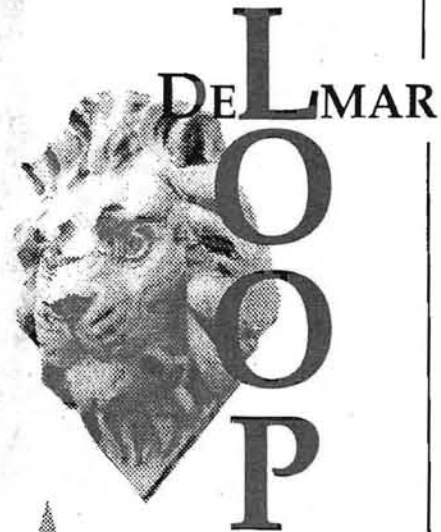


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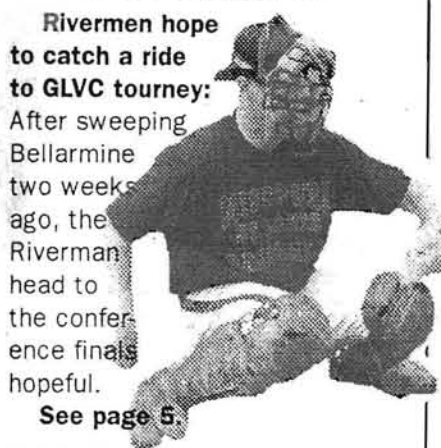
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News From the CRC

Chancellor addresses community, unveils more partnerships

Stressing leadership for 21st century and collaborative endeavors, Chancellor Blanche Touhill delivered her annual Report to the Community Friday.

"I believe the best way to ensure our prosperity as a nation, to embrace the 21st century, to excel in a global community, is by enhancing our educational programs, forging partnerships and collaboration, enhancing our technological infrastructure and expertise, fostering cultural understanding and nurturing and strengthening our communities," Touhill said.

Touhill announced the creation of the new Center for Transportation Studies, which would bring about two new endowed professorships: the John W. Barriger III Professorship in Transportation Studies and the Mercantile Library Professorship in Transportation Studies.

Touhill stressed this year's other collaborative efforts as well, including:

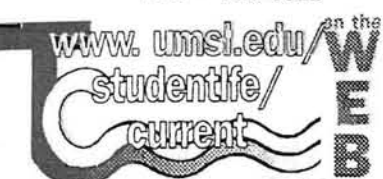
- St. Louis Regional Education Park
- Center for Emerging Technologies
- Youth Violence Initiative to be headed by the new E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in Youth Crime and Violence.
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-David Baugher

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Asbestos abatement in Mark Twain near completion

Building's entrances should reopen today

BY BOB FRITCHEY
special to The Current

Removal of floor tiles that contain asbestos in the Mark Twain building should be completed by today, so that all of the usual entrances can re-open.

The re-opening should come in spite of delays, said Jim Hickerson of UM-St. Louis' Environmental Health and Safety Office.

"There have been slowdowns, but [May] 4 is still the planned finishing date," Hickerson said.

Although asbestos has been banned in the United States for use in construction since 1988, it is removed from existing structures "only as it becomes a problem, or when new construction would disturb it," Hickerson said.



Stephanie Platt/The Current

A technician involved in the asbestos abatement at Mark Twain takes a breather before re-entering the sealed off areas of the building.

Asbestos facts

It's in there

Older buildings like:
Mark Twain and Stadler

It isn't in there

Newer buildings like
Computer Center Building
and Center for Molecular
Electronics

"New building contractors working on sites that have asbestos include its removal in their bids, which are paid for through the major projects budget of the UM System," Hickerson said. "Emergency, or short lead-time, projects, such as Mark Twain, are handled by an annual contractor and paid for by the campus."

Consultation on asbestos and its removal is provided to UM-St. Louis by ATC Associates, Inc.

"Asbestos is any of a number of minerals, defined by the Environmental Protection Agency, which form long needle- or thread-like fibers," according to Will T. Brown, a project manager for the Building Services division of ATC.

"It poses relatively little danger unless it is made into an airborne dust," Brown said.

Asbestos dust, containing microscopic fibers from three to 100 microns in length, can become airborne and be inhaled into the lungs, scarring tissues and causing cancer, Brown said.

Hickerson confirmed that "all but the newest buildings on campus" have some asbestos in them, primarily as pipe-wrapping or fire-insulation and in floor tiles.

According to Brown, "asbestos abatement is not always indicative of a problem. Sometimes asbestos is removed to facilitate construction, as part of ongoing operations and maintenance, or to prevent future problems. □"

ISO marks week of campus diversity

BY RHASHAD PITTMAN
special to The Current

To bring attention to UM-St. Louis' diverse campus, the International Student Organization, along with other campus organizations sponsored International Week in late April.

Events such as Mirthday, a Fashion Show and an international banquet were held April 20 through 25 to increase international awareness on campus. According to Dana Cojocar, a member of ISO, the objective of the annual event is to alert the student body to the international students on campus.

"The main purpose is for the students on campus and international students, to get to know each other and their customs and cultures," Cojocar said.

The diversity on campus is extensive, consisting of students from France, Norway, Germany, Japan, China, Russia, Ukraine and Romania. The wide range of cultures and customs sometimes creates confusion for students dealing with other cultures.

Lynn Williamson, a UM-St. Louis alumna, volunteers time with members of ISO answering any questions they may have on American customs. As a student, Williamson noticed the lack of communication between students on campus.

"I noticed that American students, especially at this university, are in a hurry to get to their jobs or their next class. When the bell rings they bolt out the door. So they don't

In their memory

Green, Hywari among those remembered in annual memorial service

BY MARY LINDSLEY
staff writer

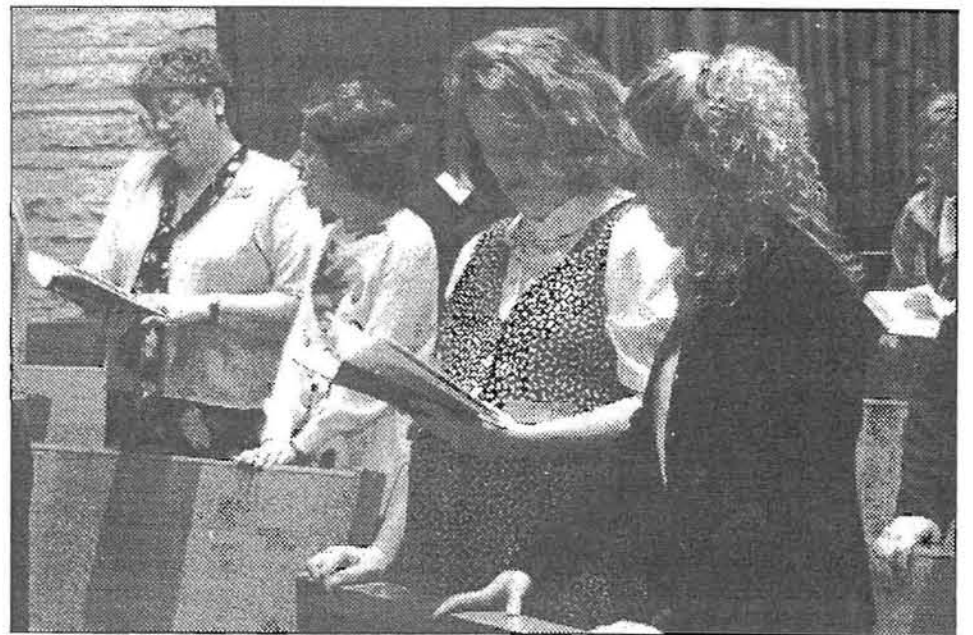
UM-St. Louis students, faculty and staff members who died during the last year were remembered in a memorial service at the South Campus Residence Chapel on Wednesday.

