Chillin' In The Sun

Three students seem to be searching for the Starship Enterprise while enjoying the beautiful spring weather. The students are from left, Stephanie Jensen, Karen Presther, and Michelle Hanney.

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Voter Turnout Usually Low For SGA

By Thomas J. Kovach

Editor

Southeast Missouri State

University students have made several attempts to increase voter turnout in the past, but with little success.

"I think it’s a shame that the people don’t come out and vote," said Davis Church, a student at Southeast Missouri State University.

"It’s really a shame that people don’t take the time to vote," said Church.

The university has tried various methods to increase voter turnout, including holding rallies, distributing literature, and even offering incentives such as free food and drink to those who vote.

"But in the end, it’s up to the individual," said Church. "They have to make the decision to vote or not vote."
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**Unsung Heroes at UMStL! It's True!**

by Bill Newton
Current features reporter

When Marilyn Ditto's name may not be well-known, but her achievements in assisting the disabled and interned students at UM-St. Louis are. Moreover, when the Administration for Special Student Programs at UM-St. Louis for the past 12 years. She did the best she could to make the lives of disabled and international students on campus a little easier.

“ar worked with three groups of students (disabled, minority, and interned) for probably a good six or seven years. Then we narrowed it down to the two. Currently, I just work with disabled and international students,” she said.

After her teaching days, Ditto was a housewife for eight years. Then it was when the idea for her present career was formulated. She and her husband were both counseling assistants and counselors, working with people and dealing with people. “It was always something that I needed to do so. When I went back to work as a counselor, I got a master’s in counseling, and my emphasis was in psychology,” she said.

After receiving her master’s degree from UM-St. Louis, Ditto went on to do an internship at St. Louis Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled. She then went on to work at St. Louis Association for Retarded Children (SLARC), where she worked with two- to six-year-old children with such disabilities as Down’s Syndrome, ortho-muscular and brain damage.

Later, she also worked at MetroHealth Employment Rehabilitation Services (MERS), where she helped evaluate disabled people to determine their suitability for various types of training, education, or employment. In August 1988, she was hired by UM-St. Louis. Her original title was Coordinator for Special Services for Handicapped, Minority, and Foreign Students. After a year, she changed her title, exchanging the word “disabled” for “handicapped” and “international” for “foreign.” “Probably the best training I had was in the job that there are many murky areas to it,” she said.

“You’re with the students, but you’re also with the professors. You’re with the administrators,” she said. “You have to know what you do.”

**SAY CHEESE!** Marilyn Ditto has been with UM-St. Louis for 12 years, and has had an instrumental factor in the placing and graduating of many students who may need extra assistance with their enrollment.

Meeting people, getting books on tape and books in Braille. Marilyn Ditto is one of UM-St. Louis’ unsung heroes. Her name and her accomplishments deserve recognition.

“Or sex or sexual identity, the violent acts indirectly affects every one. No parent is going to send their children to school when there are problems with date and acquaintance rape,” Hall said.

**Sex and Dating: Doing It The Right Way**

by Robin Mayo
Features reporter

“A man who is kind and cool and loves to eat dinner at Blueberry Hill. He loves to wear his ‘black lace’ outfit and dance on Friday night.”

—Mindy Harmon, Junior, Business Administration

“Beg going cold jumping form the arch, followed by an evening of watching the planes fly by the 4th of July,” said a teenager with the perfect date.

—Kathryn Stenstrom, Junior, Computer Science

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"I'll tell you how important that is," Hall said. "It's really a conversation starter, allowing men to gain a better understanding of their own bodies, even the labels assigned to men and women show the scales are in a relationship."

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Ocello

Ocello feels that his experience at Peoria will give him an advantage for minor league tryouts next year. "Hopefully, I'll be able to play at that next level."

Depending on the situation next year, Ocello will either remain at UM-St. Louis' hockey club or sign a contract with a minor league team. The dream of playing professional hockey is something that he dreams about all of his life, says Ocello.

Harold Saggio, the former defensive coach for the Blues and current coach of the Peoria Rivermen, said Ocello that he would be happy to recommend Ocello to other teams, and "this gives me lots of encouragement for next year," Ocello says.

Ocello, like many other at UM-St. Louis is enrolling in business with an emphasis in marketing and accounting. Ocello will also lose his amateur status if he signs a professional contract with a minor league team.

Hopefully, Ocello will be able to sign with a minor league team and pursue his dream of playing professional hockey in the National Hockey League.

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second baseman, Ernesto Sinclair, could miss some games due to a possible concussion.

In addition to the injuries and after playing five games in two days with only two pitchers, the Riverwomen could use a rest.

You can bet a Billiken that every athlete's degree by the local media's crying.

The beleaguered Grawer won't effect the positive athletes feelings that his experience at SLU, and those who miss spring tryouts will be held in September.

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