the players who have left the program since last season are Kelsi Carter, senior, elementary education; new student assistant, and Carlinn Woody, senior, physical education. Woody is listed in the UMSL women's record books as eighth best career 3-point shooter in UMSL history with 82 successful shots, fourth in career attempts with 163 and fifth in career points with 1225. Maxa gone is coach Lisa Curtis-Taylor. The new coach on the bench is Katie Vaughn, who comes from Lincoln University in Jefferson City. Ms. Vaughn coached for three years at Lincoln.

Vaughn said that UMSL is ready for the 2012 basketball season to start.

"We have eight new starters from last year. We are going to play the best five players on the roster. I am looking for people who are going to play hard and mentally take the challenge, because the games are long and physically demanding," Vaughn said.

Among the notable changes fans will see are that instead of a go-to-scorer, UMSL will employ a balanced offense that has four players on the perimeter and one inside. UMSL players will have the freedom to cut to the basket, pass the ball inside to the post. a 3-pointer in drive and kick the ball back outside. If the post player is double-teamed inside, Vaughn wants the post player to pass the ball to the outside for a wide-open shot or someone cutting to the basket.

The most important aspects to the offense will be screening, motion and spacing. If the fast break is available, then we will take that. Or we can drive toward the basket for quick, easy baskets. If not, then we will set up the ball court offense for a shot," Vaughn said.

Vaughn brings to the UMSL defense a tough man-to-man pressure defense that allows off-ball defenders to help double-team an opponent or apply pressure on the ball to create turnovers, fouls and confusion among opponents.

The defense will occasionally use a zone defense. Power forward Devonia Smith, senior, social work, will be the primary rebounder for UMSL.

The team includes returning players Angela Johnson, junior, criminal justice; Emily Brandt, senior, criminal justice; Kelly Barnes, senior, educational studies; Deavan Gondhane, senior, elementary education; Prudence Robertson, sophomore, elementary education; and Alexis Lawrence, sophomore, business finance. The newcomers are Kelly McGovern, sophomore, special education; Jessica Zavoral, junior, liberal studies; Hazana Washington, junior, communications; Logan Sims, freshman, education; and Morgan Settle, freshman, elementary education, to compete for playing time.

The UMSL website says that the season opener begins against Southern Illinois in Carbondale, the only exhibition game, on Nov. 6. UMSL then plays four non-conference games, starting against Hamilton-Lagrange in the home opener, traveling to Memphis to oppose Christian Brothers, hosting Missouri Baptist on Nov. 27 and traveling to Longwood on Dec. 1. UMSL will travel to play Vaughn's former team, Lincoln, on Dec. 17 and return to action against Culver-Stockton on Dec. 15. The team then travels to Detroit to oppose host Wayne State on Dec. 28 and Northwest on Dec. 29. UMSL opens the conference season against the defending league Great Lakes Valley Conference champion and National College Athletic Association qualifier Maryville at home on Dec. 5.

"We are going that the players play, and I will challenge them on and off the court. We are going to have high standards for the team. When you play your style, then you begin to expect a lot, and this senior class is hungry to win," Vaughn said.

UMSL finishes tournament strong at 2-1

UMSL's A-game was enough to defeat both Wayne State and Northern Michigan...

...Ashland swept the Tritons in a three-set match to stop a three-game winning streak for UMSL.

Also had nine kills.

However, UMSL left their A-game behind as Ashland swept the Tritons in a three-set match to stop a three-game winning streak for UMSL.

Against Ashland's All-American candidate, senior outside hitter Brittany Siedel, Ashland's go to player, the game plan was to attack in full force. UMSL heaved the lineup and put their best blocker on the right side to attack Siedel and force her to serve and get her off the attack.

As a result, UMSL hit a .129 clip. Jaeger recorded 12 aces and 15 kills against Ashland and Meyer had 26 assists and 12 digs. UMSL controlled the lines as it hit at a .330 clip.
Golf Season ends with optimism for Spring

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University of Missouri-St. Louis is home to several exceptional athletes, many of whom are also with their academics. Tayler Hoag, freshman, University of Missouri-St. Louis is home to strict students to high standards related to academics.

The semester. With all of the practice and tournaments required for the facilities, the team, my coach and liked the business program being offered,” she said. All the athletic teams at UMSL held their students to high standards related to academics. PASS is the required study hall for athletes, and strict GPA requirements are upheld throughout the semester. With all of the practice and tournaments required for the gold team, Haag, as well as many others, has to stay on top of her schoolwork. Most students are gone for tournaments all weekend, and this could cause the athletes to become unfocused on schoolwork. “It’s not that much different than the time commitment I had in high school. I think it really helped to form good study habits,” Haag said when asked about this problem. As many athletes would probably advise, students need to stay diligent with their schoolwork throughout the week. This advice really does apply to all students on the UMSL campus.

When asked about the season this fall, Hoag had a lot to tell. Although it was not her best season, she is staying optimistic for the upcoming season in Spring 2013. The team as a whole took home second place in two different tournaments and “ranked above some tough competition” in all the tournaments, according to Haag.

For Hoag, this season brought with it a lot of growth and maturity, and she has learned a lot of skills necessary when playing longer tournaments. Coaches are always a major influence for athletes of any team. Haag had nothing but praise for her coach. “Coach Earle always makes himself available to help us,” she said. This kind of support allows the team members to grow not only as athletes, but also as young adults.

“I picked University of Missouri-St. Louis because I was recruited, loved the facilities, the team, my coach and liked the business program being offered.” — Haag

The members of the golf team live in close quarters with each other, which makes team bonding pretty easy. The seven teammates live in two apartments next door to each other, so they are constantly spending time with one another. “They were my instant friends when I came to UMSL, and I know I will be friends with them for the rest of my life,” Hoag said.
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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