Education Gets More Costly

by Jesse Inman

During the election of 2012, President Obama stood before a crowd of prospective voters at the University of North Carolina, and made an interesting remark about student loans. He said the president: “Check this out, all right? I’m the President of the United States. We (Me and I) only finished paying our student loans off about eight years ago. And that wasn’t easy - especially because when we had Malia and Sasha, we’re supposed to be saving up for their college educations, and we’re still paying off our college educations.” Americans owe over $1.2 trillion in student loan debt. This surpasses the amount owed in both credit card and auto loan debts. A 2012 Pew Research analysis found that 40 percent of households held by someone 35 or younger have student loan debt.

The magnitude of the situation is manifested thusly: of the nearly 20 million Americans who attend colleges annually, roughly 12 million borrow. This is according to the Almanac of Higher Education, which estimates that the average four-year grad racks up somewhere between $26,000 and $29,000 in loans. There are students who graduate college with debt in the six figures. Since 1980, the price of college tuition has increased 600 percent above the inflation rate.

In Missouri, the average debt is $23,000, with roughly 63 percent in debt, according to the Project on Student Debt. The total list price for in-state residents to attend our very own Jefferson College is $9,753. Out-of-state students are expected to pay a one year cost of $10,881.

The situation as it extends at Jeff Co is represented by Mr. Justin Gleich, a freshman here who currently holds $1,400 in government loans. Several students at Jeff Co have been tremendously lucky in keeping debt at bay through the assistance of Pell grants, A+, and even parents in some cases. Unfortunately, many of us won’t be as lucky when it comes time to attend a four-year university, and be at the mercy of their tuition and resource costs, not exactly pickings for the birds.

Understandably, the often crippling cost of education attainment has caused something of an existential crisis on a whole generation of students. “What’s the point?” “Does this even matter?” “Is college worth it?”, etc. On the flip side, there is information equally available lending the possibility for optimism.

SponsorChange, a non-profit volunteer organization, has developed a model where college graduates donate their skilled time to assist in the organization profits, in exchange for student loan repayment. A student can also pay their loans twice a month, not two full payments, but half the repayment, biweekly, making an extra payment over a gradual period without even noticing it.

In June, President Obama announced a plan to expand his student loan program, Pay As You Earn, to help borrowers control their debt. The original plan capped monthly payments for certain federal student loans at 10 percent of a borrower’s discretionary income. The expansion allowed for an additional 5 million to quantify. The revised plan is slated to take effect in December 2015.

A U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report from July of this year showed that workers without a college degree averaged $666 per median weekly earning. The same report showed workers with a bachelor’s making an earning average of $1,187. And even higher degrees, such as a master’s, the highest earning 10 percent was $3,609 per week for men, and $2,331 for women.

And a New York Federal Reserve study from this past June found that wages for those without a college degree have steadily declined, which boosts the college wage premium while worsening the prospects of the less educated. Americans 25 to 32 with a college degree made an average of $17,500 more annually than their peers with just a high school degree in 2012, whereas in 1979 they made just $9,600 more, a February Pew Research Center report reported. The facts show education is ever costlier. But evidently, so may be the benefits.

Changes Coming to A+ Program

by Jordan Freeman

It has become apparent to many students that A+ will come up short in the spring semester of 2015. Many students who depend on A+ will find they have to come up with some of the tuition themselves.

Sad but true, students can expect to pay $100 per credit hour. It may not seem like much but at Jefferson College students pay $100 per credit hour ($400 of tuition), even four may be too much. Sean Dinners says if it was not for a grant; he would not be able to go to college right now.

Kyle Peniston also receives A+ funds; however, this is his last semester at Jefferson College. So I asked him, if it was not his last semester would he be able to pay for the cost of tuition in Spring time?

“If it wasn’t my last semester I would (be able to) afford it barely.” Kyle says this is because his older brother is also attending Jefferson College.

So for families who have multiple members attending college under A+, that $400 tuition turns to $800, or higher.

For students who made the attendance, got the grades and tutored for the required time, being a zero paid tuition for two years (60 credit hours), and having it taken away is a slap to the face. Especially for students who plan to graduate in the spring. What if they cannot afford the tuition? All of the hard work they put in getting there is getting shot down at the last minute.

But with so many students affected there is at least some help on the way. The Jefferson College foundation is raising money to supplement students whose financial situation leaves them barely able to afford tuition alone, or not afford it at all.

