In Memory Of A Great Man

Yesterday was a day of remembrance and celebration as the country observed the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

See the Features section on page 5 for an in-depth look at Norman Seay, the founder of the Dr. Martin Luther King Peace Symposium that will be held today at the St. Louis Community College at Forest Park in the Highbinder Room.

Campus Parking Problems Continue

by Bill Farnsworth

Parking on the UM-St. Louis campus has developed into a problem characterized by students, faculty and staff parking in fire lanes, on the grass and in front of dumpsters and loading docks.

The growing parking problem on the campus has led to many proposed solutions. These have included a remote lot that offers free shuttle service; minimization of lots as only Faculty/Staff, Student, Visitor, Handicapped, or Patient; and the proposal to meet in Lot 7 as Faculty/Staff parking. Lot 7 is the 62-space area near Laura Hall.

The reason for the proposal to convert Lot 7 was, in part, because the Faculty/Staff parking privileges of Graduate Teaching Assistants and Graduate Research Assistants from Lot "N" and "P" were revoked.

Police Chief Billy Pickens, in a memo to the university, stated that the students who violated the parking regulations. According to the memo, Pickens said that the reason these permits had to be revoked were numerous complaints by faculty and staff members wanting to park near the science complex and the blocking of the passageway for emergency vehicles. Parking Lots "N" and "P" are the two lots that are in front of the science complex and the entrance at parking along West Drive that leads from the science complex to Garvan "N" near the Computer Center Building.

Gail Ruscilli, chair of the Senate Physical Facilities Committee, said the only cause for any student turned in their parking permits and that the other half was still parking in the Faculty/Staff lot in the fall semester.

The Physical Facilities Committee was formed in late August that notified these students that their parking permits were revoked. 103 total, was approximately equal to the number of permits in Lot "N." She said that the decision to propose the conversion of Lot "N" was not as an "anti-student" proposal.

Ruscilli said, the arguments made by the completion of his manuscript, which is titled "Transformations in Native American Art since 1960."

"I'm very grateful to receive the award," Rushing said. "There is still a lot of work to be done on the book. It could actually take the next couple of years." Rushing, who has been employed by UM-St. Louis since 1987, grew up in Austin, Texas, and said he has held an interest in Indian art since he was a child. Rushing received a Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 1989 and compiled his undergraduate work there as well.

"I suppose growing up in the Southwest had something to do with my interest in Indian Art," Rushing said. "But, more importantly, it is the message that Indian artists send through their works. Some of Indian art’s most important issues are ecological, and they express the politics of representation."

The NSF fellowship will provide Rushing the opportunity to place all of his attention on this book. Applications for the fellowship were submitted in late June.

"The fellowships were awarded to a broad range of applicants studying the humanities. Rushing’s book will address the exclusion of Native Americans since the 1960s. Rushing said this art had "crosses the Rubicon of Americans' concern with the future of our policies and the environment.

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Student Drowns in Flooded Field

by Krista Goodin

A University of Missouri-St. Louis student died Dec. 18, 1991, after his car was submerged on Audubon Road in the flooded Missouri Botanical Garden.

Steven C. Boren, 24, of Florissant, was found Dec. 20 at 2:30 p.m. by a Hazelwood police officer. He saw Boren's Chevy Cavalier in a flooded culvert. Only the windshield wipers of the vehicle were visible, police said.

Signs were posted noting that the street was closed due to high water.

Lt. Richard Hogan, of the Hazelwood Police Department, said he believes Boren disregarded those signs.

"Maybe he thought he could make it," said Hogan. "It's a lot of people to that.

According to the police report, Boren's car hit the standing water and hydroplaned to the back. Boren's car sank in the water, which was deeper than that on the road.

The police report also said the car's electric door locks were shorted out by the water and Boren was apparently trapped inside the vehicle. He may have attempted to kick out the driver's side window, but apparently never tried to manually unlock the doors.

