

## ABC Conflict Sparks University Inquiries

by Paul Thompson editor and Kevin Kleine managing editor

An altercation among several members of the Associated Black Collegians over an article published in the Current has sparked an investigation by the Division of Student Affairs and the Student Government Association.

The incident, which occurred on Oct. 31, arose after a Current staffer, Terence Small, who is also an ABC member, wrote an article in this newspaper quoting students' mild criticism about the black student organization.

Small filed a grievance with the Student Affairs Office against ABC leader Kelly McKee (also known as Kamau), after McKee allegedly threatened him for publishing the article.

Student Government Association President Jerry Berhorst said he plans to investigate ABC's activities and spending habits as a result of the dispute.

After the incident, McKee — who is not registered as a student this semester — was told to leave university grounds by campus police.

The dispute appears to have brought to a head long-standing concerns within the organization and to have prompted Berhorst to investigate the group's activities.

"That's ridiculous when one official of an organization threatens one of the members," Berhorst said. "It's a crazy situation, and it shouldn't have gone that far."

Small, who is awaiting action on the grievance he filed with Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tony Chambers, said he hopes some good will come out of the situation.

"The organization itself is not bad," Small said. "When a few voices are loud and wrong it creates a bad image for the rest of the organization."

McKee could not be reached for comment. And ABC Vice President Mark Grimes, who also confronted Small about the newspaper story, declined to comment.

"I don't think it needs to be made public," Grimes said.

The article that sparked the controversy contained a quote from a black student who said she felt that ABC did not represent the interests of blacks on campus.

Berhorst and Small reiterated that claim in interviews.

Small said that McKee, who has acted as a leader of the organization even though he is not a registered student, has given ABC a radical image than many people don't want to be associated with.

"I think the biggest problem with

ABC is involvement," he said. "Kamau gave the ABC a radical image. When you're dealing with radical people and you don't want to, you just don't stay around."

Berhorst, who also questioned the way the ABC has elected its officers, agreed that this year ABC appears to be a different organization than last year.

"Hardly any of the people that I saw going up there last year are going there this year," he said.

Roderick Pratt, last year's ABC president and now its public affairs officer, said he does believe the organization serves black students at UM-St. Louis.

"I would look at it on a broader basis. Everyone will not be pleased [about any large organization]," Pratt said. "Does the Student Association fulfill the interests of the whole student body?"

He said ABC attempts to reach out to black students.

"The basic function of ABC is to promote black projects, to promote black awareness, culturally, politically, as college students," Pratt said. "We're saying that most black students on campus lack that."

Campus Police Chief John Pickens said no formal criminal charges have been filed against any of the parties in the dispute. He said, however, that McKee has not been reported on campus since the Oct. 31 incident.

Small said he was startled by the controversy touched off by what he considered to be a relatively harmless story about the organization. The article focused primarily on an ABC initiative to motivate black high school students to pursue their educations.

"I knew that Kamau might have something to say about it," Small

said. "I didn't think the story was that offensive. I had no idea he would fly off the handle the way he did."

But Small said he hopes a more positive situation in the ABC organization will arise from the controversy.

"This is a good time for ABC to come together with black students and iron things out within the organization," Small said. "I think ABC has some potential because a lot of the students involved are really bright."

Berhorst has not said specifically what an investigation of ABC would entail, but said he would examine spending reports and elections of the organization, which received \$12,000 in student activities funds this year.

## 1 Of 300 Students May Have AIDS

(CPS) — As many as three out of every one thousand college students may have AIDS, the preliminary results of a nationwide study involving 20 campuses show.

The results, if they hold up when the full study is completed in February, would indicate students are not paying much attention to efforts to get them to change their sex habits and mean a significant portion of the American student body is at risk of catching — and dying of — AIDS, observers say.

"If the figures hold up, there is more concern than we had anticipated," said Dr. Rolan Zick, director of the University of Colorado health center. "If there is an infection rate in that range then students will simply have to start

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GOOD VIBRATIONS: John Kasica, percussionist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, played the vibraphone for interested students in the Summit Lookout last Monday.

## Missouri's Best Stay for School

by Cathy Dey associate news editor

Where do Missouri's brightest high school students go after graduation? Since the creation of the Missouri Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program, more and more are staying in state to attend college.

Began in the fall of 1987, the scholarship program (nicknamed "bright flight") offers automatic, renewable scholarships of \$2000 to qualified Missouri high school graduates on the condition that they attend one of 73 participating Missouri colleges and universities.

The program was set up by the state legislature to keep top high school graduates from enrolling in out-of-state schools. According to

Judy Vickrey of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, two-thirds of Missouri's National Merit Scholars were leaving the state in the mid-1980's. "So legislation was passed to keep Missouri's best and brightest in the state," said Vickrey.

Appropriations for the scholarship program come from the state's general revenue and interest earned from the Guaranteed Student Loan fund, and should continue to fund the program indefinitely, according to Vickrey.

In order to be eligible for a "bright flight" scholarship, students must score in the top three percent on the ACT (a score of 29) or SAT (690 verbal score and 730 math). The

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## Light Rail: Metro Link To Have Two Stops At UM-St. Louis

by Steve Ward news editor

UM-St. Louis students are one step closer to not having to drive to school.

On Oct. 25, the Urban Mass Transit Administration presented the Bi-State Development Agency with a \$150 million check. The money will be used to help fund the Metro Link which is proposed to run from East St. Louis to Lambert International Airport.

Two of the stops planned on the trunk of Metro Link, better known as the Light Rail, will be located on campus. The first stop will be on South campus, just southeast of parking lot Z. The second stop will be on the north end of the main campus, just behind the Blue Metal Building.

The purpose of the Light Rail is to provide a convenient and cheaper mode of transportation from the downtown area of St. Louis to the airport. The 18 mile link will contain 20 stops and will act as a complement to the bus service Bi-State currently provides.

Even though the rail is being planned mainly for the airport, UM-St. Louis should also derive some benefits. According to Sandra Kling, former executive director of Citizens for Modern Transit, approximately 2,000 students would use the Light Rail system. Those numbers, however, are based on the number of students who currently use the bus, Kling said. There is also the possibility that if enough students use the system that the

tight parking situation would loosen up.

The South campus site was chosen because there are already railroad tracks there. The idea in building the metro link is to rehabilitate abandoned or underutilized tracks, bridges and tunnels. In the case of the North campus site, however, track will have to be added.

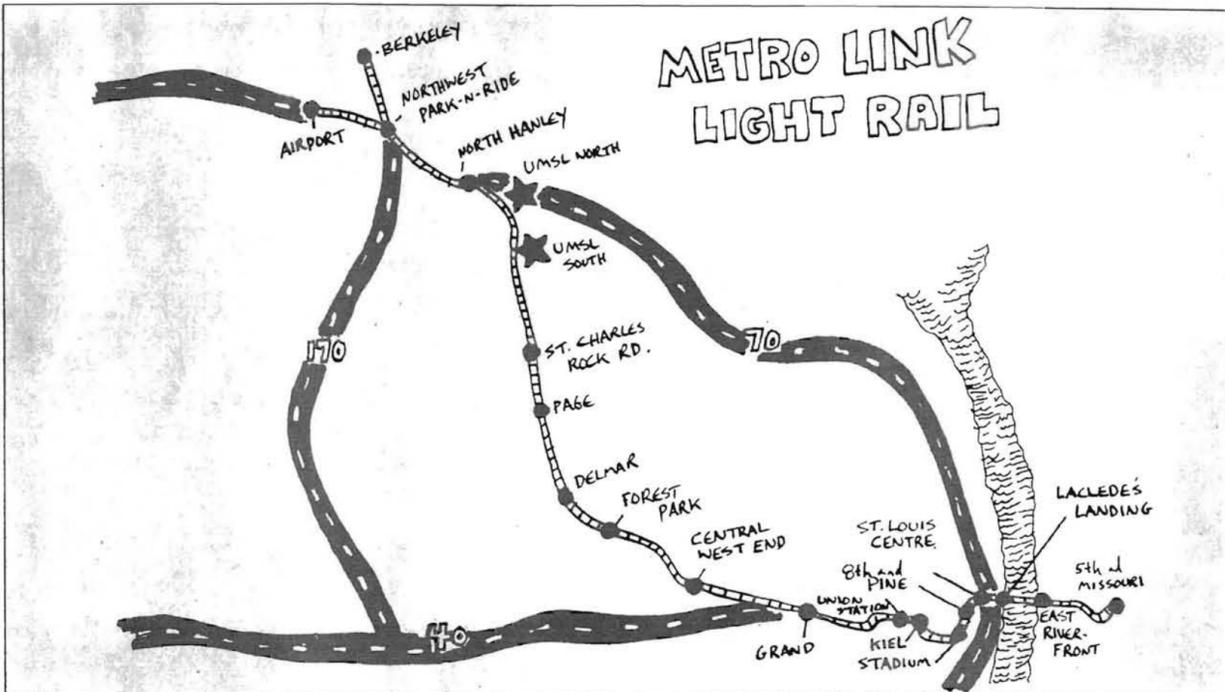
"There will have to be a restructuring of roads," Kling said. "But there shouldn't be a problem because the track will come into campus on a trestle."