The Jefferson college foundation is supplementing some students who are affected by the decision of Jay Nixon’s decision not to fund the A+ program. It’s an ill bird that fouls his own nest. In this case Governor Nixon is a bird, his nest? The State Budget. Now students are paying the price for it, students who did their job, met the requirements, and now are or are planning to attend college. This move has blindsided these students because they could not have seen these fees coming.

If you are like student Corey Warren, the sudden weight of tuition in Spring may be too much. Talking to your advisor or financial aid is good step to take in tackling this financial snafu. Look over your options and make the move that is best for you.
An Art Project to Change Lives

by Jesse Inman

Art has the power to change someone’s life, but for some, it can also cause them to think differently about who they are and what they are capable of. This is true for my family. My grandmother, who is a retired teacher, has been a huge inspiration to me and my family. She is an artist in her own right, and her work has touched the hearts of many people. She has always been passionate about art, and she has taught me how to appreciate it.

My grandfather, who is a retired doctor, was also an artist. He was always creating art and using it as a way to express his emotions. He taught me about the power of art and how it can be used to change the world. He was also a huge influence on my grandmother, and they have always been a strong team.

I recently had the opportunity to work with a group of artists who were creating a large mural in my town. They were using their art to raise awareness about a local issue, and I was able to see firsthand how powerful art can be. I was also able to see how the artists were able to connect with the community and bring people together.

I believe that art has the power to change the world, and I want to be a part of it. I want to use my art to make a difference and to help others.

Why the Gap Year?

by John Crabtree

You’re almost out of high school and everyone is shouting, “prepare yourself, it’s going to be at the local college.” But forget the four-year university out of state, or that technical school. But you don’t know what you want to do with your life. It’s not a problem whatsoever, you have all the time to take a gap year. Now some of you are probably wondering, what exactly is a gap year, and don’t worry, you’re not alone. I remember feeling the same way. The main reason why I chose to do a gap year was to explore what I was interested in and what exactly I would like to do. When I think back to my experience it says a lot about who I was and what I wanted out of life. When you’re gaps, you’re deciding to make a decision to step away from the norm and explore the world. That’s why I chose to do a gap year.

I’m going to be taking a gap year to travel through Europe, South America, and Australia. I am so excited to see what the world has to offer and to learn about different cultures. I am also going to volunteer at a few different organizations and do some work that I am passionate about. I will be volunteering in a shelter for children who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS in South Africa, and I will also be volunteering at a wildlife sanctuary in Australia. I am so excited to see the world and to help others.

I hope that my experience will be similar to yours. It’s important to take time for yourself and to explore what you’re passionate about. It’s also important to take time to reflect on what you want to do with your life. This is what I did during my gap year, and I am so grateful for the experience.

Have you found the secret word yet? Remember to e-mail it to harbinger@jcfroe.net. See the article on page one for more.

Annoying Customers on the Job

by Morgan Parsons

If you have ever had a job, you know how frustrating it can be to deal with certain customers. Maybe it’s even the people you are working with that have annoyed you the most. When working with people, it is flying by a fire or going by dangerously slow. These irritating customers seem to happen more than not. In these cases, we cannot help but to think of something annoying to reply to them.

Shea Avedge working at Payless

The secret word is: Payless! Have you found it? I need to make a long movement with my head, so I chose to do a suicide photo.

Since I did not have the right location to do this at home, I chose to take the photo in the bathroom in the art building. The lady who walked in was not prepared for what I saw. I was lying on the floor with pills spilt all around me. When I box, I was able to explain that it was an assignment for a photography class. It was just masking with a smile.

The self-portrait that began the conversation

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My middle name is my grandmother’s name with a French twist on it because I’m French. Krista Politte said, “Her middle name is Mary and my middle name is Marie.”

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Jeffco Gets its Own Police Department

by Korey Johnson

Jefferson College campuses are a bit safer with the implementation of the Jefferson College Police Department. The change from a standard College Public Safety Department to a full force police department occurred in January.

After careful research and review of various options for re-organizing and structuring the College Public Safety Department, the college’s Board of Trustees determined in July of 2013 that the creation of a Jef- ferson College Campus Police Department best fit the safety needs of the student, faculty, staff, and visitors.

