It's not just any election; it's the one that decides who will win the presidency of the Student Government Association. And that's where the excitement lies.

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Students from page 1

"I am extremely honored and flattered," Miller said about receiving the award. "I didn't have any idea that this was going to happen. It was a great honor for me, and I'm very excited.

After the keynote address the awards were given out by division. UEM-St. Louis and UEM-Columbia are Division I papers. The University News, St. Louis University's student paper won Division II. "I'm not sure who won the award," Miller said about the Division II winner.

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SA Student Government Association Election Results

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Frank Richter, 190
Bill Ross, 86
Jason Peery, 206

Vice-President

Kel Ward, 345 votes
Jennifer Cerninak, 127
Brant Mederhoff, 68
Christine McGraw, 207

Comptroller

Elizabeth Titlow, 324 votes
Dave Rother, 310

This is an indication that student involvement is on the rise," Tony Grey, SGA election chairman

Exercising The Right

GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE: Students cast early votes for SGA officers April 13-14.

RELATIONSHIPS:

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Congratulations!!

by Russell Korando
editor-in-chief

The Missouri College Media Association recognized Missouri college journalism in April 8 in Cape Girardeau with their annual award banquet. (See accompanying story on page 1.)

Wayne J. Carvette did win Missouri College Paper of the Year, there were many individual awards that the UM-St. Louis student newspaper received.

Although un-successful in obtaining "Journalist of the Year," Carvette newspaper Chief Illustrator did win three others FIRST PLACE-Edits/Graphic Design; "Current" Page; FIRST PLACE-Second Place-Sports Writing; and Illustration won; SECOND PLACE-Off Campus-Off Campus.

Congratulations to the "Cape Current" who are in journalism the key speaker was talking about. Carrette editor-elect Mike Fergutzon, the next up coming making sure the paper had enough room to survive and add on to their well-deserved awards: FIRST PLACE-Advertising; SECOND PLACE-Advertising Layout.

Matt, when the wolves were knocking on the door during their thought they couldn't keep your hopes away with your diligence... Yor, Bais, A.A. Kornwicka. When the thought started at "The Cape Current," since Carvette was an appropriate amount of Aldo PageMaker as anyone could. So, what does do with her anyway? Think of enjoying the jump on the page design cartography that all.

Cook's extraordinary eye for page design was recognized with FIRST PLACE-Best Newspaper Design; THIRD PLACE-Best Page Design. We'll, guess your own graphic designnick name. HEAR us say the sports section also played garners with the rest of the competition, capturing three, you know. Pore and Corey, Corey and Pore. The graphic section of UM-St. Louis sponsors coverage. Any recognition they deserve is the well-deserved and overdue. Week in and week out, Schoen and Dorrington give the sports department A-1 coverage.

Because not since write for the "Bible" (St. Louis Post-Dispatch) and cover a Division III program; their efforts are largely unavowed, but Dorrington earned the award: SECOND PLACE-Placces; THIRD PLACE-Sports Writing; and Illustration won; FIRST PLACE-Off Campus-giving The Current a clean sweep of First Place in page design.

FINC's Dave Floyd and Carvette "Roomie of the Year" Jeremy Rutherford each took home awards: Floyd, THIRD PLACE-Photo Writing; Rutherford, THIRD PLACE-News Story. Keep up the good work guys. Matt needs all the guns he can get more new ones.

Which brings us to Christine McGee and myself. Chris and I are the bastard children in them, each more than from years sepa- rate a year.

We started up to win perhaps the most prestigious awards: FIRST PLACE-Investigative Reporting. The story which won the award was "the years long average of SGA President Andy Menzer's involve- ment in the Campus Police Investigation Scandal." Even though they are usually passwords to a stark black, the light flickers blackly, it was never allowed to serve your president for a year.

I thought you'd have to hold off to check out. Add my SECOND PLACE award for In-Depth News Reporting, and The Current was well on the way to 15 awards, tops among the other Division I schools, the second year in a row. California may have the repu- tation and resource, St. Louis University has an impressive war chest, and all the other DI schools still have an advisor, but our little paper was out and professional journalism and award-winning.

Come on, you could be next... FIRST PLACE-Baseball.

Staff Member Responds To Being Tagged 'Biased, Racist'

by Jeffrey Struyk
features editor

Last week I was criticized by a member of my faculty for the Japanese situation in the April 4 issue of The Current.

In a letter to the editor, Dr. C. Thomas Pernstein, I accused some of being biased, racist and having a personal vendetta. I want to clear a few things up.

