UML student attacked at Ferguson protest

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University of Missouri—St. Louis student Christopher Schafer, senior, business administration, was violently attacked at a recent Ferguson protest strategy meeting at the Greater St. Mark Missionary Church in North St. Louis County on November 6. He remained active within the community through live streamed interviews with protestors on Bambuser, a live broadcasting website, under the user name “Student.” Schafer live-streamed current events related to Ferguson to inform citizens of their progress, in addition to providing a platform to showcase many citizens’ perspective of these protests. During protests, he asked questions to discover the demands of protestors. He said that he has always promoted safety above all else and encouraged protestors to remain peaceful.

Schafer received a text message about a meeting and proceeded to head to what he thought was a typical strategy meeting. Before he was able to fully enter the meeting, a person came up to him and said “No live streaming,” so he obliged and put his phone away. Schafer noted that he knew about 10 to 15 of the people at the meeting and that initially the environment felt safe, even as the conversation turned somber.

About 40 minutes into the meeting Schafer heard someone yelling “Phone off the hook” and pointed Schafer out. Five people, three in front, two behind, charged towards Schafer, stole his phone and charger, and began beating him. “I was hit in the head a couple of times and I was hit in the neck. I was hit in the arms, wrists, and hands,” Schafer said. Schafer reports that he sustained injuries to his arms, wrists, ribs, back, legs, and shin, as the assailants stood over him, landing punch after punch, kick after kick. Five to ten other people in the meeting jumped up and began forming a circle around Schafer, to prevent any more hits, and told him to run.

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COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER SCHAEFER

Federal judge overturns Missouri same-sex marriage ban, appeals pending

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On November 7, Orrie D. Smith, Senior Federal Judge in Kansas City, declared that Missouri’s ban on same-sex marriage violated the United States Constitution. The decision is stayed pending appeal, meaning that while the appeal is being processed, the ban on same-sex marriages will remain.

The challenge to Missouri’s ban on same-sex marriage was brought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri on behalf of two Jackson County same-sex couples. On November 7, Smith issued a ruling saying that Missouri’s Constitutional Amendment 2 of 2004 violated the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment’s equal protection clause that says, in part, “No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.” The Huffington Post also noted that, “Smith found that Missouri lacked a compelling state interest to limit marriage to one man and one woman.”

Smith stated that his ruling is pending an appeal by the Missouri Attorney General, Chris Koster, a Democrat. Koster is personally in favor of overturning the ban, but said earlier this year that “[a]s Attorney General, I cannot pick and choose the portions of our constitution to uphold.... While I would personally vote to repeal the ban, I have a duty to my oath and to the people of Missouri who adopted the constitutional provision.” By November 12, more than 3,000 individuals have signed a petition asking Koster not to appeal Smith’s decision.

According to the Federal Judicial Center, Judge Smith is a 1968 alumna of the University of Missouri for his B.A. and the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law for his J.D. (1971). Smith was appointed as a federal judge by President Clinton and confirmed by the Republican-majority Senate in August 1995.

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In August 2004, Missouri passed an amendment to its Constitution saying, "That to be valid and recognized in this state, a marriage shall exist only between a man and a woman." The referendum passed with 71 percent in favor and 29 percent opposed. The city of St. Louis was the lone exception in a state where every county voted in favor of the amendment. Missouri was the first state to pass a restriction on same-sex marriage after Massachusetts began allowing the practice in May 2004. In June 2013, the Supreme Court declared in United States v. Windsor that Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act was unconstitutional under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This resulted in same-sex marriage bans being overturned in several states, yet put on hold pending appeals to the Supreme Court. When the Supreme Court opted not to hear those appeals in October 2014, it opened the floodgates to the legalization of same-sex marriage in many states, Missouri included.

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By Ashlee Carlsstrom

Laura Rojas. Freshman, Undecided
"I'm from Colombia and celebrate Novenas. Every night we go to a different family's house to prepare for Christmas at midnight on the 24th."

