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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 turned in by 5 p.m. the Thursday before publication; first-come, first-served. Listings may be edited for length and style. E-mail event listings to thecurrent@umsl.edu, with the subject "What's Current." No phone or written submissions.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Commuter Break: Juice and Granola Bars
University Program Board will be serving free juice and granola bars while supplies last by the MSC Ponds starting at 9 a.m. For information, contact Katie Green or other UPB member at 314-516-5531.

Economics Guest Speaker Thomas Wyrick
Professor Thomas Wyrick of Missouri State University speaks on "Market Reaction to Systemic Risk: Impediment to Monetary Policy and Key to Reform?" 7:30 p.m. in 331 SSB. A student of Nobel Prize winner James Buchanan at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Dr. Wyrick has published articles in journals of economics, political science and law and a textbook, The Economist's Handbook, has been used in universities both here and abroad to develop the research of students. For information, contact Judy Cates at 314-3535.

University-Community Chorus Concert
The University-Community Chorus will present an evening of contemporary and traditional choral music, 7:30 p.m. in Touhill Performing Arts Center's Lee Theater. For information, contact Touhill ticket office at 314-516-4949.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Textbook Sell Back
Stop by the UMSL Bookstore to sell back your textbooks starting today. Guaranteed buyback; receive a minimum $5 for each textbook you sell. For information, contact Stephanie Eaton at 314-516-5763.

Study Party
UPB Study Party, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Millennium Student Center. A great opportunity to study with your classmates. For information, contact Charlie McDonald or other UPB member at 314-516-5531.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Weekend Tour - Broad Horn Flat Boat
Join the Mercantile Library at UMSL in the lower level of the Thomas Jefferson Library on north campus, for a free, docent-led tour which focuses on a specific aspect of the C. S. Low Missouri history, 11 a.m. - noon. Our weekends tours provide a wonderful opportunity for lively discussions about topics ranging from the founding of St. Louis to the Mercantile's art collections, plus much more! No reservations are required. Please call 314-516-7248 for more information. For information, contact Valenda Curtis at 314-516-7248.

Campus Crimeline

THIEFT - SOUTH CAMPUS PARKING GARAGE.
April 26, 2013 - Report # 13-107
An UMSL student reported that between 8:00 pm April 20, 2013 and 7:00 am April 26, 2013, a window was broken on their parked car and items were stolen. Review of surveillance video revealed an individual breaking the window and removing items from the car, prompting Clery Release 02-2013. Disposition: Report taken.

AUTO ACCIDENT - LACLEDE LANE.
April 26, 2013 - Report # 13-105

AUTO ACCIDENT - LOT E.
April 28, 2013 - Report # 13-106

THIEFT - UNIVERSITY MEADOWS.
April 23, 2013 - Report # 13-109
An UMSL student reported the theft of a bicycle that was left un-secured on a patio. Disposition: Report taken.

THIEFT - LOT D.
April 29, 2013 - Report # 13-107
An UMSL Student reported a license plate stolen from their parked car. Disposition: Report taken.

ASUM Spring Backyard Picnic BBQ
Join Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) for free food and conversation on the MSC Patio, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. ASUM is a nonpartisan student organization that lobbies in Jefferson City on issues that effect students. We need to know what you think in order to represent you. In case of bad weather, the event will move to the Pilot House in the MSC. For information, contact Erin Tinker at 3155166798.

UMSL Music Student Chamber Concert
Department of Music student ensembles will perform a variety of classical to contemporary pieces showcasing their amazing skill, 7:30 p.m. in Touhill Performing Arts Center's Lee Theater. For information, contact Touhill ticket office at 314-516-4949.
The University of Missouri-St. Louis Hispanic Latino Association hosted the first International TriBeta Night in the Campus Life Center with the support of the Office of Student Government, the Student Affairs Office, and the provost office. The event was attended by a group of students who displayed photos of their cultural backgrounds and shared stories about their heritage. The event was organized to promote diversity and awareness of different cultures.

The event was attended by many students and faculty at UMSL, who were all invited to join in this fun and educational event that celebrates food and drink from all around the world. Different international associations set up their own cultural informational tables in each corner, displaying their cultures, promoting their traditions, and offering special snacks that represented their cultures, such as tea and traditional candy.

There were four rounds of question sessions: religion, geography, population, and other culture-related issues. Every group wrote down the answers on the answer form. In the end, each member of the group who scored the greatest number of correct answers was awarded with different prizes.

