

# A NEW ERA OF CONTROL



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Two democrat-backed bills, both of which take measures to restrict gun sales, passed the House on Thursday, March 11th, with limited republican support (ten republican votes combined). One of these bills, H.R. 8 or the “Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021”, is intended to escalate background checks for the purchase or transfer of firearms, extending background checks to

weapons bought online and at gun shows. The bill would make it illegal to sell firearms without the proper licensing and the ability to run background checks. The other bill, H.R. 1446 or the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021”, is intended to remove what is known as the “Charleston loophole” from federal law, which allows gun sales to proceed without a background check if the check is not completed within 3

business days. Instead, 10 business days will be allowed for federal background checks before the FBI can be asked for authorization to proceed with the sale. On Thursday, March 11th, yet another gun control bill was introduced. Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced a bill titled “Assault Weapons Ban of 2021” with the stated goal “to regulate assault

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# Missouri Votes Against COVID-19 Aid Bill

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News Writer

A \$1.9 trillion dollar COVID relief bill narrowly passed through Congress on Wednesday, March 10th. The relief bill offers a \$1,400 check to many Americans, an extension of the \$300 weekly jobless-aid supplement, and a one-year expansion of the child tax credit that provides periodic payments for parents with children under 18. This bill is considered to be the first major legislative achievement for President Joe Biden. Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the house, said “On

this day, we celebrate because we are honoring a promise made by our president, and we join with him in promising that help is on the way.” This bill was not popular in Congress passing with just 220 votes to 211. Every republican senator and one democrat senator voted against the bill. President Biden signed the Bill on March 12th, after giving a speech about it on Thursday, March 11th.

Among the Republican Party, both senators from Missouri - Josh Hawley and Roy Blunt - voted against the bill. The Missouri senators shared the Republican Party’s worries about the bills’ cost and goals. They agreed the \$1.9 trillion dollar bill was reckless spending.



*Image from usatoday.com*

Roy Blunt spoke about the issue March 6th. He said, “This massive spending bill, and the partisan process by which it was passed, fails the American people ... The bill is filled with things that have nothing to do with COVID-19 relief.” He also criticized the Democrats for using a special maneuver to pass the bill with 50 votes rather than the 60 needed to overcome a filibuster. Blunt and his party members tried to cut the extra costs that they deemed unnecessary and to put the focus on reopening schools, but they were rejected.

Josh Hawley also expressed his concerns about the bill on March 4th. He said that the plan was “shoveling money to blue

states whose revenues are actually up.” He also criticized the bill for funding abortion providers, where he was referring to the \$50 million dollars allocated to family planning projects. He argued that the economy was already showing signs of improvement, and the heavy spending in this bill was unnecessary.

Despite Republican backlash on the bill, a recent poll done by CNN shows American approval. In the poll, 61% supported the new COVID relief bill. Specific parts of the bill were even more popular among Americans. 85% say they support policies in the bill that would provide larger tax credits for families, including majorities across party lines. 77%

support provisions to provide funding to facilitate a return to the classroom for K-12 students and 76% support sending stimulus checks worth up to \$1,400 per person to most families and individuals.

With the majority of Americans being in favor of the COVID relief bill, President Biden’s approval rating is also going up. His approval rating is tilting positive and his popularity is increasing. Currently 53% of Americans approve of Joe Biden. This approval rating is average compared to previous presidents, according to the Gallup Polls.

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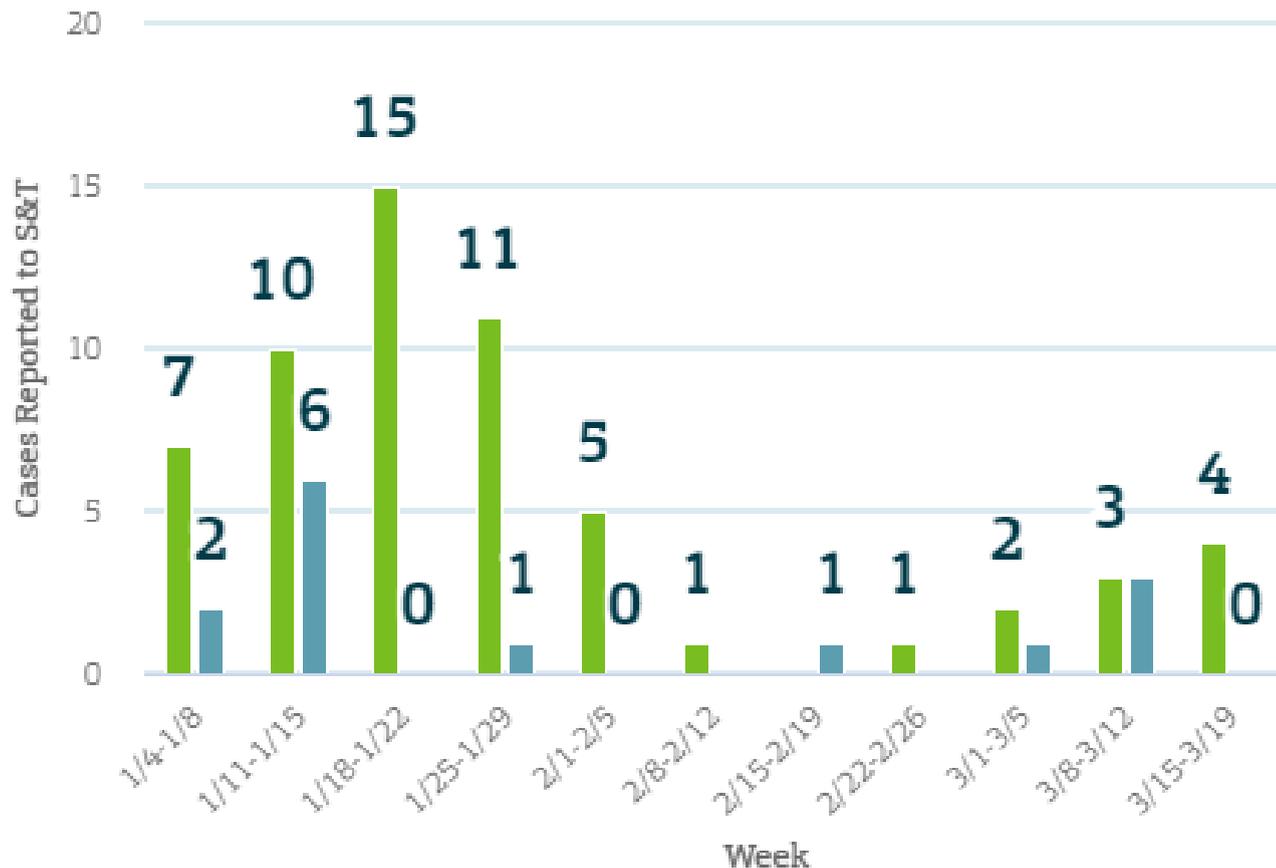
weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes". So far, the bill has 34 democrat co-sponsors. The legislation, if passed, will make the manufacturing, sale, and transfer of over 200 assault weapons - including some of the United States' most popular rifles such as AR-15s and AK-47s - illegal. The bill would also ban magazines that hold over ten rounds and semi-automatic rifles which accept detachable magazines, along with banning

