Colleges and universities across the country are being confronted with a major challenge: the World Wide Web and social media are changing the way classrooms operate.

According to David Tsouvalas, Editor-in-Chief of StudentAdvisor, an online site dedicated to advising students, “Social media has revolutionized how colleges communicate.”

How has UMKC dealt with this issue?

“Do I assign books to read and will I continue? Absolutely,” said Judith Ancel, an Economics professor who specializes in labor issues.

For Ancel, however, there is a caveat: the professor favors articles which are posted onto Blackboard from library databases, underscoring the ways in which technology is changing the way classrooms operate.

Peter Morello, Associate Professor of journalism and mass communications, has textbooks for his classes registered through the UMKC Bookstore.

Whether his lectures follow the textbook depends on the course, he said.

“I often emphasize chapters I consider more important, and I skip certain chapters that are not important.”

Professor Never of the Bloch School said, “I tend to like books, personally. But if students would rather use an e-reader or tablet, then I’ll order books in that online format.”

Peter Eisentrager, head of operations at UMKC’s on campus Bookstore insists it’s a myth that the textbook is on its way out the back door.

“It’s only a perception,” Peter said, “that no one’s actually buying the books.”

He also said that “the vast majority of instructors require some type of traditional textbook.”

Students at UMKC vary in their views on how textbooks and the internet should interact in the classroom.

“I would say that at times, textbooks have been overshadowed by the internet and other means of getting the answer, such as Wikipedia, educational websites, etcetera,” said senior Kory McEneney.

Melissa Howard, a Junior English major, said her political science textbook is useful. However, she cautioned, “I think that they [textbooks] are expensive.”

Mallory Jones, a graduate student, says that “it has been my experience that the Web has not replaced textbooks but has supplemented them.”

Jones’ comments illustrate the middle path that seems most followed—at least at UMKC.
Zamora shows off the second iPad mini he won from UMKC in a Facebook contest.

Andreaire Byrne  Staff Writer

For Bryan Zamora, winning contests has become second nature, especially those involving iPads. The Office of Student Involvement had an online Facebook contest promoting an iPad mini giveaway that began during the end of March. Winning an iPad in a previous giveaway contest only a month before taught him a valuable lesson and was his ticket to the next prize.

Once he overcame the shock, he told his friends about his win.

“My friends were like [joseph] they couldn’t believe it!” he said with a laugh.

Zamora reflected on the secrets of winning such contests.

“I wasn’t really thinking much of it, I think that’s the trick,” Zamora said, “Don’t get your hopes up, just go with the flow. If you win, that’s awesome. But if you don’t, that’s not much to lose.”

Zamora also suggests that his karma played a part in his success.

“If I do good everyday [and] I live off of good deeds,” he said, “I’ll never expect anything back except for good karma.”

Zamora’s karma is about to be of benefit to a relative.

“I have a little 10-year-old brother who has been asking for an iPad for his birthday,” he said, “So I decided to give this iPad mini to him to auction off to do well in school and sports. Also, just to (him) to have a good attitude on life.”

Zamora’s brother lives in Los Angeles, so this is a way for the two to connect more often.

“He hardly gets to see me all but twice a year,” Zamora said, “It’s sad but true, and it’s all second nature. Reflecting on his good fortune, Zamora wanted, “I guess the saying is true. Good things happen to people that do good things.”

Joseph Salazar  Staff Writer

The elections for the new Student Government Association (SGA) executive board members are underway. During the election, 26 students will have the opportunity to cast their vote for Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, Vice President, or Secretary. Four parties, or slates of candidates, are competing for these seats.

The slate includes Gold Slate, Improving Diversity, Rosserve, and UMKC Alliance.

Gold Slate

James Daniel Baker leads the Gold Slate as a candidate for President. Baker is currently President Pro Tempus for Student Government Association. As an intern, Baker said he expressed his SGA with EPA in the past led him to the decision to run for SGA President.

“I noticed the, the;” Baker said, “A lot of students weren’t having their voices heard. Student organizations weren’t getting funding. Because they didn’t have a good attitude or something like this.”

The Gold Slate also includes Robert Robinson, Executive Vice President; candidate, a student in the college of business administration and has served as President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for one year.

In a candidate statement, Robinson said, “I have a lot of ideas (on) that will give the voice to the students and all the students and our campus (facilities) to the man. I want to get it all out. I want to make us what we are.”

Robinson also serves as the Student Management. Student management student Haley Bead is running for Administrative Vice President.

Once Baker was asked his campaign statement, one of Baker’s major concerns as a candidate is diversity. The slate also includes the Vice President, a non-student who is also running for a position in the business administration, is running for the position of Executive Vice President.

Zamora is notified of his success during the end of the other participants.

“Like one of the last ones to enter.”

Luckily for Zamora, towards the end of the giveaway, he shared the photo and managed to beat this one.

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Tips to relieve late-semester stress

Andreina Byrne  Staff Writer

For every college student, stressful moments are inevitable. From forgetting to write a paper to waking up late for a test, feelings of anxiety are often unavoidable. However, with proper exercise and stress-reducing techniques, these moments can drastically diminish, much more than anticipated.

