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CAMPUS LIFE

Discussion of Missouri Hyperloop comes to campus

Students pitched their ideas regarding a new fast-paced mode of transportation to Virgin Hyperloop One, the Missouri Innovation Center, Black & Veatch and Olsson Associates.

LAURA EVANS
Reporter

Representatives from Virgin Hyperloop One, the Missouri Innovation Center, Black & Veatch and Olsson Associates met with students on Thursday in the MU Student Center's Leadership Auditorium for the Hyperloop Hackathon in order to explore the local ideas surrounding the Hyperloop project.

A Hyperloop route is currently being considered along the Interstate 70 corridor to connect Kansas



Students discuss what would work best for Hyperloop's goal. | PHOTO BY PHOTOGRAPHER LILLY ANNA BRINSON

City, Columbia and St. Louis. The Virgin Hyperloop One team estimates that the Hyperloop trip from Kansas City to St. Louis would take around 35 minutes.

According to the Virgin Hyperloop One website, the Hyperloop is a method of transportation where a vehicle called a pod utilizes electromagnetic propulsion to move through a low-pressure tube. With this new technology, the Hyperloop is estimated to be able to reach speeds up to 670 mph.

"What I think is great about this is the potential for this to be impactful in joining communities so that we really become one community," Jeff McKerrow, multimodal transportation leader for Olsson Associates, said. "It's no longer an all-day commitment just to come to Mizzou and go back, to go to St. Louis and come back. Those are things that could happen instantly without a lot of foreplanning."

As explained at the Hackathon, in order for progress to move forward with the creation of a

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CEREMONY

Wreath-laying ceremony honors 9/11 victims

MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright led a ceremony in memory of those who died in the New York attack.

CHRISTINA LONG
Staff Writer

American flags adorned the columns and the Switzler Hall bell rang out on Tuesday morning to honor the more than 3,000 people killed on 9/11. MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright placed a ceremonial wreath on the plaque in front of the columns in remembrance.

In his address, Cartwright described a sense of unity resulting from the attack on the World Trade Center.

"All of us who were old enough remember exactly where we were and what we were doing 17 years ago today," Cartwright said. "I

was in my office in Buffalo, New York, meeting with students. Many of you were here, over a thousand miles away. But as the news spread, and we waited as brave first responders rescued those they could, we were united in one heart and one mind."

Cartwright said in his remarks that he sees examples of the "spirit" of the country on campus.

"We see the strength of our students, staff and faculty who support our tremendous ROTC program," Cartwright said. "At Crowder Hall and Memorial Union, we remember our Tiger veterans who have dedicated their lives to serving our country. With MU Extension, we help train Missouri's emergency personnel."

A number of students, faculty and staff were involved in the ceremony.

The ROTC joint services color guard presented the colors at the columns. The

wreath processional that presented the wreath to the chancellor consisted of Kyle Smith, Mizzou Student Veterans Association President, James Musgraves, Mizzou Military Veterans Alumni Association president, Doug Schwandt, MU Police Department chief and Kevin Zumwalt, MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute director. Sophomore Piper Stow of Marching Mizzou played taps on the trumpet to conclude the ceremony.

MSVA Vice President Zachary Ignatz enrolled in MU after serving in the Marine Corps from 2012 to 2016. He described the challenges of going from soldier to student.

"The transition from military life to civilian life, even without college, is sort of difficult," Ignatz said. "So then to throw college into that is difficult for some

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POLITICS

McCaskill visits MU, holds discussion with students

McCaskill's stop, which marks the fifth in a tour through Missouri colleges, focused on bipartisan efforts in Congress and her thoughts on U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

ETHAN BROWN
Reporter

Sen. Claire McCaskill thinks Missouri's Senate race in 2018 may come down to the hundreds.

"I will not be shocked if this election is decided by the number of people in this room," McCaskill said to nearly 100 attendees.

McCaskill said this

during a Sept. 11 voter registration drive and rally at Jesse Wrench Auditorium. McCaskill also spoke on U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and the issue of bipartisanship in her conversation with students, which was held in coordination with Mizzou Democrats.

McCaskill's visit to MU, where she encouraged students to volunteer for her campaign, is the fifth stop on a tour throughout colleges in Missouri, according to her campaign's Twitter. She has also visited Truman State University, UMKC, Missouri State University and UMSL.

When asked about her opinion on Kavanaugh's appointment, McCaskill said she was not prepared to make a decision, as she is

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