CATE MARQUIS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

“Die Fledermaus” goes batty with ‘Die Fledermaus’

Performing Arts Center’s E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Theater April 3-5. UMSL’s Opera Theater may be a relatively new campus program, but what it lacks in funding and resources, it more than makes up for in sheer talent and creativity. If your idea of opera is a fat lady in a hat with horns bellowing off-key, you owe yourself a trip to one of these free performances.

“Forget ‘Die Fledermaus,’ translates as ‘the bat.’” This comic opera about an elaborate prank involves a masquerade ball, amusing tenors and lots of trickery. With hummable music by Johann Strauss, this farcical comedy is a perennial favorite.

StoryCorps records stories at UMSL Veterans Center

StoryCorps Military Initiatives visited the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus on April 5 to record the stories of student veterans at the UMSL Veterans Center. The nonprofit organization StoryCorps aims to preserve the stories of a broad sample of Americans by creating audio recordings. The recordings are kept at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

StoryCorps Military Initiatives collaborated with the UMSL Veterans Center to record the stories of student veterans at UMSL. The recordings were made available to the public through the StoryCorps website.

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**What's Current**

"What's Current" is the weekly calendar of UMSL campus events and is a free service for student organizations. Submissions must be made in by 5 p.m. the Thursday before publication; first-come, first-served. Listings may be edited for length and style. Email event listings to thecurrenttips@umsl.edu, with the subject "What's Current." No phone or written notes.

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**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

**Monday Noon Series "Looking at Contemporary Art"**

Tricia Y. Pulk, assistant curator of modern and contemporary art at the Saint Louis Art Museum, talks about her recent exhibitions and ongoing projects at the museum, 12:15 - 1:15 PM in 602 J.C. Penney Conference Center. For Info: Karen Lucas at 314-516-5628.

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

**Lunch and Learn: The Do's and Don'ts of Interviewing**

Come Join University Program Board for some free food while learning what to do and what not to do while interviewing, 12:30 - 2 PM in Century Room C, Millennial Student Center. For Info: Scott Montgomery or any other UBP member at 314-516-5531.

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

**Youth Violence Prevention Conference**

Description: Speakers at this year's conference will examine victimization and strategies for reducing adolescent victimization, 8 AM to 4 PM in J.C. Penney Conference Center. Research findings from St. Louis and other cities will identify the levels and types of victimizations occurring both in the community and in schools. Evidence-based policies and programs for violence education will also be discussed. Fee: $35. For Info: Mary Gough at 314-516-9974

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**Battle of the Bands**

Annual Battle of the Bands, sponsored by the Pierre Laclede Honors College Student Association, 7 - 9 PM in Pogue Hall in MSC.

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**Kinetic Chamber Project — UMSL Dance Concert**

Join the Department of Theatre, Dance and Media Studies for an evening of dance, April 11 - 13 at 8 PM in Lee Theater, Touhill Performing Arts Center. Students will perform dance pieces choreographed by faculty, guest artists and aspiring student choreographers. For Info: Touhill ticket office at 314-516-4040.
News briefs

UML POLICE ASSIST BEL-NOR POLICE IN ARREST NEAR UNIVERSITY MEADOWS APARTMENTS

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MAN ROBBED OF CELL PHONE NEAR NORTH CAMPUS METROLINK STATION

The UMSL campus police reported that a man was allegedly hit on the head and robbed of a cell phone on April 3 near the intersection of Grobman Drive and University Boulevard, also known as Florissant Road, at about 10:35 p.m. The information was emailed by Captain Steven Salamon, UMSL Police Department; to UMSL students as a Clery release on April 3 near the intersection.

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Glaser described the StoryCorps recording process, which they were doing in the office of the director of the UMSL Veterans Center. "We have a little bit of paperwork about their personal information and where they come from for the archive at the Library of Congress, where all of our stories are archived. And then they come in, we do a little sound check and we do a 40-minute interview. Afterwards, we take some pictures, and then they're good to go. Then we'll work with a CD copy of the recording," she said.

