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Honors College harboring vampires

County police investigation of mutilated geese led to shocking discovery; ProHo long suspected as site for nefarious doings, strange types

HAMMERED NUTJOB
OPINIONS LORD

County police reported some alleged animal mutilations and missing geese around the St. Louis University of Missouri campus on Thursday. Investigations led officers to Provincial House, where discovery of hidden dungeons underneath the Multipurpose Room and interrogation with holy water and crosses confirmed initial suspicions of vampire activity.

Erected in the 1600s as a safe house for vampires escaping early settlers and the Inquisition, the Piers Morgan Honors College was first called The Den. It was later claimed by the Church after the Louisiana Purchase, when the colony was murdered except for two siblings, Natalie Glenson and Roberto Ingles, who escaped and lived a nomadic life until teaching positions opened at the college. The two sought to build an army that would one day avenge the deaths of the first families that called The

Den home, an army of well-rounded, interdisciplinary and high-aptitude vampires that would usher in a new age for their race. Fortunately, time and the beautiful colony Glenson and Ingles created softened their hearts.

Recruited each spring from the crop of entering freshmen, initiates are then transformed in the dungeons and remain there until they can re-enter the human population. Since its establishment, the most zealous of the graduates have gone on to propagate the colony by traveling abroad and improve the lives of vampires everywhere by developing synthetic biochemical composites for blood. For convenience, these are routinely added to the water supply and food served by the dining hall. Rescued dungeon prisoners and Honors College students deny the harm of any animals or humans, citing said scientific advancements as sufficient for their dietary needs.

Dennis Garth testified after five liters of holy water and a few beers that all Honors College students, full- and part-time faculty, as well as office staff, are members of the colony.

Beatrice Nell and Marianne Friedmont are responsible for training the new initiates in the cultural traditions of the world, setting the foundation and backdrop for further study of the science and arts of vampirism. Charlie Hankerman and Ronny Wilson are partners in teaching the unique vampire aspects of history and urban dynamics crucial for successful integration and hunting — before the supplements were available — often cited as the first obstacles new initiates face. The increased energy, hunger and sensitivity is described by Nell as sometimes being very overwhelming, and the first-year instructors are well aware of the difficult process. After all, they are the ones that do the biting after successful admission

interviews. "It's only right we take responsibility for our kids," Friedmont said.

A thorough search of office files revealed course offerings quite different from those in the main campus catalog. "Against the Light: Living on the Dark Side," offered in the Spring, is taught by Garth. "Vampirism through the Ages: Blood of the World," a year-long sequence offered every semester, is taught by Nell and Friedmont. "The Art of Hunting in City Bars," offered every semester (must be 21 to sign up), is taught by Garth, Nell and Wilson. (This course is now more aptly referred to by students as "Finding the Vamp across the Bar: The One for You.") "Running for Office as a Vampire: Hiding Your Fangs and Bloody Past," offered every Fall, is taught by Hankerman and Ingles. "The Gore of Life: Writing the Vampire Experience" and "The Compendium: Preserving

Vampire Arts" are offered every Fall by Friedmont.

Officers fled the scene after eight hours of searching and interrogation as students, sensing danger for their colony, flocked home from spring break to rescue their kin. Unfortunately, the officers had already released 50 bloodthirsty, untrained high school students from the dungeons. Area residents are advised not to invite anyone except family into their homes until Honors College faculty complete their search. The National Guard and county police declined to participate in this search. It is expected that there will be a quick turnover of 100 to 200 vamps in the tri-state area, possibly more.

"The more the merrier," Ingles said, chuckling. "The brains of the Honors College will rule the world in the next decade. They have the fangs to do it, anyway."

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What's Not Current

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Monday Nooner Series: Piracy on the High Seas in the Internet Age

Charlie Tuna, computer security researcher, discusses the history of pirates and how they can transition to the Internet, 12:15 -1:15 p.m. in 402 J. C. Pennycandy Conference Center. Tuna currently works at Twitter rival Starkkissed as security engineer, having previously worked at the National Pirates on the High Seas Agency. For information, contact Karen Lookout at 555-555-5555.

Extinguished Speaker Series: Hannibal Lecter

Hannibal Lecter, president/CEO of Cannibalism Today, speaks on "Public-Private Partnership's Maximum Value for Human Consumption," 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. in Millionbucks Student Center's Last Century Rooms. The purpose of the Extinguished Speaker Series is to feature a leader of notable achievement to talk about topics pertinent to whatever we want. For information, contact Maybe Home at 555-555-5555.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

2013 UMSL Women Vampire Award Ceremony

SLUM's 8th annual Women Vampire Award Ceremony takes place at 2 p.m. in the MSC Last Century Rooms A and B. This year's theme is "Vampires Inspiring Innovation through Bloodsucking: Celebrating Vampires in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics." Guest Speaker: Dr. Penny Wolfbane, founder and executive director of Vampires Now. For information, contact Keening Falcon at 555-555-5555.

Movie: 'Dead Man Walking Again'

Inspired by the true story of a zombie and her relationship with a condemned man, this provocative examination of crime, punishment and redemption stars Susan Saranwrap and Sean Penned and is directed by Tim Robinhood. The screening, 7 - 10 p.m. in MSC Piloting House, is part of Zombie Awareness Week. Sponsored by the SLUM Student Zombie Association, with the collaboration of the Department of Undead, who will lead a Q&A after the film. For information, contact Rachenelli Pizza at 555-555-5555.

University Jazzed Ensemble concert

The SLUM Jazzed Ensemble, under the influence of too much coffee, presents a night of great jazzed-up playing, including Jitterbug Rock, Coffee and Man I Have The Shakes, 7:30 p.m. in the Bootheel Performing Arts Center's Anyday-Now Performance Hall. For information, contact Bootheel Ticket Office at 555-555-5555.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

UPP Life-Sized Zombies Vs Werewolves

UPB offers a chance to play the classic board game Zombie Vs Werewolves, developed on campus at the Honors College. Figure out who

Campus Crimewave

THEFT - WEST DRIVE GARAGE

April 1 - Report # 999-001.

An UMSL student reported the theft of their parking permit from their parked vehicle. Disposition: Report taken.

THEFT - EAST DRIVE GARAGE

April 1 - Report # 999-002.

An UMSL student reported the theft of their parking permit from their parked vehicle. Disposition: Report taken.

THEFT - BENTON GARAGE

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An UMSL student reported the theft of their parking permit from their parked vehicle. What? Again? Disposition: Report taken.

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April 1 - Report # 999-004.