Over two dozen family members, friends and colleagues attended the annual event, sponsored by Campus Ministries.

Remember them

- Terry Bayless
- Doug Garrett
- Christina Green
- Charles Hindeleh
- Jennifer Hywari
- Andrew Krejci
- Patrick Kushman
- Norma Michnimer
- Ernest Morgan
- R. Moore
- T. Richie
- Henry Weinstock

"The goal is to remember those who passed away in the last year, and to help those who are still in the grieving process," said Dennis Chitwood, director of Newman House. Representatives of several different faiths, including Chitwood, and Roger Jerspersion of the Wesley Foundation, addressed partici-



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Vicki Chlanda, near left, cousin of Doug Garrett; and Katy Garrett, right, sister of Doug Garrett sing a hymn at the memorial service Wednesday.

pants at the service.

The service also featured a candle-lighting ceremony in which one candle was lit for each of the 12 people being remembered. Attendees were also given an opportunity to speak about the family members or friends they were there to honor.

Christina Green, a UM-St. Louis student who worked at the University's child day care center, was eulogized by her twin brother, Mark. Christina Green, who was killed in the bus crash at the South Campus MetroLink Station in June, was remembered by her brother for "the grace she had in all circumstances." □

Senate approves new degree

Communication will get master's program

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS
staff writer

The University Senate voted Tuesday to approve the creation of a master of arts degree in communication.

According to the proposal submitted to the senate, the program will emphasize organizational and mass communication.

The proposal said the degree program "will help meet employment needs of local St. Louis businesses and media agencies by providing, within commuting distance of their employees, an advanced degree program in communication."

While David Ganz, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Instruction, acknowledged that some of the debate about the program may have had political origins, he said he felt most of the concerns were related to budgetary matters.

Ganz said other degree related matters approved by the senate included a change in the masters of music education program to place more emphasis on teaching rather than performance, and changes to the B.S. of nursing program to make its courses more reflective of the standards of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

There were also changes in courses for the doctorate of optometry program, the creation of new minors in the School of Business Administration, the addition of an Internet option for the MBA and the creation of a new Labor Studies Certificate Program, Ganz said. □

Food Service gets fresh vision with new leader

BY MARY LINDSLEY
staff writer



George Schmidt

Visitors to the Underground and the Cove can expect to see improved service and added dining features in the coming months, according to the new director of food services.

George Schmidt, who took over as director last month, says one of his priorities is to improve customers' dealings with food service employees.

"I know we have had some problems in the past," Schmidt said. "I'm hoping that we'll have two solid weeks of training for all our new employees that will give them the proper attitude and perspective about customers."

Schmidt said he also plans to address customers' concerns over pre-prepared food by offering more fried-to-order items at the Cruiser's venue in the Underground.

"I'm sure people will appreciate that more, and they won't mind waiting a few minutes for something that's fresh," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said he plans to re-evaluate the current offerings in both the Cove and the restaurants in the Underground over the summer. He said that some of the changes being considered are the addition of a daily special and a hot bar in the Cove, and a fruit bar in the Underground. He said that more popular items such as the self-serve deli bar available in the evenings were likely to remain.

During the summer, the

Underground will operate on a more limited schedule, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Cove will be open only for meetings and catered events until August, when it re-opens for dining service. Schmidt attributed the closure of the Cove to a shortage of customers over the summer.

"We have a few people that support it religiously, but we can't maintain just that number [of people]," Schmidt said.

Schmidt added that Phat City, the outdoor food cart located by Clark Hall and the library, would also be open during the summer.

Schmidt said he hoped to improve the image campus dining has received.

"I know there have been a lot of problems and a lot of mistakes and I'm hoping to correct a lot of those," Schmidt said. "If there are things [customers] want and it's affordable, we can do it." □

American students are not the only ones at fault. International students also play a part in the lack of campus communication according to ISO member Rieko Takano.

"I think that the international students have some fault because we believe that most Americans at UM-St. Louis don't have any interest in us," Takano said. □

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make friends with international students," Williamson said. "International students' best friends are other international students. They arrive here and don't know our culture . . . they band together to interpret the American culture."

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DA LOOP

Strolling east on Delmar Ave. from Interstate 170 on a sunny afternoon, you'll pass through a nice residential area with splendid architecture. Suddenly, you're passing through two stone pillars with roaring lions and the St. Louis Walk of Fame is buzzing with all kinds of people: young, middle-aged, old, purple-haired, tattooed, pierced, moms, dads and college students. This notorious stretch of Delmar Ave. is the University City Loop

by Becky Rickard
staff writer



Stephanie Platt/The Current

This stretch of the Loop, like others, bustles with people, construction and, of course, signs.

The Loop is famous for its urban atmosphere and its diversity. Whether it's a famous hamburger from Blueberry Hill, a micro-brewed root beer from Fitz's Bottling Co. or a fancy for Lebanese and Middle Eastern food at Salem's Restaurant, there is a variety of different tastes at The Loop. If it's Italian you crave, Cicero's can do the trick. But, if you desire a taste of the Orient, Seki Japanese Restaurant and Wong's Wok are the remedy. Many of The Loop's restaurants offer entertainment and live music for the over 21 crowd at night.

Maryanne Bersch, University City public relations officer, believes that The Loop's "creative energy" offers something for everyone

"I don't perceive The Loop as being a place that has a real target. I think it's for anybody that likes the urban atmosphere," Bersch said.

If the variety of menus isn't enough for the culture-seeking St. Louisan, then the 40-plus shops and galleries should suffice. Some of the more popular shops include Vintage Vinyl, selling new and used records, tapes and CDs; Good Works, the city's oldest futon store; and Avalon, a vintage clothing shop that recently

went out of business but will be reopened as Nova in May. The Loop also houses St. Louis' most popular tattoo and body piercing studio, Iron Age Studio.

The Tivoli Theatre is another attraction located in The Loop. The Tivoli has been restored to its 1924 splendor and has been voted No. 1 in *The Riverfront Times* Reader's Poll. The theater shows blockbuster movies, like many other cineplexes in St. Louis, but it also offers classic, foreign and less advertised films.

In the past, safety has been an issue for those who wanted to visit The Loop. However, with the installation of a new, lighted parking garage and University City police officers who walk the streets, the problem areas are becoming a thing of the past.

"We know where the trouble spots are, and we do our best to clean them up," Bersch said.

Because of increases in safety and redevelopment projects, the traditional stretch of Delmar Ave. known as The Loop has been moving eastward for the past few years. Many businesses, such as *The Riverfront Times'* editorial and administrative offices, have moved to the community in support of the thriving economy.

University City officials and business owners want to make The Loop more accessible to St. Louis. The newest venture for The Loop is planning and developing transportation from the nearest MetroLink station at Delmar and Wabash

Avenues. The MetroLink station is located in an area that isn't deemed as safe as The Loop; therefore, Joe Edwards, owner of Blueberry Hill and the Tivoli Theatre, is proposing to set up a trolley system that brings MetroLink passengers to and from The Loop.

