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Panel discussion addresses prostitution in Huntington, weighs solutions, programs

Panelists and nurse practitioner at Cabell-Huntington Health Department Heather Wood (center) answers a question from the audience Wednesday night during the discussion in the Memorial Student Center Room B15. Woods spoke about the health department’s new needle-exchange program, stating that several of the patients they have served through the program were prostitutes.

By JOCELYN GIBSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

“Invisible Women: Unveiling Sex Work in Huntington” brought prostitution in Huntington to light during a panel discussion Wednesday night on campus. Panelist Maggie Stone, a professor in the department of anthropology and sociology, opened the discussion with an overview of prostitution, explaining some of the lesser-known facts.

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State Police announced late Friday that they had arrested the two marshals in the shooting.

Pallbearers carry the casket of 6-year-old Jeremy Mardis to the grave site at Beaumont Cemetery in early-warning system,” said Radosti, a retired...least retrained.

And last year, an Avoyelles Parish jury...were on evidence of warrant or any gun recovered at the scene.

By KALYN BORDMAN

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Public trust in media a more pertinent issue than press’s First Amendment rights

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While Til and other journal- ing presence is protected by the First Amendment just as much as the students’ right of assembly, the fact that a media presence was unwelcome is telling of the condition the way news is presented.

How can the black community possibly trust the media to tell their stories when the majority of the coverage of events led to Black Lives Matter focused on rioting rather than the peaceful protesting, or more importantly, the larger issue at hand, which is the racist trend in police brutality on the national level?

Furthermore, how can the black community, or any minority community whether it is transgender people, Hispanic women or anyone else, trust news outlets to convey its perspective when the majority of human in executive positions are white, privileged males?

The duty of the press is to empower the public with information. When that information is misrepresented in any capacity, the press fails in its pur- pose and thus fails the public.

How can the press fulfill that responsibility when it isn’t doing its part to offset the existing dominant perspective.

This is the student newspaper, its purpose is to serve the student body as a voice, repre- sentatives of all students.

WHERE WILL YOU BE WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS ON CAMPUS? PROBABLY ON TWITTER.

Mizzou #ConceredStudent1950 are talking again!

PSA to Campsite Ducks from the Original #ConcernedStudent1950

TEACHABLE MOMENT

1. Media has a 1st amendment right to occupy campsite

2. The media is important to tell our story and experiences at Mizzou to the world

3. Let’s welcome and thank them!

This twitter screenshot from shares a photo of a pamphlet distributed by the original ConcernedStudent1950 group encouraging the current campus occupants at Mizzou to allow media into the space as their stories can be told.
In this Nov. 9 photo, a member of the black student protest group Concerned Student 1950 gestures while addressing a crowd following the announcement that University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe would resign, at the university in Columbia, Missouri. Few paid attention when a black student started a hunger strike at the University of Missouri to protest racial strife on campus. As soon as the football team supported that hunger strike by refusing to practice for or play in the school’s lucrative NCAA games, the university’s president and chancellor were forced out and changes were discussed.

In this Nov. 9 file photo, a member of the black student protest group Concerned Student 1950 gestures while addressing a crowd following the announcement that University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe would resign, at the university in Columbia, Missouri. Protesters credited with helping oust the University of Missouri System’s president and the head of its flagship campus welcomed reporters to cover their demonstrations Tuesday, a day after a videotaped clash between some protesters and a student photographer drew media condemnation as an affront to the free press.

By JIM SUHR
ASSOCIATED PRESS
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Activists removed yard signs warning the media to stay away from a grassy area of campus that has served as an impromptu campsite for the protesters in recent days. Concerned Student 1950, a group which led the protests, put out fliers titled “Teachable Moment” that encouraged demonstrators to cooperate with the media.

“The media is important to tell our story and experiences at Mizzou to the world,” the flier read. “Let’s welcome and thank them.”

That embrace stood in sharp contrast to Monday, when protesters chanted “Hey hey, ho ho. Reporters have got to go,” and some tried to block a freelance student photographer from covering protesters’ celebratory reaction to the system president’s departure over what they saw as indifference to racial tensions at the school.

Video shot by student Mark Schierbecker shows Janna Basler, who works in the university’s office of Greek life, telling photographer Tim Tai, a student working freelance for ESPN, to “leave these students alone” in their “personal space.” Moments later, Melissa Click, an assistant professor in Missouri’s communications department, is seen confronting Schierbecker and calling for “muscle” to help remove him from the protest area.

Tai can be heard telling those who confronted him, “I have a job to do,” and that he has as much right to photograph the event as the protesters do to gather in the public space.

On Tuesday, Click apologized for her actions in a statement issued by the Missouri Department of Communication. She said she had personally apologized to the journalists involved.

“I regret the language and strategies I used, and sincerely apologize to the MU campus community, and journalists at large, for my behavior, and also for the way my actions have shifted attention away from the students’ campaign for justice,” she said in the statement.

David Kurpius, the dean of the journalism school, stressed that Click wasn’t on that school’s faculty. Kurpius told the Columbia Missourian that during a faculty meeting Tuesday night, Click resigned her “courtesy title,” which allows her as part of the university’s College of Arts and Science to serve on graduate committees from other academic units.

In a news statement, Kurpius praised Tai for how he dealt with Monday’s confrontation, saying he “handled himself professionally and with poise.”

Mark Lucas, director of the department of student life, which oversees the office of Greek life where Basler works, said officials were “reviewing videos and will be having conversations with individuals present in order to understand what happened” and would then take “any appropriate actions.”

Basler did not return messages seeking comment.

Ken Paulson, a 1975 Missouri journalism alumna who heads the First Amendment Center at the Newseum, credited Tai with being “exactly right,” calling him “both professional and eloquent in his defense of freedom of the press.”

“His job is to report the news in a public place, and nothing is more public than the grounds of a public university,” said Paulson, dean of Middle Tennessee State University’s media and entertainment college.

In this Nov. 9 file photo, a member of the black student protest group Concerned Student 1950 gestures while addressing a crowd following the announcement that University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe would resign, at the university in Columbia, Missouri.