An UMSL student reported the theft of their parking permit from their parked vehicle. What is going on here? Disposition: Report taken.

THEFT - NORTH DRIVE GARAGE

April 1 - Report # 999-005.

An UMSL student reported the theft of their parking permit from their parked vehicle. What are they doing with all these parking permits? Disposition: Report taken.

THEFT - CENTRAL DRIVE GARAGE

April 1 - Report # 999-006.

An UMSL student reported the theft of their parking permit from their parked vehicle. Stop already! What is this stuff? Disposition: Report taken.

got murdered and how they did it, noon - 3 p.m. on third Floor of MSC. For more information, contact Ronald McDonald or other UPP member at 555-555-5555.

'Neither Here Nor There - It's All Greek To Me'

This lecture, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in MSC Last Century Room A, examines the varied ways in which confusing things can be described with the phrase "it's all Greek to me." For information, contact Bob Be at 555-555-5555.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Pie Day

SLUM Cooking Club celebrates Pie Day 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the MSC Patio. Contests include M&M Cookie Baking Contest and a Pie Eating Contest. Person who can recite the most recipes of different pies wins a legal tablet. Other prizes include a kindling and re-gift cards. Free T-shirts. For information, contact Jess Sayin at 555-555-5555.

Fatalist Film Series

Part III of the award-winning documentary, "Half the Sky: It's Just Not Enough" will be shown at 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Fatalism Studies offices, located in Lookup Hall Room 494. Free popcorn; BYO soda. For information, contact Sally Seesaw at 555-555-5555.

Jubilent Lecture Series: The Rise and Fall of Zombie Invasions

Department of Anthropology, Zombiology, and Languages presents an evening of archaeological lectures titled "The Rise and Fall of Zombie Invasions" 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in J.C. Pennycandy Room 202. Dr. Michael Cosmology, Hellovit Foundation Chair of Zombie Studies and professor of archaeology, will present "The Emergence of Zombie States." Dr. Michael Ohno, assistant professor of anthropology, will present "After the Fall: Life After The Zombie Apocalypse." For information, contact Better Lielow at 555-555-5555.

'Ten By Four' theatrical performance

In celebration of Missouri's own timber industry, the Department of Theatre, Dance and Media Studies will present selected scenes from lumberjacks' memoirs, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Bootheel PAC's Leeward Theater. For information, contact Bootheel Ticket Office at 555-555-5555.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

The Civil War and Geese

John W. Honker IV, the great grandson of a Civil War goose, will talk about the importance of geese during the Civil War, 2 p.m. in the St. Louis Mercenary Library, in the T.B. Library lower level. For information, contact Valentina Curtsy at 555-555-5555.

Nosh palm trees stage Spring Break escape

Lola Trenchez
Peon for the Stagnant

Palm trees were busted trying to escape the Millionbucks Student Center on Tuesday afternoon. Found near the site was a bus promising "One way to California."

Allegedly, the first floor palm trees held a meeting this past Sunday, resulting in the decision to finally leave St. Louis for good. With the support of the third floor palm trees and it being Spring Break, they were all set to go. There had been much conversation over the past week over whether the palm trees were happy even being in the Midwest; they had to consider

whether they were happy at all due to the weather. The palm trees were always upset with the bipolar St. Louis weather and were finally ready to say adios to the 42-degree cold and head somewhere where they would be comfortable. Seeing all the snow suddenly appear Sunday finally drove them over the edge. They knew they could not do this anymore.

"It's cold. I'm losing my color and my leaves are wilting because of this damn heat in here," Pink Bow Palm tree said to a fellow tree.

Getting caught left the palm trees so angry that some of their

leaves started to fall off. Talk about stress! The palm trees could be overheard expressing their frustrations with comments like "What are we here for?" and "Is it really spring? No way it's spring."

"These people here are noisy and are constantly coming in and out of the building and bringing that cold air with them. Damn them!"

"Damn them all!" a palm tree said in the Nosh on Tuesday after their escape was halted. Since the plan has been exposed, the palm trees might be stuck here after all.

Poor bastards.



Trees gone wild.

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New campus rec center worth the price of a soul

Broomhilda Wolfsbane Resident War Monger

St. Louis University of Missouri's new recreation center is said to be nearing completion. The Rec Center, which 13 students and one janitor voted in favor of building, is rumored to contain features to suit the needs of a modern student body.

"It's truly everything our students could ask for," SLUM Chancellor King George said while perched luxuriously atop the pile of money collected from the new student fees.

The recreation center will be paid for by charging students an additional \$1.5 million a credit hour. In addition to the added fee, the university will also be continuously collecting any first-born children of all enrolled students.

"Who cares? Swimming pool!" one student was reported to have said after voting, munching on either cardboard or Fauxdexo pizza and pressing his bloodied

thumb to the contract held out by university officials.

"I get a coupon for a free latte for this!" another bright-eyed student said before rushing away to email a Nigerian prince about a lucrative business deal.

When asked how it felt to have her soul sold away by a group of short-sighted freshmen who want a Jacuzzi, Niki Smith, senior, hyperbole, simply spit on the ground in disgust.

The new Rec Center is rumored to include a shooting range with a variety of assault weapons and zombie-like targets to practice. According to sources, the range is intended to help students prepare for what is surely an inevitable zombie apocalypse.

"Can other schools prepare you for the end of days? Can they?" one university official said while feverishly placing an order for 500 state-of-the-art

crossbows.

Other features include new official SLUM party grounds, a giant room where every Lil' Jon song every recorded will play on repeat and an endless supply of Pabst Blue Ribbon will be made available.

The party grounds are intended to act as a place where refugees of the University Park Apartments-run Party X can congregate to indulge in the vices that have already ruined their lives thus far and take regrettable photos of themselves to post on Facebook.

Also included in the new recreation center will be the Crying Room, where all seniors with impractical majors can cry together about their impending mountains of debt and useless degrees.

Students will also be able to work out their feelings by participation in an underground fight club (must be majoring in

either English, philosophy or Latin to apply). At present time, the club meets to spar in the unused writing labs and will be glad of a space of their own where they can meet and share their pain.

For athletes who don't want to use the already-perfectly-fine resources of the Samuel Clemens Building, there will be plenty of fitness machines, including five treadmills, a juice bar, an Olympic-sized swimming pool reserved for vicious games of Marco-Polo and a unique triangle-shaped track.

"I'm not a runner, but if I did run, I'd want to run in a triangle!" Holly Hipsterson, junior, performance art, adding that circles are boring and "for people who go to community college."