Federal Judge Finds KWMU, Wente Not Guilty of Racism

by Krista Goodin

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Metro-East Area Gets Bad National Exposure

Racism apparently is alive and well in the metro-east area. Former Belleville News-Democrat reporter Cawthun Tuft broke the story of alleged harassment of blacks by the police in Belleville last week. The events took two weeks ago. Apparently, a disproportionate number of blacks were pulled over by the Belleville police for seemingly minor infractions of the law. Among those who told was a black Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent. The Belleville Police Chief said that the intended purpose of the stops was to keep gang members from East St. Louis out of the Belleville area. It was also disclosed that there were no blacks employed by the city of Belleville until after the story was first printed by the News-Democrat. Thursday show 05 Minutes, a segment on the actions of the police in Belleville which, incidentally, were suppressed by some of the residents who felt the practice would curtail crime.

A few years ago, there were similar allegations of unnecessary harassment of blacks going through Florissant. Some police officers even stood on the record that they were told to stop and harass blacks. Now, specifically, police officers are subjected to unnecessary stops or harassment by the police. Crimes are committed by all races and to single out certain people is to make a ridiculous, unnecessary, and unnecessary effort. Isn’t there a limit on how many when we say inundated, that means to walk to the building when the shuttle was too full to take more people. That put a special emphasis on the one-time building. Public wouldn’t know or care about the less than ethical business practices of many companies. Of course, The Current need not be defined by practices. Last year Mrs. McMurray even approached students of black studies in an effort to recruit minorities for the paper’s staff. While one specifically targeted at students, others also sought African-Americans, rather than blacks. The Current would be discovered that the minorities hired aren’t just token, superficial lip-service to your paper’s reporting. Was there some reluctance to hire any blacks employed by the city of Belleville? It is unfortunate Mr. Lee’s birthday that we are arrested for going to our own birthday, but more important is the fact that he rose from a general to a major. Let’s use the freedom of the press to give us the truth. And as far as the fact that he rose from a general to a major, we must use the freedom of the press to give us the truth.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

News Reports Of Spike Lee Incident Were One Sided

Dear Editor:

I was quite disturbed with the one-sided approach that your paper displayed in reference to the Spike Lee incident of Nov. 30. It was not enough to print the lead story with very negative overtones about the incident, but on the following pages there was an editorial feature denouncing Mr. Lee’s actions, as well as mentioning the paper’s position in regard to what occurred. In the name of good report- ing there was little—if any—significant attempt to print the places Mr. Lee’s encounter with the press that might shed light on why he acted in such a manner. What happened to both sides of the issue or to anything resembling an unbi-ASEd account and letting the reader, the public, come to this conclusion? Only you think little of us that you have to make our minds up for us? We might have well been reading the Post-Dispatch or any other paper in the country to get some more negative news about African-Americans. It is not enough that we are constantly bombarded with negative images in a daily basis from the local news and national news sources, but now we must further encounter them in a school news- paper, as well. We want, common sense, 100% of the story.

Current Managing Editor Denies Paper’s Racist Label

By Russell Korondo managing editor

Since running two stories and an editorial about Spike Lee’s visit to the UM-St. Louis campus Dec. 3, The Current has been inundated with dis-approving letters to the editor. Now, when we say inundated, that means in one case long. So far, we have received two. The gist of the letters seems to be that The Current’s coverage—of what was the most popular visit in cam- pus history—was one-sided. It was even mentioned that we possessed a “racist mentality.”

Peter McInerny

The CBS show Newsweek did a segment on the actions of the student crowd. Of course, King or Malice Green’s widow, who has forgotten where he has come from, is even more unfortunate. UMSL had to try. He is a shining example of perseverance to the black community. In an industry fraught with racial in- equality, Lee has had enough attitude and intelligence to stick around even though powerful forces have tried to keep him from being his own dream.

Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday was celebrated yesterday, would be proud of the vision of transcendent African-American Lee depicted through his movies. African-Americans can no longer be viewed as nothing but a terrorist, or as someone black filmmakers do stereotypes in as white filmmakers do blacks. It is to the lucky point of violence.

King once said, “We are around every day, don’t try to pull us so far that we do not have the weapons of law.” Because black filmmakers were fine and fair between King’s time, he did not real- ize the most devastating weapons of all. Black Muslims now have a farm group of Hollywood’s attention, and his weapon of choice is the camera. We should all see so clearly.
The University Singers performed yesterday, singing "We Shall Overcome" and other songs.

**KWMU from page 1**

"The tenor voice of five black women that Watson found out of their jobs because of their skin color," he said.

The attorney for UM-St. Louis, Dr. Kelly Doub, disagrees. "The reorganization of KWMU's staff had nothing to do with Sullivan's race. All the other racial minorities who were not re-employed were white." Sullivan said he thinks there are several ways to correct an injustice. "One is to attempt to let people know," she said. With Sullivan's approval, the rally downtown on July 14, 1991. "We want to continue to bring awareness to KWMU," Sullivan said. "We held a few rallies at UMSL, but few people showed up.

Both Sullivan and Solomon said the court proceedings were a matter of justice. "It was a very disappointing outcome," said Sullivan. "This outcome makes me sad and angry. I feel the justice in Watson's case was a victory," Solomon agreed. Watson, on the other hand, felt differently. "I think the judge was fair. She was very thorough, and what we did here at KWMU was right," she said. "I'm proud to manage a station where the licensee supports the activities necessary to create a service to the public radio station in the 90s." Blanche Touhill, Chancellor of the UM-St. Louis campus, expressed her support of the radio station and of Watson. "The University of Missouri-St. Louis is and always has been committed to providing educational and employment opportunities to people of diverse social and economic backgrounds." The case indicates that Patty Wente has acted in a manner consistent with that commitment," she said. Sullivan did find a positive result from the incident, "I'm pleased that the amount of public attention focused at the station because of the size has realized in KWMU hiring minority employees," she said. "But I think they have a long way to go.

**Park from page 1**

Teaching and Research Assistants present at the meeting convinced the committee to attempt to find available parking for those whose permits had been revoked.

Andy Masters, a student senator and member of the Physical Facilities Committee, voiced the hopes for the proposed expansion of Lots 1 and 2 into faculty/staff parking and suggested the proposal had been put forth because "It probably would have been done anyway," said Masters.

The proposal, to be considered again, will have to be brought up again by the committee or voted on intrastitionally by the senators. Both Masters and R unciffe said they doubted either would happen.

The final decision made in December meeting was grant a temporary faculty/staff permit to Teaching Assistant so that the Physical Facilities Committee could examine the situation and devise a more equitable solution to the parking problem in lots N and 9.

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Adolescent Fathers: Villains or Misunderstood
62 Percent Had Never Used Contraceptives

by Cory Schroeder

A man galloped up his steed, his eyes fixed on the approaching castle. The king was about to crown his son, and the entire court had gathered to witness the coronation. Suddenly, a messenger arrived, bearing a letter from the distant shores of the great ocean. The letter contained a message from the wise old sage who had traveled to the ends of the earth to impart his wisdom to the young prince. The messenger read the letter aloud:

"Young Prince, I have been sent to you by the wise old sage. He has seen your potential and knows that you will one day rule the kingdom with wisdom and compassion. But he warns that you must first overcome the temptations of the evil sorcerer who seeks to ensnare you with his dark magic. The sorcerer is powerful, and his spells are deadly. But if you remain pure of heart and true to the path of righteousness, you will triumph over him and bring peace and prosperity to the land."

The young prince listened intently as the messenger spoke, his mind racing with thoughts of the great adventure that lay ahead. He knew that the journey would be艰难, but he was determined to follow the sage's advice and overcome the sorcerer's temptations. With a nod of his head, he declared:

"I accept your message, messenger. I shall follow your sage's words and conquer the evil sorcerer."

