

## Laverne Cox: Breaking away from bullying

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On October 21, 2014, Laverne Cox, best known for her performance as Sophia Burset on the Netflix television series "Orange is the New Black," came to UMSL to speak about her journey to womanhood.

Cox was born in Mobile, Alabama, seven minutes before her twin brother, to a single mother working as an educator. Her mother stressed the importance of an education to her children from the very beginning. She began the sold out "Ain't I a Woman" talk by discussing her childhood and the obstacles that she grew to overcome in her journey to womanhood.

"I stand before you today, a proud African American transgender woman." Despite standing ovations and exuding a glowing, radiant confidence, her journey was not simple and her identity was not so easily constructed or claimed. In fact, Cox recounted several times in her life in which she felt misunderstood and mislabeled. She alluded to homophobic slurs such as "sissy" and the "f word" being hurled at her at an early age because she "acted like a girl". Cox stated that 78 percent of transgender students in the K-12 system experience some form of harassment.

Ain't I a woman? Am I born a woman, or is it created? These ideals stem from Cox's extensive background in

feminist theory. Cox is a graduate of the Alabama School of Fine Arts where she focused on dance. While in college, Cox studied the works of notable feminist writers such as Judith Butler, author of "Gender Trouble", as well as "The Second Sex" author Simone de Beauvoir. Cox says that it was through these feminist readings that she began to learn how the concepts of sex and its gendered expression are socially constructed. De Beauvoir says, "One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman."

Cox continued by explaining that the sexual-orientation, gender-identity binary is conflated due to the fact that the reality of gendered expression will always conflict with its expectation. This contradiction is the very root of the "gender policing" that Cox believes prevents many of us from being honest about who we are and accepting those around us.

She discussed a time in which she explained to her mother how the bullying she experienced from her classmates was causing a negative effect, only to hear her mother ask, "What are you doing to make them treat you that way?" She said that she started to believe that she was responsible for this negative treatment and that something must have been wrong with her to deserve such harassment. As a result of her own internal-

ized shame, she encouraged others to develop a positive "self-talk" so that others will learn how to be proud of their authentic selves. Cox believes that society could put an end to bullying by creating gender self-determination spaces.

Cox then held a question and answer session with several members of the audience, including one lucky person that managed to take a very coveted selfie with the Emmy-nominated actress. Many students expressed how grateful they were for Ms. Laverne Cox agreeing to come and speak at UMSL.



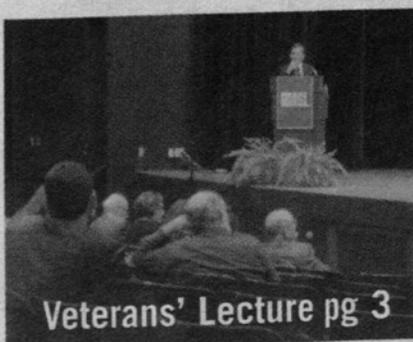
Speaking at 'Ain't I a Wmoan: My Journey to Womanhood' EMILY LEWIS/THE CURRENT

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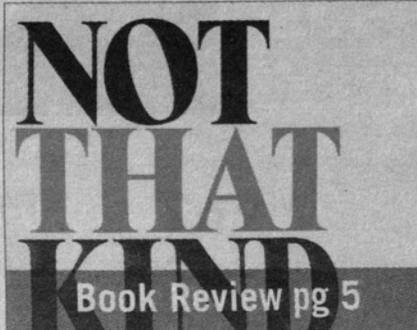
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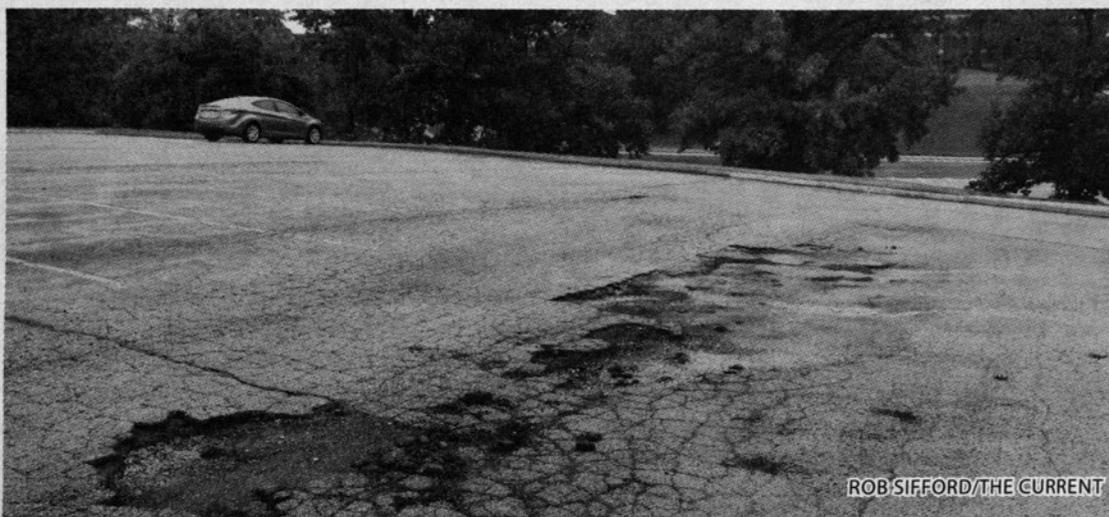
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Parking lot upkeep concerns students