This was also a great chance for students to interact with each other in a fun environment. The event was a success and attendees enjoyed the food, music, and culture sharing.
The 2012-2013 school year at University of Missouri-St. Louis was a year of changes and big events. Those events ranged from the kickoff to our 50th Jubilee year-long celebration to a change in student fees, and included election-season visits and the resignation of our winning basketball coach. Here is a recap of some of the year's biggest UMSL stories.

**RADIO STATION MOVES TO UMSL AT GRAND CENTER**

2012 was a big year for St. Louis Public Radio. 90.7 KWMU began broadcasting from the new UMSL at Grand Center building on June 18 after having previously been housed in Lucas Hall and Clark Hall.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house was held on Sept. 15 at the site. Those in attendance had the option of witnessing a live radio broadcast and indulging in the treats sold by the various food trucks in attendance. Chancellor Tom George and Tom Eby, general manager of St. Louis Public Radio, delivered speeches during the event. During Eby’s speech, he shared a statement issued by St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, naming Sept. 15 UMSL at Grand Center Day in St. Louis.

Following the ribbon-cutting, those in attendance were given the option of touring the new space, now open to the public. Employees of St. Louis Public Radio were stationed throughout the building, ready to provide visitors with information as well as answer any questions.

UMSL at Grand Center is home to St. Louis Public Radio, community facilities, a newsroom, various classrooms and meeting spaces for the UMSL community and much more. The $12 million building, located at 3651 Olive Street, has three stories and 27,000 square feet of space.

**FIRST-EVER GENOMICS SYMPOSIUM AT UMSL**

The Biochemistry and Biotechnology program at UMSL hosted “The Symposium on Genomics” on Sept. 28. While this may not be news for universities such as St. Louis University and Washington University, UMSL has not held such an event in recent history. The Biochemistry and Biotechnology program defined genomics as “an area of genetics that involves the study of the genomes or full genetic content of organisms.” As part of the event, three seminars on the topic of genomics were offered: “Genomic Approaches to Virus Discovery,” presented by David Wang of Washington University; “From Studying Large Cohorts to Analyzing Single Molecules” presented by Pul Yan Kwok from University of California-San Francisco; and “Microreactor Arrays for Sequencing, Digital PCR and Single Cell Analysis” presented by Peter A. Sims from Columbia University.

**END OF AN ERA: COACH TAPPMEYER RESIGNS**

By far, the biggest sports story on campus this year was the unexpected resignation of the University of Missouri-St. Louis basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer. Tappmeyer brought UMSL basketball winning seasons for each year he was here, something not done since the earliest years of UMSL basketball. Read more on our Sports page in this issue.
In 1963, UMSL became the first public university in St. Louis. Over 1,500 people attended the dedication ceremony on Sept. 15, 1963. Half a century later, UMSL began celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in 2013 with a year-long roster of events. The Jubilee Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration was held on Feb. 1 at the Touhill. In honor of the occasion, UMSL alumnus and KSDF sports anchor Frank Cusumano served as master of ceremonies. Those in attendance were treated to music and dancing, along with a healthy dose of UMSL history. A program featuring a look back at those who have helped shape UMSL’s progress throughout the years was a highlight of the night.

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All the talk was about parking passes, but changes to fees for attending UMSL will impact students starting next fall.

Many of the proposed fee changes were announced at SGA meetings in the fall. The first was the per-credit-hour cost of the new Recreation Center approved last spring, which will be $19.25 per credit hour, to be capped at 12 hours per semester ($231). At the end of the semester, the SGA approved a new proposal to eliminate the separate tuition and student fees structure and go with a single combined fee.

Online students will no longer be able to opt out of fees for use of the gym, and students who do not drive will no longer be able to opt out of parking fees, as there will only be a single per-credit-hour charge, but all students will be issued a parking pass. Students will no longer see a break-down of how fees are spent, and the university is also changing to a more “single pot” approach to funding the various campus divisions and functions. When the University of Missouri curators met on Sept. 15, 1963. Half a century later, UMSL began celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in 2013 with a year-long roster of events. The Jubilee Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration was held on Feb. 1 at the Touhill. In honor of the occasion, UMSL alumnus and KSDF sports anchor Frank Cusumano served as master of ceremonies. Those in attendance were treated to music and dancing, along with a healthy dose of UMSL history. A program featuring a look back at those who have helped shape UMSL’s progress throughout the years was a highlight of the night.

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Peabody Energy, formerly known as Peabody Coal, donated $750,000 in September 2012 toward the renovation of science labs in Bentley Hall and Stadler Hall and will be granted naming rights for the labs, as well.