The tentative plan is that the tracks will be on the ground behind the Blue Metal Building and then rise up behind the General Services Building. The tracks will then leave campus by way of the south side of the Mark Twain Building.

The Metro Link will consist of 31 electric rail cars. Each train will be made up of two cars that will be able to hold 350 standing and seated passengers. If the trunk route proves successful, the system may be expanded to include the city of St. Charles and Belleville, Ill., Kling said.

The Light Rail system is scheduled to be completed by 1993. The \$250 million project will receive 75 percent of its funding from the federal government and the other 25 percent from the City of St. Louis.

"No bond issue or new taxes are needed to fund the construction of Metro Link," Kling said in an article she wrote for the March, 1987 issue of St. Louis Commerce. "The money



will instead come from the Federal Mass Transportation Trust Fund — a pool created from a one-cent-a-gallon federal gasoline tax."

According to the May 1988 issue of "Making Tracks," a newsletter pro-

duced by the Bi-State Development Agency, St. Louis plans to fund their 25 percent of the project thusly: "The match is the asset value of

some 14 miles of existing, but underutilized and/or abandoned

railroad right-of-way and facilities that will be rehabilitated and used

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owned MacArthur Bridge and assuming maintenance responsibilities for acquired property."

Recent appraisals of these properties place their value at approximately \$95 million, close to the 25 percent local share match needed.

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**CAMPUS REMINDER**  
The Current will not publish next week due to the Thanksgiving break.

# Campus Events

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

● **Biology Club:** "Elephants and Plants in Africa." Stephen Mulkey of the UM-St. Louis biology department will speak from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Kent Tomazi Lounge, room 107 Benton Hall. For more information call 553-6221.

● **Business Seminar:** "An Assessment of the Effect of Risk Attitude and Perception on Audit Risk." Timothy Farmer of the UM-St. Louis School of Business and Douglas Clarke of the University of Georgia will speak at 2 p.m. For location and other information call 553-6272.

● **The UM-St. Louis Lesbian/Gay Campus Organization** will host their first "get acquainted" party for St. Louis metro area college students at 7 p.m. in room 126 of the J.C. Penney Building.

L/GCO is inviting students from approximately 10 St. Louis area colleges. The party will include musical entertainment, food, and speakers on gay and lesbian issues.

The goal of the party is to bring gay and lesbian students together to meet and get to know each other. L/GCO hopes area campuses will ultimately work together to form a network of support and information for gay students.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

● Chancellor Marguerite Barnett will hold open office hours in 401

Woods Hall: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for students and 11 a.m. to noon for faculty.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

● Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no classes on these days.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

● **Holiday Fest '88** begins with tree decorating and a Silver Anniversary Reception in the University Center Lobby, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and, for evening faculty, staff and students, 5 to 8:30 p.m. Join friends for some cider, some cookies, some conversation and lots of good cheer! Student leaders are your host and hostesses.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

● **Holiday Fest Food Drive** is in full swing. Bring baskets to the University Center lobby between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Staff will be on hand to cover and label your generous donations.

# Newsbriefs

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A series of workshops to help college students prepare for

the job search sponsored by the Clayton Rotary and the Right Associates are scheduled for December and January.

The workshops will provide participants with information and referral meetings; campaign planning and implementation as well as other job-related tips.

Workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 5, 1989 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 10, noon to 4 p.m. at 222 South Central Avenue, Suite 1000. Clayton. Lunch will be a part of each workshop.

The \$20 fee for the workshop will be donated to PolioPlus, a program dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide. More information is available by calling Cindy Kuhlman at 725-5700.

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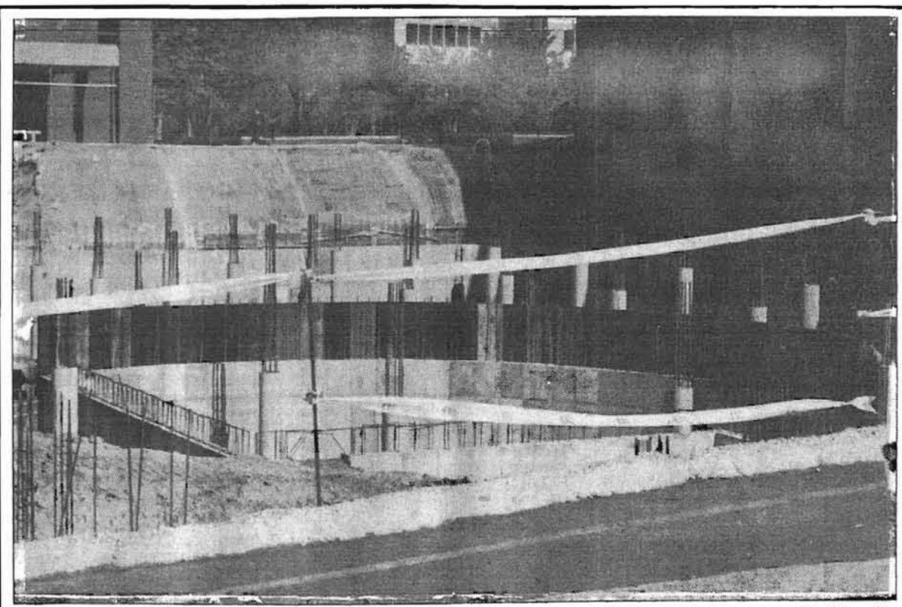
UM-St. Louis freshman Lori Freiermuth said that the "bright

flight" scholarship offered to her "definitely" influenced her decision to attend college in Missouri. "I knew I would have to take out a bunch of loans anywhere else," Freiermuth said.

Of 1988 Missouri high school graduates, 1667 were offered scholarships. In 1987, 521 students — or 57 percent of those accepting scholarships — opted to attend one of the UM campuses and 84 percent returned this year. Presently, UM-St. Louis has 62 bright flight scholars.

Freiermuth, a secondary education major, said that she chose UM-St. Louis over other, residential Missouri schools because "I'm not into the 'college' atmosphere" and that she is pleased with her choice.

"We've had a tremendous retention rate because the students are very satisfied with the quality of education provided at our four (UM) campuses," said President C. Peter Magrath.



Scott Brandt

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# AIDS

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paying more attention to educating themselves."

"At this point, the numbers are so preliminary it's practically meaningless," cautioned Anne Sims of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). "Meaningful estimates" won't be proper until the study is finished in February.

The CDC, along with the American College Health Association is gathering and testing 1,000 blood samples drawn from students on 20 campuses for other medical reasons to see how far AIDS has spread.

Few know which 20 campuses are in the study, but Tulane and Rutgers universities as well as the universities of Colorado, Maryland and Georgia have acknowledged they're participating.

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is caused by a virus which destroys the body's immune system. The virus is most typically contracted by having sex or sharing intravenous needles with an infected person, or by contaminated blood products. There have been more than 76,000 cases reported in the United States since 1981, with 43,000 fatalities.

Campus lifestyles, health administrators believe, leave students especially vulnerable to the disease.

"Students are a sexually active group," said Dr. Florence Winship of the University of Georgia health center. And because they tend to be young and inexperienced, "they feel immune, even when they know the problem's out there."

Many students objected to the CDC study when it was proposed last spring, noting they would never know if a blood sample they have at their clinic was being tested or if, in the end, they tested positive for the disease.

Still others worried samples could be traced back to the donors. In New Jersey, for example, the American Civil Liberties Union lodged a formal complaint with Rutgers University, charging the school's participation in the survey endangered students' privacy.

Through it all, however, the CDC believed the study was worthwhile. Sims contends, "The survey will help us focus our efforts."

About 5,000 of the 20,000 college blood samples to be tested have been processed, Sims said, showing a rate of about three cases per 1,000 students. Sims said she didn't know from which campuses the samples came.

"The only thing we can show from these preliminary results is that there is infection on college campuses. College students are not immune from AIDS," Sims said.

"The figure cited is based on just one-quarter of the sample," added Miguel Garcia-Tunom of the American College Health Association. "In that sense it's inconclusive. It's just a number. But what's important is not to fixate on a number, but to deal with the problem on campuses. Students must be aware of this."