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Parking lots 'K' and 'I' on North Campus are deteriorating

Grounds Maintenance tends to potholes as quickly as possible once they are notified of the issue. In regards to a possible timetable for fixing all potholes, Dalton said that Grounds Maintenance is working immediately to make the parking lots and roadways safe, but at this time there is no timetable for when they will be completed.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis' pothole-ridden parking lots are slated for repair and repaving soon, but must contend for priority with winter storm cleanup and a backlog of building maintenance and repair. The parking lot for the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center and Lot I are particularly strewn with potholes.

UMSL's Grounds Supervisor Norm Dalton said that it is Ground Maintenance's responsibility to, "fix minor potholes in all roadways." He stated that

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Campus Crime Report

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CRIME REPORTER

On October 17, The University of Missouri—St. Louis Police had to assist Normandy Police at Mansion Hill Apartments. An individual armed with a weapon was arrested

and taken to the hospital for evaluation. On October 20, a car was hit in the West Drive Garage near the library. No one was injured. On October 21, a student's backpack was stolen in

the Thomas Jefferson Library. There was also a car accident in the South Campus Garage with two vehicles. No one was reported injured. On October 22, a bullet was discovered in Clark

Hall. It was turned in by an UMSL staff member. The same day, there was another hit and run in the West Drive Garage. No one was injured.

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THE UNDERCURRENT By Ashlee Carlstrom

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DRESS AS FOR HALLOWEEN?



NICK STEAD,
Junior, Theater
"A big black cloak that covers my whole body, paint my face white with black eye makeup."



MEG CLOUD,
Senior, Psychology
"A superhero. Probably Storm from X-Men."



MARCUS LEACH,
Freshman, Pre-Engineering
"I'm going to dress up as Steve Urkel."

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NEWS

The common military disconnect discussed at JC Penny

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STAFF WRITER

On October 21, a discussion entitled "Assessing the Impact of Our All-Volunteer Military: Finding Connections with Our Service Members and Veterans" took place at the J.C. Penney Conference Center between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The event was part of the Helen & Will Carpenter Series on Contemporary Issues in American Society for the fall of 2014 and is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. The event was also cosponsored by the student-staffed Veteran Center and the Department of Military and Veteran Studies at University of Missouri — St. Louis. Several tables of refreshments were set up for the approximately 100 people in attendance before the event.

The lecture featured a panel that was led by keynote speaker Dr. J. Michael Haynie, executive director at the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University. The panelists were Dr. Timothy Lomperis, a professor of political science at St. Louis University, Timothy Welter of the American Enterprise Institute and former congressional staff member on the Veteran Affairs Committee, and Commander Brent J. Embry, regional director of Warrior and Family Support Office. The panel responded to questions from both a moderator and the audience.

Ron Yasbin, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,

opened with an overview of the dilemma facing military veterans returning to college. "Three years ago, the undergraduate student council in the College of Arts & Sciences ganged up on me. One half of the undergraduates in the CAS council that semester were veterans. After the pleasantries of how CAS can help them, they gave me a lesson on ping-ponging. The rules of the Veteran's Administration were incongruent with the rules of the college campus," Yasbin said.

"Veterans could not enroll at UMSL until they got their VA vouchers, and they could not get their VA vouchers without registering," Yasbin said.