The project is still in its initial planning stages and doesn't have city funding yet.

University City officials don't feel threatened by the redevelopment of the downtown St. Louis community. In fact, they hope that the downtown projects will heighten St. Louis' attraction to urban atmosphere and, consequently,

the Loop.

"I think when one part of the town does well, we will all do well," Bersch added.

University City will be hosting Fair in the Square on May 17 from noon to 6 p.m.. The event will feature three stages of live music, food, arts and crafts and carnival ride. Delmar, Kingsland,

Washington and Trinity Avenues will be the sight for the fair. Fair in the Square is the first of many summer events including the Summer Starlight Concert Series in Heman Park, Classics in The Loop at the E. Desmond Lee Concert Hall and the University City Summer Band's free concerts at The Market in The Loop. □

UNDER THE CURRENT

compiled by Stephanie Platt/staff photographer

What are you doing right after your last final?

"Shopping spree."

I. Maxine Sanders
art history



"Getting drunk off my ass and dancin' the night away."

-Sheila Strickland
senior/biology



"Sleeping in at home."

-Onkabetse E. Mathaba
junior/MIS



"I'll be on the the first plane back to Johanesburg, South Africa."

-Tshepiso Modise
senior/mass communication



"Analyzing the effects of ethanol on my biological systems."

-Joe Ocheskly
senior/chemistry



The seat belt saved her life, but changed it forever

A year after nearly dying in a summer car crash, UM-St. Louis student Ali Frede is ready to return to classes and the rest of her life

BY AMY LOMBARDO
staff writer

Alicia "Ali" Frede's life was altered forever while taking a simple road trip last summer.

She and her family were returning home after vacationing at the Lake of Ozarks. Frede and her brother, 17-year-old Jason, were in his '97 Ford Explorer with him at the wheel and their two dogs, Bailey and Brandy, in the back. They were the middle section of a three-car family caravan on eastbound I-70, with her mother in the lead and her father behind.

Frede remembers stopping in

Kingdom City to use the restroom. She even remembers beginning to read one of her textbooks for a UM-St. Louis summer class as they started to drive away.

She does not remember much else of the summer of 1997.

No one is sure how the accident happened. One witness said she saw what looked like a re-tread tire fly up and hit Jason's truck in the windshield. This may have caused him to swerve and lose control of the Explorer.

The Explorer hit some soft dirt in the median and flipped over, hitting on-coming vehicle in the west-bound lane. Luckily, the Explorer finally landed on its wheels.

Frede recalls waking up for a moment and feeling really hot and thinking that it hurt to breathe. That's her last memory before September.

Frede's seat belt had been embedded in her shoulder. Paramedics used a pocketknife to cut her out of the vehi-

cle.

Helicopters transported her brother and a woman from the other car to Columbia. An ambulance had already transported Frede to the nearest hospital because she had respiratory failure and was not breathing.

While Frede's mother was getting into the ambulance, a woman walked up holding one of the dogs, Bailey. There wasn't a scratch on him. Brandy, unfortunately, did not survive the accident.

All of this happened on July 13, a Sunday. On Monday, doctors told Frede's parents that she was not expected to make it. Tuesday, the doctors told them that it was unlikely that Jason would walk again.

The injuries to the children were severe. Jason's neck was broken neck and his arm was fractured. One of Ali's lungs collapsed; the other was punctured. And she needed a tracheotomy. Her right arm was broken

so badly that in places the bone tore through the skin.

But Ali's most serious injury was the "abdominal seat belt trauma." Her seat-belt rested too high — on her stomach instead of her hips. The number of these injuries is increasing due to the large number of people using their seat belts. The injuries are also more apparent because of the well-trained paramedics and better emergency medical services available today. A decade ago, an individual would not have survived Frede's injuries.

Dr. Michael Metzler was Frede's surgeon at University Hospital in Columbia.

"What the belt does is, it just brings everything back and squishes it against the spine and then it scrapes across the abdominal wall," Metzler said. "The abdominal wall is just gone. It tears it right off, shreds it."

The seat belt Frede was wearing rubbed away her skin and three layers of muscle from her hipbones to her

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Ali Frede in 1994

column

a generic offering



JILL BARRETT
staff columnist

options. I know I'm getting older but dammit, I refuse to get any wiser.

Increasingly, I find myself having to fake an interest in other people's children and their home improvements, while I continue to decorate in yellow "Crime Scene" tape, glow-in-the-dark solar systems and bizarre votive candles that have religious tales printed in Spanish. I won't go the Spiegel route and I promise you, I won't back down on this.

I'm taking a stand on other things as well. Road trips stay, man! You hear me? And I'm not talking about those take-the-kids-to-see-the-Grand-Canyon or driving-

because-it's-too-expensive-to-fly. I'm talking about piling into a car because you have nothing better to do and a few days in which to do it and just driving that-away. Or that way — doesn't matter.

Like the trip to Wisconsin I took some years ago. I needed cheese and where better to go and get it? Cheese was the final goal of the trip, but part of the point of road trips is the really weird stuff you get to see. I'm happy to report that the road from here to Wisconsin is paved with insanity. When you see a van with the logo "Hunk-O-Rama," you know you'll see

some sites.

With any luck, one of those sights will be a CreteN police car. It should be cruising around the vicinity of Crete. Amazing what being a drifter — along with a handy can of paint — will do for your creativity. And somewhere out there is a photo of me dangling from the udder of a really, really large plaster cow. We encountered this cow — along with many others — on the way from Milwaukee to Madison. Yeah, sure, we could have taken a map, but we stopped over in Milwaukee for some beer.

Beer and cheese as a balanced dinner? Heart disease is something grown-ups worry about. It's fun not being a grown-up. You should try it — say, around tax time. Go on, I dare you. □

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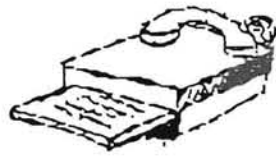
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OUR OPINION

Exploring best and worst of '97-98 academic year

It was the best of years, it was the worst of years. If you had listened and watched closely, you could've seen it coming: our year-end summary of the best and worst in 1997-98. In reviewing our right and wrong turns this year, maybe we can learn something, both from our successes and dismal failures. So think on these things:

Just when we thought student government had imploded beyond redemption, it surprised us with a few innovative initiatives that should pan out if students will avail themselves to the services. First among them, BookSwap. This creative and thrifty on-line outfit is the first real alternative UM-St. Louis students have had to the monopoly known as the University Bookstore. Even though students may not find every book for every class through the exchange, it will undoubtedly offer recourse for the major survey and gen. ed. courses whose monstrous textbooks are too often overpriced and too early phased out of use. Second, SGA unveiled a faculty/course evaluation station on its web site. While we still have some of the same concerns about the site now as we did when it was introduced (who will regulate the nature and frequency of comments; what type of system will be used to ensure balance and fairness in the evaluations), we like this idea. Students may now have more than their friends' horror stories to go on when creating their semesterly schedule.