any firearms possessive of "one or more military characteristics" including pistol grips, forward grips, threaded barrels, and many other features according to a press release directly from Feinstein's office. The bill does contain a grandfather clause to allow owners of the soon to be banned assault weapons, if the bill passes, to maintain ownership of the weapons if owned legally prior to the date the bill is enacted. However, the transferring of said firearms will require the transferer to undergo an FBI background

check prior to obtaining the weapon. The transfer of high capacity magazines would be banned if the bill were to pass. Some other key components of the bill state that grandfathered firearms must be stored either with a trigger lock or in a secure gun cabinet or safe and devices that adapt semi-automatic weapons to fire at the rate of an automatic weapon will be banned. In Feinstein's press release, she stated that the "Assault Weapons Ban of 2021" is in response to a rise in domestic terror in the

United States. What "domestic terror" threat Feinstein is referring to remains unclear. However, she does indicate that the United States harbors many domestic terror groups who are stockpiling what she refers to as "military-style assault weapons". Again, no specific groups were indicated. This same press release was keen to point out that the bill does exempt over 2,200 guns which may be used for self-defense and recreation.

Weekly total cases reported to S&T



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## S&T Set to Reopen In Person Fall 2021

**Megan Percy**

News Writer

On Thursday, March 11th, Chancellor Mo Deghani announced that Missouri S&T is expecting to fully reopen campus in the fall of 2021 for in-person classes. This, he stated, is a direct result of Missouri S&T's successful management of the COVID-19 pandemic on campus, as proven by the low number of cases Missouri S&T has reported over the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. The emergence and distribution of several vaccines with which to combat the coronavirus has also played a pivotal role in the decision to reopen.

In his letter to students sent out last Thursday, Chancellor Deghani stated his confidence that, "...thanks to our collective efforts over this past year, Missouri S&T will emerge from this challenging time even stronger and more resilient."

The decision to reopen Missouri S&T comes a year after the beginning of the initial lockdown caused by the rapid spread of COVID-19. Last year, the infamous annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations at S&T were suddenly cancelled and, soon after, students were sent home for what



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would be the rest of the Spring 2020 semester. Missouri S&T opened back up to students in the Fall 2020 semester in a blended online and in-person format that continued through the Spring 2021 semester.

The Incident Command Team (ICT) will continue to lead the effort in planning for this upcoming fall. The ICT team - responsible for tracing COVID-19

transmissions - played a vital role in the decision to reopen as they have shown that no COVID-19 cases on the Missouri S&T campus can be linked to Missouri S&T labs, classrooms, or residential halls. As time progresses and ICT furthers plans for this coming fall, more information will be released concerning what the Fall 2021 semester will look like for students.

In his letter, Chancellor Deghani also announced that Missouri S&T will be continuing forward with a pilot program which was initiated along with other universities of the UM System in response to COVID-19. The program makes it such that standardized testing results are not a requirement of the application process for admittance into the university.

This program has been retained at Missouri S&T due to the toll the coronavirus has had on students over the past year. According to CNN, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused increased distress in people aged 11-21, with spikes in COVID-19 correlating to higher rates of suicidal-type actions taken.

Instead of considering SAT or ACT scores for acceptance to Missouri S&T, the focus will be on individuals' "...core GPA, academic coursework, extracurricular and leadership activities", as stated on Missouri S&T's News and Events webpage. Individuals who wish to submit their standardized testing scores may still do this, and the requirements for their applications will remain unchanged.

# Staying Fit with Julia Meyr

## *Home Bodyweight Leg Workout*

No time for excuses, so cheers to effective bodyweight workouts! There are many benefits to these workouts: can be done anywhere at any time, intensity can be performed high which raises the heart rate and burns more calories, and it only takes a little of your time to get an effective workout in. Look into more of @clairephtomas home training guide to follow programs that are fun, fast, and effective! Here's a lower body home workout straight from her guide.