Yasbin introduced the moderator for the event, Lieutenant Colonel James Craig, associate teaching professor of Military and Veteran Studies at UMSL. "The decision to go to an all-volunteer military produced an American society in general that has become disconnected from its service members. For now, military service has become what somebody else does. The byproduct of the government's change in policy over the years has created a separation of military veterans and society," Craig said. Haynie gave a rather riveting account of an encounter he had with a couple of passengers on a plane. One of the passengers was a woman with whom he had a discussion regarding the issues that veter-



Craig giving an award to Haynie for participating in the discussion

ans face in transitioning from the military. Haynie shared some of her issues, such as difficulty finding employment. He told her that more veterans lose their lives by suicide than on the battlefield. According to Haynie, the woman said to him that "None of this can be true! America supports our veterans."

"I almost thought I had gone too far with her, until a young man on the right side of me tapped me on the shoulder, looked me in the eye and

thanked me. He was a former Marine who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He told me that he lasted only two months in college after his stint in the Marines because he did not fit in," Haynie said.

"On that plane, I understood the insidious nature of how a small minority of military personnel are asked to shoulder the burden for the majority. When we send somebody to fight and kill our enemies on our behalf, we are making a

moral choice that comes with moral obligations. These are at odds with an all-volunteer military force," Haynie said.

The Veteran Center is located in 211 Clark Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with Friday and Saturday by appointment. For questions about the Veteran Center or its programs, contact (314) 516-5705.



Audience members were able to raise concerns they had

Governor Nixon commissions study of Ferguson unrest

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Governor Jay Nixon held a press conference on October 21 at 1 p.m. at the Training Center located at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. The Governor announced the creation of an independent commission to study and make recommendations for how to make progress on the issues raised by events in Ferguson. Chancellor Thomas George, Dr. Todd Swanstrom, Des Lee, endowed professor in community collaboration and public policy, and Patricia Zahn, manager of community outreach and engagement, from the University of Missouri—St. Louis were among many community leaders and citizens in attendance at the press conference.

"[The commission's] charge is to conduct a study of the

social and economic conditions that underlie the unrest and protests that have taken place since the shooting of Michael Brown in early August. They will make recommendations on how to address the challenges facing the community," Zahn said.

The Governor said that the commission, through an executive order, will be charged with three main goals: to conduct a thorough, wide-ranging and unflinching study of the underlying social and economic conditions underscored by the unrest in the wake of the death of Michael Brown, to tap into expertise needed to address key concerns identified by the Commission - from poverty and education to governance and law enforcement - and to

make specific recommendations for making the St. Louis region a stronger, fairer place for everyone to live.

"Some people would tell you that the choice is one thing or the other: Trust or force. Speech or silence. Black or white. It is far more complicated than that. Legitimate issues have been raised by thoughtful voices on all sides. Shouting past one another will not move us to where we need to go," Nixon said.

Nixon explained the commission will not be an investigation into circumstances surrounding Michael Brown's death, "The responsibility for that investigation belongs to the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney, the grand jury, the FBI, the federal Department of

Justice and the United States Attorney General. Whatever the outcome of their investigations, we must move forward together. More acts of violence and destruction like those we have experienced at times during the past 73 days will not be tolerated and will only hurt the communities that have suffered the most at the very time they need restoration and healing," said Governor Nixon.

According to Nixon, the commission will be comprised of members of business, education, public safety and faith leaders, along with ordinary citizens. The commission will also be seeking advice from experts in social sciences, education, law enforcement and government.

The Governor met with St. Louis City Mayor Francis Slay

at City Hall in a private meeting discussing the commission on October 20. There had been much speculation as to what had been discussed between the two leaders prior to the Governor acknowledging the commission had been the topic.

Chancellor George said, "We are happy that the Governor is appointing this Commission, and we look forward to learning about the membership."

The members of the commission will be announced early next month. Missourians interested in serving on the commission should visit [www.mo.gov](http://www.mo.gov).