"We were just at the Regional Arts Commission yesterday. We're not just at universities; we have different partners all across the United States. So we've had three recording days total. Two were at the Regional Arts Commission and with the VA hospital at today; here on campus," Glazer said.

Ryan Barrett, interim director of the Veterans Center at UMSL, spoke on how StoryCorps came to the Veterans Center. "Actually, it was gender studies who approached us and let us know about the opportunity, that StoryCorps was coming to the St. Louis area," he said.

Upon learning that StoryCorps would be visiting St. Louis, Kathleen Nigro, associate teaching professor of English and program advisor for the Gender Studies Program, worked with Deb Marshall, director of Warrior Arts Alliance, to bring StoryCorps to UMSL. "Because we have a new Veterans Center, it seemed a natural fit for StoryCorps to visit our campus," Nigro said.

"They thought it would be a good opportunity to get some veterans to get them to speak about their experiences," Barrett said. "We linked up with them and went ahead and made a call out for student veterans, who were kind of our target, and got responses back, and so here they are."

"Turnout is good - I think we have about eight folks that are here," Barrett said. Barrett is a veteran himself and served in the Air Force. "And I did give an interview," he said.

"It was pretty good; he's asked about the experience. It was good to sit down and explain my experiences, because I'd never really done that before. I kind of explained how I got into the military, the reasons why, what I did while I was in and why I eventually got out."

"The StoryCorps project helped to encourage communication between the UMSL veteran and civilian communities, as well as to highlight our new Veterans Center," Nigro said.

Vince Schoemehl was also a member of The Current staff. This article orginally ran on April 9, 1981.
Commuting doesn’t stop Cynthia Holman from getting involved on campus

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FEATURES EDITOR

It can be hard for a commuter student to get involved on campus. However, it can be very beneficial in academic and other areas. Cynthia Holman, junior, secondary education, a student from Branson, Mo., is a great example of this.

“I really like [University of Missouri-St. Louis] because it is a great example of this," Holman said.

Holman chose to be an education major because she has always loved working with students. "I'm also a Spanish major, and after doing some teaching in the United States, I'd love to work and live abroad. I also plan on getting a master's degree in Spanish and teaching in higher education," she said.

Holman works as a Spanish tutor with the foreign language department at UMSL. "This job is especially important to me because I want to become a Spanish teacher. Joining an honors society or having work experience in an area that you plan to pursue a career in can be very beneficial. You can meet other people in your field," Holman said.

Volunteer service is another prominent aspect of Holman's life. Holman is currently an intern doing grant research at Lydia's House, a transitional housing facility that supports women and children who have experienced domestic violence. Holman volunteered there for about a year.

"When I first applied for an internship there, the volunteer coordinator was surprised because she said that most of the applicants for internships were social work or psychology majors. Domestic violence is definitely an issue in today's American society. There are thousands of women in Missouri that get turned away from emergency shelters every year. That is why agencies such as Lydia's House are so important. I really wanted to volunteer there to become involved with an organization that supports survivors of domestic violence," Holman said.

With regards to campus involvement, Holman is involved with other organizations on campus, among them the Emerging Leaders program. Holman decided to become an Emerging Leaders mentor so she could inspire other students to fulfill their leadership potential. She advises students to get involved on campus.

"I would highly recommend [for] students to get involved on campus. There are so many different cultural, religious, academic, leadership, service and other special interest-based student organizations as well as Greek Life organizations for students to get involved with on campus," she said. Student involvement provides a multitude of opportunities for networking and also provides an avenue for students to get to know other students on campus. As a result of being involved at UMSL, I have been granted access to many opportunities that I would otherwise not have received."

"It can be very challenging to balance school, work and other obligations. However, it does not take a substantial time commitment to reap the benefits of student involvement," Holman said. "For commuter students, it's easy to stay connected to UMSL and other students. From personal experience, I know that sometimes it seems that that you are not really a part of the campus community if you live off campus. Student involvement bridges this gap. Even for students who do live on campus, I think that being a part of student organizations and leadership programs still helps them feel more connected to the campus as a whole."