"What's a juice bar?" said Larry Jones, freshman, nursing, who adds that he had no idea about any voting and must have missed the two-hour window students were given between 1:17 and

3:17 a.m. on Saturday morning to vote on whether or not they wanted to sell their souls.

"Are they like regular bars, only with juice? I don't like juice. Can we just have a regular bar? Is it too late to vote for that?" Jones said.

A Quidditch field was ultimately down-voted, with the majority of voters claiming that such an addition would be "impractical for a school of muggles and squibs" and that "Harry Potter" is so 2005.

"The students are going to love the new Rec Center. I'm sure of it," a university official said. "It's way better than anything Mizzew could ever hope to offer."

The Rec Center is slated to open in January 2030, when any interested student may enter, provided they have their first-born in tow.

Parking issues heat up, spark riots at SLUM

Polemic Pantomine
Peon for the Stagnant

During peak parking hours on April 1, at around 10:50 a.m., terrorists destroyed both of the campus parking garages east of the Millionbucks Student Center. Budget cuts had previously undermined maintenance of the structures, and the terrorists left their bombs at home, opting instead to don steel-toed boots and kick the structures down. In less than five minutes, their evil work was accomplished. Luckily, no students were present, and none of their vehicles were damaged. Later, the license plates of several stolen and abandoned cars were recovered from the rubble. No one has claimed responsibility, and no charges have been filed.

"I've done been a student here for eight years, and I ain't never had no free parking. They took

our jobs!" Barry Dingle, super duper senior, Latin and frisbee studies, said.

The crisis has taken an international turn recently. Riots continued today across the globe as millions protested the recent decision by SLUM to allow free parking in the fall, which sparked the attack on the parking garages.

In response to the SLUM parking war crisis, the Obamarama administration, at the urging of Congress, took a move out of the playbook of previous president Curious George W., declaring war on Iraq and several other countries not related to the conflict.

"Herp! Freedom! Derp!" a Pentagon official cried as an air attack was ordered.

Unfortunately, recent spending cuts to defense resulted in all cruise missiles missing their targets by a small margin of

4,567 miles, instead destroying all the remaining parking garages and lots at SLUM save one, the highly popular Benton Hall parking lot.

Conflict within that lot, or Thunderdome as students affectionately call it, soared. The murder rate reached 50 percent as students engaged in one-on-one battles to the death, with on-lookers crying "two men enter, one man leaves!"

Miatas and other lawnmower-sized vehicles, criticized for only needing 20 percent of the parking space of a real car but consuming an entire spot, have been ending up in garbage cans around the campus.

In response to the restriction in parking supply, investors at the New York Stock Exchange were bullish Friday on black market parking passes. Futures on these lucrative investments soared, and hedge funds have taken notice.

Meanwhile, activists with The 99 Percent, a group representing the 99 percent of students who don't find parking each day — "sore losers," as King George calls them — hung a sign on the entrance to the Benton parking lot that read "abandon all hope, ye who enter here."

United Nations Secretary General Bandid Key Moonshot convened a special session last week to address the growing parking crisis.

"Look, we all know parking at SLUM sucks unwashed, crab-infested cock. I don't know how you grant free parking when you don't have enough spots under a pay system, but people are dying, dammit!" Moonshot said.

Coalition forces, led by major General McKauley Caulkin, had most of the Student Governmental Agency surrounded Friday. The treasonous worms have holed

up in their bunker beneath a mountain of bullshit. Caulkin expects a protracted siege.

"They have ample reserves of potato chips, sour cream dip and 'Call of Duty.' This might take a while," Caulkin said.

Despite all the dangers, students at SLUM continued flocking to the endless limbo within SLUM's only remaining lot. Parking roulette, as it is called, has never been more popular.

"When you've got 10 minutes to get to an exam, you've got to take a chance on Benton. There's nowhere else to park. I think I can speak for the 99 percent when I say I'm not going to get up 10 minutes earlier just to park elsewhere and walk to class. My advice: bring plenty of money for bribes, and maybe carpool," says Betty Bangzya, senior, undecided.

Alien spotted on campus

"Aliens in here abducting everybody — ain't nobody got time for that"

Any Gusher
Features Maven

Are you stocking up on canned goods in your basement in fear of the zombie apocalypse? Perhaps there are greater threats in the universe that you should be aware of. Chilling news has hit the St. Louis University of Missouri campus. An extraterrestrial has been spotted by a member of one of the fraternity houses.

"I saw it. I saw it with my own two eyes," Juan Syke, the person who allegedly saw the extraterrestrial, said. Syke declines having any affiliation with the mysterious being. He also remarked that he was not under the influence of any drugs or controlled substances. Syke said that the alien had gold skin and some strange red symbols drawn on his body.

In an attempt to communicate, the alien shouted some obscure exclamations, supposedly in a different language, and then fell in front of the house. "It was crazy. He had a strange bottle with unknown stuff in it in his hand. Hey, all you people, keep your eyes open. Don't trust nobody. Aliens in here abducting everybody — ain't nobody got

time for that," Syke said. The campus police have declined to comment on this incident at this time. Our sources approximate that they will not comment in the future.

Be aware that aliens might use some strange sounds in order to put you in a trance and move you against your will. Side effects to this trance include involuntary dance movements and the deception of looking good, warned Iau Hades, professor of history of Pluto and Greek mythology.

Another theory has been proposed by the organization Students Against Vulnerable Extraterrestrials. According to SAVE, the Millionbucks Student Center is designed by the specially-trained alien spaceship crafters and bears all of the crucial qualities of an authentic spaceship.

SAVE spokesperson Annie Ones said that she believes that it was a part of a greater conspiracy all along. She thinks that the MSC has reliable aerodynamics and fuel efficiency. "It is never safe to be in there. It could launch any minute," Sirius Matters, UMSL professor of alien sign language, said. Matters also suggested that students wear

hats made out of aluminum foil to protect their thoughts and minds from invaders.

"Students can also take an advantage of this gadget during their exams. You can never be too careful in protecting your identity and test answers," Fry Juevos, professor of extraterrestrial communication and business, said. Juevos is currently working in affiliation with Matters. "We hope to achieve absolute security, but it is a difficult task. We strive to make our hats fashionable so the students are not abashed to wear them. We plan to put our new models in production in the near future. [The models] feature tags and stickers from the most expensive brands, so students can start a new and unique trend," Matters said.

Aside from alien invasion theories, how else would you explain the strange circles on the grass in front of the MSC and mysterious noises on the sixth floor of Oak Hall? Skeptics can argue that trails in the grass are made by some extreme bicyclists and that there are people that move furniture at night occasionally in Oak Hall. However, these mysteries shall remain enigmatic.