"It's not surprising to me," Winship said of the preliminary figure. While the data may be "skewed" and don't "provide the full picture," she predicts the final tally "won't be too far off."

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## AOJ Celebrates 20th With Speaker McMillian

by Jessica Grant reporter

On Friday, November 4, 1988, the Administration of Justice Department celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a reception in the Summit Lounge.

The program opened with remarks from Dr. Scott Decker, Professor and Chairman of the AOJ department.

Shortly thereafter, he followed with a list of those recognized for past and present accomplishments.

Throughout the reception, a number of awards and certificates were given to those people showing outstanding performances in the justice field.

An Administration of Justice Alumni Award was given to Robert Hoosman.

Hoosman, an AOJ alumnus, is currently Director of Branch Banking for the Educational Employees Credit Union (EECU).

Others recognized for their contributions in the AOJ field were Kathryn Graves, David Pearson, Raoul Williams and Judith Woolsey, who all received certificates for outstanding service.

Graves, is in Private Security in Scottsdale Arizona.

"This is the largest Private Security Division in the country headed by a woman," Decker informed.

Pearson is a State Probation/Parole officer. He has been recognized on many occasions for his innovative volunteer programs.

Williams, a Federal Probation/Parole Officer, has been cited for his coordination and organization of volunteers in the Metro area, Decker said.

Woolsey, a Bridgeton police officer, was awarded an Outstanding Evening College Student Certificate last July, for academic excellence.

Recognized for outstanding contributions to the AOJ department were Edward Longinette, Deputy Police Chief of the Airport Police, and Wayman Smith, Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Anheuser-Busch.

A special service award was given to former AOJ faculty member, Honorable Judge Donna M. White.

Closing remarks were given by the Honorable Judge Theodore McMillian, of the U.S. Court of Appeals.

"Judge McMillian is the second black to be admitted to the Federal Court of Appeals," Decker said.

He stated that the reception drew a crowd of approximately 130 people into the Summit.

"(They) included current as well as past faculty members, alumni, community leaders and UM-St. Louis representatives from Administration. We invite anyone who would like to come," Decker added.

The AOJ department here at UM-St. Louis, is one of the largest in Missouri.

Faculty members hold degrees in areas such as Criminal Justice, Criminology and Social Work, and are available and willing to aid students in the program.

Students enrolling in the AOJ program, follow a solid schedule of AOJ courses, as well as such cognate courses as Sociology, Political Science, Psychology and Economics.

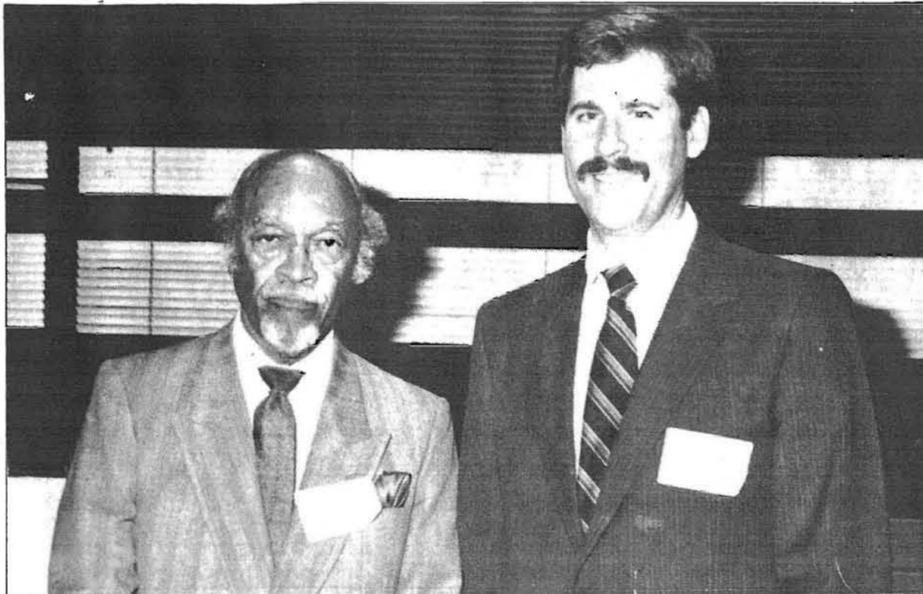
Upon completing ten "core" classes, students are given the option to follow four specialty programs: The American Political System, Treatment of an Offender, Etiology and Prevention of Crime and Planning and the Administration of Justice.

Upon graduation, students find success in a number of areas in the law enforcement field.

Currently, 50 of the AOJ graduates are working within Probation and Parole Departments, and many others have obtained positions in Corrections.

"Over 100 students have gone on to law school," Decker enthused. "Of the approximately 1200 graduates of the program, roughly one-third are from the College of Arts and Sciences."

The AOJ degree offers a student the opportunity to form a strong base of knowledge in the areas of the criminal, civil, military and



**HERE COMES THE JUDGE:** Honorable Judge Theodore McMillian (left) of the U.S. Court of Appeals, and Dr. Scott Decker (right), professor in the AOJ department, gave keynote speeches at AOJ reception. Photo is courtesy of Graphic Services.

juvenile justice systems.

By studying these areas, students are preparing themselves for an active career in both the public and private sectors of the law enforcement fields.

Jobs range from police officer to probation/parole officer to F.B.I. special agent to Private Security.

With further graduate training, students will be eligible for

positions such as a Prosecuting Attorney, a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer and a Forensic Scientist.

"It is a great program," Decker observed. "Our graduates are going on to a lot of wonderful careers."

## Capote's Last Work, 'Answered Prayers,' Is A Disappointing Epitaph

by Loren Richard Klahs book reviewer

**Answered Prayers**

by Truman Capote (Random House, \$15.95, 180 pages)

"...More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones."

Over 20 years ago, Truman Capote came up with an idea for a novel and signed a contract with a publisher for a new book to be entitled "Answered Prayers."

Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending on one's perspective) Truman Capote died before he could deliver said book.

The book in question was supposed to have been "...an examination of the small world inhabited by the very rich." Capote's vision, however, became blurred with his

passion for revenge.

His work of fiction became something of a nightmare. Superficial in scope, it became little more than a diatribe of bitchy accusations and ramblings about people who were once Capote's real life friends.

With weak prose and tedious displays of repetitive vulgarity, Capote put his poison pen to work by dissecting his most personal relationships.

Some of his insights were wickedly humorous, like his comparison of Jacqueline Kennedy to a grotesque female impersonator. And then there was the infamous passage about all of the Kennedy men:

"...All those Kennedy men are the same. They're like dogs, they have to pee on every fire hydrant."

It was no wonder that cafe society

avoided Truman like the plague, and all but a precious few abandoned him in the years directly preceding his death.

Still, it is somehow sad that a great talent like Capote would write his final chapters in a self-made sewer. The man must have been deeply tormented. Yet "Answered Prayers" does precious little to exorcise his demons.

Instead of empathizing with or feeling sorry for Mr. Capote, the reader comes away from his last book feeling cheated.

How can the genius who gave us such monumental works as "In Cold Blood," "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Music for Chameleons" and other artifacts of contemporary American literature sink so low? How dare he subject us to this self-indulgent little book?

"Answered Prayers" is subtitled "The Unfinished Novel." In its final

published form there are but three disconnected chapters (It has been suggested by the publisher that there are some missing chapters, but it remains to be determined if indeed other chapters were actually written, or if they were mere figments of Capote's imagination).

In fact, what does remain here is slanderous commentary on society folk who made up Capote's personalized set of the rich and famous. No stone remains unturned as the author cleans house by exposing all known skeletons in each and every closet.

Sexual innuendos, graphically detailed scenarios of every perversion, infidelities, murders, and just plain sleazy themes run rampant throughout the book. Joseph M. Fox, a former friend and editor of Capote sums it up in this way, "...Clearly Truman must have been

desperate."

However, it should be underscored here that "Answered Prayers" was published after Truman Capote's death. While some of the book was previously published in Esquire magazine in 1976 (thus, the alienation factor) it remains to be said that his publisher decided to print these final lurid pages.

Did Capote really want this book published? Did he give up on it after his friends left him in droves following the Esquire excerpt? These are but a couple of questions that remain unanswered.

"Answered Prayers" and its premise are sorely out of date in the 1980s. Is anyone truly shocked by the fact that many of society folk behave in an amoral manner?

Are we surprised by the constant references to the gutter? Is ultra-

sophistication any substitute for traditional values? Does Jacqueline Kennedy look more like a drag queen impersonating herself these days? Does anyone really care?