Michael Acid. Senior, Modern Language
"Gang running with my dog, I prefer running in the cold." 

Ryan Dement, Junior, Biology
"I'd have to say hunting. It's good to get away from the city and enjoy being outdoors."

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University of Missouri—St. Louis prepares for Grand Jury decision

CULLEN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of the shooting death of Michael Brown, many questions remain. Chief among these is whether or not Officer Wilson will be indicted by the Grand Jury, and the response of the community, if he is not. The community of Ferguson and the larger metropolitan area has been on high alert, anxiously awaiting the decision and possible fallout. Because of the relative proximity of the University of Missouri—St. Louis to Ferguson, many are wondering what the campus will do if the protests turn violent.

An e-mail was sent out two weeks ago on behalf of the Office of the Chancellor. However, the contents of the e-mail were very vague. In regards to possible protests, as seen on other St. Louis university campuses, Chancellor George stated, “Our campus can be a forum for such activities and will be as accommodating as possible.”

As for a contingency plan, the e-mail contained very little. The University does have an Emergency Operations Plan, but no details surrounding that plan were contained in the e-mail sent out. Rather, Chancellor George assured faculty and students that, if need be, options would be available. “We have many options available to us for an appropriate response for threats to people or property. I have approved the necessary resources to implement any of these activities.”

One professor, who refused to be identified, stressed her concern about UMSL’s plan. “There is no contingency plan in place. They haven’t really told us much.”

However, UMSL does have an on-site police department that is a member of the St. Louis Police Chiefs Association, which in turn would mean the UMSL Police Department participates in the Code 1000 Plan. The plan, which is an administrative and operational law enforcement contingency plan, would deploy police resources to the campus upon request.

“Through UMSL Police has jurisdiction over the campus, their jurisdiction does not include streets and roadways outside of the University. One popular method of protest has been the shutting down of the highway and MetroLink. In September, protestors attempted to shut down Interstate 70 near UMSL, but failed due to the heavy police presence. If similar actions are taken around the campus, UMSL Police would have no jurisdiction over the situation.”

Students should also know that UMSL has an Emergency Notification System in place. One could assume that the university would utilize this system in communicating with faculty and students if things should get dangerous on campus.

St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Bob McCulloch announced that elementary and secondary schools will be given three hours of advance notice. If the decision is released on a weekday, and 24 hours notice on the weekend. Local school districts asked for advance notice. This will give school districts adequate time to get children safely home. It is not clear if universities in the area will also receive the same notice.

Should any student find themselves in an unsafe situation or observe any activity that they feel is illegal or a danger to others, they are urged to contact the UMSL Police Department at 314-516-5155 or 911.

Rehers Samples, Associate Vice Chancellor for University Communications, was contacted for a statement, but did not respond.

“Best for Vets: Colleges 2015” ranks UMSL high

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The “Military Times” ranked the University of Missouri—St. Louis as 28th in the nation of its “Best for Vets: Colleges 2015” on November 10. There are 100 four-year colleges and universities on the list out of hundreds that compete for the recognition each year. “Best for Vets: Colleges 2015” is an independent news project that judges the criteria that make an organization a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families.

The rankings by “Military Times” are based on the U.S. Department of Education and survey data from participating schools in an in-depth school-by-school assessment. “We factor in what is, to our knowledge, the most detailed school-by-school data on veteran students’ academic success anywhere, including graduation, retention, persistence and course completion rates,” said Best for Vets editor Amanda Miller. “By recognizing only the schools that do the most, we believe we’re helping to raise the bar in veteran student services.”

“Military Times” is an independent publication published once a week by Gannett Government Media aimed toward serving all branches of the U.S. military, the global defense community, the U.S. federal government and several special interest, defense-oriented industry sectors. The rankings of Best for Vets are published in the “Army Times,” “Navy Times,” “Air Force Times” and “Marine Corps Times” of this past week. They will also be included in the November issue of “Military Times” EDGE magazine and online.