SLUM smoker caught in round-up. POLEMIC PANTOMINE/THE STAGNANT

SLUM gets serious on stopping smoking

Polemic Pantomine
Peon for The Stagnant

One year, eight months and 28 days have passed since the enactment of the St. Louis University of Missouri campus-wide ban on smoking on campus. The highly esoteric ban has some students puzzled.

"Whoa, man, I didn't know we had a ban, man," one smoker said, taking a big rip off what is known as a "cigarette" by the addicted.

SLUM smokers can be seen flagrantly flaunt the law, smoking in large groups and whining about their rights.

"Companies pump out toxins by the megaton. Shouldn't we care about that instead of a little cigarette outside?" one smoker, who refused to give his name, said. "Why not have designated smoking areas away from doors and main walkways?"

The consensus is, of course, that these people are woefully mistaken.

"What they don't realize is that according to the latest science, smokers — or assholes, as everyone likes to call them — don't have rights/souls/voices. They don't feel pain, and they aren't like other people," Joe Blow, junior, health sciences, said. In some circles at SLUM, rumors are even circulating that they are not human at all.

Despite the obvious problems with allowing smokers to roam free in our society, SLUM forgot to include any kind of enforcement measures in their original ban. "We just kind of thought, you know, people would obey the rules and give at least a quarter of a shit about the health of others," one SLUM official said.

Realizing this, Deputy Chancellor Dennis Downer and the SLUM Faculty Club have been quick to act now that one year, eight months and 28 days have passed. That is a nanosecond in geologic time.

Always a moderate, our dear Deputy, on a recent trip to the banks of Singapore, made a quick

pit stop in the Democratic People's Republic of Koreanna. There he met with his old college pal Kim Kong Ku and worked out an amicable deal that all students will approve of. Downer left the dear leader's palace with a full belly and a smile.

"I don't hate them," Downer said. "Hating would imply I care."

Downer then met with Darth Poonrod to discuss the implementation of their secret plan to rid SLUM of the despised smokers.

"We're getting the drug-addled nicotine freaks the help they need: transport to a first class treatment facility where they can get help, fear me!" Poonrod said.

Yesterday, the Faculty Club lured the smokers into the Bootheel Theater with promises of a "reasonable debate about smoking on the SLUM campus, fair and balanced-like" and offers of "free cigarettes, your favorite brand."

Once there, what was referred to as "happy gas" was pumped in through the vents. A witness who escaped claimed he heard Poonrod say, "MAUHHHAHAHAHAHAHA UNLIMITED POOWER!" as the gas was pumped.

The writhing, discombobulated addicts were gathered up and transported to nice clean cells. From there, they will be shipped to the lovely DPRK.

"There may even be enough in the budget to hire a student to poke air holes in the boxes," one official said. There the smokers will spend their days working in the Pingpong water treatment facility. "According to my beautiful translator, Sum Ting Wong, the smokers will be well cared for during their stay. Even the air in the treatment facility has a cleaning effect on the lungs. Scours those lungs off clean!" Downer said, slapping his knee.

Smoking, of course, will not be permitted.

How well prepared are you for a disaster like alien abduction?

Here are a few useful tips from Matters that will help you survive the invasion:

1. Don't trust your neighbor. Look to your left. Now look to your right. One of those people is probably an undercover alien.
2. Don't panic. Act like an alien. Think like an alien.
3. In case of emergencies, proceed to the bridge. It will automatically detach from the building and evacuate all survivors to a safe underground shelter, a.k.a. the Pilot House.

MSC bridge traffic tackled

Polemic Pantomine
Peon for The Stagnant

Computer science majors call them a "few bits short." Chemistry majors title them, "super concentrated organic waste." Economists shrewdly observe that these, "utility minimizers," are wasting our time, and something must be done.

Everyone at St. Louis University of Missouri agrees that whatever the specific nomenclature used within departments, the willfully slow, or "epic toolbags," as they are more commonly known, represent a massive threat to "getting anything done" and are wreaking havoc with other peoples' time on the Millionbucks Student Center bridge.

"Contrary to popular belief, the narrowest, longest structure through which the vast majority of students, parents, visitors, faculty and staff must pass through is not the ideal place to 'kick it,'" Sodam Ohviousguy, senior, an exchange student in the new Honors Common Sense studies program at SLUM, said.

Indeed, students angry at having to park off campus cross the MSC bridge by the thousands each day. They are fed up after weeks of not finding parking and making the three-mile hike to class each day.

King George, our merciful overlord, implemented a suggestion box.

"Students deserve a place to voice their feelings on this important matter. Fear me!" he decreed.

The box was filled almost overnight with all matter of thoughtful and creative suggestions, "some with clever diagrams and illustrations," a SLUM official said. There was also "hate mail, death threats, razor blades, dirty needles and cyanide capsules from some of the more creative."

A meeting was held in the Student Governmental Agency chambers before King George. Complimentary cheese trays and delicious lemonade were served up by The Noose East Indies catering company as King George addressed a fervent, torch-wielding mob.

Representatives of the slow attempted to attend but did not arrive until well after the meeting concluded.

Many suggestions were voiced. "Kill them all!" Social Work Club representative Polly Pasefiszt, senior, social work, said.

"They ain't earned a death at my hands!" King George barked as the hall fell silent.

Less emotional students slowly won the day, bringing their raging peers into line. Suggestions ran the gamut from complimentary roller-skates on the MSC bridge, posted minimum speeds, the division of the



New traffic controls on MSC bridge. SMOOTH MAMMA/THE STAGNANT

bridge into lanes and airport-style moving walkways. One student even suggested a water slide.

King George dismissed these suggestions as being simultaneously too expensive, too nice, too ineffective and not funny enough.

Instead, King George pulled money from the parking lot fund (a piggy bank labeled "Hunnetts" that he keeps hidden inside his mattress). "Starting April 1, a traffic signal and hidden trap doors will be installed along the bridge," King George said, laughing maniacally. "Better bring a parachute."

The specifics of what will trigger these doors have not been released. Already traffic on the MSC bridge has fallen 99 percent, a testament to the effectiveness of the new measure.

SLUM Park Apartments believed to have been destroyed by Party X

Risky Booty Peon for The Stagnant

St. Louis University of Missouri archaeology department uncovered the location of what they are referring to as Party X on the evening of March 22. The ruins were uncovered in the now-open field of what used to be SLUM Park Apartments. Archaeologists are adamant that Party X may have led to the destruction of Park Apartments in the 2012 Spring semester.