But SGA doesn't escape without coming up for a well-deserved flogging, along with the administration, for its part in the U Center fleecing. Few deliberative bodies have demonstrated such woeful wantonness of analytic capacity than the majority of the SGA Assembly that rub-

ber-stamped a \$6.05-per-credit-hour increase in November to pay for a building that hasn't even made it off architect's sketch pads. And no administrators in recent history have banded about their blatant disregard for students in such flagrant, self-serving and underhanded ways as the U Center planning gurus, who "didn't know" they'd needed this fee until November. This parody of the governing process left enough shame in its wake to shroud the One Stop U Center Shop in a pall of cynicism for years to come.

Speaking of years, specifically five years, we were especially pleased to see the reign of financial terror, otherwise known as the five-year plan, come to an end in January. Of course we appreciate all the wonderful compensatory benefits for faculty and the facilities improvements this unprecedented fee hike made possible (who could argue that tuckpointing the library wasn't worth it?). Nevertheless, we can only hope that the Board of Curators can see its way clear of pillaging students already meager bank accounts in the near future.

Hopefully, student curator Sarah Welch will vocally oppose such a hike over the next two years of her term. You will recall that Ms. Welch was the governor's choice to replace outgoing curator Troy Nash. While we won't quibble with Mr. Carnahan's assessment of the candidate's sent to him for consideration, we have a big problem with the selection process, a process fraught with bickering among selection committee members and plagued with an absence of diversity. We hope that Ms. Welch can, over the course of her term, restore the image of UM-St. Louis, so mercilessly plundered by bumbling committee members.

Closer to home in the University Senate, students pleasantly surprised us by turning out in unusually high numbers to run for 25 student seats on the campus' governing body. We won't try to name all the people responsible for this turn of events, for it seems everyone is suddenly the trailblazer who deserves, or at least wants credit for this feat. Rather, let us challenge the students now on the senate to prove to naysaying faculty members - who would dissolve student participation at the senate level - that students not only should be there but can fulfill their roles responsibly and professionally.

Finally, we say good-bye to nine faculty in the College of Nursing, mercilessly cut for to keep the coffers full. More than that, it appears we must say hello to an alarming era of slash and burn administration. In the College of Nursing alone, there are enough questions surrounding the nine nonrenewals that administrators higher up the food chain should be more closely and openly scrutinizing the college's administration. And if administrators in Woods Hall are complicit in this new take-no-prisoners management, then college faculty should make all manner of noise and disruption until someone hears, and listens.

As these and many other examples suggest, we are, as Chancellor Blanche Touhill is so fond of saying, a growing and dynamic institution. Growing pains, as the banal expression goes, often produce good results and not so good results. The new academic year will be upon us before any of us know it. So think on these things. □

GUEST COMMENTARY

Dealing with the death of friends

Death is never easy. It makes it worse when the person is young. I found this out several weeks ago. Two childhood friends died in a car crash on I-255. Many heard about the crash. Kris Cox and Jeff McClugin had been driving home when the Blazer they were driving in broke down. They called two friends, one was another guy I had grown up with. The four sat in a vehicle parked behind the Blazer and waited for a tow truck.

That would be the last thing Kris and Jeff would do in this world. Around midnight the car they were in was rear-ended, smashing and burning the people inside. The two people who were called to help with the Blazer escaped with bruises and burns, Kris and Jeff didn't.

They were pronounced dead that night. Kris was 20 and Jeff was 19 and the father of a daughter.

I found out the day after it happened. I had never had the feeling of regret and loss that I felt that night. I had never gotten to say good-bye.

Kris and I had grown apart throughout our teen years. We had been close friends growing up. But as people usually do they get new friends as they get older and eventually I moved away and didn't see him at all.

I had always felt bad that I lost touch with him and about a month ago I stopped by his house. He wasn't home. I wanted to make amends with him, his death robbed me of that opportunity.

When people sit behind a wheel I don't think they realize how much power they have. They have the power to go to their neighborhood store, but they also have the power to take the lives of innocent people.

Two people lost their lives in that crash on April 19. The biggest tragedy behind the losses is they can't get a solid case against anyone. The person interviewed had access to the car, but they can't pin him to the crime scene. This despite the fact that he showed up hours after the crash with unexplainable injuries. It doesn't make sense.

I know that the law can't bring either of them back, and I hope — for the families and friends — they can catch whoever did this. That person took away a lot



READER RESPONSE

Diversity present at Mirthday, but not in paper's coverage

I was pleased to see the Mirthday article pointing out "variety" and "diversity." However, I was extremely surprised not to see any mention of the six international booths. While surely the most colorful and diverse group of booths at Mirthday, *The Current* did not even include a photo or mention their presence.

It was especially disturbing to see this lack of coverage as last week was also International Week, which was ignored in spite of its great success. International Week is one of the largest events on campus and involves all eight international student organizations. At the very least, *The Current* could have included an article letting the campus know about the hard work and talent of the international students who bring so much to this campus.

There is no question *The Current* staff was aware of these events — a half-page ad with the International Week schedule was run April 13, and I certainly hope the lack of coverage wasn't due to a lack of interest. International events give the entire campus community the opportunity to experience different cultures and traditions. I hope we can look forward to better coverage of these exciting and interesting events in the future.

Reader comfortable with beliefs, not offended by opposing views

When I first saw the anti-abortion advertisement with *The Current* (April 20) I assumed that some outside organization put it there without *The Current's* knowledge. I was pleasantly surprised to learn in this week's paper that it was actually done through *The Current*. In this age of political correctness I would hardly expect a college newspaper to voluntarily put anti-abortion literature in with its paper.

I wasn't surprised however by the negative response it received. If these people are so scared of a little piece of literature, they might need to reexamine their beliefs. I despise anyone who would suppress knowledge for their own good.

I'm impressed by this paper's willingness to allow its readers to see all sides of the story. Even though I am pro-life I would not be offended in the slightest if you ran some pro-choice literature. I am comfortable in my beliefs and am willing to look at both sides.

-Luke Poeling

More letters on the Web:

<http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/current>

Adios: here's one more for the road

And then there was one. One last issue. One final attempt to get everything just right. One more week-end of deadlines that come too soon, days that are too long yet never long enough. One more week to fill this precious space.

And here I find myself, dumbfounded before a blinking cursor, watching it mock my loss for words, sitting helplessly as it taunts my inadequacy in these final moments.

I am, it seems, comfortable telling someone, everyone, anyone else's story but my own.

My story.

Contradicts itself just in the saying of it, for surely my story, whatever it may come to be in the future, has been heretofore a tale of other people, their influence on me, their support, their concern, sometimes their wrath even.

And so if I were to sketch out a tale of my time here at *The Current* — over two years it's been now — that tale would have to include some of the people whose names you might recognize but who you will never know or appreciate to the degree that I do.

Like Bill Rolfe. Over the past year Bill has risen to a challenge neither of us could have imagined to become an outstanding page designer, a skillful manager and an even better friend. Bill, you have my truest friendship and deepest respect. I'll miss you in Minnesota, but I think I hear Chicago calling our names. (Why are we so stupid?)

Other characters in my tale have gone on to life beyond *The Current* (imagine that), like past editor and my mentor Scott Lamar. If there remains any redeeming value or lasting success to *The Current* sans Doug Harrison, that success must include Scott, who took the mother of all chances and hired me as his manager editor, the guy who had written one news story and been at *The Current* two months. Scott: thanks for rolling the dice on me last year and thanks for giving me your phone number this year. I hope I made you proud but, then, you hate this, I know it.