Pernstein wrote that "I was deeply offended by the rhetoric..." Did Dr. Pernstein think I wouldn't be offended when he implied that I am racist? I'm not even sure to name calling. I feel this story on the debate was accurate and unbiased.

Before anyone gets any ideas that I haven't the least bit of critical thinking, read on. The fact that I was nega- tively offended for my writing doesn't bother me one bit. I do more than appreciate the implication. The photography of the children playing with guns was not meant to show a black child as being victim in nature. That's what the reader perceives it. It's probably the reader's personal feelings surfacing. Take another look. Use your brain a little. The photographer isn't about race, it's about a deeply personal problem in society-vio- lence. If the photographer was of two white children playing with guns, would your inter- pretation of the message be dif- ferent?

Pernstein's letter was vague in its accusations of race. Was it the photo- grapher or my analysis of Nishimura Zuber's performance that prompted these feelings? Let's talk about Zuber. He had some good points. He said he felt helpless without a gun. That makes sense, it's scary out there. But at the same time, he said people are the problem, not the guns. That's contradictory. People are the problem, why would you want to let them have guns? I felt this correction was Zuber's downfall.

Zuber also seemed to enjoy in- terrupting other people's speech, much to the amusement of the audience. Rebecca Wlodek could hardly get a complete sentence without Zuber loudly blunting out a one-liner to drown out her voice. I realize that this tactic is acceptable in this type of debate, but it would have been nice to get to hear what the other side had to say.

I know debating is not only about what you say, but how you say it. This is similar to my position here as a reporter. I'm not trying to be objective and accurate in my reporting. The photographer on my page was put there as a joke, as Pernstein stated. Who's laughing? Zuber cracked a few jokes about showing boggers. The audience laughed. That was Zuber's way of dealing with some of the questions that were raised. I base that on judging the question, and that's the way I write about it in my story. We each said what we wanted and we did it in our own ways. This story, like all stories with my byline, was carefully thought out and written. It is not "ponty stupid carelessness."

I wrote my story with an objec- tive eye. I watched the debate, tried to listen to what was said and write about it. I felt the photograph sym- bolized the very nature of the debate topic. When I did the page layout, I placed the photograph to evoke feelings about the issue. It was supposed to make you think, not blindly jump to a conclusion about the author's motives.

NEXT WEEK IN EDITORIALS: "Quorns" of the Year: A look back at the fav- orite words to live by. None of the misquotes will be used.

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The Current will be raffling off eight pairs of INXS tickets to this week's Mudhoney. To be eligible the only thing that you have to do is fill out an entire form that will be available at The Current's booth on April 20. (Employees of The Current are ineligible to win.) The tickets will then be raffled off at 3 p.m. at that day. If you are not present to win you will be contacted by phone later. Only one entry per person will be accepted. Students must show their UM-St. Louis student ID to enter.

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This is not the first time Beta Alpha Psi has sponsored this drive. They have been sponsoring the drive each semester for the last 17 years. The blood drive was Student Leader- ship Award winner for longest sus- tained program on April 1.

"The Red Cross has big problems getting the donations they need this year," Gross said. Last semester, the two-day event collected 103 pints of blood. This semester the organization hopes to match that number.

Because this is a community oriented organization, it's tough to get out to promote events like this. It's been tough for Bethe and I to work on this project because we both work as well as go to school.

Mailers were sent to past partici- pants concerning this year's drive. The work of promotion for this Sunday's drive started immediately after the last semester drive was completed.

The Red Cross really appreci- ated the positive for the community and on campus.

"We also have the Volunteer In- See Blood, page 7.

Helping the Red Cross
by Michael O'Brien

On the Horizon: Doug Straus and Trevella Stafford of Horizons Peer Education

Chat Box by Cindy Poll & The Current Staff

Has this flood affected you at all?

"It hasn't affected me at all. My sister lives in Fenton, and she is trying to sell her house. The flooding is making it kind of hard."

Daniel Balmer Junior Philosophy

"I was in the Quaker Oaks over the weekend, so it really affected me. On Friday we got here and by Monday morning it was up to the feet [The Lake]," Cindy Poll said. "When the Quaker Oaks flood it comes up to 40 inches."

Erik Keeton Senior Social Work

Sexual Awareness Week Educates Campus

by Jeffrey Stryk

Spring is in the air. Birds are singing, the trees are budding, the flowers are blooming. It's time for our campus to have sex on its minds.

Last week, the Horizons Peer Educators, the Women's Center and the School of Nursing sponsored UM-BC's first Sexual Awareness Week. The purpose of the week was to make information available to students and to promote open com- munication on certain embarrassing sexual topics.