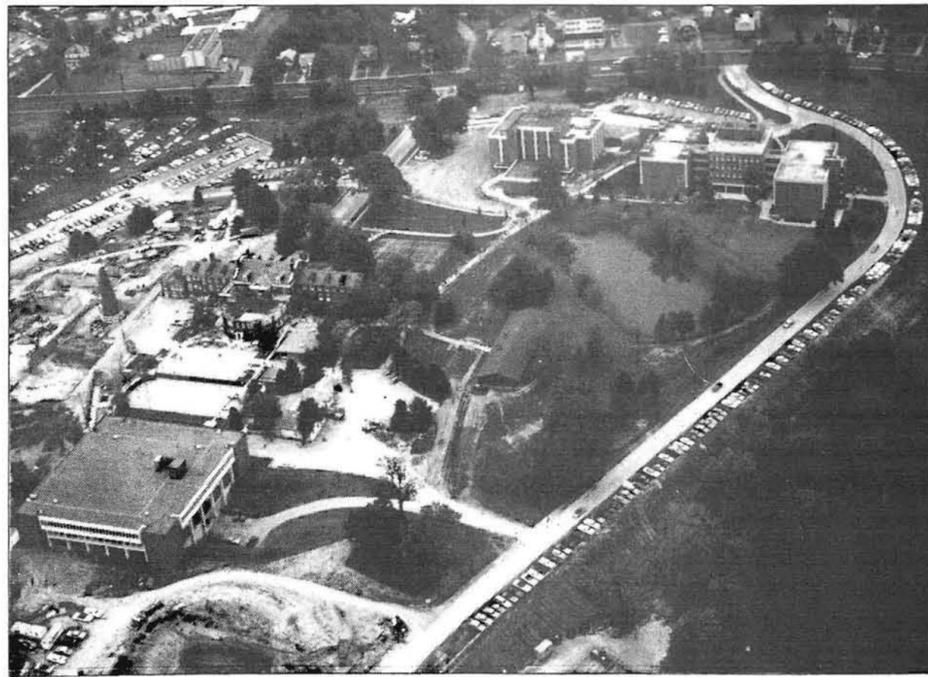
I don't particularly care about "Answered Prayers." It is hardly representative of the author's work as a whole.

I do, however, care about the shabby treatment. This is a book that should have never been printed.

It should have remained under the publisher's lock and key forever.

In the final analysis it can be said that "Answered Prayers" is a complete travesty which concerns itself with "paybacks" to those various and sundry individuals whom Truman Capote perceived as his false friends.

I had hoped for a better epitaph.



**VIEW TO A HILL:** Aerial shot shows a young UM-St. Louis, once called Normandy Residence Center, sitting on land that once sold for \$60,000. This photo, taken in 1969, is courtesy of Graphic Services.

## Friendship Is A Strange Concept



**Don't Panic**

by Christopher A. Duggan features editor

Many times, our expectations of people are different from what they eventually end up being.

Actually, I didn't know what to expect of Malik, our business manager here at the Current. Why, you may ask?

Well, for one thing, he's from another country, as you may have guessed from his name.

His actual name is Mohammed Faisal Malik. He claims that he is most commonly known as Faisal in his country, because in Pakistan, Mohammed is the rough equivalent of John (quite a few people are named Mohammed in Pakistan.).

...that there are many things he thinks are great about the United States...you can drive anywhere you want here without telling someone about it first.

Here he is called Malik for reasons I can't quite remember.

For some time, I've wanted to talk to someone from another country to get the point of view of a foreigner about our country and our customs.

Malik says he had some preconceptions about the United States that remained intact after he arrived here.

He has been here for about ten months, just for the record.

He said that there are many things he thinks are great about the United States. For example, you can drive anywhere you want here without telling someone about it first.

That is, not counting your parents, right?

You can say anything you want here. He mentioned a movie he saw, "The Falcon and the Snowman" I think, that was critical of the American government.

He was surprised to see a movie like that in the country that it was made in.

"You wouldn't see that everywhere," he said.

He said that there are problems here, however.

The family structure here is a lot looser than it is elsewhere, for one thing.

All in all, though, I think he likes it here.

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## All That Is Left Are Memories

by Lee Conrad reporter

The land where UM-St. Louis now sits once sold for as little as \$60,000. The buildings here used to be called the Normandy Residence Center, before it was incorporated into the University of Missouri.

Raymond Schmidt, retired bakery owner in West County, fondly remembers those times.

Schmidt was on the Normandy school district Board of Education from 1954 to 1965.

In the late '50s, he said that Normandy was taxing its citizens as much as it dared.

"It seems we were passing a bond issue every three months," Schmidt said.

With all classes filled to capacity, there were a lot of new graduates out in the working community every year. One board member named Fred Small first thought a junior college would be beneficial in Normandy (This was two years before the St. Louis Community College System was established.)

While all of that was going on in the PTA meetings, Bellerive Country Club owned the land where UM-St. Louis is today. They had one

main building, and a small one at that.

It stood just to the west of where the J.C. Penney building is now, in the circle driveway.

Today, a plaque is there, dedicated the commons area to the founders of the University and the citizens of Normandy.

Bellerive Country Club wanted to sell this land because they were building a new club at Ladue and Mason roads. A building company called Burton Dunkey was interested in buying it for \$1.2 million, intending to build houses.

Then they decided that it wouldn't have been profitable since the land had to be sold in acre lots instead of square footage. So the country club was still stuck with the land.

That's when they came to Normandy school district to see if a deal could be made. Normandy bought it for \$600,000 and converted the building into small classrooms. For the next two years (1961-1962) it was called the Normandy Residence Center.

Those first two years it served only as a two-year college. Enrollment was low.

Then the University of Missouri approached Normandy school dis-

trict with plans to take it over. That is when it sold for \$60,000.

"We took a lot of flack for that back then," Schmidt said about selling the land at a loss. "But we knew it would be better for the community in the long run. In 1963, it was converted to a four-year University of Missouri."

Today, UM-St. Louis is the second biggest college in the state and about 33,000 students have graduated from here in the past twenty-five years. In this semester alone, enrollment is at 12,202.

"There are a lot of people who deserved thanks: Fred Small, Ward Barnes, even the citizens," Schmidt said. "The people were behind us 100 percent in our efforts."

Barnes was the superintendent of Normandy school district during that time. He was very instrumental in the initial deals.

Today, all that is left are the memories, a few computer chips with statistics kept in Woods Hall, and a plaque out by the bus stop.

"It still fills me with pride every time I drive by it," Schmidt said. "...every student that goes to school there should be thankful to the town and school district of Normandy."

## Travel Can Be A Living, Rolling Hell

**20-Something**

by Julio West columnist

Travel is one of my favorite pastimes, but my travels are usually to one of three places, work, school and the liquor store.

Next summer my wife and I are planning to go visit my parents in San Diego.

I keep thinking it won't be that big of a deal. After all, I have been there a few times before. But then reality sets in and I realize this time I will have a wife and child in tow.

Now most people who know me know that the thought of me having a wife and raising a child is scary enough for a horror film.

But no, lets go one step further and travel with them.

Let me point out that I am not cutting down my wife. In fact, my

friends have petitioned the vatican for her canonization just for marrying me. But that's another column.

So here is the picture: a 22 year old father with zero patience, his loving 21 year-old wife and let's

I think it will end up being kind of like "National Lampoon's Vacation," except this one will be called "The Evil Beginnings."

just say a seven month old child.

It's a quaint picture except for the driving 2,000 miles part.

If that was the worst part, I could deal with it. But the combined age of our cars is 16 years. And that, I

could deal with, but she drives a car that thinks gas is free and my car has more miles than Ronald Reagan.

Ok, maybe that's a slight exaggeration, but it has a lot.

So here is the picture: a young college age couple with a baby driving cross-country in a bed-raggle car, through desert heat, across mountains, through rain storms, etc...

I think it will end up being kind of like National Lampoon's Vacation, except this episode will be called The Evil Beginnings.

Well, I will keep all of my readers (both of you) updated and I welcome any suggestions you can offer.

In fact, I am currently pushing the limit for the columnist who gets the least mail.

I get none, and I am starting to feel like an outcast.

Even Paulette gets mail, and she has only written three columns.

Where is the justice?

**PANIC**

from page 4

What is it like to have a friend from Pakistan?

How can I explain it? Have you ever seen the movie "Starman"? In it, an alien comes to Earth, assumes the form of a human and travels to Arizona with a woman from Michigan.

Every time he would encounter something he didn't understand, he would ask the woman to define it or explain it.