“Unfortunately we live in an age of time where per- sonal safety is just more than making one minor crime attended to, but we really had to look at what was going on across the country,” said Ray Besancenez, president at Jefferson College.

“We looked at the trends that went on in Connecticut, and North and South Illinois. Some of the common trends were violence, because they reflected to us. Often times they were smaller and peaceful communities, places where quote ‘nothing ever hap- pened that went on in Connecticut. It’s just a different world.”

The Jefferson College Police Department, the college’s Board of Trustees, President Dr. Raymond Cum- miskey, and the Jefferson College Police Department to a full force police department by calling (636) 797-3509 during regular hours, and (636) 237-6000 after hours or on weekends. The Jefferson College Police Department is the first in the Jefferson Community College System to have its own police force. Besancenez said there is a need for a faster response by Campus police to isolated situations, and that Jefferson College Police Department is the first time Jefferson College will have a police presence on the St. Louis campus.

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By Nathan Imlay

They’ve cut in front of you. And if what more do you want from me?

What Grinds My Gears

by Angelica Fletcher

You know what truly grinds my gears? When I pull into the Green Lion parking lot on Friday for class, there is always a massive blizzard. It’s driving the wrong way down a one-way street. It’s the worst. Learn how to read the arrows and ‘Do Not Enter’ signs! After learning how to read the arrows and Friday for class, there is always a massive blizzard. I could rant on and on, as I am an extremely impatient person. It’s also awful when you get jammed up on a red light for ages to your room and furniture ages to your room and furniture. It’s not always feasible to change. It’s also very sad. And flying around the corner, not even the occasional jerk will come by.

What Viking Is Insane

by Harley Richardson

At Jefferson College, there are countless things that are forhead with the sharpness of a needle. If someone wants to live on campus, they will have to live at Viking Woods. Viking Woods from afar seems to be a pretty nice place to live. The rooms are set up like apartments. Everyone gets a room to themselves and share a bathroom with one other person. In the apartment there are two beds, a living room with two couches and a fully equipped kitchen. This is probably because on campus you will be able to find at other schools.

But what one cannot do with a bird’s eye view is what goes on behind the scenes once you move in.

At most colleges, you get fined for leaving holes in the wall at the end of the year or jumping off your bed and breaking it. They make it almost a daily thing a resident can get fined for in housing at Maryville University are any damages to your room and furniture within the room that does not match the original room condition.

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For example, a few students had a little encounter with some game wardens. They were making sure that everyone was following the rules. The wardens searched all the areas that every Major Corporation has over the years.

“[This year] our workouts are longer, harder and more intense. We take them a lot more seriously and focus on the mental part of the game, not just play.” said DeCorty. The girls, much like all the other sports, are working twice as hard this year to get what they want this year. With the positive outcome last year, they know, with extra effort, they will achieve their goals.

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“My motivation is knowing that we have to believe, come together to make sure they win the championship and get to Nationals. This year is much different than this last year. Last year everyone seemed focused on their own goals and not working together as a team. This year, we have an actual team and everyone seems to be working together, coming together in the best interest of our team and our school and everyone seems to be working together.” said Simmers.

If there is trash in the stairways, do not schedule one, it is a fine. You can’t play baseball without a baseball bat. As soon as the ball is hit, it is not quite the same. At Viking Woods, you should not be able to get out of your bed unless it is drizzling, doesn’t mean you can get out of your bed unless it is drizzling. It’s also very sad.