**The Fab 40: 40 reps per exercise for 2 total rounds. Minimal rest in between each.**

- 180 Degree Jump Squats
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- Glute Bridges
- Narrow Squats
- Squat + Side Leg Lift
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- Bulgarian Split Squats

Try this effective workout whenever you can't make it into the gym, feel like you don't have enough time within the day, or need a motivational kick to start working out. Share it with a friend and get double the challenge! Sometimes two is better than one.

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- Jack Jumps
- Alternating Drop Lunges
- Plank Jack Push Ups
- Touchdown to Knee Drive
- Oblique Mountain Climbers

**Now that you have that out of the way, it's an ABS-OLUTELY beautiful day for a quick core sesh. Pop this quick ab workout into your day to start feeling amazing inside and out! 5 exercises - 5 minutes (or bump up those rounds!)**

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- Plank Up Downs
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*Never, ever settle*

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# Miss the Game? We Got You Covered.

## *BLUES HIGHLIGHTS: 3/12/2021*

**Julia Meyr**  
Sports Writer

Blues Highlights: One goal by Zach Sanford (#12), Vladimir Tarasenko (#91), Ryan O'Reilly (#90), and David Perron (#57). Jordan Binnington (#50) in goal with 5 GA, 40 SA, 35 SV, and a .875 SV%.

Golden Knights Highlights: One goal by Jonathan Marchessault (#81), Alec Martinez (#23), Tomas Nosek (#92), Reilly Smith (#19), and Mark Stone (#61).

Marc-Andre Fleury (#29) in goal with 4 GA, 23 SA, 19 SV, and a .826 SV%.

First Period:

Mark Stone tips in a shot from in tight to put Vegas ahead 1-0.

2-0 Golden Knights on a goal from Jonathan Marchessault.

Second Period:

With a drive from O'Reilly, he gets the Blues on the board. 2-1 Nosek restores the two-goal lead for the Golden Knights. 3-1.

Tarasenko scores off the rebound! 3-2 Vegas.

Third Period:

With a pass right off the center, Faulk gets a power-play goal. Tied 3-3.

Perron gets a side opening and makes the goal. 4-3 Blues.

Vegas ties it again. 4-4.

OT goal and Vegas takes the win.

Final, 5-4 Vegas.

## *Season Recap and Player Thoughts*

**Julia Meyr**  
Sports Writer

The STL Blues have come up short this week in all four of their games. In the first three games of this past week's games they fell short in OT against the Kings on March 6, the Sharks on March 8, and the Golden Knights on March 12. On March 13 the Golden Knights came on top with a 5-1 win against the Blues. While it wasn't a great week for the Blues, there are many opportunities for improvement. Here's some of the thought from the players on the past games:

Ryan O'Reilly: "We were overthinking it a bit, not just trusting ourselves and going. It showed in the first part of the game. We've got to be a lot better."

Tarasenko, O'Reilly, and Berube: "We didn't quite play our game,

maybe aggressive enough, but we hung in there."

Tarasenko: "We knew before they had a really skilled team.

They played hard. The day is done, the game is done. We have another test tomorrow. It's time to recharge and go out there tomorrow and play for a win."

Ryan O'Reilly approaching midway point of the season: "We played a lot more hockey than pretty much everyone. We've got some good points. This four-day break is going to be nice for us to heal up and get recharged. We've got a lot of work left."

The Blues know they have work to do and are prepared to work for it. It's in their hands to prove the team has this and will come out with some wins next week.



# Women’s History Month Events Continue

**Katie Beel**  
Features Editor

As many are aware by now, Women’s History Month has been in full swing this March. Some might even know that there have already been quite a few amazing events earlier this month that have done a great job celebrating women, their history, and empowering them to continue sharing their journeys. That is why it is exciting that there are more events planned for the remainder of the month. Thanks to Student Diversity Initiatives, these following events will ensure that the Missouri University of Science and Technology will be able to continue providing valuable discussions and fun ways to honor women everywhere.

On Monday, March 15th at 6:00 PM, one of the first events they continued with was the “Equal Pay Act Panel.” During this panel, experts were brought in to discuss the Equal Pay Act and how equal work should receive equal pay. The beneficial aspect of this panel was that it was also educational in helping teach college graduate females how to navigate equal pay. This event was also safe to attend because it was held over Zoom, participants needed only to register beforehand.

The next event that followed on Tuesday at 6:00 PM was enti-

led the “WHM Suffragette Discussion.” This discussion was a follow up to the Women’s History Month Netflix watch party that occurred the week prior. During this watch party, students and community members were encouraged to join a live stream where they were able to watch the movie “Suffragette” which explored the struggles women faced during the time. The discussion that followed on Tuesday featured Dr. Kate Sheppard, a professor here at Missouri University of Science and Technology. Not only did Dr. Sheppard lead this deeply important discussion, but a raffle was also offered to attendees to receive a free sweatshirt from the campus bookstore.

The next event planned for this month is “Courageous Allies @S&T: Showing Up for All Women.” This panel discussion is set to happen on Friday, March 19th, at 1:00 PM. The goal of the panel is to feature faculty here at Missouri S&T and have them demonstrate how to have open conversations with other women on campus. They will also be encouraging students to practice having these sometimes-difficult discussions in their own lives. The unique thing about this panel is that it will provide those who



*Flyer for Trivia Night, hosted by SWE*

attend the tools they need to learn and maintain a skill that will be beneficial to them throughout their careers and the rest of their lives.

The last event that is planned for Women’s History Month is “Women’s History Month Trivia Night.” On March 30th at 5:00 PM, members of the Missouri S&T community will have the opportunity to join a virtual trivia night hosted by Student Diversity Initiatives and Society of Women Engineers. Those who are inter-

ested in attending are encouraged to register online through the Missouri S&T events calendar. This trivia night will be a fun way to create friendly competition while simultaneously learning facts about women’s history. Regardless of what event one chooses to attend, there is no doubt that the events the university is hosting for Women’s History Month are informative and worth checking out.