"Based on the evidence we've unearthed," Quarry Jones, sophomore, archaeology, said, "Party X played a key role in the Park Apartments' overnight disappearance."

Many remember that until the Spring 2012, SLUM Park Apartments were a noteworthy residence choice for students over 21. With the cache of a Motel 6, students were able to feel the adventure of living on the wrong side of the tracks combined with the responsibility of being a lower-

class adult.

"Park Apartments were pretty much my second home," Dappled Davidson, senior, leisure studies, said. "Where else could a guy get a girl and a pizza in one delivery?"

This past week, torrential rains eroded the soft surface level of recently-laid grass, uncovering items such as red SOLO cups, cigarette butts and Mardi Gras beads. After authorities made the horrendous cigarette discovery (who would dare to smoke on SLUM's smoke-free campus?), archaeologists were called in to dig deeper into this mystery.

By day two, workers were uncovering the remains of soiled linens, misplaced seven-inch high heels and a Snookie Bump-it, leading them to make the proclamation that Jersey Shore may have made a guest appearance.

By day three, workers banded together to lift the charred carcass of a cow along with a trampoline

out of the dig site.

"We believe that the Bos Primigenius [cow] may have been put on the trampoline in an effort to make milkshakes," Burrow Brown, professor of experimental geometry, said. "As we have yet to uncover the remains of milkshakes, we believe the specimen we are now referring to as 'Anabella' was unable to shake out anything but milk."

By day four, a team of SLUM's finest was able to reconstruct an hourly timeline of what is believed to have caused the Park Apartments' demise.

Party X was believed to have started around 9 p.m. when the music was "cranked up."

At 11:08 p.m., 20 kegs are believed to have been dropped off by the liquor store Dirt Cheap, as a chicken costume was found among the wreckage, leading researchers to believe the alcohol was "cheap, cheap, fun, fun."

At 1:28 a.m., SLUM campus police responded to a call complaining of a noise disturbance and said that Flo Rida's single "Whistle" was stuck on repeat, to the annoyance of all involved. It is believed that while campus police were attempting to contain the chaos, their car was stolen, and they decided to enjoy the party until the car turned up again, as suggested by the multiple decomposing parking tickets on which people were cited for going "20 miles over awesome" and "having parked their 'illegal trunk' on stiff campus property."

At 3:56 a.m., fireworks are believed to have been set off within the facility. Records from Barnes-Jewish Hospital show that on the night of the party, numerous persons in various states of undress came in complaining of burns, leading archaeologists to assume that the fireworks were aimed at the ground and surrounding rooms

instead of the air. Barnes-Jewish records also helped archaeologists confirm that certain partygoers were dared to shoot fireworks from unmentionable places, as records show complaints of anal burns and firework remains were found covered in feces.

At 6:05 a.m., the Park Apartments are believed to have collapsed, as charred remains of the building's exterior were found at the lowest point of wreckage. Size 26 thongs and a male breast-feeding device suggest that the party was already on its last leg. The aforementioned fireworks are believed to have started a fire that spread through the 26-count sheets found in each bedroom.

"We're just happy that the disappearance of the UMSL Park Apartments is no longer a mystery," Brown said. "Future generations can rest easy knowing that the apartments went out in true Park fashion."

Kiss-and-tell: Georgie Porgie is the 'Kissing Bandit'

A. Pissedoff Writer Peon for The Stagnant

The St. Louis University of Missouri community is currently on the lookout for a suspicious person on the campus named Georgie Porgie, who is identified as the notorious "kissing bandit."

According to sources, Porgie is not enrolled at the university and typically smells of vomit. This is because he eats too much pudding and pie. He then tries to kiss women on campus, making them cry due to the stench on his breath (and also because that's attempted assault).

"A total of 73 women on the campus have complained of encounters with Porgie, who has an asphyxiating stench," Forest Van Ness, chief of the SLUM Police Department, said.

"Our perception of Porgie comes down to conjecture, but he appears to have a great aversion to male authority. He prefers the company of women; he runs away when any male in a position of authority questions him."

A number of students on campus who have seen Porgie's

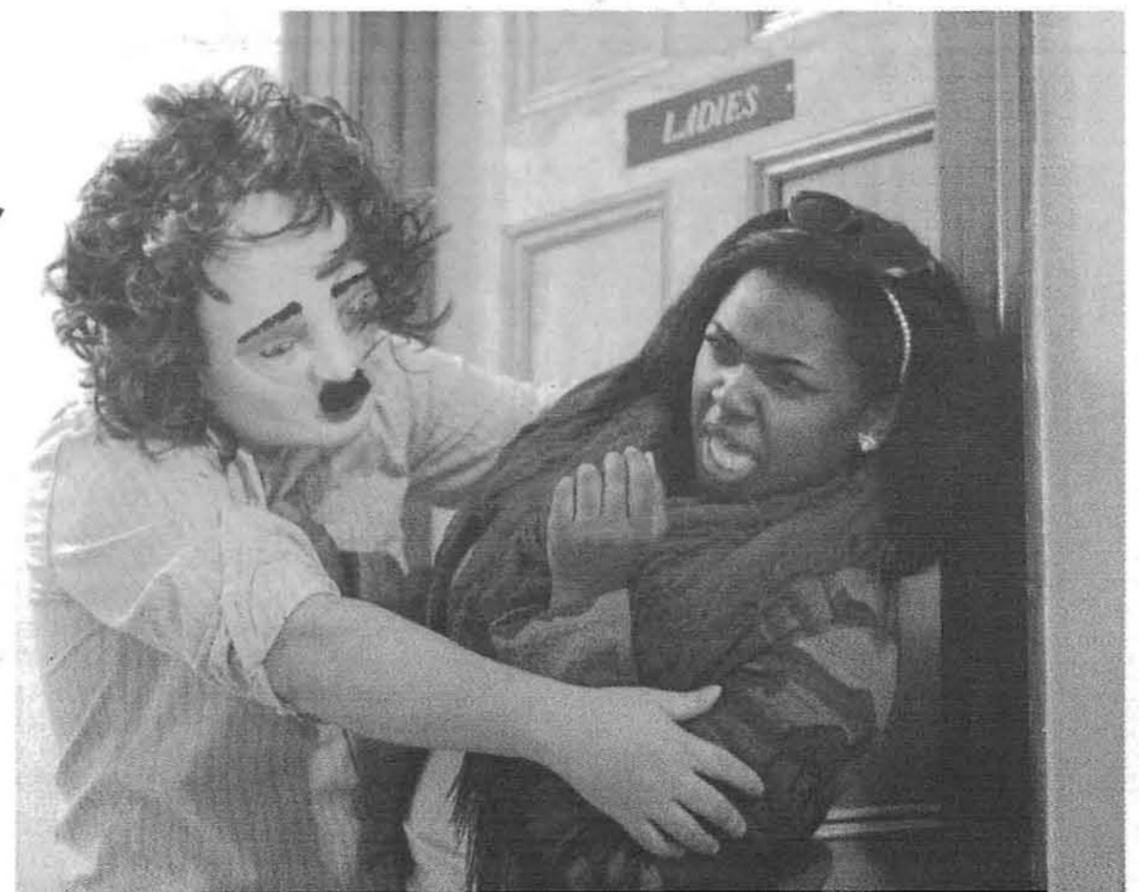
face say that he bears a vague resemblance to Edgar Allen Poe, if Edgar Allen Poe was a douche who went around trying to kiss people. One official from Alumni Relations suggests that Porgie is the son of an unidentified professor of sociology who fell victim to a science lab experiment gone wrong.