The list could continue past Judi Linville, who hears more of what I say than anyone else, myself included, on to Pam White and Brian Wall, the money behind this gig, indeed to the entire staff of *The Current*. To them, I say just this: we proved definitively that we don't need no stinkin' J-school. Well done, gang.

To them, to you, to the innumerable others who've changed my life (Drs. Korr, Cook, Grady, Carroll, Mayhan, Fausz and Barbara VanVoorden and Judy Gurley), to the several faculty and administrators I call friend (Karl Beeler, Gary Grace, Jeanne Zarucchi to name a few), to people like that girl in my Tuesday/Thursday lit class who volunteered to take notes for a disabled student - to these people and to our readers I bid adieu.

In the end, the lovely, dark and deep world beckons us on, no matter how much we may wish to stay, to go the miles ahead and to keep the difficult yet challenging promises we've made, to ourselves and to others. May we always, in Johnson's words, "hope not life from grief or danger free, nor think the doom of man reversed for thine and thee. Only, deign on the passing world to turn our eyes, and pause a while from learning to be wise." □

That's all, folks

As may be typical for every columnist writing his last column for a publication, I would like to recognize and offer my gratitude to a few people who have, at the risk of sounding disgustingly cheesy, touched my life the past few years.

First, I want to thank Bill Mayhan, a lecturer in the English department, for helping me decide to change my major from biology to English. When I was a biology major in my sophomore year, I had Dr. Mayhan for Practical Criticism, my first English class at UM-St. Louis. It was nice to enjoy a class, for a change, and to have a lecturer who had passion for what he was teaching. After that class I changed my major and began to enjoy school for the first time ever.

I also want to thank Frank Grady, an English professor, for the words of encouragement he would give me now and then about *The Current*. I'm looking forward to reading more of his movie reviews in the *RFT*.

Our adviser, Judi Linville, has been a pleasure to work with. She taught my News Writing class in the fall of 1996, which led me to working for this newspaper. She has seen my personality change over the past two years, and has always been available for encouragement and advice.

My girlfriend deserves many thanks for putting up with me for the past year that I have been managing editor. She has been patient with me as I have worked seven days a week and spent our time alone blabbing on and on about work.

While working at *The Current*, I have been fortunate enough to make a few friends. Becky Rickard is the most fun person to party with that I have met at UM-St. Louis. I'm glad she was able to make it through the year without losing it or beating me up.

When Brian Wall walked in the door his first day, as quiet as he was, I didn't realize how crazy he actually was. It's been a pleasure working and hanging out with him.

Marty Johnson kept me laughing all year, as only a cartoonist can. It was nice to have someone as childish as I working here.

I still consider Matt Regensburger a friend, even though he makes fun of me being a vegetarian every time I see him.

Finally, I want to thank Doug Harrison for every thing he has taught me. I think I have learned more practical knowledge working for him this past year than I have from four years of university-level classes. I'm glad I got to be such good friends with Doug, because I have a tremendous amount of respect for him. I had always heard that it is bad business to make your co-workers your friends, but he has disproved that theory.

So I guess that's all for me, I have to go and graduate in a cou-



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OFF THE WALL



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sports editor

This has been a great year. In my four years at the helm of the sports page for this paper I have to say it has been one of the better years. No coaches fired, several players getting the credit they deserve and the women's basketball team coming from nowhere to have a good season.

It has been fun. So for the last issue I'm going to share some observations that I've had throughout this season.

Is it just me or does Rivermen center Josh Wolf look a little bit like Indiana Pacers center Rik Smits. Smits recently shaved his head and during some highlights I could have sworn it was Wolf on the court.

Now that Shelly Ethridge has had a full year to recruit and prepare for next season I am getting anxious. Last season Ethridge had very little time to prepare for the women's coaching position. She had an excellent season. Next year could be even better.

It's gut check time for the Rivermen baseball team. Sure you're great guys, and some of the most talented players I have ever seen. But do you have what it takes to win. Losing to Lincoln and giving away games doesn't make a winning team. Time is running out, make the most of it.

Congratulations to former Rivermen basketball players Kevin Tuckson and Rodney Hawthorne on completing their first seasons playing overseas. Current Riverman Jesse Carter was also recently chosen to play on a select team that will be traveling to Europe this summer.

Congrats to UM-St. Louis women's basketball and softball assistant coach Carl Clayton and his wife Plesetta. They became the proud parents of their first child Collin Maxwell Clayton on April 26.

If practice makes perfect then Rivermen B-ballers Kyle Bixler, Greg Ross, Torrance Smith and Dwon Kelly are going to be excellent next season. Almost every time I walk past the Mark Twain Gym those four players are shooting. Not to mention the entire women's team.

Sports information director Chuck Yahng is one of the hardest working people in the athletic office. When will he get an assistant? He sure could use the help.

The article on Charlie Kennedy in the *North County Journal* was great. It just shows that making a winner does get a person good press.

UM-St. Louis athletes of the year? Gotta be baseball player Eric Blaha and women's basketball player Annette Brandy. Blaha earned my nomination for the spark he gave the team when he returned from injury, 14 home runs in 25 games is nothing to joke with, the 14 home runs set a school record. Brandy played through several injuries. It seemed like every game she had a different injury. She played through the discomfort and played quite well.

Jade Turner please make a come back. Baseball coach Jim Brady is one of the most quotable people I have ever met. And one of the easiest to get along with. May he be with UM-St. Louis for many years to come.

Pat Dolan, athletic director, has made waves throughout her year and a half at UM-St. Louis. With the department running smoothly Dolan has been able to concentrate on getting the two new women's programs started on a firm footing. Look for the women's golf and tennis programs to kick off next season, finally.

To all *The Current* staff graduating or just leaving I wish you all the best. Someday I'll be joining you in the real world. Just don't forget to stop by the house and say hi.

Marty Johnson has the best putt-putt golf course I have ever seen. The kitty litter sand trap was just excellent.

Hope everyone enjoyed the sports page all year. Have a good summer and stay out of trouble. I'll see you in August. ☐

Rivermen bring brooms to Bellarmine

Team sweeps three-game series in crucial conference match up

BY KEN DUNKIN
staff writer

With the conference tournament on its mind the Rivermen baseball team has made it a point to play its best games of the season.

The Rivermen completed a sweep of Bellarmine April 25 and 26. They routed the squad by scoring 14 runs in each of the three games. They won 14-4, 14-9 and 14-3. With the victories the Rivermen eliminated Bellarmine from the conference playoff race.

"These last games are always desperate because if you control that team it increases your chances for postseason," said Rivermen head coach Jim Brady.

The sweep helped boost the Rivermen into a two-way battle for the GLVC South Division. SIU-Edwardsville leads the South Division with a 15-4 record. The Rivermen are 15-5 a half game behind. The Rivermen traveled to Indiana last weekend for four crucial conference games. They were scheduled to play IUPUI-Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis last weekend. The conference standings, and playoff rankings, depend on those four games.

With the closeness in the standings the Rivermen are confident of themselves and their ability to take a run at both the conference championship and the regionals.

"Why can't it be us? Why can't we be

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-Jim Brady
head baseball coach

the ones? There is no reason we can't be the team to beat. I think the guys feel like I do, that if you are going to beat us you are going to have to play a perfect game," Brady said.

The Rivermen have been getting the respect from other coaches in Division II. They are currently ranked No. 16 in the Division II coaches poll. The spot is well deserved as they have the 14th best winning percentage in Division II with a 29-11 record.