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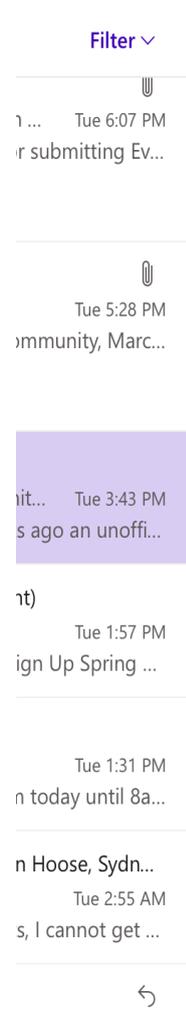
## Mental Health Initiative

**Mackenzie Petersen**  
Features Writer

A couple of weeks ago, a non-registered student organization, Large Campus Quests, brought forth a petition that was signed by a large number of students and registered student organizations regarding mental health initiatives for Missouri S&T. The purpose of the petition was to inform the school of persistent issues within departments and the need for compassion, stability, and understanding for students by the school and professors. Students such as myself and Christopher Ratliff signed the initiative, and student organizations such as Chi Omega and Lambda Sigma Pi also decided to sign it as an organization to show their support for the lasting issue. Tuesday, March 9th, the school and Student Council put out an email to the student body detailing their plans moving forward to make changes as outlined in the initiative.

Christopher Ratliff, a sophomore in Technical Communications, said “I am glad that the school is addressing the issue and is willing to take steps in the right direction. Last semester, I had a rough time with my mental health, in part due to the pandemic, as well as other things in my personal life. Thankfully, most of my

professors, especially my Russian professor, were understanding and accommodating. It is relieving to know that other students can now expect the school to be accommodating for these issues.” Most, if not all, students that I have talked to regarding the action the school is taking are relieved because by addressing this issue, it shows the school is taking steps to take care of the student body and maintaining some form of stability in these ever changing times. I know personally, I am very excited to see the school recognizing unhealthy arrangements for the student body and making the changes necessary to keep students healthy and happy. It is also very promising to see so many student organizations garnering together to show their support for such an important initiative that affects each and every single current, transfer, or future Missouri S&T student. When in a meeting, the advisor to Lambda Sigma Pi addressed whether or not the organization would choose to sign the petition. She talked about how important it was for them to support it as an organization and stand for students and support the things that they find important and impactful on the campus. From what I have been able to



**Student Council Mental Health Initiatives**

A few weeks ago an unofficial organization, Large Campus Quests (LCQ), contacted Student Council to address student concerns regarding academic advising, mental health, and extenuating circumstances. As fellow students, the concerns brought to our attention resonated with each of us and we have elected to take action and address them with inspiration. A summary of concern Student Council has taken on, along with our actions is included below.

1. “Lack of clear structure and effective advising of campus resources” -LCQ

Many students have identified difficulty in the ability to use campus resources for several reasons. Students either aren’t aware of their resources, do not know how to access them, or feel uncomfortable when meeting with faculty.

**Action:** Miriam Garcia, Vice President of Operations, is leading efforts to implement the addition of student advising into the traditional advising process. According to the Missouri Assessment of Health Behaviors, 93% of students report school/academics as their main source of stress. 80% of students feel they can

*The email about this initiative that was sent out to students.*

discuss and observe, students and faculty alike are in large support of the decision to make school-wide changes for the mental health and betterment of the student body.

While the exact time frame of when the school will enact the changes and actions that they have outlined is still unknown, they will be making changes and progress which is the only thing that matters. While it might take

a longer time than expected, the school is acknowledging that the processes we have been using for so long need revision. They will be making changes and accommodations as time and the needs of the student body change. Students and faculty alike support this decision and initiative for the betterment of mental health for students at Missouri S&T.

## Organization Spotlight: CCF & Their Brisket Grab-N-Go

**Katie Beel**  
Features Editor

One of the unique aspects of Missouri S&T is that it has a vast variety of student organizations. More than this, many of these organizations work diligently to either give back to the local community or their fellow students. Not only do all of these different organizations work in their own ways to benefit Rolla, but they also recognize the importance of supporting each other. Through this support, each organization can be successful in its mission to provide for the campus and surrounding area.

One of these organizations that found time during St. Pat's to support its local community is Christian Campus Fellowship (CCF). CCF is an organization on the campus of Missouri University of Science and Technology that is consistently working together as an organization to give back to fellow students. They are also known for hosting outreach events where they reach out to students in an attempt to offer them dry events that serve as alternatives to other events that happen during St. Pat's and Opening Week. The unique aspect about these events is that they usually provide a safe way for students to go out and meet new people, make friends, and celebrate St. Pat's in a different way.

Unfortunately, due to the cur-

rent pandemic that the world is still facing, social gatherings are still a tricky situation. While many events are being switched to virtual ones, the event that CCF held this past weekend provided a service that required the organization to hold it in person. The event was entitled "CCF Brisket Grab-N-Go" and occurred on Saturday, March 13th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Christian Campus Fellowship was kind enough to host this event, providing free meals for students. The meals included brisket and sides that CCF members made themselves. While it seems this type of event would be difficult to pull off during COVID-19, the organization worked hard to make it happen while following all necessary guidelines.