The UMSL Student Veterans Association is a recognized student organization on campus. According to their website, off of the Veterans Center homepage, “Our goal is to advance the interests of veterans on UMSL campus, to build a community of veterans, and to support each other academically and socially.” For more information, email the President Ryan Barrett, graduate, political science, at rwbry@email.umsl.edu for the next meeting time.

“There are 429 veteran currently at UMSL, of which a various number help with different events. There are 3 officers to include myself as President, Jared Hofer as Treasurer and Walter Sinnott as SGA Representative,” Barrett said.

Barrett added, “We run all of our events in coordination with the UMSL Veterans Center. These events include BBQ’s, service community projects and guest speaking events. The next event for us will not be until Spring Semester 2015, which we are preparing right now.”

UMSL currently provides two minors and one undergraduate major in Military and Veterans Studies. The coursework is designed for students of any background and major. Students do not need to have military backgrounds to enroll in these programs. Students will graduate with an understanding of the military and veteran experience, the role veterans play in society, and the obligations society might hold towards veterans. The Associate Teaching Professor and Chair of UMSL’s Department of Military and Veterans Studies is retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jim Craig.

One UMSL student who is a veteran, Heather Eckersley, senior, English, had some suggestions on how UMSL could be even more accommodating of its military veteran population. “My biggest complaint about UMSL is that the fact they did not accept any of my military credits. I have training and schooling in aviation electronics repair, and micro-miniature circuit repair, along with boot camp. All 4 of my prior colleges accepted at least some, but UMSL does not. Pretty crazy!”

She added, “Also, I think it would be a good show of support if UMSL let us wear the red, white, and blue cords for commencement like some other state universities.” Overall, Eckersley gave UMSL high marks, “I do like the vet center, and everyone there is professional and friendly. I got help when I had some problems with my GI Bill, and they do volunteer work. The lounge is great, and there’s always a computer available (they do need a printer, though!).”

Barrett puts what UMSL has accomplished in perspective. “One important note about UMSL reaching this ranking is that it has taken many years. The first student veteran whom pushed for the community and services we have today on campus are no longer here. Much gratitude and thanks goes to them and their hard work. Also, it has taken the support of many faculty, staff and administrators of UMSL to get us where we are today.”

For more information on veterans on campus contact the UMSL Veterans Center located in Clark Hall room 211 at 314-516-5705 or visit them online at www.umsl.edu/veterans.
UMLS transgender spectrum conference preview

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University of Missouri-St. Louis has once again silently shown its support for a large, yet underserved community by agreeing to host the UMSL Transgender Spectrum Conference this Friday and Saturday, November 21 through the 22. According to Sallie Estes, director of the Gender Studies Program at UMSL, "Most heartening has been the support of UMSL administrators. Some people in their positions might shy away from potentially controversial topics, but the Chancellor, the Provost, and Deans Carolle Basile and Ron Yoshin were behind us 100%. I am proud to go to any part of this campus community."

Following on the heels of Laverne Cox’s appearance at UMSL, as well as the upcoming celebration of National Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, this event solidifies UMSL’s stance as a supporter of its transgender students and their peers.

Conference topics will range from health and aging, youth and family life, to social policy and the political arena. Both teaching and learning opportunities will be available as well. There will be presentations, workshops, and round table discussions providing attendants with the opportunity to share their voices, views, and questions. But more than rehearsing hackneyed, anti-discrimination phrases, there is a scholarship aspect to this two day event.

Scholarly articles will be presented, and lectures will be given to really dig deep into the transgender experience. The roster of speakers for the event will feature scholarly and socio-political heavy weights like TED Talk presenter Decker Moss, Director of the National Transgender Law Center Masen Davis, and Loren Cook-Daniels, the program and policy director for FORGE, Inc., a "Milwaukee based national transgender and SOFFA (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies) organization," according to their website. UMSL own Kathleen Nigrin and Shannon Dunphy will be serving as teachers at the event among other notable scholars. Last but not least, Senior Director of Professional Development and Family Services at Gender Spectrum in Encyrville, California, Joel Baum, will serve as the keynote speaker.