Well, that is kind of what it's like hanging out with Malik. I like to think that we, Paulette Amaro and I, have steered him correctly so far.

Our instruction in the customs of Americans has been mainly in the area of the correct use of American slang.

Language skills can be very dangerous, as Malik has discovered on a couple of occasions.

I won't embarrass him by going into detail.

Paulette has compared friendship with Malik to, say, having a 24-year-old son. You frequently have to tell him what is correct and incorrect behavior.

What I have discovered about Malik through talking to him at

great length about a variety of subjects is that he, for reasons of nationality or whatever, he has a highly developed sense of responsibility and honor.

I do not say this solely because he told me that of all the Current staff, I am the easiest to understand.

However, he does possess many qualities that we used to value in this country. It seems funny to me that these values be reintroduced to me by two things. Ernest Hemingway and Malik.

I stated earlier that you never know what will happen to your friends. In Malik's case, I have a pretty good idea.

While I don't know if our friendship will survive the moving around I may have to endure after graduation, I know that in a couple years, after he has gotten his degree, he will be going back to his country.

It is doubtful, after that, that I will see him again.

I know one thing. In spite of what happens in the future, this short time that I have been acquainted to Mohammed Faisal Malik is one that I will never forget.

**'Tis The Season...**

For several years now, in the late part of November, the University Center has been transformed to evoke feelings of holiday cheer in students, faculty and staff here.

This transformation is pulled off by the University Program Board, and it's called Holiday Fest. This year's Holiday Fest, Holiday Fest '88, will take place on November 28 through November 30.

To start out, the University Center will be decorated with lights, pine roping and ribbon. In addition to this, an evergreen tree, dubbed the Community Evergreen Tree, will be set up in the center of the University Center Lobby.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and also from 5 to 8 p.m., the University Center will host the tree decorating party and the Silver Anniversary Reception acknowledging the University's 25th Anniversary.

All campus offices and student organizations are asked to design a decoration for the community tree that is representative of the office or organization. Available at the party will be eggnog, hot cider and cookies. To add to the festive atmosphere, the University Singers will perform holiday selections, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Faculty, staff and students can participate in the decorating of the tree by adding their names to the Fellowship Garland. The

Fellowship Garland is an old-fashioned paper chain garland festooned on the tree.

Each link in the chain represents a faculty, staff, or student member of UM-St. Louis. It is intended to symbolize the contribution each member of the UM-St. Louis community makes to the growth of the university.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on November 29 and 30, members of the University Center/Student Activities staff will be on hand in the University Center Lobby to accept boxes and baskets of food that have been collected by offices and student organizations for the annual Holiday Fest Food Drive.

All boxes and baskets will be labeled with the donating party's name and places under the tree for display.

All food drive contributions will be donated to the North Side Team Ministry for distribution to the area's needy. Last year, over 80 food baskets were collected, and the generosity appears to grow each year.

In a commuter campus, people are always in such a hurry to get out of class and off campus. Holiday Fest '88 offers a chance for people on the campus to slow down for a while and partake of the feeling of cheer and good will that will soon cover the entire world.



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## Hard-Working Rivermen Seek Defense, Rebounds

### Rivermen Defeat Yugo Team

by Tom Kovach sports editor

The answer for Coach Rich Meckfessel is rebounding and defense. The question — can the men's basketball team combine those two and repeat last year's 22-9 season?

"We going to mix up our defense and try to keep our opponents from getting into a rhythm," Meckfessel said.

Last year, the Rivermen were out-rebounded by their opponents and Meckfessel says that players like Byron McNair and Kevin Morganfield must rebound more.

"He (McNair) plays hard," Meckfessel said. "He is much more offensive-minded. He will have to double his rebounding output. We look for Morganfield to score, rebound and play defense."

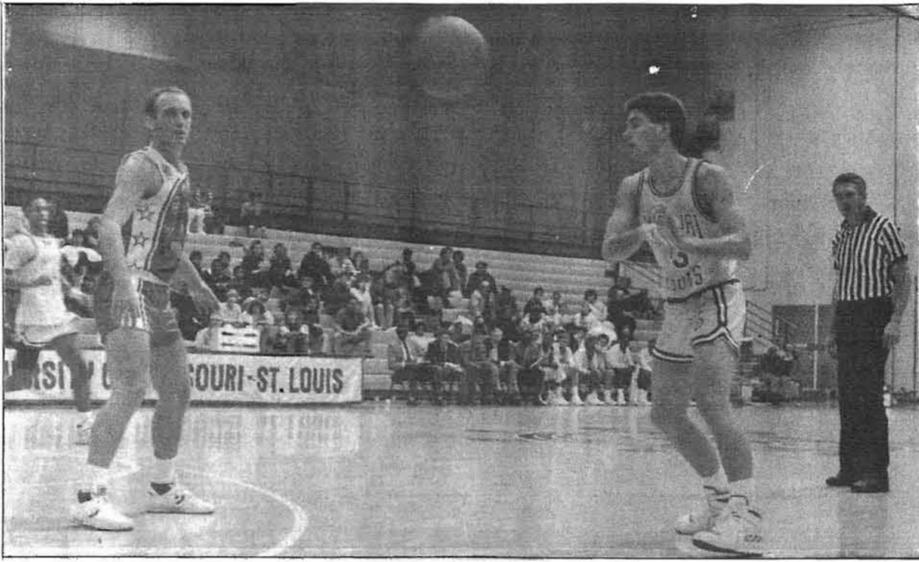
Maybe the Rivermen don't have a 6-11 or 7-0 giant that can pick up many rebounds or block many shots, but most of the players agree that in order to have a successful year, they must play the role of blue-collar workers.

"We may not make the best decisions and the best plays, but playing aggressive makes up for that," Morganfield stated.

"I think if we work hard, we can be better than last year," Von Scales added.

Players on the team, besides working on zone traps or fast-breaks, also say that this year's squad will have a abundance of comradery.

"Unity," pronounced senior Von



NOT JUST A SHOOTER: Chris Pilz had nine points and six assists in a 82-72 victory over the Belgrade National Red Star Team. Pilz was third on the team in scoring as a freshman.

Scales. "This year will we have more unity than last year. Everybody on this team is close knit."

"Last year, we were debating. This year we have more team unity," McNair agreed.

Another part of the Rivermen not often seen on the roster is that each player, starter or twelfth man off the bench, can come in and fill a certain role.

"We will be a better team from top to bottom. We have twelve players who can come in at anytime," Morganfield said.

From an offensive standpoint, Meckfessel says that any player on the team can come in and play offense. "We are going to have a good offensive team. We have people who can play and know how to

shoot." Other players that Meckfessel hopes to come through is second year-floor leader Chris Pilz, Jeff Wilson and Scales.

On Wilson: "He's got experience and he is dependable."

On Pilz: "He is a competitor and a excellent passer. He plays aggressive defense and knows how to win."

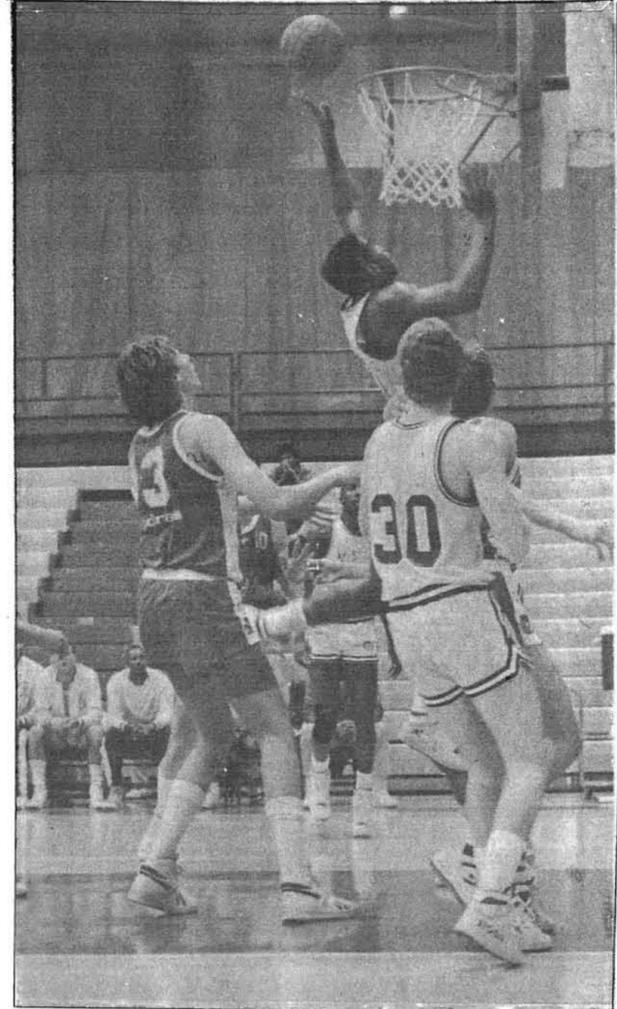
On Scales: "He has a chance to be a dominant player."