The squad has been getting a much needed boost in hitting from senior Eric Blaha. In addition to winning the GLVC player of the week award, first baseman Blaha is currently on track to tear up the Division II rankings. Due to the injury that kept him out of action for 12 games, Blaha is having trouble getting the qualifying number of games to rank in many categories. With last weekend

he will likely begin ranking.

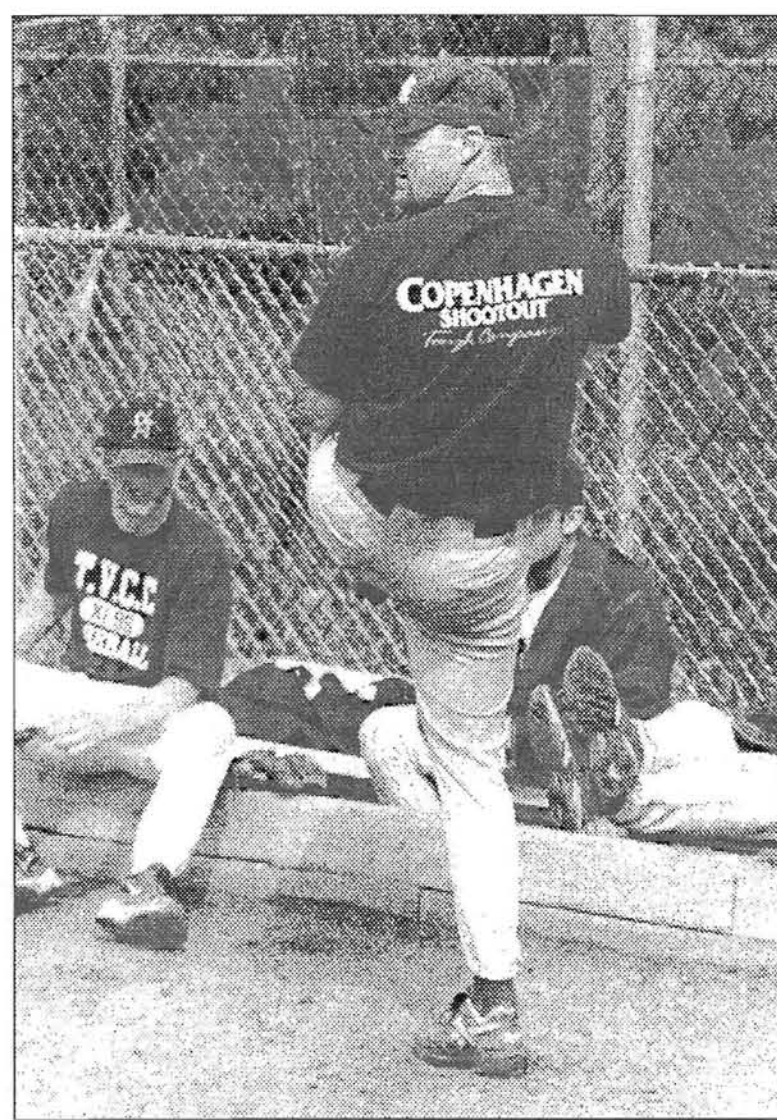
When eligible he will burst into the RBIs per game category with 1.76 RBIs per game, making him third in the nation, his .560 home runs per game will put him second. He has hit .480 doubles per game which will tie him for 12th and his .505 batting average will tie him for fourth. As the stats show Blaha has been a major key to the teams success this season.

"Eric is a good ball player," said Rivermen third baseman Trent Wesley. "He has given us a surge and we are feeding off of him. He is potent and once he gets going he is hard to stop."

Blaha has also set Rivermen career records. His 14 home runs is the school's all-time best. He also had hit safely in 16 consecutive at bats before being thrown out in a game against Bellarmine.

"When we are on all cylinders we are tough to beat," Brady said. "Our national ranking is indicative of how good we are. At times it has been an uphill climb, but that is the nature of the sport."

The pitching has been key in the winning efforts. The pitching staff is ranked 19th in Division II standings for team ERA. The pitching is led by Jon Buckingham with a 3.68 ERA and Curt Salata with a 2.45 ERA. Rob Dockemeyer has also helped in the team's winning efforts with his 5-2 record. ☐



Stephanie Platt / The Current

UM-St. Louis senior Denny McCarty throws a round of pitches at practice last week. The Rivermen were rained out Thursday night, so they had to practice as they approached four important conference games over the weekend.

Softball season over after GLVC/CLIC tournament

BY JOE HARRIS
staff writer

The Riverwomen's softball season ended last week as they salvaged a .500 record by going 2-3 in the GLVC/CLIC tournament.

The showdown started off well for the Riverwomen as they beat Findlay of Ohio 6-3.

"Megan Kuebler pitched a complete game and did a nice job to earn her tenth victory of the year," said Riverwomen head coach Charlie Kennedy. Kuebler benefited from an early Riverwomen offensive outburst. They jumped ahead to an early 5-0 lead. Findlay tried to come back, but the Riverwomen held on for the win.

The second game was against Grand Valley State, who came into the game with an impressive 33-13 record and quickly showed the Riverwomen why by beating them 2-0.

The Riverwomen had to battle the elements and Mother Nature as well as GV State.

"It was scoreless through five innings then we had a two-hour long rain delay," Kennedy said. "I would

have rather played through it, but the conditions made it impossible."

After the delay, GV State scored one in the sixth and one in the seventh to put the Riverwomen away.

With the rain, the last game of the day was pushed back to an 11 o'clock start time, which the Riverwomen also lost 8-0 to Northern Wilderness University. Wilderness had already dropped two games to Quincy and SIU-Edwardsville earlier in the day so they came in with something to prove.

"The elements didn't affect them, they came ready to play and we didn't," Kennedy said.

The next day started with a 9-7 loss to Lake Superior State.



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Some key Riverwomen this season were, from l-r, Amy Costanza, Audrey Kramme, Kiana Mooney, Nichol Kocis and Christina Pornto.

Superior jumped out to a 5-0 lead with the help of some shaky Riverwomen defense.

"I made a couple of defensive changes that hurt us," Kennedy said.

However, the Riverwomen didn't give up and made a game out of it. The Riverwomen clawed their way back to a two-run deficit when Sarah Priest came through with a two run single with the bases loaded to tie the game.

took the tough loss as she pitched all ten innings.

"Kuebler really deserved a better fate, especially since she settled down after the second inning," Kennedy said.

The Riverwomen would rebound in their last game of the season against Saginaw State, winning the game 3-0. The game was shortened to six innings due to rain.

"Nicki Kocis pitched a nice ball-

game," Kennedy said. Behind Kocis, the Riverwomen beat a Saginaw team that came into the ballgame with a 28-12 record. The win evened up the Riverwomen's record to 26-26 and ended the season.

"This team gradually got better each week this season," Kennedy said. The Riverwomen had a couple goals coming into this year. One was to finish in the top ten in conference, they finished fifth. The other was to do better in weekend play. They did going 14-6 in conference play on the weekends.

"I would like to see this team more prepared to play each game next season," Kennedy said. "There should be more consistency with our younger players who have had significant playing time and we should have more speed and be more aggressive next year."