The agenda for Sexual Awareness Week included information tables and videos, a sexual trivia game, an open "Let's Talk Sex" dis- cussion and a seminar titled "Date Rape, Myths and Realities.

"We are really mad at you for doing this," which I think we accom- plished, is to disseminate informa- tion to the student body," said Doug Straus, advisor for the Horizons Peer Education.

The organization also participated in the national Alcohol Awareness Week. Sexual Awareness Week is something that is done all over the country, but Horizons Peer Educators organized the event on campus them- selves.

"I know other places do it. We did nothing in connection with the Sexual Awareness Week, but we did," Straus said. "A lot of other campuses do things on sexual aware- ness whether it be rap or prank or protection. We just try to do a little bit of everything. We had a talk on date rape. We distributed literature on sexual transmitted diseases. We distributed condoms to people and tried to promote safe sex.

"Tenessa Stafford, director of Horizons Peer Educators felt Sexual Awareness Week was a success. "I think we did a really good job," Stafford said. "Next year we have much more in the fall and winter semester. Students were talking when we are going to do this again. So, next year"

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Mindy Mechanic On Date Rape

by Michael O'Brien

associates feature editor

"Date Rape: Myths and Realities" was a seminar given in the Women's Center on Thursday by Nancy Mechanic, M.D. of Psychology and project researcher for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Many studies have linked sources of stress in social and sexual situations to date rape," Mechanic said.

She talked about the "power differential" — a situation where a man initiates a date, drives and pays for the meal.

She mentioned that the man would not take the woman to a place where he couldn't pay for the bill.

Mechanic said that when a man drives he has the control to take a woman to any place that he wants. "Men see things in a much more sexualized manner," Mechanic said. The male-oriented media clarify gender roles. "These are dating scripts we follow in given situations. There are specific rules we follow in this situation. No, if you want to call itliches." Mechanic said the rituals have built sexual double standards into society.

"The man's job is to purse, and the woman's job is to say no," Mechanic said. "Date rape is what Mechanics called a woman telling a man no but meaning yes. 'Thirty-nine per- cent of women in a given survey said they had not meant yes,' Mechanic said. She said that this type of communication tells some men that refusal is actually just taken resis- tance. Mechanic said that "domestic traditionalism" are the most likely women to practice toleration resistance. Citing from the National Women's Study, Mechanic said "only 16% of all rape is reported.

"It is wrong for a man to use the relationship of the continuous use to cause a woman to have sex with him." She said manipulation and psychological pressure are used more in date rape while violence and weapons are used more often in stranger rape. Some of the tactics of the women used to cause woman to say yes are setting them if they don't have sex, it will affect their emotions about them.

Mechanic drove out an example of

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Golf, Baseball Last Hope For Nationals

By Pete Distefano

Sports Editor

With the winter semester at U.S. St.
Louis coming to an end, I would guess the
athletic department is all but done.

Starting with full sports, the baseball
shadows of spring season are

Rivermen Beat Cardinals

IT'S THE BIGGIE NOW: Former Rivermen shortstop Brian Rupp is making a big splash with the St.
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He is making the last few days

of his time with the minors count.

"I saw the potential for him to be a great

hitter, but never saw a kid with that
talent," Rupp's high school coach,
Bud Brady, said.

Rupp did blossom into a great

hitter. Until only his second season

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Rupp: It's a Climbing Ladder Of Success

By Cory Schroeder

SPORTS

Rupp is a rising star in the minor leagues with a .330 average.

"We're hoping for a pitcber who always seems to come through," said Manager Curt Meloney. "He's great at getting his first two outs. After returning he never missed a stride, sweeping a double hit first time up.

With a new baseball season begin-

ning, Rupp has moved up another rung on the ladder. He's playing left field for the team Class A St. Pauls Redbirds.

"He's been an intense amount of time this season and is working to learn the outfield. St. Pauls manager Mike Ramsey. "But he works extremely hard and his confidence is high. He's comfortable out on the field enough.

For UMSL St. Louis State, Brian Rupp, done deal at the end of the cold spell. As best he can help it.

Rupp could do what no other St.
Louis baseball player has done—play in a professional baseball game. Many have played in the minor leagues, but none have achieved the final plateau—
the majors and that pay check. He is making the last few days of his time with the minors count.

"I saw the potential for him to be a great hitter, but never saw a kid with that talent," Rupp's high school coach, Bud Brady, said.