Saturday night, the Rivermen rallied to defeat the Belgrade Red Star National team 82-72 in an exhibition game. Scales had 22 points and seven rebounds, while Wilson had six three-pointers. Morganfield had 15 points and seven rebounds. Pilz had 9 points and led the Rivermen with six assists.

Meckfessel says that it's going to take some time for players on the bench to get adjusted. "The guys off the bench must perform in such a way that they don't pull down the starters. I'm sure that is going to improve. It's going to take time for them to feel comfortable."

Friday night, the Rivermen open the season against the Quincy Hawks. The game will be preceded by an alumni game at 5:30 p.m. The game will feature players from various alumni classes.

The Rivermen may be without the services of Scales. Tuesday at practice, Scales went up for a jump shot and had his knees taken out from under him. He was taken to Normandy Hospital and X-rayed. Scales was released and was allowed to go home a few hours later.



UP FOR TWO: Von Scales led all Rivermen scorers with 22 points in Saturday night's exhibition game. Scales was injured in practice Tuesday afternoon. He has a bruise on his right shoulder.

## Best Recruiting Year For Larson: Riverwomen Posses Depth, Unity

by Tom Kovach sports editor

After going 12-15 last season, head coach Mike Larson didn't sit around off season and figure out why his women's basketball team has played three-fourths of the season with a limited bench.

"20 out of 27 games we played with nine or less girls because of injuries," Larson recalled.

Larson instead went out and recruited what some say is the best recruiting class ever for the women's basketball program.

Putting their name on the dotted line to play for Larson were Tammy Putnam (Ozark High), Monica Steinhoff (St. Charles Duchesne) and Kim Cooper (Cape Girardeau Notre Dame). In addition to that, Kelli Jenkins (Parkway Central) walked on early in the practice sessions.

If that wasn't enough for Larson, he has a team that makes any coach in the MIAA envy.

The team has one All-American, three All-conference MIAA players, first in the nation last year in free-throw percentage (75%), a lot of confidence and depth.

"The girls are optimistic," Larson

said. "We are faster, have more depth and are more experienced."

"We have a lot of team unity and talent this year," Claudine Mitchell remarked.

"Anybody can come into the game and play," said floor leader Lisa Houska.

To show how much depth is in this team, just look at the roster.

Pairing up in the backcourt with Houska will be Kris Wilshimer (18 ppg and an All-American pick). If Larson wants to give them a rest, he can insert Steinhoff, Cooper or Jenkins. The possible combinations are endless for Larson.

At center, Kathy Rubach (12.5 ppg and 7 rpg) returns for her last year. Rubach was one of those players on the All-MIAA second team last year. Challenging Rubach will be sophomore Raquel Anderson, who played in 26 games last season.

Nancy Hopper (8.8 ppg. and 4.9 rpg.) will probably start at one forward. Backing up Hopper will be Christie Silver. And if Larson desires, he can put Putnam at the big forward position.

There is a lot of competition at the small forward spot. Capable of playing this position are either Putnam or Mitchell. Once again if Larson

needs to be flexible with his line-up, he can put either Steinhoff or Cooper there too.

Over the summer, Larson hired a weight training coach Dallas Terrell, who will be a big help to the team.

"He has been a vital part of our conditioning. The girls are way ahead in the conditioning program," Larson said.

Also assisting Larson this year will be assistant coaches Sandy Moritary, Kaye Hartwig, and Sharon Zeilman. Zeilman is a three time honorable mention All-American basketball player at Southwest Missouri State University.

The Riverwomen open the season against Washburn University Sunday at 2 p.m. in Topeka Kansas. Washburn, along with Pittsburg State, Missouri Southern, and Missouri Western, join the MIAA next year. The team plays their first home game on Tuesday November 22 against Lindenwood College. Tip-off time is set for 7 p.m.

Conference play begins January 11 against Northeast Missouri State. The Riverwomen were picked fifth in the pre-season polls by the coaches.

## Rivermen Edge Lock Haven, 1-0

by Tom Kovach sports editor

Give Rivermen forward Warren Dey a perfect ten for his actions before and after the only goal against Lock Haven Saturday night.

Dey, off a dandy crossing pass from Bob Ferguson, scored his tenth goal of the year at the 10:08 mark of the first half to give the Rivermen a 1-0 victory over the Bald Eagles in the first round of the NCAA Division II national tournament.

After the goal, Dey celebrated his tenth goal of the year with a perfect Pete Rose imitation belly-flop slide into the mud at the UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium.

The victory gave the Rivermen 18 wins this season — a new school record. Lock Haven ended the season at 14-5-2.

Dey's goal began when Ferguson beat two Bald Eagles down the left side of the field. The ball skidded across the goal-mouth and right to Dey.

Dallas praised the efforts of his defense. "They were tested the whole game and they didn't buckle. All the backs played well."

The Rivermen may have struck early for a goal, but Lock Haven had numerous opportunities to tie the game. The only thing stopping the Bald Eagles, however, was the play of goalie Jeff Robben.

The best save of the evening came when Tibor Kobolak, off a corner kick, aimed a head ball for the goal. But Robben was alert enough to snatch the ball away.

Gary Ross also had a great opportunity to tie the game. With 5:30 left in the game, Ross

managed to get into the penalty box and blast a shot. Robben, once again, saved the game by pushing the ball over the crossbar.

The Bald Eagles outshot the Rivermen 8-2 and they took 13 corner kicks. The Rivermen could only manage two.

Bald Eagle goalie Warren Westcoat made no saves in the game, while Robben had to turn away three tough shots.

Oakland University, who won 3-2 earlier this year, will play the Rivermen Sunday at 1 p.m. at Oakland University in Michigan.

The Pioneers are the number one seed in the Central Region. Dallas says that in order to beat the Pioneers, the Rivermen must make Oakland work for every goal.

"Don't give them a cheap goal," Dallas stated. "Last time, we gave them some."

## Netters Take Second In Conference

by Terence Small associate sports editor

After shutting out Lincoln University in the first round of the MIAA conference tournament Friday, three games to none, the women's volleyball team quickly found themselves in a precarious situation against Southeast Missouri State University.

The Indians knocked the Netters into the loser's bracket by scoring a five-set victory (2-15, 15-6, 15-9, 12-15 and 6-15).

"That was the first time we've ever started off in the loser's bracket," head coach Denise Silvester

said. "We knew we had to pull it together for Saturday."

The Netters came out Saturday with three straight victories.

They went through Northwest Missouri State University 15-3, 15-9, 15-10, then disposed of Southwest Baptist University 15-3, 15-6, 15-8 and defeated SEMO 15-2, 15-5, 11-15, 15-7, to gain a berth in the finals against Central Missouri State University.

In the final, the Netters' streak ended. They lost to the Mules by the scores of 11-15, 7-15, 3-15, and settled for the second place finish.

Although they were beaten han-

dily by the Mules, the Riverwomen were pleased with what they had accomplished.

"Except for our opening loss to SEMO, we had a pretty good tournament," sophomore Carla Addoh said. "We stuck together as a team."

The Netters' play pleased Silvester.

"They really did a nice job Saturday," Silvester said. "It was their best performance all season."

Silvester noted the outstanding play of junior Julie Boedefeld.

"She was really a big surprise for us," Silvester said. "She really came out and played."

### Last Week

**Women's Volleyball**  
Def. Lincoln  
15-2, 16-14, 15-0  
Lost to Southeast MO.  
2-15, 15-6, 15-9, 12-15, 6-15  
Def. NW Missouri St.  
15-3, 15-9, 15-10  
Def. SW Baptist  
15-3, 15-6, 15-8  
Def. Southeast MO.  
15-2, 15-5, 11-15, 15-7  
Lost to Central MO.  
11-15, 7-15, 3-15

**Men's Soccer**  
Def. Lock Haven, 1-0  
(Dey, Robben-SO)

**Swimming**  
Def. Blackburn 57-30  
(Stuart Vogt won the 200 individual medley and 100 yard backstroke. Brett Woods won the 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle)

**Men's Basketball**  
Def. Belgrade Red Star, 82-72  
(Leading scorer: Von Scales 22)

### Next Week

**Men's Soccer**  
Sun. Nov. 20 away vs. Oakland U  
(1 p.m.)

**Swimming**  
Fri. Nov. 18 away vs. Millkin U.  
(3:30 p.m.)  
Sat. Nov. 19 home vs. Xavier (1:30 p.m.)

**Men's Basketball**  
Thur. Nov. 18 home vs. Quincy  
(7:30 p.m.)

**Women's Basketball**  
Sun. Nov. 20 away vs. Washburn (2 p.m.)

## Swimmers And Divers Capture First Place in Hawk Relays

by L.T. Summers reporter

Rivermen swimming and diving team left an indelible mark at the Hawk Relays in Chicago last weekend. The Rivermen became the first team in 16 years to achieve back-to-back wins.