The messenger smiled, knowing that he had done his duty. He turned to the waiting crowd and said:

"The young prince accepts the sage's words. Let us all join hands and pray that he may succeed in his quest."

The crowd erupted in cheers, singing and dancing in celebration of the young prince's acceptance of the sage's wisdom. The messenger then mounted his horse and rode off into the distance, his mission accomplished.

In the end, the young prince overcame the evil sorcerer and brought peace and prosperity to the kingdom. He ruled with wisdom and compassion, and his people were happy and content under his reign. And so, the story of the young prince and the wise old sage became a legend, passed down from generation to generation, as a reminder of the power of wisdom and the importance of following one's path.
Jordan's playing days, and his love affair with basketball began at tiny Southeastern Iowa Junior College under Charlie Spalding, who led the Southwest Minnesota State Bears to numerous appearances in the NCAA tournament and now coaches the St. Louis University Billikens.

"Vicky is one of my favorite people," Spalding said. Jordan also played under current Riverrn basketball head coach Rick Meckfessel, who recently recorded his 400th career win, and Jordan didn't always see eye to eye.

"We had a difference of opinion and we didn't always get along with Jordan," Spalding said. "Since I came back we've patched things up and I see it now as a learning experience."

Not only is Jordan an asset in the gymnasium, but one outside of it as well. He is a Deputy Juvenile Officer for the Southeastern Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. Carefully and sensitively he has provided adolescents who have committed a misdemeanor.

"He was much for it," said fellow Juvenile worker and Riverral basketball head coach Tom Redmond. "He has a strong sense of discipline and is very athletic."

With 400 hours a week in the Center, one would think Victor would come into basketball practices ready to tear apart the gymnasium. "I have to be there to be fit, but I'm always very patient with the players," Spalding said.

"The experience is the key in the multi-valued Jordan. The attitude coach position(520,138),(653,165) is only one rung on the success ladder he is attempting to climb."

"There is still a lot I could learn from Coach Mone," Jordan said. "I would like to be the head coach at the high school level, but I will keep working at the Center."

St. Louis has appointed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in four ways.

There are the civil rights movement, the King's birthday established as a national holiday. The renown of the civil rights leader seems to be the limit for the great man's influence, "There is a very patient with the civil rights movement," Spalding said.

Jordan was appointed, as president of the youth of St. Louis and now St. Louis and he was also appointed to the rung of changing the behavior of the youth.

"I think Jordan has a high potential of becoming a juvenile court judge," Spalding said. "I have been very proud of his ability to do that."
Swimmers Treading Water Despite 1-6 Start

by Jack C. Wang and Cory Schroeder of the Current staff

Despite losing key members of last year's record-setting team, UM-St. Louis swimming coach Mary Liston doesn't fear the team's current 1-6 record. Liston says, however, after falling by 27 points to strongly networked Missouri-St. Louis, the Cardinals, who won the NCAA Midwest Regional at the University of Indianapolis meet.

"It was a real competition in a real long time, because of the competition and the hot meets," coach head coach Mary Liston said. "But the Cardinals are good, so I don't think we will be out of there.

"The meet will be a big one," Liston said. "The meet is one in which I see quite a bit of competition, like I said, about "But Indiana will be a good," Liston said.

Liston feels that part of the reason is that the Cardinals have been "beaten up," especially in their recent second-place finish at the ASC championships.

"We have been a bit concerned about the long layoff like I said "I know they're ready they are," Liston said. "They are definitely ready to go."

The Cardinals currently ranked fifth in the pre-season rankings and eighth in the 200-meter freestyle relay in Division II.

"Every program is very strong," Liston said. "You're never going on a Mormon mission anymore," Liston said.

Another swimmer, Liston expects a lot from this year's team that has been "well known for," Liston said. "We've been very consistent in our training and our practices."
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