Some sources The Stagnant has contacted who hold a different impression of Porgie and believe that many accounts of "the Kissing Bandit" are a form of puffery.

"I think that campus accounts have inflated the truth about Mr. Porgie," SLUM Assistant Chancellor Dennis Downer said. "I have heard that Porgie is really quite cool, a real rascal and a lady killer. He reminds me of who I was back in the day."

One unidentified student who said she was a victim of Porgie describes him as a misogynist.

"He appears to be very hostile toward women in general. He is also really paranoid, acting like you are out to get him or he feels



Georgie Porgie caught in recent attack.

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like he is under attack for some reason," the source said.

"Why are you running away from me?" Porgie was quoted as saying by a number of sources. "Go ahead! Call the fuzz! You all just have something against my face, don't you? Does my mustache offend thee? Deal with it!" Porgie was heard ranting in front of the Millionbucks Student Center.

There is speculation that Porgie

is the spouse of a SLUM staffer who received a prescription medication that caused an adverse reaction in her husband. There is even a rumor that Porgie was a victim of a vengeful mother-in-law who caught her son-in-law in an adulterous affair with an unidentified SLUM professor.

One person from the Sciencey Department of Science who asked not to be identified has pleaded that Porgie be

apprehended. However, she implored the SLUM police to release him to her upon his being captured.

"I love Mr. Porgie! He is not really himself, and I have spent days and hours working on an elixir that will transform him back into the man I love," the staffer said.

"Please, bring the man that I love back to me," the woman said.



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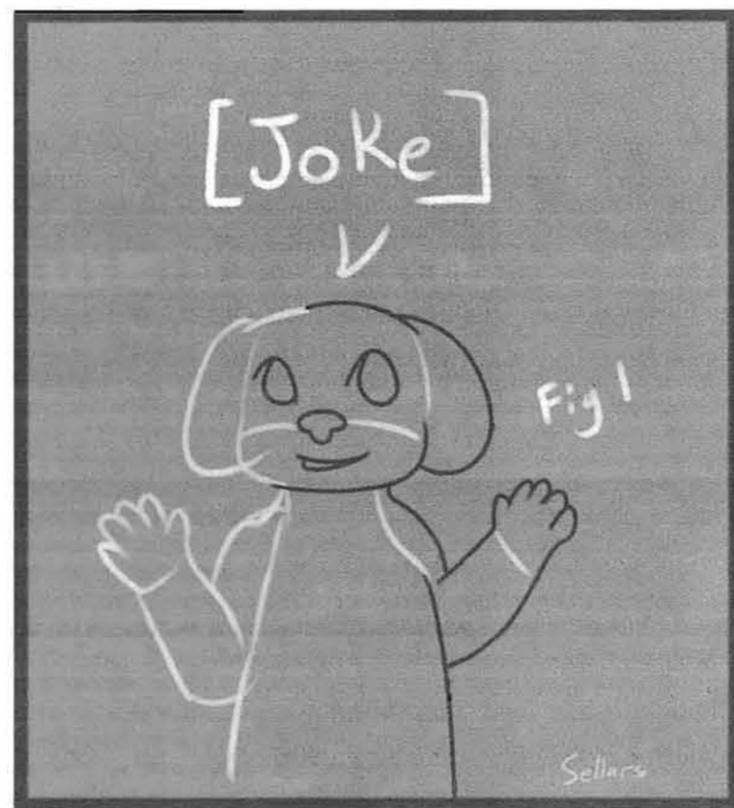
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Cryptogram

A Cryptogram is a simple substitution cipher puzzle in which each particular letter of the alphabet is replaced by a different letter consistently throughout the puzzle. That is; if "A" is replaced by "B", then "A" is replaced by "B" throughout the puzzle.

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— MARK TWAIN

ANSWER:

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

COLUMN *The Liquor Cabinet*

Major idea: Classes in drunken debauchery

HAMMERED NUTJOB OPINIONS LORD

I think it's about time we have a life major. I doubt anyone will stop to calculate the exact density of a solid iron crystal, contemplate the structural features of Tennyson's verse or study the rate of mitosis for diseased plant cells when they are in a mid-life crisis in 10 or 20 years. Just because you can't get a job with that piece of paper doesn't mean that you shouldn't be able to take out tens of thousands of dollars in loans to pursue it. People do it every day. The better question is, "Why not do it?" You'll die before you pay off the loans, anyway.