News of the donation was met with protest by UMSL students and others in the St. Louis community. In October, David Scott, senior, secondary education, voiced concerns about the Peabody donations, citing the negative environmental effects of mining and Peabody’s history in the coal industry and urging UMSL to reject the donation. Dr. Ronald Yasbin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, wrote an open letter defending the university’s decision to accept the donation, which was published on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch website.

On Oct. 26, a group convened in the MSC before marching across campus to Chancellor George’s office in Woods Hall to protest the Peabody donation, urging UMSL to return the donation and distance itself from Peabody and the coal industry. Bob Samples, associate vice chancellor of communications, met with the protestors to schedule a meeting with George at a later date.

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Gospel Choir gives Jubilee concert

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STAFF WRITER

Dynamic, Powerful, Soulful. These are just a few words to describe the University of Missouri-St. Louis Gospel Choir, which hosted their second concert, celebrating UMSL’s 50th anniversary in the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center on May 2.

The hip surrounding this event could not be trumped by the rainy night. It was the choir’s first time performing in the Touhill, a special night for storms. A wide range of people from family, friends, students and the general public came out to support the group of talented singers.

The evening began with a performance by the Praise and Worship team, giving the audience a taste of what was to come by singing “High Praise,” “Happy” and “More Than Anything.”

Following these selections, it was time to bring out the main event: the UMSL Gospel Choir. As the crowd rose to their feet, the choir appeared ready to give their all. They performed 12 selections that evening with great energy, led by the choir’s director Moira Chambers. They began with “The Lord’s Prayer,” then the crowd was brought to their feet with “This is the Day” and “Oh Clap Your Hands,” performed by senior Shane Jonas leading the way.

“Hosanna” was performed by Irish Wilkinson, freshman, and labeled as the audience favorite. This was followed by a soothing rendition of “Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!” and “When I Think.” Each female member brought a unique quality and sound to the choir. The selections complemented all of their voices to bring the best sound and quality of music for a great night.

Before intermission, Tiffany Thompson, secretary of the Gospel Choir, gave a brief history of the choir. After intermission, the choir performed songs such as “Never Again” to get the crowd excited once again. Next came “Gent is our God” and “Spirit of the Living God,” with Stephanie Wooten and Karisa Magnussen, president of Gospel Choir, gracefully leading the song. Tanome Fross, freshmen, biologist, performed “Every Moment in Your Hands.” The choir continued to lift spirits with songs like “How Great” and “God is Greater.” The final song of the evening was “Take me to the King,” performed by Magnussen, whose powerful voice was magnified throughout the theater. The audience responded to the performance with ecstatic applause.

Some people had not been to a Gospel Choir concert before; the concert was also their first time visiting the Touhill.

“I found out about this event because I kept seeing posters about Gospel Choir. This was my first time attending a musical performance at the Touhill; the performance was great,” Demarrio Timmons, junior, biologist, said. “I would tell a lot more people next time so they can experience the Gospel Choir.”

Many felt that the Touhill was a great place to host this event because it helped attract a wider range of people to come out and support. Chambers was very proud of all the hard work the band and choir members put in to make this a dazzling event.

“It wasn’t just my show. The choir did an outstanding job. They did a phenomenal job in their program, and I do believe with everybody, the volunteers, the musicians, the assistants, coordinators and everybody, we were all on one accord and we did a fantastic job, in my opinion,” Chambers said.

“They hoping that students took away a lot of energy, a lot of passion, a lot of heart...” (It’s) an organization that thrives on energy. I’m hoping that today actually took away a great experience that not only penetrated the heart but actually caused second thoughts, if you will,” Chambers said.

The hype surrounding this event was more than justified.

Musicians bring spirit of Russia to Touhill

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Last October, the Russian city of Samara hosted a group of University of Missouri-St. Louis piano students. Alla Voskoboynikova, teaching associate professor of music and the director of keyboard studies, led the trip, along with four of her piano students and James Richards, intern dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication at UMSL. The group visited the cities of Samara, Moscow and Voronezh.

St. Louis is the official sister city of Samara. The relationship was first established in 1992. The committee, which was formed as an all-volunteer organization, works with hospitals, universities, regional municipalities and businesses to promote the two cities.

This month, musicians from Samara and UMSL piano students collaborated during a performance on April 28 in the E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Theater of the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center.

The concert began with a pre­show discussion that included pictures, stories and memories. The speech demonstrated the highlights of alluring sightseeing, performances and lecture classes.