All of the informants coming together to enlighten and relieve our global community will have important, ground breaking view-points to share as it struggles to understand and create a space for its transgender members. Topics like "Teaching Trans-Inclusion: A Share Responsibility on Campus," "Caged Women with Penises: The Implications of the Penal System for Trans Women in Male Prisons," and "Sexual Concerns of Transgender Women with Disabilities," are just a few of the varying research sessions open to attendees.

Conference planners searched high and low to bring real life issues to the forefront of the conference, thinking far beyond the simplistic banner issues of surface level, theoretical equality, and inclusion.

Also, for a bit of extra fun, there will be vendors and organizations present at the conference informing participants about available resources and commercial atlas of the transgender community. No detail was overlooked in the planning of this upcoming conference. According to Sharon Pruitt, an intern with the Gender Studies Department, "There have been so many different community organizations working together to make this happen for St. Louis. Being involved in the planning of this conference has been extremely rewarding for me."

For those interested in participating, register at transgenderspectrum.com. For any further information, see the website for details, or contact the UMSL Gender Studies Department at 314-516-5265 or via their Facebook account.

UMLS on the green track

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On Thursday, November 6, 2014, a diverse group of members in the University of Missouri-St. Louis community met to discuss a topic receiving more and more attention from the general public: sustainability. The Green Campus Advocacy Council, including representatives from the College of Business Administration, the Pierce Laclede Honors College, the College of Education, the College of Professional and Continuing Studies, The Environmental Health and Safety Department, the Association of Student Anthropologists, the Environmental Adventure Organization (EAO), and the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM), gathered to brainstorm ways in which these different groups can collaborate and encourage the greater UMSL community to adopt more environmentally friendly behavior. The group moved bi-monthly to discuss their progress toward various initiatives that emerge from their collaborative brainstorming. The emphasis of their meetings was action. This most recent meeting focused on ways to follow through with the UMSL Campus Sustainability Action Plan, and benchmark the University’s progress using the Sustainability Rating & Assessment Tracking System. The efforts of the UMS System to become more environmentally conscious gave substance to Chancellor Thomas George and the other UMS campuses’ chancellor’s mission to meet the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment.

The goals of the Campus Sustainability Action Plan are expected to be achieved by the year 2025, meaning most of the UMSL students currently enrolled will not be here to see the culmination of efforts over the next ten years. However, this does nothing to diminish current students’ role in achieving these goals. While some components of the plan rest on the shoulders of administrators, such as holding fast to the commitment to certify all new construction on campus as sustainable, many other components are directly affected by student activity on campus. For example, the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Student Council successfully spearheaded the formation of a minor program in Environmental Studies. This shows how the student voice is heard by the UMSL Administration and can cause immediate change on campus, relevant to the plan and the interests of the students. Also, the recently added blue recycling cans around campus are evidence of the effort of the UMSL Sustainability Team, which includes the Green Campus Advisory Council, the EAO, the campus sustainability coordinator, and 3R’s Specialist. This effort depends on student engagement, as do most things on campus.

For more information, you can reach Sustainability Coordinator Katy Miles Smitsrta at 314-516-6364, or send an email to sustainability@umsl.edu.

Build valuable rapport with professors

MARY CHICKOS
STAFF WRITER

November 10, at 3:30 p.m., there was a panel discussion in the Office of Multicultural Student Services led by counselor Derrick Freeman. Thomas Williams of the College of Business Administration, and Dr. Jennifer Siciliani of the Department of Psychology, sat on the panel and answered questions. The discussion centered on the expectations that professors have of their students. The panelists revealed that coming to class was the biggest predictor of success. They also noted that instructors are there for a reason and that students should try to use every minute of class for learning the material. Yet many students do not think that they need to be present.