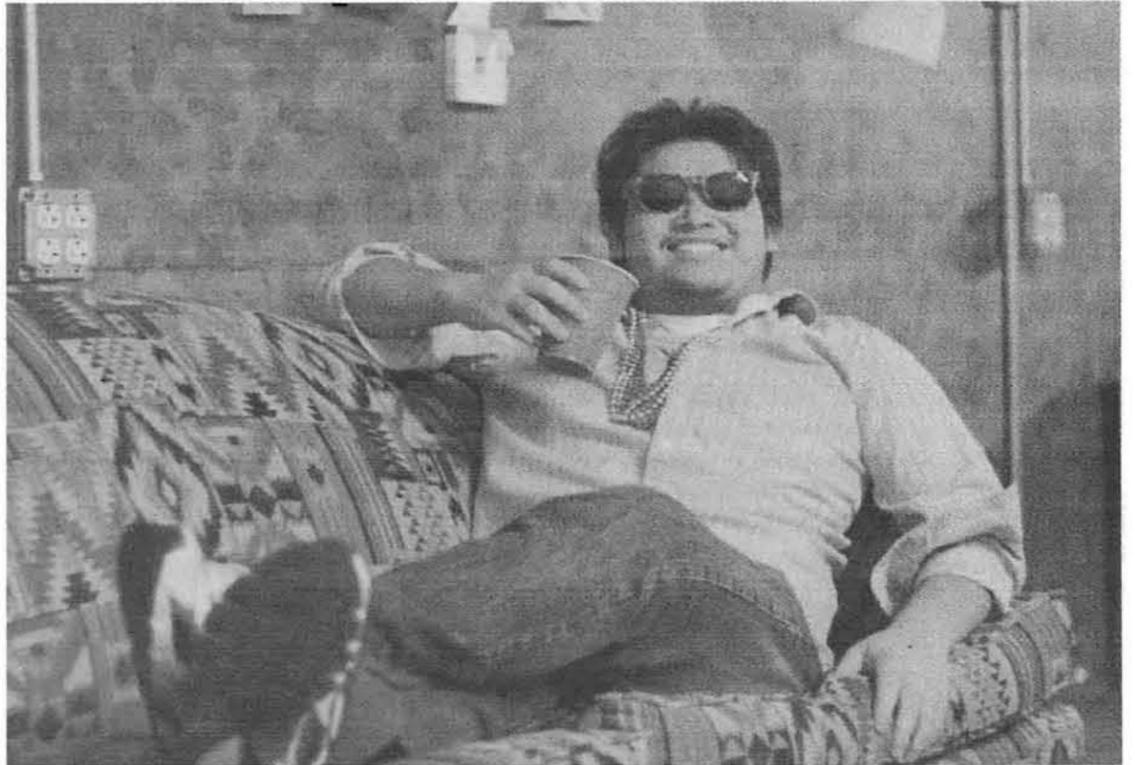
The life major would encompass all aspects of human life, such as getting drunk, having sex, having children, having marital affairs, getting over relationships and finding a new guy or girl. These courses would be of little cost to the university since they would mostly take place at local bars and restaurants with a few trips during spring break and summer vacation for "field experience." All programs would be pass/fail. There aren't any Bs or Ds in life; there shouldn't be in the life major. You either get what you want or you don't. Evaluations would be based on the quality of the sex — e.g. number of positions and extent of noise from a 10-foot radius — and the degree of inebriation — e.g. DUI, drunken phone calls to your ex or drunken sex you regret the morning after. Encounters with the law would be a plus, but not required.

What would the courses be like? They will include such subjects as "Getting over Your Bitch Ex-Girlfriend: Finding

the Next 2 a.m. Booty-Call," "Discovering Yourself: Knowing When to Escape to the Caribbean for an Affair and Keep It Secret," "My Husband's Sleeping with the Housemaid: Getting Rid of the Unwanted and Keeping the House," "Dealing with Children: A Course in Restraint," "The Morning After: Getting Past the Hangover" and "Alcohol Mathematics: How Many Drinks Until the DUI?" The capstone project, of course, would be to go out and get a fucking life. I don't literally endorse a life that revolves around coitus, obviously, but make sure that it's in good supply.

This major should be established for two very important reasons: it's extremely relevant to today's college graduates and it would increase enrollment. Most of the shit we need to learn for our jobs is taught or re-taught when we get there, anyway. If we need a piece of glorified paper that certifies we're not total dumbasses, it might as well be on something useful. If we're all armed with how to enjoy life to the fullest, life after college, when we're working in some job for the rest of our days, will be much more rewarding. It would increase productivity, since we wouldn't be thinking about pussy or penis because we're getting it regularly. High school seniors would flock to St. Louis University of Missouri when they realized that they could get a degree and avoid the pain and suffering of intellectual development.

It's a win-win for all of us. It's about time for a life major.



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SLUM hit by gambling scandal

Leonardo Da Vinci Sports Rat

St. Louis University of Missouri joined college sports' sordid past when Athletic Director Lauren Flowers was indicted by federal authorities on charges of running a sports book, allowing illegal poker games among athletic department employees on school grounds, fixing collegiate basketball games, shaving points, money laundering and bribery charges after a six-month investigation.

Lead investigator Al Capone said that Flowers was targeted by federal authorities for the string operation after receiving a tip from a known snitch, Elliot Ness, who alerted authorities to the illegal activities after his own arrest for gambling and associating with known mob contacts.

Capone said that the tip authorities received from Ness "resulted in Flowers's arrest. The investigation is ongoing and has also produced arrest warrants against members of the

mob. Personnel in the athletic department are also accused of a ticket scandal. Capone said the investigation began with Flowers' activities but soon expanded to the entire athletic department.

"We have betting sheets, we have number runners testimony and we have taken down threats who refused to cooperate with authorities," Capone said. "We placed operatives under cover who placed bets with Flowers using marked money. We also used waterboarding tactics on some suspects to get information on this case. We later learned that Flowers ran the operation with mob backing," Capone said.

Capone maintained that authorities originally had a hard time getting information from some suspects.

"We also blackmailed suspects with threats to their families to get certain suspects to cooperate with the authorities. And we also

threaten to frame suspects with unsolved cold cases," Capone said.

SLUM Chancellor King George was asked to comment about the charges against Flowers.

"We received information from authorities that the investigation against Flowers was being conducted after Capone called to inform us. I want the mobsters to understand that we are now going to run the operation underground," King George said.

Capone declared the SLUM gambling scandal among the worst in the history of college athletics.

"This is the worst recorded gambling scandal in college athletes," Capone said. None of the other gambling scandals in history combined running sport books, illegal poker games, fixing basketball games, players shaving points, bribery charges and money laundering for the mob.

"College basketball has a sordid



Gamblers caught playing poker in MSC.