All of the speakers remarked on Russia’s hospitality and friendliness. “The whole time we were treated like royalty,” Voskoboynikova said. Organizers of the program mentioned that this project is “not like any others” that “it serves as a bridge” between two cities and helps to break stereotypes and barriers.

They also wished that there was more peace between the two countries and said that through mutual collaboration this task can be successfully achieved. “Everybody starts with a dream,” Voskoboynikova said.

She shared that before the trip became possible, she had a desire to introduce her students to her own teacher, who is still teaching and who remains an inspiration for her. “And it all happened; it’s almost like a miracle for us. This is just a dream coming true,” she said.

One of the main organizers of the program, Dmitri Kaburgin, was presented with Balalaika, Samarian vodka and complementary glass shots. Voskoboynikova received Log’ka, or musical spoons. “This will help me to improve my rhythm,” she said.

In the first half of the concert, Daniel Dickson, senior, music major, junior, business administration, and Thomas Winkler, senior, music, performed famous Russian works. Each student gave a short introductory note about the history and context of the piece they played. Music selections featured the sounds of the best-known compositions of Sergei Rachmaninoff, Sergei Prokofiev and Dmitri Shostakovich.

Step Accord Duet performed a variety of songs and dances that included some traditional musical selections. The audience reacted with loud claps and cheers to the performance. A beautiful duo of Voskoboynikova on piano and Debby Lennon on soprano vocals followed the intermission. John Nuckolls, graduate, non-degree, and Daniel Kuebler, junior, music, performed works of Sergei Rachmaninoff and Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky.

A beautiful exhibition of artwork by Konstantin Koublanov was displayed in the Lee Theater lobby, bringing a feel of winter and nature scenery. A reception with the artist concluded the performance.

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U.S. should cut back on defense spending

Are you concerned about the federal debt and deficit? Then you should support a cut in military spending.

While there is endless talk about "entitlement spending" (i.e. Social Security and Medicare), the real driver of the federal debt and the deficit is military spending. Social Security and Medicare have dedicated revenue streams — those payroll taxes taken out of every paycheck. Actually, these two retirement systems are very cost-efficient and have worked well over the years. They only need a small tweak to continue.

The United States should not cut back on defense spending. The Department of Defense spends so much money because it is necessary. The U.S. has done a lot of things in the past to gain even more enemies. Before the unfortunate events of 9/11, the U.S. had already taken measures to defend this country, but those steps were not enough. The mistake in 2013 was to cut back on defense spending. The Department of Defense is spending the amount of money that they currently have. It is possible that several more attacks could have occurred by now if defense funding had been reduced as many Americans wish. Admittedly, catastrophes still happen, even with the amount of money the U.S. is spending on defense. But if the DOD had not have the money it has now to employ its personnel, many more people would be hurt.

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Tappmeyer resigns

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The sudden resignation of head basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer has left University of Missouri-St. Louis with a big question to answer: Where do we go from here?

Before Tappmeyer arrived in 2010, the program was in a freefall, as Moe Berman produced one .500 season in four years, and Chris Pilre placed one winning season in seven years.

Tappmeyer brought stability with his motion offense and tough man-to-man defense, immediately leading UMSL to the Great Lakes Valley Conference playoffs. But in 2013, UMSL went into a nosedive.

Tappmeyer's resignation follows the departure of Charlie Woods, senior, psychology, for personal reasons. UMSL finished the regular season with a 35-3 mark, opponents discovered that UMSL had a bigger burden: providing more points.

Tappmeyer stabilized the program, seeking to create a program that rivalled the blue bloods of college basketball.

For UMSL, this is a critical time because Director of Athletics Lori Flanagan has a tough decision to make. Flanagan should hire a young coach who can grow with and continue Tappmeyer's vision and build the program the way Tappmeyer envisioned it. She should question the new coach about his offense. Will he run the fast break offense or will he be a fast break offense? Will the new coach install a trapping defense that seeks to cause turnovers, pressure defense or zone defense? Can the new coach recruit talent? Can the new coach make in-game adjustments? Can the new coach game plan for an opponent? Where does the new coach think the program in the future? How will he get the program in line with his vision?

These are some of the questions Flanagan must ask in the hiring process. If Flanagan misses on the new coach, then Tappmeyer's vision of the blue-bloods of college basketball will take a serious hit.

SPORTS RECAP

In the 2012-13 sports season, University of Missouri-St. Louis athletics made headlines on and off the field.