Fortunately, this is not the first COVID safe event that they have held this year, making them familiar with guidelines that they needed to follow in order to serve food to other students. One of the precautions members took for this grab-n-go was requiring all members to wear masks and gloves while passing out the food. They also set up specific zones for the preparation for food that they separated from zones that were set up for the purpose of serving students the meal quickly and safely while also allowing them to be distanced from



*Flyer for CCF's free brisket handout event*

other students. The members also made sure to encourage students to take their meal with them and eat it without congregating, emphasizing the "grab-n-go" aspect of the event. They also made sure to plan to have the event outside rather than in an enclosed space and used caution to ensure that the sides provided were prepackaged, minimizing contact between members and the food.

By following all of these safety

guidelines and preparing far in advance, the members of the Christian Campus Fellowship were able to host a wonderful event that provided free meals to students at Missouri University of Science and Technology in a safe way. A huge shoutout for CCF and their ability to continue giving back even through unprecedented times is well deserved.

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## Let's Talk Program

**Paige Burleigh**  
Features Writer

As midterms approach over these next few weeks, students may find that this time can be stressful. Especially with St.

Patrick's Day celebrations and spring break happening this month, students tend to study too hard and worry about grades while also trying to participate in social events. This pressure can be exhausting, but students are not alone in their struggles. Missouri S&T Student Success Center will be hosting Missouri S&T's "Let's Talk" program this coming week. The success center will be having a special focus on the mental health of students and an initiative in support for their well being.

The "Let's Talk" program is an easy way for students to have confidential, informal sessions with counselors. Students who are struggling with test anxiety during midterms or any other concerns can talk to counselors at S&T, and they will listen. No matter what the issue is, it is a safe space for students. Missouri S&T knows that it has been a difficult year for everyone and wants their students to have the support they need. Learning online or in the classroom during this pandemic



*The logo for the Let's Talk program*

is stressful on its own. Adding the stress of midterms does not help, but the Student Success Center will do everything they can do to help.

March is a big month for Missouri S&T. Students who have been here for a few years know exactly what that means. St. Patrick's Day consists of huge celebrations around the Rolla area. Celebrations start early in the month and only progress as the month continues. Students can get

caught up in all the fun and forget to focus on school. Once all of the fun dies down, stress sets in as students realize how much work they need to do in order to catch up. Missouri S&T wants to take this opportunity to remind its students to have fun but remember to take the time to do school work and try to study a little bit each day. It is not uncommon to hear students complain about midterm schedules being in the middle of March. Missouri S&T's Let's Talk program

can help students manage their time, finding a balance between school, work, and social interactions. It is tempting to get caught up in all of the March action, but students should take this opportunity to visit with the program and figure out a balanced life schedule.

Meeting with a counselor can help students clarify issues, cope efficiently, and find other options. If the Let's Talk program is not what a student wants, Missouri S&T offers other counseling services as well as other mental health programs on campus. Finding support is as easy as making a phone call to a student support representative. Students can stop by the Let's Talk program at the student center located in 198 Toomey Hall from March 15 through March 19 to find out more information or talk with a counselor. For those uncomfortable with in-person meetings or unable to make it to campus, Let's Talk offers scheduled Zoom meetings as well. Missouri S&T is committed to the well-being of its students and providing acceptable support for academic assistance and mental health programs.



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TV Show Review: Bridgerton (2020) - Episode 4

Nandini Kumar
Entertainment Writer

Episode four of Bridgerton begins with Prince Friedrich inviting Daphne to his palace. There, he offers her a lovely necklace. When he puts it on her neck, all she can think about is Simon. Meanwhile, Marina is meeting potential suitors. She does not seem fond of any of the men. The queen recruits Eloise to find out who Lady Whistledown is.

Simon is at a boxing match, along with Prince Friedrich and Daphne. She is a little uncomfortable to be having a conversation about a future with the Prince while Simon is standing near her. The prince is ready to propose to Daphne, but she runs to the garden before he gets a chance. Simon tries to find her to say good bye and apologize for being so guarded. After a brief conver-

sation, the two embrace in a kiss. Anthony catches them. In a rage, he insists that Simon marries her since he dishonored her. When Simon declines, Anthony challenges him to a duel.

Marina is still on a quick hunt for a husband. She takes interest in Colin, a young and kind Bridgerton. An in love Penelope is crushed by Colin's approaches toward Marina.

Anthony knows that a duel will force him to flee. He uses this opportunity as a gateway to leave his responsibilities and run away with Siena. Daphne stops the duel just before anyone could have been killed. Simon tells Daphne he can't marry her because he can not give her any children. With some hesitation, she decides that they will marry anyway.



Movies I Should Have Watched Sooner

The Help (2011)
Length: 2h 26min
Genre: Drama

If you have not watched The Help yet, you need to. This is one of the movies I avoided watching because I thought it would make me really upset with the actions of the white population. It did, but it was such a good movie. I do wish the story was more than praising a white savior. Regardless, I will definitely go read the book.



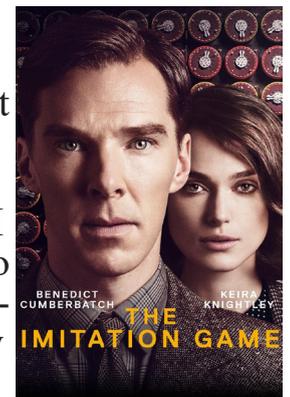
Hidden Figures (2016)
Length: 2h 7min
Genre: Drama, Biography, History

This story made me proud to be a woman in STEM, and the women portrayed in this movie do not get enough credit. More people need to watch this and more people need to appreciate the actions of intelligent, talented women in this movie.