Kennedy would also like his offense to show more understanding of certain hitting situations in order to get better pitches. He would also like to see better execution of defensive and offensive fundamentals, like moving a runner over with less than two outs. ☐

Tennis ends 'roller coaster season,' loses key senior

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
staff writer

The men's tennis team placed fifth overall in the GLVC this season. This was the same team which consisted of two seniors and the rest sophomores.

It was a team that was led by senior Stein Rotegaard, an All-Conference selection in the GLVC for No.1 singles. Rotegaard helped nurture this young and sporadic team to a successful season through his tough mental and physical preparation for each match.

The Rivermen will have problems replacing this steady player who for the majority of the year, played both No.1 singles and doubles.

Led by the talent of No.2 singles player Scott Goodyear, this team will

be ready to play next season. With other sophomores like David Crowell, doubles player Andy Coon and Townsend Morris, this team will not have a "roller coaster season" as Coach Gyllenborg pointed out for this year's squad.

Gyllenborg came into this program years ago when it was struggling and turned it into a contender in the GLVC. During this season, Gyllenborg constantly spoke out about how a winning record does not matter; rather it only matters what his team does in the conference. This season alone, he has proven that this theory hold true.

The Rivermen avenged their early season loss to Bellarmine in the second round of the GLVC tournament and eventually finished fifth overall. ☐

Junior college transfer still undefeated for UM-St. Louis

Coach hoping to get a few more starts from 5-0 Jon Buckingham in postseason

BY JOE HARRIS
staff writer

Three words strike fear in the heart of every baseball pitcher: Tommy John surgery. Having the surgery, named after the famous pitcher on whom it was first performed, means the pitcher will change his whole approach to the game.

Instead of over-powering hitters, pitchers have to use finesse. Many major leaguers can't make the adjustment, which makes junior Jon Buckingham's recovery from the surgery that much more amazing.

Buckingham, a transfer from Forest Park Community College, is 5-0 in seven starts this year for the Rivermen with two complete games and one shutout.

"It's a matter of his will to succeed," said Rivermen head coach Jim Brady. "He has a never-say-die attitude, and he's the ultimate competitor."

Buckingham's comeback can be attributed to his great work ethic. He works on the little things, like his pick-off move, on his own and he always finishes his running without being

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-Jim Brady
head baseball coach

told. "He has great poise coupled with a superior work ethic," Brady said. "He has all the ingredients of a top pitcher."

Brady saw Buckingham in a regional game last year when Buckingham was still with Forest Park. Brady was impressed with what he saw.

"He's definitely a big game pitcher," Brady said. "He wasn't intimidated and he showed a flair for competition with a great will to win."

become a team leader. His 44.0 innings pitched is third on the team and his 3.68 earned run average is one of the tops on the pitching staff.

"Buck's not a rah-rah type of guy," Brady said. "He leads more by example."

Brady believes Buckingham's work ethic comes from pride. He has pride in his performance and wants to be the best.

Opponents are batting only .272 against Buckingham and he has thrown only one wild pitch. Brady has big plans for the rest of the season that include Buckingham.

"Regionals are coming up," Brady said. "We're a solid three team, but I think we are even as good as a number one team. Once we get there, anything can happen and I think we can win it. We're looking for three or four more quality starts from Buck along the way."

Entering Regionals, the Rivermen pitching staff is solid. Brady is confident in all of his relievers as well as his starters, and Buckingham will need to be a major contributor if the Rivermen are to have post-season success. ☐

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS			
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	8	9	10
Men	GLVC Tourney TBA	GLVC Tourney TBA	GLVC Tourney TBA

Contact the Athletic Dept. for more information.

1998-99 Student Activity Budget Allocation Recommendations

Organization Name	Received in 1997-98	Requested for 1998-99	Recommended for 1998-99	Awarded after Appeal
Accounting Club	\$1,000.00	\$2,652.00	\$1,552.00	
African American Leadership Council	\$1,200.00	\$27,600.00	\$19,000.00	
Alpha Xi Delta	\$750.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,250.00	
American Optometric Student Association	\$4,000.00	\$5,195.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00
Anthropology Club	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Associated Black Collegians	\$14,000.00	\$20,500.00	\$0.00	
Association for Computer Machinery	\$550.00	\$1,470.00	\$865.00	
Barnes College Student Nurses Association	\$5,000.00	\$7,265.00	\$5,000.00	
Beta Alpha Psi	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,200.00	
Biological Society	\$1,500.00	\$3,770.00	\$2,000.00	
Black Business Students' Association	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Black Greeks United	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Catholic Students at Newman House	\$2,000.00	\$7,057.00	\$2,200.00	\$3,200.00
Chemistry Club	\$500.00	\$1,100.00	\$550.00	
Chinese Student Association (Mainland)	\$1,650.00	\$2,750.00	\$1,850.00	
Criminology & Criminal Justice	\$0.00	\$5,050.00	\$300.00	
Current	\$27,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
Delta Sigma Pi	\$2,200.00	\$3,225.00	\$2,475.00	
Evening College Council	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,700.00	
Forensics & Debate	\$21,750.00	\$30,675.00	\$21,750.00	
Garden, The	\$0.00	\$1,715.00	\$0.00	
Gospel Choir	\$2,200.00	\$5,790.00	\$2,200.00	\$4,000.00
Hispanic Latino Association	\$4,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Horizons	\$19,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$20,000.00	
Ice Hockey Club	\$21,000.00	\$44,300.00	\$18,050.00	
Indian Student Association	\$0.00	\$4,230.00	\$300.00	
International Students Organization	\$4,300.00	\$5,100.00	\$4,500.00	
Japanese Student Association	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$300.00	
Kappa Delta Pi	\$4,300.00	\$5,265.00	\$4,265.00	
Kermetic Perform. Arts Workshop	\$1,500.00	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	
Korean Students Association	\$600.00	\$1,015.00	\$750.00	
Lesbian Gay Biseual Students for Change	\$600.00	\$1,435.00	\$935.00	
Litmag	\$2,300.00	\$3,860.00	\$2,860.00	
Malaysian Student Association	\$0.00	\$2,175.00	\$1,435.00	
Mathematics Club	\$300.00	\$885.00	\$625.00	
Midwest Model United Nations	\$1,900.00	\$2,160.00	\$2,100.00	
Missouri Optometric Student Association	\$300.00	\$1,556.00	\$725.00	
Music Academy	\$300.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	
Music Educators National Conference	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	
Muslim Student Association	\$0.00	\$1,360.00	\$600.00	
National Association of Black Accountants	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
National Optometric Student Association	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Opera Theater Ensemble	\$300.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00	
Panhellenic	\$1,500.00	\$6,750.00	\$1,500.00	
Phi Alpha Theta	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$950.00	
Physics Club	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$350.00	
Pierre Laclède Honors College	\$2,400.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,075.00	
Political Science Academy	\$2,500.00	\$3,575.00	\$2,500.00	
Political Science Graduate Student Association	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,000.00
Pre-Med Society	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$450.00	
Pre-Optometry Association	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Psi Chi	\$1,650.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,650.00	
Residence Hall Association	\$3,250.00	\$7,200.00	\$4,700.00	
Sigma Pi Fraternity	\$0.00	\$6,850.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Sigma Tau Gamma	\$1,000.00	\$6,080.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00
Sisterhood Exchange	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Spanish Club	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$300.00	
Student Activities Programming	\$30,000.00	\$181,900.00	\$127,150.00	
Student Activity Budget Committee	\$14,000.00	\$15,730.00	\$15,000.00	
Student Advisory Board - Music	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	
Student Council for Exceptional Children	\$500.00	\$867.00	\$617.00	
Student Government Association	\$45,000.00	\$78,300.00	\$48,000.00	\$50,000.00
Student Investment Trust	\$300.00	\$3,120.00	\$1,770.00	
Student Missouri State Teachers Association	\$750.00	\$1,025.00	\$735.00	
Student Social Work Association	\$400.00	\$1,500.00	\$838.00	
Student Volunteer Optometric Serving Humanity	\$5,500.00	\$9,170.00	\$6,170.00	
Students in Support of Children	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Students with Disabilities Association	\$4,000.00	\$8,250.00	\$4,800.00	
Television/Cinema Production Club	\$2,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,500.00	
UMSL Dance Team	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
UMSL Riverettes Pom Squad	\$2,200.00	\$1,978.00	\$1,978.00	
UMSL Rivermen Bowling	\$0.00	\$5,332.00	\$300.00	
University Instrumental Ensembles	\$2,200.00	\$3,350.00	\$0.00	
University Madrigal Ensemble	\$1,900.00	\$3,800.00	\$2,000.00	
University Program Board	\$78,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
University Singers	\$2,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Wesley Foundation	\$800.00	\$1,715.00	\$1,000.00	
Special Allocation Request:				
Pi Alpha Alpha	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
National Association of Business Economists	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Omicron Delta Epsilon	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Pre-Law	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total:	\$377,200.00	\$662,447.00	\$401,170.00	