"Last year, Coach Matuch, from host school Illinois Institute of Technology, told me as he handed us the first place trophy, that no one has ever repeated," said Coach Mary Liston. "He can't say that now. This victory is much sweeter. Our squad is smaller and very heavy with freshmen. The other schools had figured to lose by 4 to 8 points. We won by 12. It felt wonderful," Liston said.

The men swam against six schools from the states of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

A relay meet is a total team effort. Liston's squad had eight swimmers and three divers in the Relays. The divers won on both of the boards and the swimmers won the 300 Butterfly, 400 Free, 800 Medley and the 800 Free Relay.

"Due to the size of the team, I used Robert Visnow, a diver, to swim the last leg of the 200 Free Relay," Liston explained. "He really gave us everything he had to give. Kevi Medart, our diving coach, knew it would tire him for the three meter diving event. But this was a team

thing and everyone did what they needed," Liston remarked.

The long period of competition began last Friday when the women swam against the University of Chicago while the men raced against Blackburn College.

The women lost, 109-68. Shara Starr doubled as winner of the 50 free and 100 fly. Lisa Jenkins doubled as winner in the 200 IM and the 200 back.

The men, however disposed of Blackburn, 51-13. Stuart Vogt was a double winner in the 200 IM and the 100 Back, while Brett Woods was named a double winner in the 200 Free and 100 Fly.

After the win in Chicago and a day to travel and rest, both squads took their act to swim against the Washington University Bears last Monday.

While the Bears beat the men 139-97, and the women 89-56, the competition proved to be very successful.

"With a women's team that is so small, it is impressive the number of races we win. Shara and Lisa are continuing to serve notice to all of our competitors that they are ready to race," Liston commented.

Jenkins has three school records in the past three years.

Another high point for the swimming program is the continued success of the men in freestyle events.

"With our distance swimmers graduating or joining the Army, we

made some event changes," Liston said. "Dan Kasten has shouldered the task of the long races and junior Gene Edmiston is developing into a 500 free swimmer."

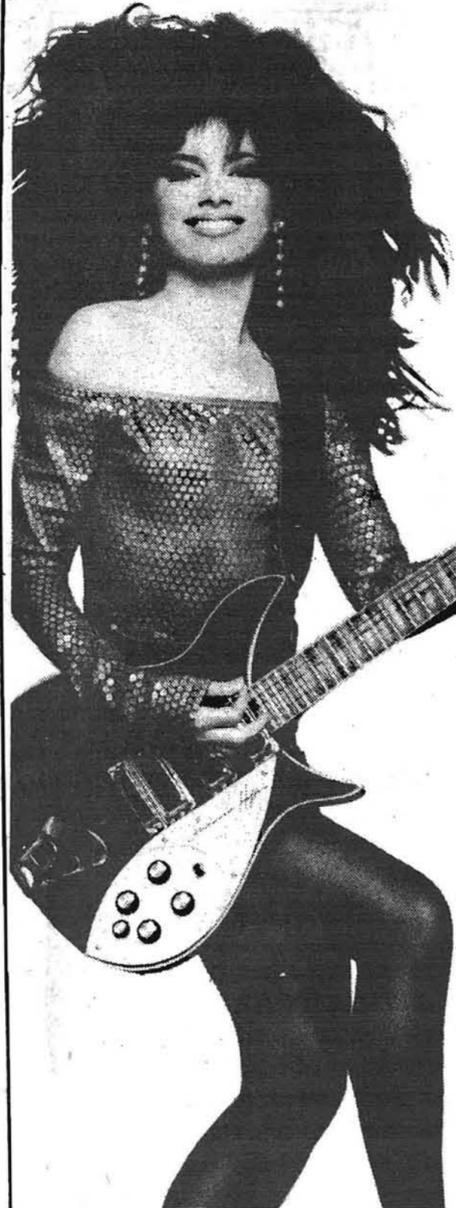
Since the season began, the Rivermen have won 50 free, 100 free and most 200 free races. After a narrow loss of two points to Louisville, the men have defeated the squads from the University of Missouri-Rolla, the University of Evansville, Washington University, University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Carrol, Lora, and Illinois Institute of Technology.

"A lot of pride and tradition goes with our freestyle relay," Vogt said. Last year our team was ranked sixth in NCAA Division II. This year's group is faster. Coach placed a great deal of emphasis on sprint freestyle. The relay means a lot to her and to the team."

To top the flurry of competition, Vogt, the two-time All-American, started on the long road back to Nationals by qualifying in the 50 free Monday night. His time of 21:18 will allow him to concentrate on training to swim fast in March. Liston added that several individuals are capable of qualifying and placing at the National level.

Both teams will compete Friday in Decatur Illinois with Millkin University and at home Saturday at 1:30 p.m. with Xavier University from Cincinnati.

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## Admission Standards...

The University Senate last week decided against raising admissions standards for incoming freshmen.

The Senate's recommendation, which will be forwarded to the chancellor and the upper echelons of the university for approval, retains the current policy of admitting students who have a combined SAT, ACT, or SCAT score of 75 or greater as well as 14 units of high school credit in various disciplines.

Those are not extremely rigorous requirements for admission, but as most recent research has shown, high school examination scores and performance do not necessarily indicate student ability to perform well in college. Other factors, such as personal motivation and maturity, figure into the equation of college potential as well.

A state university cannot always expect to attract the cream of the crop — although efforts are being made within the University of Missouri System to do so. A state school is more effective in raising the level of the general population to that of the reasonably well educated. By raising admission standards higher than more elite private institutions, the university would be cutting its own throat in terms of student enrollment.

Maintaining current admissions standards — but certainly not lowering them — seems to be the best course for UM-St. Louis to adopt.

## ...And Top Line Students

While the University of Missouri cannot always boast about enrolling the "best and brightest" students — those who are usually attracted to the top colleges and universities in the country — a 15-month-old program set up by the Missouri state legislature is attempting to even the playing field when it comes to keeping the top of the line high school graduates in the state.

The program, dubbed "bright flight" by its proponents, set up hundreds of \$2,000 annually renewable scholarships for Missouri's top-ranking high school graduates, in an effort to retain talented and intellectually promising youngsters.

The only catch to the scholarship is that students who accept them must attend one of 73 participating institutions in the state. That's a pretty good deal, considering the quality of Missouri's institutions of higher learning (which unfairly receive relatively low-ranking in the national ratings).

Each scholarship is good for five years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, and the student must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average during his or her college career.

Last year, 521 students chose to attend one of the UM campuses and 84 percent returned this year. UM-St. Louis has 62 bright flight scholars.

Those figures speak well of the UM System.

## AIDS And Morals

A recent but highly inconclusive report from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta indicates that the rate of AIDS infection among college students is higher than suspected.

According to a College Press Service report, "as many as three out of every 1,000 college students may have AIDS." That is, 0.3 percent of the national college student body may die a horrible death from a disease for which there is no cure. But the results of the study are ambiguous.

Nevertheless, it appears that students aren't paying attention to the warnings of medical experts about the disease, according to the CPS report. That is cause for concern, but not for panic.

AIDS continues to afflict primarily intravenous drug users and homosexual males who engage in anal intercourse. The average college student doesn't fit that profile, and those who do are probably well aware of the risks they're taking by engaging in these activities.

Campus officials, of course, raise the panic cry, calling for more "education" about the disease — or the dispensation of condoms.

But the component that seems to be lacking in all the hysteria over the spread of AIDS is a critical one — the moral element that considers promiscuity simply wrong. What ever happened to good-old-fashioned moral sense?



## Reagan Knocks Down Obstacle To Progress



### Chronicle

by Paul Thompson  
editor

Over the past few months, we've heard quite a bit from the Democrats, particularly the Wizard of Massachusetts Michael Dukakis, about how the Republican policies are only for the rich.

Of course, this class warfare rhetoric is common to liberal policy-makers, but it is an effective tool in masking what conservatives try to do for the poor and middle class in this country — what they try to do without the long arm of government interference.