The big story that dominated the UMSL headlines was the unexpected resignation of basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer.

Baseball player Kyle Renaud was named UMSL senior male student athlete of the year and became UMSL all-time single leader in saves with 12.

Women's golfer Sweets Galindez received senior female student athlete of the year. According to the UMSL website, Galindez has led the women's team to four straight NCAA Super Regional appearances and twice qualified for the NCAA Championship for an individual.

Softball ranked second in the GLVC playoffs, and won the third most victories in school history, 35 games, and conference games in school history, 26 games. After two losing seasons, women's basketball achieved a winning record at 15-12.

Men's soccer lost the championship round of the GLVC playoffs to Rockhurst, 1-0. Women's soccer did not have a good year on the field but posted a 3.11 GPA and named the National Coaches recipient 2012 College Team Academic Award.

Men's golf earned a bid to the NCAA Regional tournament as the top seed in the Midwest Regional. Golfer Joe Atkinson won medal honors at the GLVC Championship defeating Rockhurst's Tanner Buleski in a playoff hole.

Men's tennis player Tim Gorster was a singles best 15-7, mostly as a number three player.

Women's tennis players Louise Werner and Renee Verhoven received All-GLVC honors, along with volleyball's Kris Jaeger.

Women's golf will play in the Super Regionals for the fourth straight year.

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Women's Lacrosse is coming to UMSL

ALBERT NALL/STAFF WRITER

On April 30, an organizational meeting was held in Millennium Student Center 314 to establish a women's lacrosse team. Among the issues discussed at the meeting were such things as an overview of Club Lacrosse, and what service do you have in playing lacrosse?

Feldman said the current is a women's lacrosse at the club level at Truman State University. I immediately wanted to start a team at UMSL. I had a great time playing club lacrosse at Truman, and I hope that UMSL will be the same. In addition, the team gave me and my teammates the chance to meet fellow lacrosse players from nearby universities. I have played three years of high school lacrosse, as well as two years in college.

TCC: I understand that lacrosse will not be an official UMSL sport coordinated by the Department of Athletics, but instead by the recreational sports department in the Mark Twain Building. Who will be the advisor of the team?

AF: I have been working closely with Jessica Long [Peach] from Student Life, and she has been extremely helpful in helping start this new organization. She is looking for an advisor for the team.

TCC: Who are the teams that UMSL will be playing in the new recreational league?

AF: We will be in the same league with Truman State. Truman plays teams all over the Midwest, including Kansas State, Creighton, Principia, Missouri State, Iowa State, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. The season will take place in the spring of 2014. We also plan to play in some St. Louis tournaments in the fall of 2013.

TCC: What is the budget for this new team, and will it be covered in part by student activities fees that go to campus recreation?

AF: I am unaware of any funds we may receive from student activities fees from campus recreation. We plan to do some extensive fundraising in the beginning because of the many expenses in this program, such as renting equipment and uniforms that will be used in future seasons.

TCC: Are there any lacrosse players we should be looking out for in the local area that we are aware of who may be on this new team, or are you still recruiting for some players who may not have actual lacrosse-playing experience?

AF: We are looking for anyone who wants to join the women's lacrosse team. Counting myself, there are now 12 girls with interest in playing. Out of that six, I know of four that have experience with the game. One of the girls is coming from Hazelwood West, another from a girls' school ready to come in. The other three are incoming freshmen, regardless of lacrosse experience, on the team, and we do train those now in the sport. This team is being created to provide a fun sport that can bring camaraderie within the school. Six is a great start, but to field a team, we need 11 girls with at least two subs.

TCC: I understand that there are rules in women's lacrosse that [opponent contact] and how do you handle that as a substitute?

AF: There is contact in women's lacrosse, but it is not nearly as much as in the men's game. The men wear padding, and we do not; we only wear goggles and a mouthguard with no helmet. Just as in basketball or soccer, pushing is not allowed, and absolutely no contact of the stick to the body is allowed. In women's lacrosse, there is an imaginary one-foot sphere around the head that is penalized if an opponent's stick comes into it. Fouls in lacrosse are for pushing, stick in sphere, tripping, charging, etc. The fouls are not charged to a player or a team, and the position changes between teams when a foul occurs. Just as in soccer, when a player fouls another player to a great extent, they receive a yellow or red card. The player then has to sit out for two minutes for either card, and no substitute can come in for them. When the player receives two yellow cards or one red card in a game, they are suspended from the game after the two-minute penalty, and only then can a substitute come in for them.