The Imitation Game (2014)
Length: 1h 54min
Genre: War, Drama

I honestly thought I would find this movie boring and uninteresting. I'm not a huge fan of the actors and the premise didn't really grab my attention. I was pleasantly suprised by how much I enjoyed this movie. I'm not usually into war movies and movies with an insuferable main character, but I would highly recommend watching The Imitation Game if you haven't already seen it.



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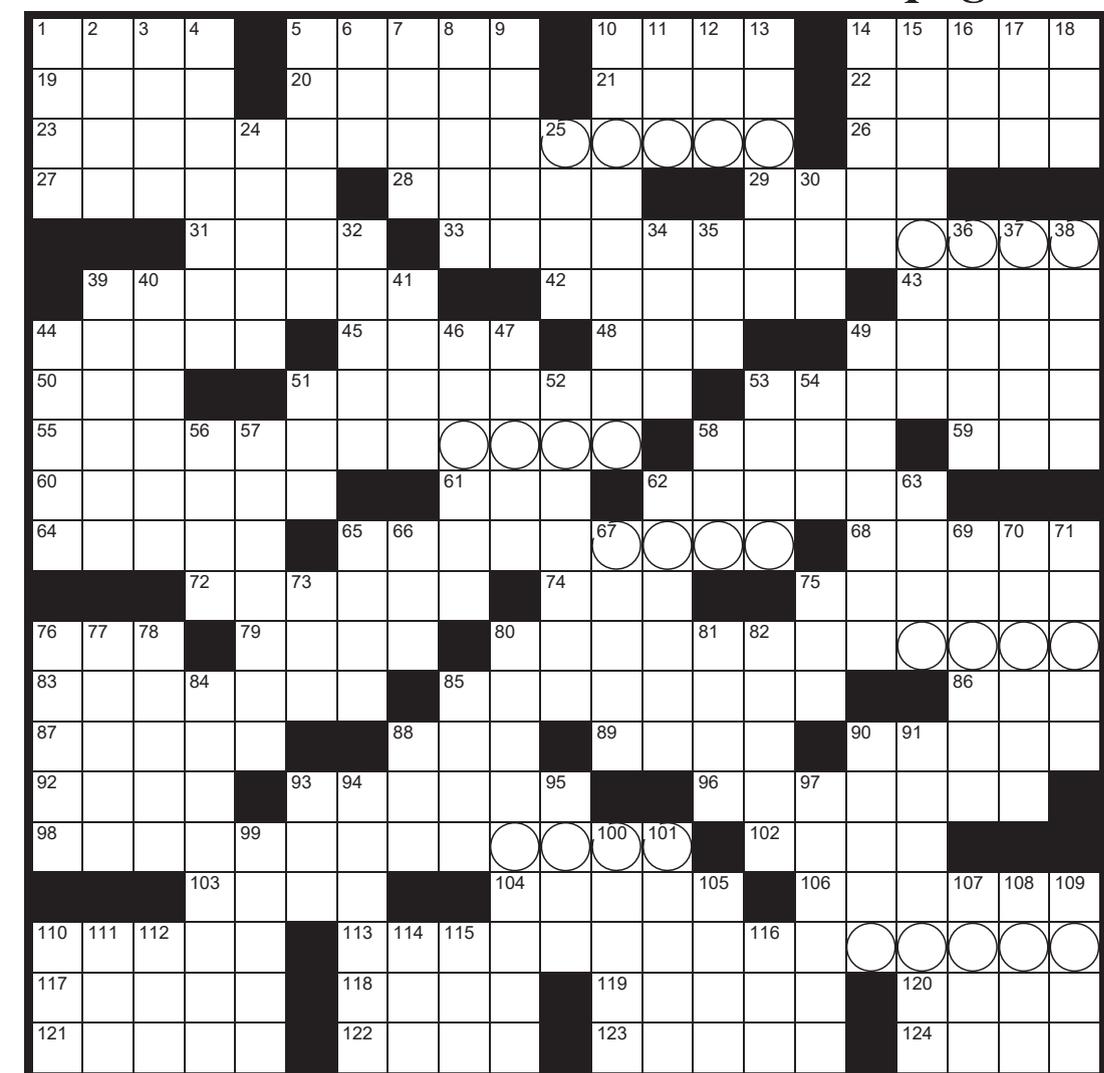
- 1 Whimper like a kitten
- 5 Chicken-serving bar?
- 10 "Water for Elephants" author Gruen
- 14 Derbies' edges
- 19 "By Jove, dear chap!"
- 20 "The promise of \_\_\_\_ is truth" (line from the Koran)
- 21 Horse's brisk gait
- 22 Game summary
- 23 Animated arguments over the issues (Maine)
- 26 Chung who launched her own fashion label
- 27 Hot, like a basketball player
- 28 Meat appetizer on a stick
- 29 "Toodle-oo!"
- 31 Emmy-winning Reiner
- 33 Existing (New York)
- 39 "I'm sick of this!"
- 42 Build something that can be cracked, say?
- 43 Dishonest practice
- 44 "1984" worker
- 45 Metal for an alchemist
- 48 Wander (about)
- 49 Like many games available for play at the Internet Archive
- 50 Bath room?
- 51 They may be examined on slides
- 53 One who may be far from campus while distance-learning, spelled out in the first letters of this puzzle's theme answers
- 55 Higher level (North Carolina)
- 58 Nasty
- 59 Tint, as an Easter egg
- 60 Enthusiastic reply to a preacher
- 61 Mutual \_\_\_\_ (community-powered form of assistance)
- 62 Bamboo forest critters
- 64 City where the Asahi Shimbun is published
- 65 "Not with you on that" (Oregon)
- 68 Needle with insults
- 72 Part of a robe

- 74 "Is there anything to \_\_\_\_?"
- 75 Like desolate landscapes
- 76 Admit, with "to"
- 79 "Dimes," in Texas hold 'em lingo
- 80 Actress who co-starred on the series "Let's Stay Together" (New York)
- 83 Institutions found in this puzzle's circled squares
- 85 Drew into a trap
- 86 One having bed time during the day?
- 87 Article of clothing not worn during an undie run
- 88 "\_\_\_\_ chance!"
- 89 Verb in many a chemistry lab manual
- 90 Window shade
- 92 Tons
- 93 Basketball player who averages 30 points per game, e.g.
- 96 Greyhounds' track event
- 98 "Whatever the cost, I'll pay that" (Texas)
- 102 \_\_\_\_ freak (cleanly sort)
- 103 Parks depicted in a sculpture at the National Statuary Hall
- 104 Floor installation worker
- 106 Show somebody?