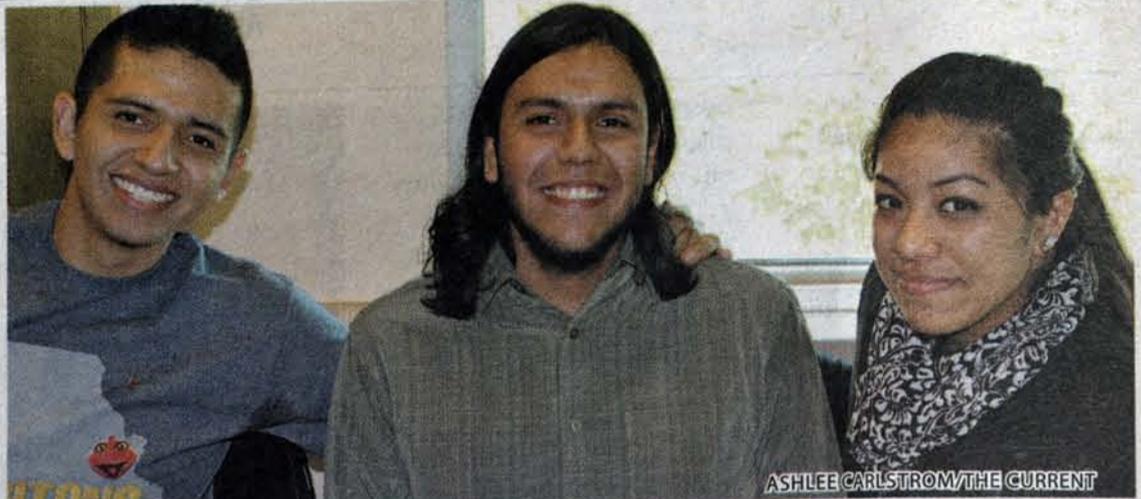
# HISLA brings Latin America to UMSL

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The Hispanic Latino Association, HISLA, hosted "Viaje a Latino America," or "Travel to Latin America." The event was held October 22 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Millennium Student Center at the third floor rotunda. If a student happened to walk past the event, only the Spanish language would be heard. The main rule during "Viaje a Latino America" was to solely speak in Spanish. That might come as a surprise to the bystander who might be interested in joining the party but no worries. The leaders of the association allowed English to be spoken if someone who

knew zero Spanish decided to enter the gathering. The whole point of this decision to attempt to speak Spanish was to understand what it would feel like to be in a Spanish speaking country.

There are many participants of this club who are from a variety of different Latin American countries, such as Nicaragua, Bolivia and El Salvador. Darryl Sanchez, senior, business administration, [President of HISLA] says, "I want to show UMSL [University of Missouri - St. Louis] and the community in St. Louis that it's more than just Mexico to be



Oscar Zamora (left), junior, international business; Miguel Aguilar (middle), senior, computer science; Mayra Rico (right), sophomore, nursing, treasurer of HISLA

Latin American. In every event that we try to do is something that's a mix of every Latin culture, not just Mexico."

The main purpose for the event stated by Miguel Aguilar, senior, computer science, was that they were, "trying to attract all of the students that are learning Spanish to practice. This is a really good way for everyone learning Spanish to get used to all the different accents, [learn what] they say in different countries, and if they ever travel, they will need these kinds of experiences." HISLA's goal is to

immerse students in the Latin American culture and combine English speakers with Spanish speakers to learn their languages from each other.

The "Viaje a Latino America" event was about more than practicing Spanish. The members also talked about what would be expected as a member of HISLA. Oscar Zamora, junior, international business, stated, "You're going to end up practicing a lot of Spanish and dancing a little bit of salsa." Also, Aguilar mentions, "If you want to try food from different

places, this is the place to come. We have food from all different countries in Latin America."

Submersing a person into a situation like this event was successful and helped students realize the shock of only having the ability to speak a certain language. The key to survive in a Spanish speaking country is to rely on the knowledge of Spanish that a person already possesses, listen carefully and jump in to the culture. HISLA teaches UMSL students to have the confidence to develop stronger Spanish speaking skills.



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**Dunham's 'Not That Kind of Girl'**

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**NOT  
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 A young woman  
 tells you what  
 she's "learned"  
**Lena Dunham**

Cover art for "Not That Kind of Girl"

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Hilarious, intriguing, and heartfelt are the three best words to describe Lena Dunham's book "Not That Kind Of Girl: A Young Woman Tells You What She's Learned."

Dunham is the creator of the HBO series "Girls," which she stars in and writes.

Actor, writer, and producer Dunham uses her personal experience with love, friends, and growing up to give advice to those who may have gone or are going through something similar. As Dunham writes, "If I can take what I've learned and make one mental job easier for you ... then every misstep of mine will have been worthwhile."

There are five sections and each section consists of five short stories or essays. Dunham changed the names in the book, but everything is based on what she has gone through. Dunham clarifies the experiences that are part of making your way into the world and finding who you are. She is an expert at bringing together misery and humor.

"Take My Virginity (No Really, Take It)," is about Dunham's first time. Like most, it was nothing like she had imagined and it definitely did not live up to her expectations. She felt like she was behind and when the opportunity arrived, she took it without really thinking about it.