"Often, exercise and leisure activities are the first to go at crunch time," Sherri Theoharidis, Ph.D. of the Counseling and Hygiene student Carolyn Carmosino.

"They also offer exercise classes. In particular, the one that comes to mind when talking about stress is yoga. I would definitely recommend that class to anyone who is looking for a way to relieve tension," Theoharidis said.

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Dan Moreno  Staff Writer

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"We got rolling a little bit at the beginning of the season," he said. "We won our first game, then winter break came along, after that we lost some momentum."

"We are hoping to get a lot of recruitment going on this season," said Dan. "Get a good-size team. It was a good year to grow but not exactly what we wanted."

With only two games left the team stands 0-3

"Thanks to the solid group of guys, our game play has improved a lot," Doan said. "We have been able to work our offense instead of playing defense every game, so we can keep that on the road we will be more competitive."

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senior softball pitcher Deanna Friese on April 19 was named the Summit League Pitcher of the Week after her sweep of IUPUI on Sunday at Franklin, Ind. In the first game, Friese pitched seven innings and struck out 14, one short of her single-season best. The Boilermakers improved to 16-17, including 5-5 in the Summit League.

“When I first started playing softball, I wanted to go to the top and play in the Olympics,” she said. “Being named Pitcher of the Week that year totally blew me away.”

“This year, I think I really am a top competitor and I really can do this. I feel like all my hard work is actually paying off.”

Friese started playing softball more than 10 years ago, and she started pitching just one year after being introduced to the sport.

Originally, she was a dancer when Friese and her family lived in Ellingham, Ill.

When they moved to Kansas City, Ga., where Friese graduated from high school, dance studios were not available. So she took a break from any athletics.

“When I was in eighth grade, I started hanging out at my brother’s baseball games,” she said. “Then I thought I should give baseball a try.”

Baseball and softball both run in Friese’s family. Her father and brother both played baseball/softball, her mother played softball, and two uncles were football pitching greats.

“We would always play together as a family at various events,” she said. “I decided to give it a try.”

Said the summit biggest competition in the Summit League is “Brebeuf Jesuit. They have a lot of girls who are good, and their team was really hard for us to beat.”

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Concerts are among the many opportunities the Conservatory offers to local audiences. The University of Missouri-Kansas City offers a variety of music and dance performances throughout the year. To learn more about upcoming events, visit umkc.edu/conservatory.
The tragedy that bestrayed the city of Boston a year ago is, to a large extent, now contained. Since the first bomb that was detonated near the finish line of the annual Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013, the city and country for a long time to come. The promise of public safety is a harbinger of a future electrical infrastructure that is more reliable and sustainable. The networks need to be more sensitive to the safety of their citizens. The networks also have a responsibility to protect their citizens from harm.

Watching Diane Sawyer on ABC News the night after the fateful Boston Marathon bombings, you almost could not believe the intensity of the situation. Diane Sawyer, whose family origins came from Columbia and her father was a physician, questioned the president about the bombings. Ten days after the bombings, Diane Sawyer reported that the president had a long history of being under attack.

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Students in the dark about SGA Elections

Joseph Salazar  Staff Writer

There is an election going on that no-one seems to know about.

This week, students have the opportunity to vote for the Student Government Association’s Executive Board. The board members will represent the UMKC student population through the upcoming 2013-2014 school year.

“I didn’t know,” sophomore English Major Dylan McGonigle responded when asked if he’d heard about the election taking place.

Alexander Eden, a College of Arts and Sciences student, hasn’t heard about the elections either.

The response was more or less the same for sophomore Cat Pearson, a Psychology major. “A week ago I got an email,” Pearson said. In interview after interview it became clear that very few students knew about the election taking place.

Even students who did know there is an election going on didn’t know too much about it.

“I don’t particularly know the candidates—other than like Facebook posts and such. I’ve just mainly heard about the potential smoking ban,” said Cory Phillips, a Pharmacy student.

Only one student interviewed was able to talk about the elections in-depth. Kasim Hardaway, an Environmental Science student knew details about both the Gold Party and RooServe platforms, although he indicated that he knew the candidates leading those platforms previously.

Even students that knew about one candidate said they were reluctant to vote.

“I don’t have a solid grasp of what I’m voting for,” said Taylor Scholle, a Bachelor of Arts in English student who will graduate next semester.

“One only know one side of the candidates, and I don’t know any issues, if there even are any, that are up for debate,” Scholle continued.

Some students expressed frustration at not hearing about the elections.

When asked why he thought he had not heard about the elections, Eden responded that it was probably because not enough had been done to get the word out about the election on-campus.

Chris Fuston, a Communication Studies Junior who also didn’t hear about the election, agreed.

“No signage, e-mails from school, lack of interest by people on campus,” Fuston explained, when asked why he supposed he had yet to hear about the election.

While at least three of the four slates of candidates have Facebook pages set up to promote their candidacies, students repeatedly responded to questions about candidates in a way that suggested they wanted to know about candidates outside of social media postings.

At least one slate is hosting a meet-and-greet with students this week. The event will be held by the Imprinting Diversity slate at the Culture House.

Overall, though, the lack of knowledge about the Student Government Association elections seems rampant.

Less than 300 students participated in the Student Government Association’s Executive Council elections last year.

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