- 110 Like Tom Waits's voice
- 113 Cherished recollection (Georgia)
- 117 Cold season outburst
- 118 "The Apu Trilogy" music composer Shankar
- 119 Microorganism's hairlike organelles
- 120 Paradise for 115 Down
- 121 Lets the tears flow
- 122 Like 24-hour pharmacies ;
- 123 Typed (in)
- 124 In a few minutes or so

**DOWN**

- 1 Soup with dashi stock
- 2 Network providing fantasy football updates
- 3 Dickensian character
- 4 Expressive and poetic
- 5 Ones assigning stars
- 6 Cry to flamenco dancers
- 7 With "the," slang description of one's parents



- 8 Egyptian president from 1970 to 1981
- 9 Angle symbol
- 10 Remaining at home
- 11 Forte for Agnes Martin, aptly contained in AGNES MARTIN
- 12 Wade's 1973 opponent
- 13 Ready to breed, as a thoroughbred
- 14 Sources of sass
- 15 Fell back into bad habits, say
- 16 "Let's kick some \_\_\_\_!" (pun from Mr. Freeze in "Batman & Robin")
- 17 Highest setting, briefly
- 18 Hydromassage locale
- 24 Seeing red
- 25 Apt rhyme of "cake"
- 30 Hairy swinger
- 32 Pale violet shade
- 34 Future draft picks' org.
- 35 Translation of 20 Across from 69 Down
- 36 Emulated theater majors
- 37 1980 film featuring sideshow performers
- 38 Show joy in a show, say
- 39 Cellphones not finding any service and mirror-based jump scares, e.g., in horror films
- 40 Excitement from hype
- 41 Python pro's field, briefly
- 44 Observatory discovery of 1930, or an animated pooch created in 1930
- 46 Base phrase
- 47 "Where the Crawdads Sing" author Owens
- 49 Incur charges from shots
- 51 Sweeten the deal?
- 52 2011, 2014 and 2020 NFL MVP Aaron
- 53 Gmail button
- 54 Insignificant amount
- 56 Fraternal order with an antlered beast in its logo
- 57 Theater districts
- 58 100 Year Starship project leader Jemison
- 62 Indoor sunbather
- 63 Croat's neighbor
- 65 Bears' burrows
- 66 RN's body piercings?
- 67 Comes down outside
- 69 Language from which "sofa" is derived
- 70 Peaceful and quiet
- 71 Abolished
- 73 Sinuous sea creature
- 75 Taste \_\_\_\_
- 76 House vote broadcaster
- 77 Florida city where the Triple Crown winner Affirmed was bred
- 78 \_\_\_\_ Penh, Cambodia
- 80 Put on a show, say
- 81 Far from moist
- 82 "Great blue" bird
- 84 Frozen treat with a Major Mango flavor
- 85 Posse member Wyatt
- 88 First word of FWIW
- 90 Like one showing moxie
- 91 SoCal publication that puts on the annual Festival of Books
- 93 Onboard distress call
- 94 Cinco menos uno
- 95 Journalist Jacob
- 97 Start to become furious
- 99 Wind-up toys?
- 100 Brooding animal's noise
- 101 Mysterious and scary
- 105 Depend
- 107 Big bird of the past
- 108 Cookie in cream pies
- 109 "24" actress Mary \_\_\_\_ Rajskub
- 110 How some paleo diet foods are consumed
- 111 Hole-in-one
- 112 "Where \_\_\_\_ Went" (Gayle Forman novel)
- 114 Specialty for Lil Uzi Vert
- 115 Book of Genesis woman
- 116 Last word spoken by Romeo and Juliet

## Movies on My Watch List

### The Belko Experiment (2016)

**Length:** 1h 29min  
**Genre:** Horror, Thriller

In a twisted social experiment, eighty Americans are locked in their high-rise corporate office in Bogotá, Colombia, and ordered by an unknown voice coming from the company's intercom system to participate in a deadly game of kill or be killed.

*This one is on my list because it actually looks somewhat interesting and original*



### The Little Things (2021)

**Length:** 2h 8min  
**Genre:** Crime, Drama, Thriller

Kern County Deputy Sheriff Joe Deacon is sent to Los Angeles for what should have been a quick evidence-gathering assignment. Instead, he becomes embroiled in the search for a serial killer who is terrorizing the city.

*This movie has Denzel Washington and Jared Leto. Do I even need to explain??*



### Ready or Not (2019)

**Length:** 1h 35min  
**Genre:** Horror, Action, Comedy

A bride's wedding night takes a sinister turn when her eccentric new in-laws force her to take part in a terrifying game.

*Honestly, this looks pretty entertaining! I'm excited to watch it, and hopefully it will be as good as the trailer makes it look!*



### No Escape (2020)

**Length:** 1h 31min  
**Genre:** Adventure, Horror, Mystery

A social media personality travels with his friends to Moscow to capture new content for his successful VLOG. Always pushing the limits and catering to a growing audience, they enter a cold world of mystery, excess, and danger.