President Reagan has been an outspoken advocate of limited

government (although in many ways has failed to limit its growth during his eight-year tenure at the White House). The Reagan position, shared by most conservatives, is that government often does more harm than good to the common welfare when it interferes with the private sector's decisions.

In his new book "In Pursuit of Happiness and Good Government," Charles Murray describes how government can often become an obstacle to the advancement of the poor by creating policies that in effect limit the choices of individuals struggling to make their lives more complete.

I would suggest that one such obstacle to advancement has just been removed by the Labor Department in the twilight days of the Reagan administration.

Last week, the Labor Department rescinded a 45-year-old ban on the manufacture of clothing and jewelry by people employed in the home. What a joy it was to read the New York Times article carrying this news. I was happy to see the administration putting its money where its mouth was.

"But unions quickly vowed to fight the move in court, saying it

invites exploitation of workers," the Times reported. Balderdash! No one can be voluntarily exploited.

If the unions are successful in their court battles against repealing the New Deal era regulation, then we can thank them for helping the poor to remain in positions of disadvantage in our society.

The implications for such a deregulation are profound and should be taken into serious consideration while our policy-makers consider perhaps the biggest political issue of the year: federal support for child care. The two issues are intricately related.

Many conservatives argue that if someone wants to work to get off welfare, then they should simply go to work. Liberals will counter that, while work is good, how can you expect a welfare mother with three kids to go to work at a low-paying job, when she would have no one to care for her children while she is off at a job that would barely pay for rent and food?

This is the dilemma of policy-makers. Some say tax credits are the solution, some say federally supported day-care centers. I like the tax credit options better. (Would you trust your children to the

federal government?)

The Labor Department's decision to allow manufacturers of most types of clothing and jewelry to employ people in their own homes enters a third element into the debate. While it will not solve the problem entirely, it is a way to create real work without burdening taxpayers with the cost of subsidizing day-care. It is an idea that could be developed further.

Wouldn't allowing people to work in their own homes be a good way to reduce the expenses (the obstacles) to pursuing successful lives? They could earn a wage and get off welfare. No child-care costs. No transportation costs to and from work. No cost to the taxpayers.

Lifting this absurd ban on free choice and flexible employment that could benefit the poor is a great parting shot from the conservative president. I'm not so sure that George Bush is as conservative as he tried to sound in the campaign, but I hope that he continues to follow the intelligent elimination of obstacles to free choice and prosperity for all Americans begun during the Reagan era.

## A Short History Of St. Louis — The King



### Golf Tips

by John Kilgore  
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Sometimes he ate too much. Sometimes he drank too much. Still, St. Louis really was a saint.

He used to sit with his friends and discuss theology and all the important matters of the day. He was high-spirited, quick-tempered and sometimes violent.

His own wife was ashamed of the way he dressed and some of the more sophisticated people of his

day laughed at him when they saw him dressed like a friar, acting like a friar, and constantly associating himself with friars.

He washed the feet of the poor and he showed affection for lepers and the blind. According to a man who knew him well, he never spoke badly of anyone.

He prayed and he fasted regularly.

They said he could be harsh and even cruel to heretics and infidels.

Still, Louis IX, St. Louis, was the only French king canonized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

He became king at the age of 12. He held court under an oak tree on his country manor and dispensed justice so impartially that he was asked to arbitrate international disputes.

He defeated Henry III of England in an almost bloodless encounter and made progress towards a peace that would put an end to the Hundred Years' War.

When he was 30, he was stricken with malaria and, close to death, made a vow to go on a Crusade if he

recovered. For the rest of his life he was preoccupied with reconquering the Holy Land. He imagined that he would recapture the tomb of Christ.

He took his wife and his children with him on his first crusade. He showed great bravery when they landed, jumping into the sea, fully armed, and being among the first to reach the shore. Still, he and his army of 35,000 men was defeated. He was captured and paid a heavy ransom for his release.

He sailed to Palestine, visited the few Holy Places that were accessible and, though he wanted to remain forever in the Holy Land as a pilgrim, returned to France to rule as king.

He presided over great cultural achievements in his country; the building of Gothic cathedrals and the development of universities. He founded a hospital for the poor and the blind.

He abolished all taxes and levies that imposed unnecessary hardship on his people. He distributed money to poorly endowed churches, leper

houses and hospitals. When he was criticized for his charity he would answer: "I would rather have such excessive sums as I spend devoted to almsgiving for the love of God than used in empty ostentation and the vanities of the world."

He fed 120 poor people every day in his house. He ate what they ate. He would often serve them himself, cutting their bread, carving their meat and handing them small sums of money when they were through.

Still, he longed to return to the Holy Land and liberate it. He led another crusade, fifteen years after his first. This crusade, too, ended in defeat. It ended with his death.

On his deathbed he left instructions for his son, Prince Phillip. He asked him to protect and assist the poor, the humblest of his subjects.

His body was brought back to Paris to be buried. All along the procession, it was said, his remains worked miracles.

Louis IX was canonized, as St. Louis, 27 years after his death by Pope Boniface VIII in the year 1297.

## When Mashed Potatoes Are Just Not Enough

### Life During Wartime

by J. Sih  
contributor

Take out clothes from the closet, the ones without any holes in them. Look for the decent pair of shoes. Probably under the bed. Get a haircut. Pick up a bottle of wine or some flowers. Call the parental units to find out what time it is that I'm expected to arrive.

About a week before Thanksgiving I get the first wave of malaise. It breaks over me quietly. But then the tide comes in; something crashes in over my head.

For me it's the sound of ideologies

clashing, and a realization that no matter how old I think I am, I'll always be a child to my parents. Those people who both taught me self-autonomy and yet have spent most of my lifetime being with me when I was not, could not be autonomous.

Somewhere between who I think I am and who my parents think I am, there is the real me. Somewhere on the drive out to my folks I psyche myself up: this is going to be a positive family experience. I'm going to try harder to get along with everyone. Bite my tongue when they talk politics. Force my disagreements back into the darker corners of my brain where they can stay until I get back home. Try to smile even weakly when the conversation turns to how groovy (my term, right?) life is right now.

There's this pressure on us to make it seem like hazy golden commercials (like those campaign TV

commercials — but I said I wasn't going to start...).

I read once that the suicide rate goes up during the holiday season. I guess it makes some sense. What happens when everyone is trying hard to make everything seem like a Bob Hope Christmas Special and IT DOESN'T WORK?

My poorly-controlled id squirms and tells me I'm a wimp for not standing up for what I believe in. Including standing up to bosses, parents, parole officers, and that mailman who refuses to deliver my mail more than three times a week.

Thanksgiving. I find that I appreciate it more than most vegetarians who don't eat turkey can. I appreciate the efforts my mom goes through for the amazing spread I sit in front of at 5 p.m.

But I'd just as soon sit down with mom, dad and siblings over some tofu-spam and a glass of merlot and

TALK turkey instead.

It's weird, right? No. Not the fake Spam® stuff, I mean the all-the-cards-on-the-table stuff. I know I have a lot to lose when I present an image that seems inconsistent with (and likely less flattering than) the one my relatives and my folks might have of me.

No knock-down-drag-out scene but just calm...uhm, conversation. It's kind of this dream of mine. Not that anyone else would necessarily be in the mood for something like this just because I am.

I dunno. I go home and I swear every time I see my parents they look older and it scares the hell outta me. I want them to know that I am who we think I am and that they did a pretty good job on me.

I'll let you know if it works.

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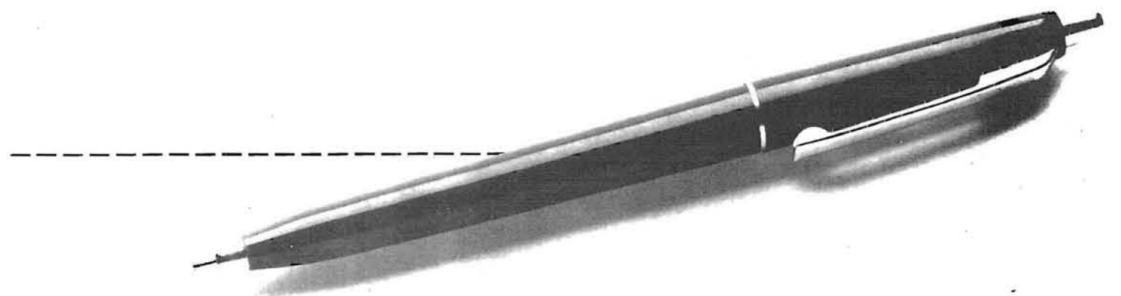
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