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'Biennial' spotlights UMSL fine art faculty at Gallery 210

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The Biennial is an exhibition by members of the University of Missouri-St. Louis faculty in the Art and Art History Departments, presenting new work by the professors shown at Gallery 210. The exhibit, which opened October 25 and runs through December 6, features a wide collection of works in varied media, including sculpture, graphic design, drawing, painting, photography and mixed media.

A creative website by Gretchen Schmid is an example of the concept art that is on display. Schmid is the co-designer of the textbook that accompanies the display. A couple of works by Michael Berle are oils on panels that are supplemented by a mesmerizing voice-cartridge, Jeff Sippel is a frequent exhibitor. He has some works that are done into Roman. His is a form of printmaking. The process of etching and transferring images on a plate to be eventually printed using a printmaking press is a labor that benefits from Sippel's deaf skill on such recent works as "Camphor," "Gray Matter" and "The Verge."

Other works reflect some stirring themes that have received recent press. A poster in silhouette by Jennifer McKnight, pays tribute to the UMSL 50th anniversary jubilee with an emphasis on news making themes and UMSL professors who advocate them. The themes of McKechnie's silkscreen posters range from gay and bi-sexuality, to African Studies and Criminology.

One striking piece in the exhibit that represents a topic generating great interest is "Woman Under Arrest," a work in steel by Phillip Robinson. The statue done by Robinson in 2007 appears to be an ominous precursor to the recent unrest in Ferguson. Robinson's work echoes the "hands-up, don't shoot" chant being heard around Ferguson and around the world. It is a groundbreaking work that may lead the societal discourse on incarceration, race and gender.

Another enticing work in the faculty collection is "Sachi con Figas" by Luci McMichael, which is done in bronze and wood. "Sachi con Figa" is based on a suble and enthralling convergence of history and literature. The fuga is a brooch and a symbol of fertility, along with an aura of sexual intimacy. Depending on the legend, the fuga embodies everything from karma to a protection from evil spirits. "Sachi con Figas" was inspired by the Sachi Pueblos' mythological character in Brazilian and African traditions. The "Sachi con Figas" is indeed a breathtaking and intricate relic that is assembled with 1,200 fugas.

A work by Dan Younger, "Some Kids," is a series of photos that takes photography and social media to a level well beyond advances in digital technology and the scope of contemporary art. Younger allows the child subjects to narrate the scene by strongly highlighting their interactions with physical symbols. Objects in the photo collection shine like a prism.

The exhibits at Gallery 210 are funded jointly by the Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council. Additional assistance for projects comes from the Center for the Humanities at UMSL. Gallery 210 hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about Gallery 210, call (314) 516-5976 or visit its website http://gallery210.umsl.edu. You can also follow Gallery 210 on Facebook.

Finnish choir, Jussit, travels to and performs at Touhill

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STAFF WRITER

At winter approaches, an international invasion of male voices, blown in from Finland, took stage at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus. The performance by Jussit choir at Touhill was filled with early male vocalists, accompanied by one piano and one symbol. The Lee Theater was buzzing over with a total of 27 songs in a mere two hours.

As soon as the conductor, Tommi Nikkala, gave a pitch to the group, the men began singing the first song, "Kaisa Jumalia sisäni (Kisirada)" or "God, protect us from war," written by Veijo Kamui. The audience was mesmerized. The opening song was deep and attention grabbing. It was like the men were marching to war, singing their way to victory. Different ranges of voices were expressed throughout the room, giving goosebumps to the crowd.