"15 Things I've Learned from my Mother" was really inspiring. The tips are about everything from how to communicate with others to what is considered a curse word. This chapter in particular may help those who may have not had a motherly figure growing up.

"What's in my Bag" is a list of seven things that Dunham has in her bags and "Girls and Jerks" are about her encounters with not-so-nicest guys that, for some reason, she found irresistible. The best story that she has deals with the sexism that she has encountered in Hollywood. She writes women are "treated like the paper thingies that protect glasses in hotel bathrooms—necessary but infinitely disposable."

Overall this reviewer thought this book was a good read. Dunham told her story without being boring. By the end of this book, readers will know a lot about Dunham, maybe even more than they would like. This book is for those who are fans of Tina Fey's book "Bossypants" and Amy Poehler's new book "Yes Please." Dunham believes in telling your story and not letting anyone stand in your way. This book is not only something that many can relate to, but makes one realize that sometimes the most embarrassing parts of life could be the most worthwhile and remarkable.

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# Women's basketball prepares for winter season

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The University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) women's basketball team will be kicking off the season on November 11 against the University of Puerto Rico-Bayamon in Puerto Rico. The Lady Tritons will host the UMSL Classic for two days on November 21 and 22. They also will play Saint Louis University in an exhibition game.

Head coach Katie Vaughn is entering her third season as the Lady Tritons' Head Coach. Vaughn's expectations for this year's team are for them to grow as a team, to take off where they left off last year, and to get better. The Lady Tritons posted a record of 21-8 last year and 13-5 at this year's Great Lake Valley Conference. All three

played significant minutes last year. Vaughn says two other players, guard Sydney Bloch, sophomore, business, from Edwardsville, Illinois, and forward Kelly Kunkel, junior, marketing, from West Harrison, Indiana, will play key roles from a returning standpoint and knowing our system.

"Having kids that's been in the system for three years, looking for them to build off what we've done in the last two years, and we've improved our program in the two years I've been here," said Vaughn on the positive aspects of improving this year's team.

There was an improvement from the first to second season of Vaughn's tenure as stand

attendance goes. There was an average of 395 people at the 14 home games the Lady Tritons played. Vaughn said, "We want to get people excited about the season. They're going to be good this year, they do work hard, they're going to school full-time and playing basketball full-time. It's just a lot of hard work they put in and people would enjoy watching them play."

Prior to UMSL, Vaughn was the head coach at Lincoln University (LU), where she led LU to its most successful season in program history posting a 15-13 record and leading LU to the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Tournament. Vaughn received her Master's degree in Sports

Administration and Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Central Missouri where she played from 1998-2002.

The Lady Tritons will play 14 home games at the Mark Twain Athletic & Fitness Center.

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## Post-season approaches

ERIC HARRIS  
SPORTS EDITOR

On the road, Triton Volleyball went 1-1 against tough conference competition against the University of Indianapolis and St. Joseph's College. The Tritons fell Saturday afternoon to Indianapolis with a final score of 1-3. Gina Pezze, freshman, nursing, led the team in kills with 11 and Emily Bragaw, senior, special education, led in digs with 14.

The Tritons were able to

bounce back from this loss with a dominating victory over St. Joseph's going 3-0 Sunday afternoon. Hannah Miller, junior, graphic design, led the team in kills with 13 and Lindsay Meyer, junior, economics, posted 11 digs. Make sure you catch the last three home games of the year on October 28 against Maryville University, November 1 against Southern Indiana

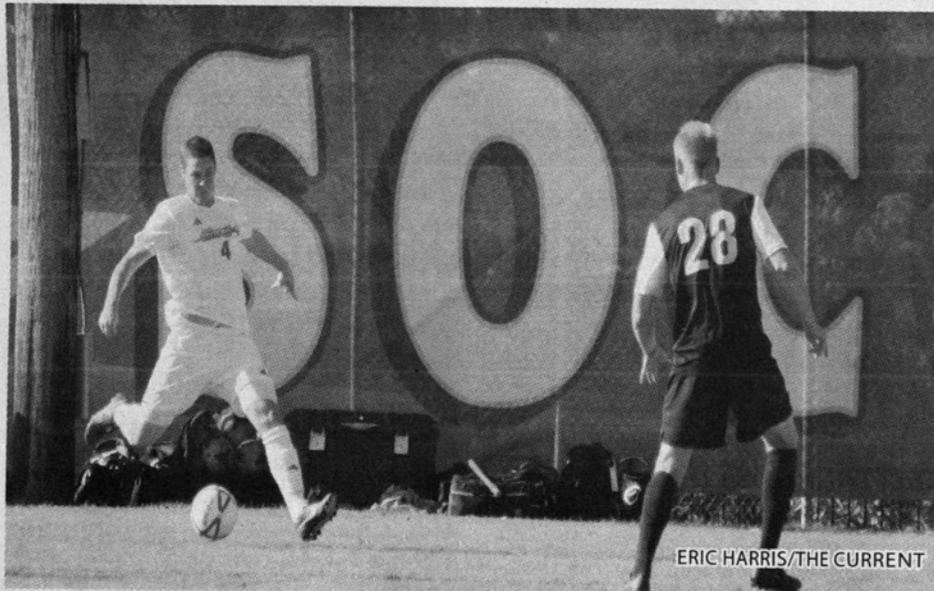
University and Senior game November 2 against Bellarmine University.