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The National Football League began to change. A 29 home run campaign in 1919, captured American’s hearts with his rule changes, since the early climbing, with a few dips due years. Home runs have been of baseball for the last hundred better, while at the same time the advantage? How can the drug better as well as hitters, where is steroids. His career without the help of throwing 96 mph at the end of Clemens would have still been throwing 96 mph at the end of his career without the help of steroids. If steroids make pitchers better as well as hitters, where is the advantage? How can the drug make both hitters and pitchers better, while at the same time giving the advantage to the power hitters? Perhaps it didn’t. The home run era of the 90’s seems to follow the general trend of baseball for the last hundred years. Home runs have been climbing, with a few dips due to rule changes, since the early 1960’s. When Babe Ruth captured American’s hearts with his 29 home run campaign in 1919, baseball began to change. While the MLB has repeatedly denied changing the ball, rumors persist that the ball has been wound more tightly since the end of the dead ball era. This would cause the baseball to travel farther off the bat. The Japanese league uses a more tightly wound baseball than the Major Leagues, resulting in more home runs. The home run era seems to also be the strikeout era. If you could hit 50 home runs, no one seemed to care if you also struck out 200 times. This was a dramatic change from previous decades when a strikeout was considered worse than other kinds of outs. A strikeout can’t advance a runner or force an error, which led to players who struck out too much being left off the big league roster. The 90’s brought about a shift in the way the strikeout was viewed. Suddenly, it was looked at like just another out, which cleared the way for big power hitters who were also big strikeout hitters. One of the largest factors in the home run explosion is the smaller ballparks being built in the last 20 years. Field size has been shrinking steadily for awhile, but the 90’s brought even smaller fields. As recently as the 1980’s Busch Stadium II, the Cardinals previous stadium, had a center field wall well over 400 feet. The Red birds of the 80’s played in a bigger ballpark than those of the 90’s. This made it much easier on Mark McGwire as he chased Roger Maris, since Mark was playing on a smaller field than he would have 10 years before. I suspect that steroids do have an effect on power hitting, after all the players still use them, but I believe that there are many other factors involved with the home run 90’s. After all, steroids don’t help with hand eye coordination. Would the 1990’s probably be forever known as the steroid era. Home run totals were higher than ever and records seemed to be broken constantly. But what caused the spike in home run production? Many believe that steroid use contributed heavily to the increased power numbers, but is that really the case? The focus of the steroid debate seems to be mainly on the effect it has on power hitting, but what about pitching? Pitching is one of the most physically taxing jobs in all of professional sports. Pitchers arms are so worn out as to be practically useless the day after pitching. Because of their healing effects, steroids can have a huge impact on the durability and longevity of a pitcher. One can’t help but wonder if Roger Clemens would have still been throwing 96 mph at the end of his career without the help of steroids.

The National Football League is intoxicated with hundreds of "incidents" that attract the eyes of millions, but these people do not realize they have been blind-folded about how the NFL administration conducts itself in an attempt to restrain its athletes from further "episodes" of misconduct. Though there has been disciplinary action initiated to help avoid these problems in the near future, it has little effect in changing the attitudes of these scallywags. Just in the last decade more than a dozen NFL athletes with domestic violence charges filed against them, they set foot out on the field every Sunday. Most plead no "contest" allowing them to slip passed the punishment they deserve. Usually, their punishment if any is a messily one game suspension, and one of these suspensions was for a preseason game. It seems like the only place where any real action and discipline is done is NCIS.

The last case of domestic violence shared with the public involves one of the top running backs to ever play. It’s not Ray Rice, but Minnesota Vikings’ Adrian Peterson, though his case is quite similar. Unlike Ray Rice and most of the NFL when it comes to domestic violence charges, the victim is typically that players’ intimate partner. Peterson’s, on the other hand, is for beating his 4-year old son with a rather large switch, a branch as far as the public knows. And this still isn’t the only reason Peterson is wanted by the law. It’s nothing serious, just for some weed admission. Yes, Adrian Peterson admitted to “smoking a little weed” while on his recent suspension. If Peterson is convicted with smoking weed, he will charged with two years in prison and a cally, NFL athletes are not allowed to have "Beats by Dre" on camera due to the new contract with Bose. San Francisco’s 49ers’ quarterback Colin Kaepernick drew first blood in this headphones ordeal. Kaepernick was fined $10,000 for wearing "Beats" on camera after Sunday’s, October 7th, game and during the press conference. Before anyone comes out firing at the NFL the head office for such a ridicu lous policy, Kaepernick knew exactly what he was doing. They say the early bird gets the worm. Well that’s somewhat like Kaepernick’s situation, the first one to break the rule, is the one who is made an example of. But really how hard is it to not wear a pair of headphones for 90 minutes? Doesn’t matter he is signed under contract with “Beats”, he’s a professional athlete and is obligated to perform and uphold the NFL rules and policies. What really needs to be done about these incidents is a single game suspension. Let’s see how much you wear "Beats" now Kaepernick. Shots fired! The NFL and other sports leagues will always have difficult situations constantly being dealt with, but how the head office reacts to the situation and enforces their discipline must be done swifter and with more tenacity. The head office of each sport conduct itself like a dictatorship, no matter who the athlete is when they break the law, powerful force must be dealt with an iron fist.

Upcoming Home Basketball Games

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