RUSTIC LANTERN FILMS PRESENTS ITS FIRST FEATURE FILM

Lake Windfall

This Film is Not Yet Rated

April 2013

The film is a portrait of interactions between deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people. The plot focuses on five characters in a post-apocalyptic setting. Told with humor and emotion, this film takes an authentic look at three different types of hearing loss experiences. While navigating through this tale of awareness and survival, both hearing and deaf will realize how critical effective communication is to our collective survival. The cast and crew consisted of mainly deaf and hard of hearing members from all over the country. This production, expressed primarily using American Sign Language, illustrates the great skill, creativity, and passion for filmmaking shared by these talented artists. Unlike many film productions, all proceeds made from this film will be devoted to programs and services that enhance the lives of deaf and hard of hearing people and promote greater inclusion and cooperation with the mainstreamed population those who can hear.

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Meanwhile, her maid Adele (the wonderfully funny and gifted singer Stephanie Crawford), who has ambitions to go on the stage, is trying to wheedle a night off so she can go to the ball disguised as a lady. Even the prison warden Frank, to whom the comic pair of Gustavo Perez as drunken toper Alfred and Ravi Raghuram as prison warden Frank stole the show, was wowing with their glorious voices and spot-on comic timing.

There was a great deal of creativity in the staging, with pretty costumes looking cleverly improvised and the few props well-chosen. Very original graphics by Martin Baragiola were used in place of sets, with sepia-tone images projected on hanging panels and a screen at the back of the stage by lighting and projection designer Glen Anderson. In the first act, images of pillars and a large window suggested a grand home. An image of a huge, brilliantly-lit chandelier was the backdrop for the grand ball in the second act. Piano, played by Donna Pyron, was the only musical accompaniment for the singers.

"Die Fledermaus" was a musical and comic delight and not the first highly entertaining, beautifully sung performance from UMSL Opera Theatre. UMSL audiences would be wise to catch the next one.

COMICS & PUZZLES

The UMSL MATH CLUB presents:

Problem of the Month
Submit your solution to the April Problem of the Month by Friday, April 12. Winners will be announced on the next Problem of the Month. Prizes available. Submit solutions to R. Dotzel 329 ESH

April Problem of the Month:
A box contains exactly five chips, three red and two white. Chips are randomly removed one at a time without replacement until all the red chips are drawn or all the white chips are drawn. What is the probability that the last chip drawn is white?

March Problem solved by:
Joe Koester & Susan Novak.

Note: Pi day, 3/14, was roundly enjoyed by everyone. Also, on Wednesday, April 24 from 1-3pm in Clark Hall 309 the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science will sponsor the 10th Annual Andalafte Mathematical Competition. This math competition is open to any UMSL undergraduate. Prizes available. Please contact R. Dotzel in ESH 329 (516-6337) for further details. Application forms are on the department website.
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Mandatory drug testing is a necessity for organizational interests

ALBERT NALL
STAFF WRITER

Is mandatory drug testing for organizations an invasion of privacy for citizens or is it a necessary evil for employers to avoid the problem of drug abuse? A study of 6,000 personnel professionals conducted in 2012 by the Society for Human Resource Management found after implementing a drug testing program that all of the companies experienced an increase in employee productivity along with a decrease in absenteeism. Another big concern for organizations is the substantial cost of worker's compensated injury which increases insurance rates across the board. Companies that tested for drugs found an improvement in worker's compensation incident rates, along with a decrease in employee turnover.

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The most solemn case for mandatory drug testing among organizations both in the public and private sector is that those who have chronic problems with substance abuse are among us. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 70 percent of all illicit drug users are employed.

If a person is able to successfully complete the tasks required in order to get the job, that person will work as scheduled, what they do on their own time should not matter to the employer. As long as the employee is not using drugs while they are on the job, then it should be acceptable for individual to use drugs on their own time. If an individual is using drugs on their own time, it is possible to perform at their duties at their place of employment due to the use of drugs, then the employer can simply fire the person as they would any person whose performance meets the legal requirements.