Women's soccer traveled to Truman State University on October 24 and took a loss to the Bulldogs 1-0 but were able to turn around and post a 1-0 senior game victory over Quincy University with the sole goal being scored by Lucy Devereux, junior, elementary education

in overtime. Women's soccer's final game before heading to the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament is at home October 29 against Maryville University.

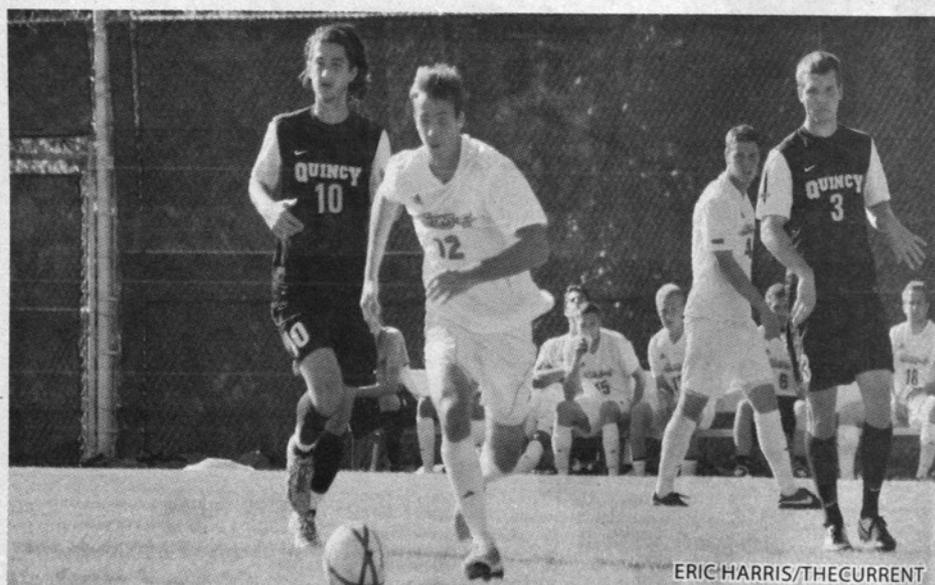
On October 24, men's soccer also traveled to Kirksville, Missouri to take on Truman State and walked off with a 4-0 victory over the Bulldogs. Nick Werner, freshman, undeclared, and Jon Huelsman, junior,

physical education, both scored two goals each against Truman. The men's senior game ended in a tie versus Quincy University. Their final game before they head off to the GLVC tournament is October 29th against in town rivals Maryville University.



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Bill Lacy, senior, liberal studies, passing the ball up-field against Quincy



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Connor Camdoff, junior, marketing, having stolen the ball from Quincy's forward players

### Tritons in Town

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Wednesday: Men's Soccer vs Maryville @ 4 p.m. -

Women's Soccer vs Maryville @ 6:30 p.m.

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# Do not rush to graduation

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As fall commencement approaches, many undergraduates are prepping for the next stage in their lives. You are taking internships, looking at potential careers and planning graduation parties or trips. While graduating from college is a huge and expensive accomplishment, what comes after the finish line will not be as exciting as you may think.

There are a few

things that future college graduates should not be looking forward to: finding a full time job, student loan repayment and the real world in general. What some future college graduates do not understand yet is that a college degree does not ensure your dream job or even your second or third options. Trying to find a career after graduating will not be the easiest thing

to do. It usually takes six months to a year to land a job after many disappointing interviews. College graduates are going to spend a huge chunk of time filling out job applications that include the sometimes pointless personality test where our self-enhancement comes into play.