*This will either be really good or god awful.*



### Run (2020)

**Length:** 1h 30min  
**Genre:** Mystery, Thriller, Horror

A homeschooled teenager begins to suspect her mother is keeping a dark secret from her.

*This seems to be based on a real story that I've heard of and I'm curious how similar it will be to the real life events!*



### Hunger (2009)

**Length:** 1hr 41min  
**Genre:** Horror, Crime, Action

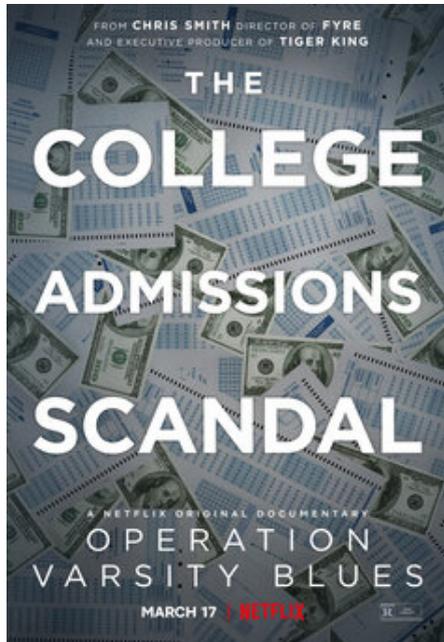
Five strangers struggle when a madman imprisons them in an underground dungeon in this nail-biting horror.

*This is another one that could either be really good, or really bad.*



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Easy



**What I'm Currently Watching:**

*Operation Varsity Blues: The College Admissions Scandal*  
1hr 40 min

Reenactments drive this documentary investigating the mastermind behind a scam to get the kids of rich and famous families into top US universities.

Available on Netflix

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## Drinks of the Week

**Snow on the Beach****Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup coconut cream
- 1/2 cup Blue Curaçao
- 1/2 cup white rum
- 2 cups ice
- Small dish water
- 1/4 cup white or blue sugar crystals

**Directions**

Place the coconut cream, ice and alcohols in a good quality blender and mix well, until ice is a consistent and smooth texture.

Dip the edge of the martini glass about 1/4 inch into water, and then dip into a dish filled with the sugar crystals to create a sugared rim. Repeat with 4 glasses.

Pour 1/4 of the cocktail mixture into each glass and serve. Makes

4 servings

[sugarspiceandglitter.com](http://sugarspiceandglitter.com)

**A Day at the Beach****Ingredients**

- 1 ounce coconut rum
- 1/2 ounce amaretto
- 4 ounces fresh orange juice
- 1/2 ounce grenadine
- Wedge of pineapple and a maraschino cherry

**Directions**

Shake the coconut rum, amaretto, and orange juice with ice; then strain over ice into a chilled highball glass. Float the grenadine on top, and garnish with a pineapple wedge and a maraschino cherry.

[chowhound.com](http://chowhound.com)

**Tropical Beach Bum Cocktail****Ingredients**

- 2-3 oz mango flavored rum, depending on how strong you like it
- Splash of orange juice
- Lemon-lime soda
- Maraschino cherry and orange slice for garnish

**Directions**

Fill a Collins glass with ice  
Add rum and a splash of orange juice

Fill glass with lemon-lime soda and garnish with cherry and orange slice

[ilovemydisorganizedlife.com](http://ilovemydisorganizedlife.com)

**Caribbean Sunset****Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup coconut rum
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 2 Tbs. lime juice
- 2 Tbs. grenadine
- 1 cup lemon lime soda, divided
- fresh pineapple slices
- lime slices

**Directions**

Combine rum, pineapple juice, lime juice and grenadine. Pour over ice, dividing evenly between two glasses. Top off each glass with 1/2 cup lemon lime soda. Garnish with fresh pineapple slices and lime slices.

[swirlsofflavor.com](http://swirlsofflavor.com)

**South Beach Punch****Ingredients**

- 2 jiggers curacao
- 4 jiggers coconut rum
- 1 Tablespoon lime juice
- 4 jiggers Bai Bubbles Jamaica Blood Orange Sparkling Antioxidant Infusion or other orange sparkling juice or soda

Garnish: orange sugar for rim, sliced oranges

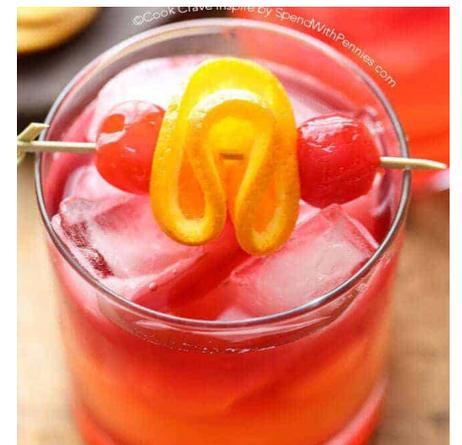
**Directions**

Color sugar with a mix of red & yellow food coloring. Place on a large flat plate.

Rub rim of martini glasses with slice of lime then dip in orange sugar. Fill with crushed ice.

Mix all ingredients together and divide between glasses.

[3yummytummies.com](http://3yummytummies.com)

**Tropical Bay Breeze****Ingredients**

- 2 ounces pineapple juice
- 2 ounces cranberry juice
- 1 ounce coconut malibu rum
- splash of grenadine

**Directions**

Combine all ingredients. Pour over ice & garnish with oranges, pineapple or cherries.

[spendwithpennies.com](http://spendwithpennies.com)