The same can be said about a person who is on probation reporting to their probation officer periodically for a drug test. If the person who is on probation was not incarcerated because of drugs, then the person should not be subjected to drug tests. Some people may say that drug use is the cause of crime, but what people do not realize is that drugs do not cause people to commit crime. The use of drugs could only give a person the courage or put them in the state of mind to commit a crime that they had been considering before drugs came into the picture. They commit a crime because a drug made them in a state of mind, not because they use drugs.

Instead of businesses and probation officers insisting on the use of drug tests to determine if a person is suitable for hiring or continued freedom, they should administer mental health tests. That would be a better way to distinguish the good from the bad.

In the workplace, we need to make sure that companies have the right to discriminate against applicants with criminal backgrounds. However, under laws adopted in the late 1990s by President Ronald Reagan, former inmates who are under probation or supervised release are required to submit to at least three drug tests, or they will be re-incarcerated. Companies that perform drug tests are merely enforcing the law.

Many students transferring from community colleges or other schools often face an uphill battle trying to complete their degree program, since as transfer students, they receive less aid.

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5 P.M. - College of Optometry
- Blanche M. Tsachlidis Performing Arts Center

SUNDAY, MAY 19
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- Bachelor of General Studies
- Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Social Entrepreneurship
- Master of Arts in Teaching
6 P.M. - College of Business Administration
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- Engineering Education Center

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UMSL women's softball wins 20th

The University of Missouri-St. Louis women's softball team is erasing the sting of missing the Great Lakes Valley Conference playoffs last season.

According to the UMSL website, UMSL collected 28 hits in a double-header home sweep of Maryville, winning 10-0 in a game called after five innings. UMSL then continued the onslaught, winning the nightcap 15-1 in another game called after five innings.

The sweep improved UMSL's record to 20-8 overall. At 11-1 in the GLVC, UMSL has a commanding six-game lead over second-place William Jewell in the Western Division. Maryville dropped to 5-15 overall and 2-7 in the GLVC.

Pitcher Hannah Perryman, freshman, criminology, worked fast, threw strikes and tossed a complete game for her eleventh win against four losses. UMSL got off to a quick 3-0 first-inning lead as second baseman Katie Wood, sophomore, biology, and catcher Madison Zbaraschuk, sophomore, communications, platted runs with singles. Brian Butler, sophomore, early childhood education, platted the last run of the inning with a groundout.

Perryman's pitching line included four hits, one walk and 10 strikeouts. Lead-off designated player Katie Schultz, freshman, elementary education, went five for five at the dish with four RBIs and scored four runs. Wood went five for five and added five RBIs.

Brian Levin, head coach, said pitching was the key to the sweep. "The pitching was real good for us today. It allowed us to keep the other team from getting runners on and scoring," Levin said.

UMSL then put the game away in the second inning. The inning was keyed by Zbaraschuk's, sophomore, communications, two-run ground ball single up the middle as UMSL piled more runs on.

UMSL has won nine consecutive games and 11 straight games in the GLVC. Levin said that the team is ready and focused on game days.

"I emphasize a 100 percent work effort in the weight room and on the field. Their effort and attitude will make the difference. I also preach intensity and enthusiasm to these girls. Combine that with energy, which leads to extra effort and excellence. I also tell them that we've got to win one inning at a time so that if the opposition scores, we've got to get the runs back," Levin said.

Outfielder Jena Boudreau, sophomore, nursing, insisted that the off-season work is paying off in wins.

"We are going to continue doing our best and play to our potential, which is 110 percent, against every team we face. We worked out at 6 a.m. and busted our butts to get where we are now," Boudreau said.

Levin said that while the season is now halfway done, there are still goals to accomplish. "Softball is a crazy game. You don't get a couple of breaks, and you can lose a few games. Rockhurst... and William Jewell... will be in the race until the end. Drury's record is not reflective of their team, and they were picked to win the conference," Levin said. "We are halfway through the season. Winning the division crown is key. We've got to maintain focus and not lose concentration and make our opponents pay for their mistakes. It hurt last year to sit at home and watch the eight teams eligible make the playoffs. I told our director of athletics that will never happen again."