*Source: Student Activities

FREDE, from page 3

breasts. She still has no muscle in her abdomen, although this summer she has surgery scheduled which may wrap around muscle from her back to her stomach.

As for this affecting Frede's appetite, she was unable to eat for 201 days. Fortunately, she's now back on track and eating normally. The only things that disagrees with her are dairy products.

"I think the doctors fixed me up pretty well if I can have Taco Bell," Frede said.

In all, Frede has had 15 surgeries and lost 20 pounds. April 10 was her most recent surgery, in which doctors removed the rods from of her right arm.

Frede credits her survival to her age and good physical condition.

"Seat belts do save lives. If [Jason and I] hadn't been wearing them, we wouldn't be here," Frede

said. "But if we do have seat belts, they have to fit us correctly. They shouldn't cause injury."

Frede is certainly getting her message out. She is planning to travel to Jefferson City with Metzler to go before the state legislature and talk about the seat belt issue. In late May, *Ladies' Home Journal* is sending a reporter from New York to interview Frede and her mother.

"The more people I make aware, the sooner the legislature will do something about it," Frede said. "And people in the automotive industry can start thinking about a new design [for seat belts]."

Jason returned to school on time

with his classmates, fulfilling a goal he had set for himself in rehabilitation. He is now out of his wheelchair and not only walking, but will hopefully be playing sports again next year.

Ali Frede is most definitely living. She is getting back into her normal routine, slowly but surely. Ali is currently finishing up the UM-St. Louis classes she missed last summer, and is registered for the fall semester. She even started driving by herself last month.

She plans to take a well-deserved rest this summer. She is recovering not only from the accident but the chicken pox. Her brother, Jason, gave them to her last month. □

Seat belts do save lives. If [Jason and I] hadn't been wearing them, we wouldn't be here. But they have to fit us correctly. They shouldn't cause injury.

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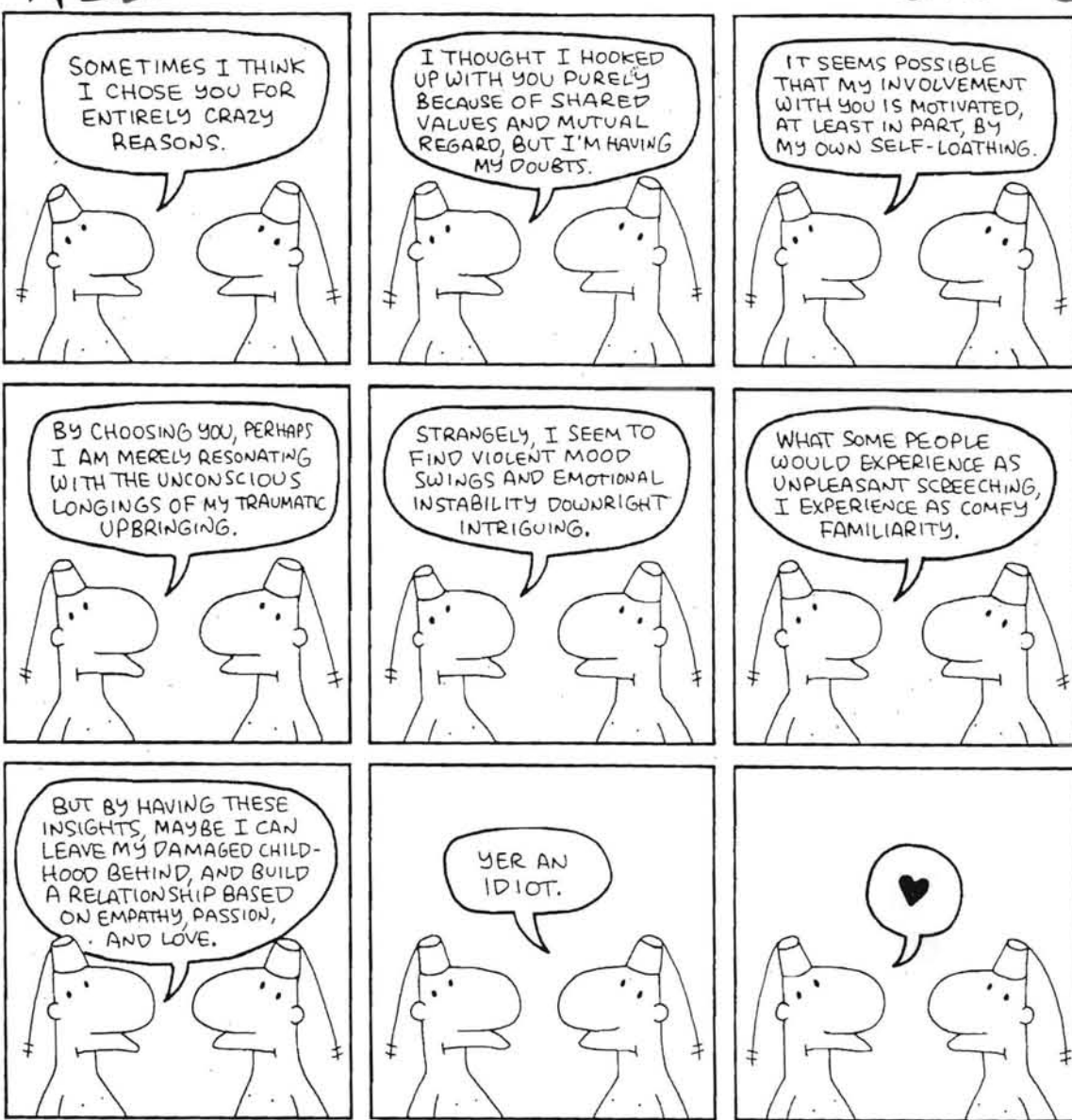
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