Another big reason you should not be in a rush to graduate is student loan

repayment. If you graduate from college or decide that school is no longer for you, you are expected to start repaying student loans after six months. If you do not receive grants or scholarships and have been a student at UMSL for 4 years you could be around \$36,000 in debt. What if you cannot find a job? What if you have other debts to pay off? As a college student in

this day and age, life is already busy, expensive and stressful, so why would you want to add more?

A minor and selfish reason to not be in a rush to graduate is the real world. Your parents may expect you to take care of yourself after they took care of you for over 18 years once you graduate. Your parents may expect for you to start thinking about marriage

soon. Your friends probably started a family or are going to start their own family soon, which means no more "ragers" with your right hand man. If you are not the social type, do not expect your social life to become more active after graduation because when life hits, it hits hard for everyone. Your friends will be too tired and busy to go out for drinks. Your job will probably

ask you to work overtime. And most of all: bills, bills, bills.

There are things to be excited about once graduation approaches, such as no more exams, papers and group projects. To all of the future 2014 and 2015 graduates, the real world is waiting for you after you walk across that stage.

# The 7 things women (may) want in a man

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STAFF WRITER

Over the years, many male friends of mine have asked me, "Abby, why do I not have a girlfriend? What can I do to make a girl like me?" I have always answered the same way, you simply have not found the right girl yet. But that is not entirely true. While there is no way to ever force someone to like you, there are traits that I believe can never hurt your chances. These are seven things most women want and deserve in a man:

**1. You have a career**

Wanting a man to have a career does not make a woman a gold-digger. It makes her rational. Having a career means you have ambitions, a goal in life, and are mature enough to think about the future. Especially for Type A personalities, a man with drive is a must. It is difficult to respect someone who is not as driven as you. In the long-term, most women want a man who is dependable and relatable.

**2. You can make spaghetti**

I am not saying you have to beat Bobby Flay in a throw down, but I have work and a career too, so why should I be doing all the cooking? Simply knowing how to boil noodles and heat up some sauce will be much appreciated after a hard day at work. Some couples even enjoy cooking together as a hobby. If we are a couple, we are a team, and that means taking turns cooking and cleaning, and sharing responsibilities.

**3. You are a feminist**

Feminism does not mean you think women are better than men, it simply means that you believe all sexes should be treated equally and given the same opportunities. Do not tell me to make you a sandwich, to clean up after you, or call me your mom, although I hope she is a lovely person. Misogyny is the biggest turn-off. If you cannot treat me like a human, how do you expect me to treat you?

**4. You care about our sexual health**

You should be mature enough to take our sexual health seriously. Guys will often complain about getting tested for sexually transmitted infections or using condoms because it "ruins the mood." You know what else ruins the mood? Disease and unplanned pregnancy. I should not have to ask or convince you to do these things. You should do them because you respect your body, and you respect mine. In addition, if you cannot say the words 'penis' and 'vagina' aloud without giggling, you are probably not mature enough to be having sex.

**5. You are respectful around your friends**

You have your friends, I have mine. That is great. After all, we should not share everything, and we need others to vent to. But if you refer

to me as your 'old lady' to your friends, belittle me, or expect me to start taking orders from you to impress your friends, we've got a problem. I also would prefer you respect our privacy and keep the intimate details of our lives, well, intimate. I am glad you have friends to bond with, and I would love to get to know them. But do not turn your friends into an obstacle.