The 75 amateur member choir originates from Seinajoki, Finland, which is the capital of the South Ostrobothnia region. The choir was conducted by Tommi Nikkala. Hannu Malkama is the chairman of the Jussit male voice choir. As the program notes stated, "The goal of the choir is to cherish and maintain the musical heritage and culture of South Ostrobothnia," which is one of the regions of Finland. The male choir began in 1951 and kept the tradition of singing songs from the South Ostrobothnia heritage, from their costumes in the dignity of its members. All of the songs were sung in Finnish besides one. The song performed in English was titled "Land of Music," composed by Ilkka Kauisto.

The concert was split up into two parts. The first portion of the musical performance was heroic soundings, and it emphasized the Finnish men going to war. The second half, however, was like, "taking a small trip around the world," said the conductor, Nikkala. There were songs from countries such as Estonia, Germany, Sweden and Colombia.

One of the featured singers was bass singer Sami Hakola. "No one in the choir is a professional singer, and some men are from different backgrounds," says Hakola. The men that make up this choir are from different areas around the city of Seinajoki, and they sing for free. The youngest member is 23 and the oldest is 79. One man has been singing in this choir for 51 years.

The dusk of the choir stood out on stage. The men were bunting down navy blue coats with a red pin-striped vest underneath and paired with navy blue slacks. Something that stood apart from the wardrobe was the gold belt embroidered with hanging triangles. The outfits are the national costume of Finland, and are an example of a formal attire that Finns would wear to meet the President.

At the very end of the concert, the conductor announced that the group never leaves a performance without seedeeding the women of the audience. The men went up both sides of the concert hall, surrounding the entire crowd and began singing to the women. The men of the choir sing with pride and nobility. By looking at their faces during the performance, it is evident that the men love sharing the Finnish culture around the world through song.
Triton Men’s Tennis earns Top 40 ranking

The University of Missouri—St. Louis men’s tennis team has something to celebrate going into this winter off-season. For the second time in program history, they have had a break-through and made the top 40 of Division II college teams, landing in the 38th spot. They finished the spring 2014 season in the 41st spot. The three individual tournaments they competed in this past fall were a major driving factor that helped them to edge their way into the top 40.

Head Coach Rick Gyllenborg is excited to see the positive effects that this rank has had on the team. He stated, “Earning this ranking has changed the attitude of the group. Things were getting a little monotonous for them at practice, and getting this announcement has reignited a spark. People do respect us, and we have the ability to do better. It’s a great accomplishment; we are excited about it.”

It is tough for athletes to stay motivated when competition is so far away, but getting this rank has definitely been an attitude adjustment for the team. Tim McIlroy, senior, international business, feels this is only the beginning for the program. He said, “The ranking is only going to motivate us even more. We know the ranking is just a number, so it gives us encouragement to go out there and prove we deserve the ranking and deserve to be potentially even higher ranked. We weren’t that surprised as we were ranked #41 at the end of last year, which is probably why we are ranked around there now.” McIlroy continued, “We only lost two seniors and gained 3 new freshmen, so we should be just as competitive if not even more this spring. We’re excited and hopefully we can keep pushing that ranking up! Next aim, top 30.”

Several ranked players helped to boost UMSL’s standing nationally. Harry Heyburn, senior, economics, has captured a number twelve ranking in singles, while teammate Nils Mueggenburg, senior, international business, captured a singles ranking of 17. Also in UMSL’s doubles pair, consisting of Nils Mueggenburg and Alberto Maza Martinez, freshman, business administration, they have secured a ranking of fourth in the Midwest Region. In the Midwest Region, the men’s team has been ranked fifth going into this spring season.

Coach Gyllenborg stated, “Two things earned us this ranking. They look at how we did last year, the number of players coming back that did well last year. We have a pretty good team coming into this spring. It is also based on our ITA results from this past fall. Harry had a fantastic first two rounds at the ITA this year, he definitely opened up some eyes there. He wound up running into the number 8 ranked player from Wash. U. Nils had a bad showing. Our doubles pair of Nils and Alberto just moved through the first three rounds at the ITA and beat a seeded team in the second round. They had very good mojo on that first day.”