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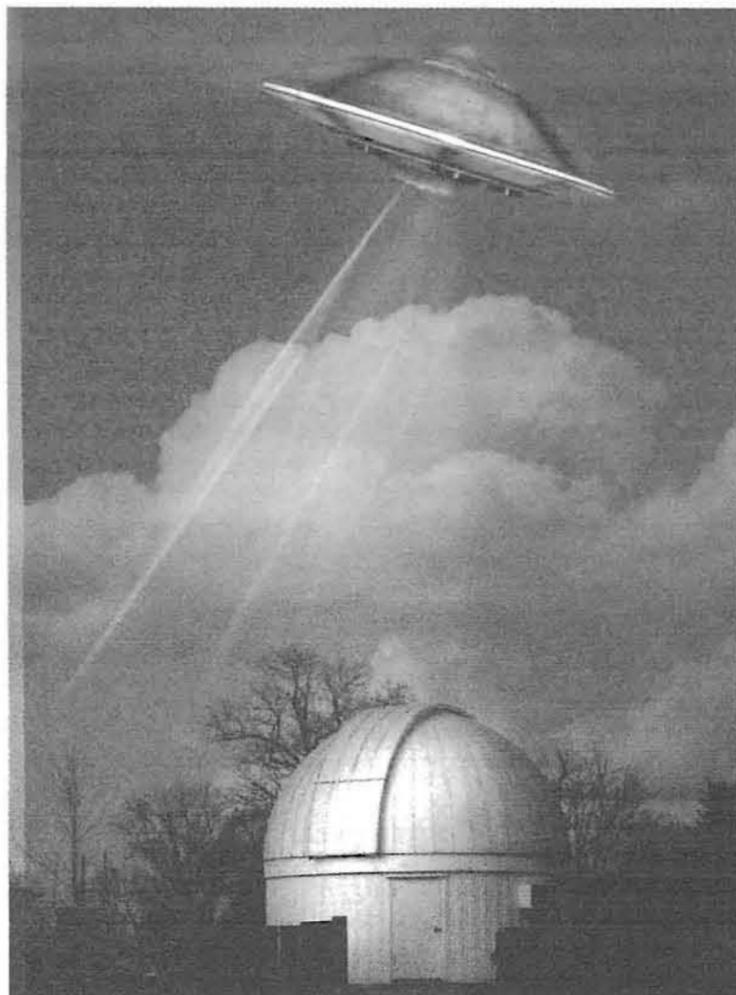
past with gambling that began when the district attorney in New York charged six schools along with the 1950 National Collegiate Athletic Champion and National Invitational Champion City College of New York and three others schools in the New York City area: New York University, Long Island University and Manhattan College. The scam then spread to Bradley University, the University of Kentucky and Toledo University. At least 33

players and the mob were involved."

King George said that he had one regret about the scandal at SLUM.

"I wondered about the traffic jams during when Flowers ran the illegal gambling on campus. And after Capone informed us about the illegal activities, I wondered about the odds she gave on bets, but I never had a chance to place a bet," King George said.

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UFO spotted at SLUM

Chief Muckymuck Big Chief for the Stagnant

Star-gazers who came to the St. Louis University of Missouri observatory for the Observatory Open House on Saturday were in for a big surprise when a UFO was spotted overhead.

A strange object was sighted overhead by a pair of visitors as they were approaching the observatory about 9 p.m.

"This certainly was not the sight I was expecting to see," Lora Luna, one of two people who spotted the unidentified flying object, said.

Richard Starstruck Observatory offers free viewing of the the moon and selected star clusters and galaxies through the university's telescopes. The event takes place in warmer months. Sponsored by the SLUM Department of Physics and Astronomy, the program is staffed by astronomy students are on hand to assist and answer questions.

Saturday's sighting raised questions they were not able to

answer.

Luna was able to snap a picture of the object with her cell phone before it flew off.

At the same time inside the observatory, a visitor who was using the telescope noticed that their view was suddenly obscured by a large object and reported the problem to SLUM student Matt Meteor, graduate, astronomy, who was assisting with the telescope.

Shouts outside brought the 10 people inside the observatory outside. No one else saw the UFO but Luna said it flew off in the direction of the Millionbucks Student Center.

"I didn't know what to say," Meteor said.

As far as anyone has been able to determine, it is the first time a UFO has attended the SLUM Observatory Open House. However, the event is free and open to all, including space aliens, and the observatory has had visitors who have come

some distance to look through the big telescope.

"If the flying saucer had landed, we would have been glad to have them visit, as long as they left any phasers or space weapons outside, of course," Meteor said. "There was plenty of room in our parking lot for their space vehicle. It could have sparked some interesting discussions — assuming we could communicate."

A new student organization, Students Against Vulnerable Extraterrestrials, showed up shortly after visitors started texting and sending Tweets about the sighting.

"We just wanted to be sure no space aliens were harmed during the encounter," Stacy Spacey, freshman, astronomy and social work, a member of SAVE, said.

"This was so cool! I'm definitely coming back," 12-year-old Sam Starry, who was visiting the Open House with his parents Steve and Sharon, said.

Mime St. Louis event to feature Sarah Pailend

Chief Muckymuck Big Chief for the Stagnant

The arts organization Mime St. Louis has announced that their new season will debut with a performance by Sarah Pailend at the Bootheel Performing Arts Center.

"While Sarah Pailend does speak, she doesn't really say anything," Mimsy Motherboard, executive director of MSL, said while discussing the choice of the political figure to open their 2013-2014 season.

Better known as a politician, the lipstick toting hockey mom Pailend

is a controversial choice for a mime program, one sure to stir debate in mime circles.

"We think she is an emerging talent, who can blend the best concepts of mime with performance art," Motherboard said.

Like Dance St. Louis and Jazz St. Louis, Mime St. Louis is an arts-presenting organization dedicated to bringing the finest in its art form, mime, to the St. Louis area. The arts organization is fairly new, and is having some difficulty attracting a sizable audience.

"We are even offering a special price for our invisible box seats," Motherboard said. "You will be shown to your seat by a mime usher, who will outline where the seat would be."

Motherboard explained that MSL was approached by a fan of mime who is also a major arts donor, Rus Sinkhole, who felt that a fresh approach might attract new fans to the art form.

"He knew Pailend was looking for a new gig since Fox News let her go, and while she was still in demand at conservative conventions, she was looking to expand her horizons.

Sinkhole spoke with her and then approached us with the idea. We were intrigued by the concept," Motherboard said.

Sarah Pailend has been working with Marcel Marceau student Charlie Chaphand to learn something of the techniques of mime.

"After I saw her take a swig out of that Big Gulp at the Conservative Politicians Act Convention, I knew she had the potential for mime," Chaphand said.

Mime has struggled to find popular acceptance since its last heyday in the 1970s and 1980s,

Motherboard noted. "Once you saw imitators of Marceau walking against the wind or being trapped in a box on nearly every street corner," she said wistfully. "Then came the backlash, when people recoiled or even mocked everyone in white-face, wearing a black and white stripped shirt with a flower in their hatband." With efforts to bring back the art form to city streets lagging, mime aficionados formed MSL.

"It is hard to get the word out about this worthy organization when you are not using words to communicate. But that's mime," Motherboard said.