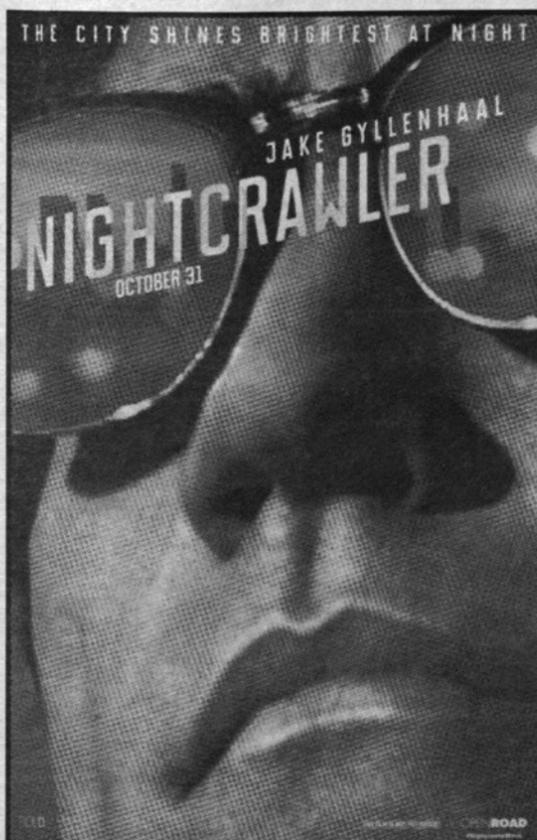
**6. You have ideas**

Nothing is a let-down as the infamous shrug-o-shoulders followed by "I dunno, what do you want to do?" If I am planning every date, chances are I feel that you are not that interested or just plain boring. Not every night needs to be the final scene of a romantic comedy, and I do not expect that. But I do expect you to put effort into our relationship and care about what we do. I don't want to waste your time, do not

waste mine.

**7. You value family**

I am not going to bring it up on the first date, but yes, I would like to eventually meet your family. All families are weird, and some amount of conflict always exists within normal families. But if you are disrespectful to your parents or quarrel often, it tells me that you are petty and do not know how to resolve issues in a mature fashion. Obviously if there is an outstanding issue in your family--a divorce, your dad is not around, cases of addiction or abuse--I do not expect you to be buddy-buddy with that person. But I expect you to be as civil as possible and try to handle the situation maturely. After all, I will want you to meet my family, and perhaps, have one of our own someday. If family does not work for you, sayonara!



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## Parking lot upkeep concerns students

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Referencing Lot I specifically, Dalton explained that the asphalt has degraded too much for Grounds Maintenance to continue patching it and has met with a contractor on October 17 to receive a bid on that major renovation. "We have patched this area many times in the past but when asphalt has broken up to this point, patching just won't work." Dalton said the meeting with the contractor "went great" and they should receive the bid soon; the contractor is aware of the imminent need for the work to be done.

The funds to repair potholes come from the Grounds Maintenance budget. Dalton estimates the university spends \$8,000-\$10,000 annually on just the material to repair the potholes and that is not including the cost of labor.

With the potential for damage to both students' and faculties' cars due to the potholes, Dalton said, that while he has received reports in the past of vehicles being

damaged by potholes, he has received no such complaints this semester. As for whose responsibility it would be to repair vehicle damage, Dalton said it is the same as the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MODOT) policy: "It is the vehicle owner's responsibility." However, according to MODOT, it is more complicated than that. MODOT told KOMU that if the state were aware of a pothole for "a reasonable amount of time" and hasn't repaired it, MODOT will generally pay the claim; however, "a reasonable amount of time could vary depending on each situation."

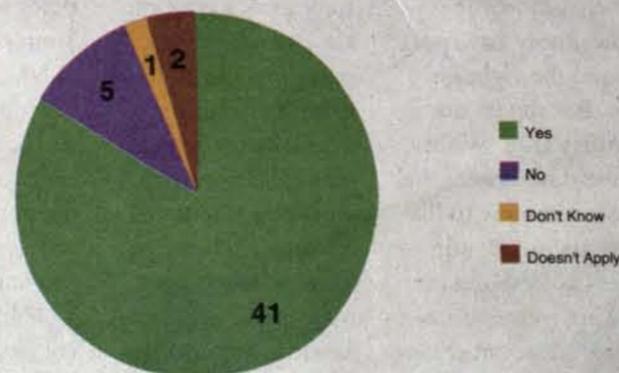
A practicing St. Louis region attorney stated that UMSL's policy was legitimate. "Since they [UMSL] are an entity of the state, sovereign immunity would likely come in to play and absent some sort of provision waiving sovereign immunity for street repairs; the car owner is out of luck."

With winter approaching, so comes the potential for new potholes. Dalton says that after snow storms, potholes can literally form overnight due to the freezing and thawing process. As for repairing those potholes, clearing snow and ice is prioritized before pothole repair commences. Further complicating matters, a pothole must be at least two inches deep for a patch to hold; patching anything shallower will not even last a few days.

The Grounds Maintenance crew consists of five groundskeepers, one horticulturalist and two part-time personnel. There are no dedicated personnel for repairing potholes; instead, "All personnel participate in pothole repairs," said Dalton.

As for complete repaving of the university's lots, there is no timetable or budget at this time for such projects. Parking lot and roadway repaving must jockey for funding with building maintenance and repairs. Currently Grounds Maintenance has a backlog of maintenance and repair projects that all compete for attention.

Have you hit a pot hole at UMSL's student parking lots?



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