The UMSL women’s tennis team did not get any players ranked in these early season rankings, but they are taking their lack of ranking as a challenge. They are working hard to get themselves back into the rankings! Coach Gyllenborg said, “It’s not a bad thing that the women aren’t ranked. They can and will prove themselves in the spring.”

Triton tennis resumes this spring with over twenty duels with various teams from all over the Great Lakes Valley Conference. With a little hard work, they will be climbing the ranks in no time. Go Tritons!

Successful opening weekend for UMSL basketball

Men’s basketball has started off the regular season by getting two big wins at the Microtel GLVC/GLIA Challenge held in Quincy, Ill. November 15 to 16. November 15, the Tritons took on Grand Valley State. At the half, Grand Valley was leading the Tritons 34-18. In the second half, UMSL was able to make up the 16 point gap leading to a final score of 58-53. Aarond Smith, senior, business, led the team scoring 11 free throws.

On November 16, the Tritons took on Ferris State in another close scoring game. With seven seconds remaining, Neil Branham, senior, finance, scored the game winning point, bringing the final score to 71-70. UMSL men’s basketball is off to a great start going 2-0 in their opening weekend. The team’s first home game is November 22, against Robert Morris University in the Mark Twain Health & Fitness Center.

UMSL women’s basketball started off their season at the Puerto Rico Classic in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. November 14, the Tritons took on the University of Puerto Rico - Bayamon. Alexia Lawrence, senior, business finance, led the team scoring 21 points against Bayamon, including five 3 pointers. UPR - Bayamon took the win from UMSL with a final score of 76-68.

Saturday November 15, the Women’s team was able to bounce back from their loss when they faced UPR - Piedras. Kelly Kankel, junior, marketing, scored a career high 18 points against Piedras. With the 67-30 victory, UMSL improved to 1-1 in this opening weekend. November 21, UMSL takes on Lincoln University at home in their first game of the UMSL Classic. UMSL’s annual Women’s tournament held at the Mark Twain Health & Fitness Center.

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STAFF WRITER

The professors continued by explaining that lack of communication was one of the biggest issues in their classes. They need to know early in the semester what a particular student's issues will be. Numerous faculty members will talk to any given student about their specific needs during their office hours. However, they cannot give extra credit to just one person; they must give it to everyone.

There are mechanisms in place to track a student's performance. There is a report from Student Retention Services that is filled out on a student's academic progress. Then the student is sent an email alert that they are falling off track and need to contact Student Retention Services as soon as possible. There are counselors available to work with students if there are any problems with their progress. If a student is apprehensive about having one of these meetings, he or she probably should have it sooner rather than later.
Schaefer ran down Chamber Road into oncoming traffic, screaming for help, though no one responded. He tried to run to neighborhood homes for help, but no one responded. He then ran into a local Walgreens, running past the cashiers of the photo lab technicians called the police.

Schaefer said that he is "afraid to go back to the street protests," as a result of his vicious attack. While he plans to continue following the progress of Mike Brown's case, he cannot risk his safety by continuing to physically participate in the protests. He said that while he cannot say for sure if he was "set up," others have come forward saying that the attackers might have thought he was undercover, taking information back to cops, and that members of the group "Lost Voices" could have been responsible for the attack.

Schaefer said that once the verdict is released on whether or not Darren Wilson will be charged for the killing of Mike Brown, he hopes that all protests will remain peaceful, as they were intended to be. He acknowledges that while some protestors have made statements or actions to elicit a reaction from police officers, he never expected such a negative reaction to be directed towards him.

Follow Schaefer on Twitter at StudentStream1 and his Bambuser account of www.bambuser.com/channel/Student. Schaefer was billed $3,166 for the hospital bill and no one has offered to pay for the damages. To donate to Schaefer's medical bills use paypal to send money to the email cjkr46@mail.umlsl.edu or go to the GoFundMe account at gofundme.com/gx75w68.