Rupp did blossom into a great hitter. Until only his second season

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Two Down, Three Showing: Meckfessel Shuffles Roster
by Cory Schroeder
Sports Editor

With seven months to go before the basketball season gets under way, the Rivermen already have a look at their lineup.

All-Big Nine All-American, UM-St. Louis men's basketball coach Rich Meckfessel promised to make some changes.

The Rivermen won 13 of 21 games last season with an 8-18 overall record, including a 4-12 mark in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

It was the worst record under Meckfessel and the Rivermen won their first game against St. Louis.

Junior Shawn Caldwell has gone back to Memphis. Caldwell finished the season with a 13.7 points-per-game average. He connected on 56 three point attempts and was steady from the charity stripe with a 727 mark.

"Shawn will be returning to Memphis as he does with his child and girlfriend," Meckfessel said.

Meckfessel added that Caldwell will play to redshirt in the fall with senior guard Jon Robinson, who once starred at playing guard. Robinson had been named to the all-state team last season due to academic insufficiencies.

Shawn Caldwell

"I'm disappointed he's leaving," Meckfessel said. "With All-American, a better understanding of the things we're trying to do, Shawn could be an integral part of the program."

Along with Caldwell, the other half of the Mohr's connection, junior center Marvin Smith, will not be wearing a Rivermen uniform.

"Marvin was not invited back," Meckfessel said.

Smith, a 6'7" forward from Shiloh State Community College, led the Rivermen in scoring and rebounding with 16.2 and an average of 9.2 boards a game.

"Marvin's way of doing things were unworkable with our way of doing things," Meckfessel said. He may be in a different situation in a different coach, he might have a chance to get better, he's not sure."

Smith finished among Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) leaders in several categories including a fourth place in field goal percentage with a 53.9. He had double-doubles in points and rebounds 10 times including a shooting gallery of 32 points and 20 rebounds against SIU-Earlham.

Marvin Smith

"That Marvin worked hard and played for us another year, he could have been a lot better and made a comfortable living," Meckfessel said.

On a more positive note, the Rivermen have landed three recruits.

The first being a much-needed big man in 6'6" 280-pound Rich Lyle. Lyle is transferring here from UM-Ann Arbor and will be ready to play winter semester, next season. He was a second team National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American at Menomonee Community College in 1991-92.

"This is a versatile player who can score and rebound," Meckfessel said. "He's not a great ballhandler, but he has good feel for how the game is played."

In addition to Lyle, Meckfessel has added another forward in 6'7" 215-pound from Lincoln, Nebraska, Kevin Gruber. He has averaged 13.9 points and 5.9 rebounds a game.

"He's a good outside shooter with a great three point shot," Meckfessel said. "He's tough and hard-working."

Fresh out of Depau High School comes 6'1 guard Ken Grager. Grager averaged 20.5 points and was named to All Illinois state team.

"Ken will be a strong center in our first season, but will take over the point guard spot his last three years," Meckfessel said.

Meckfessel's only hope now is to land another big-man to beef up the middle.

Shawn Caldwell 93-94

Stats With The Rivermen

Averaged 13.7 points a game. Second in team with 76 assists. Second with 56 three point shots. Had 30 total, fourth in team. Only started three games.

Marvin Smith 93-94

Stats With The Rivermen

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UM-St. Louis Gears Up For '94 Olympic Festival

First of a two-part series
by Cory Schroeter
Sports editor

With only a few days left before the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival committee is scheduled to package everything together, UM-St. Louis will be holding pre-Olympic basketball games and all-sports workouts. Basketball is scheduled for July 2 and 3 and track and field will run July 6-10.

Now that citizens like the MIAA Chairperson of the Phoenix Suns and Patrick Swaney of the New York Knicks have competed in past festivals, security is a major issue. For the events scheduled at the Merk Tennis Building, security will be handled by UM-St. Louis police and volunteers from other surrounding municipality police forces. Captain John Stanley of UM-St. Louis police is the director of local security operations here at UM-St. Louis.

"Right now, it's still not exactly what many police officers will be doing the Mark "Busch" Building, Smalley said. "It's conceivable that we could have more than 100 police officers along with other volunteers from various

"As far as plans are concerned, we are on a worst-case scenario," Co-chairman of Phoenix Suns crowd control skys said. "The attack didn't alter our plans, but we did take a look at it and we are prepared."

"It's a unique opportunity that we have to do something as a team," Marketing director for UM-St. Louis Mike Kende said. "We have an opportunity to show the community what they can expect when they go to the Olympics."
Just when the victims of the 1993 flooding got back on their feet, flood waters threaten again.

Above left: The Valley Mount Ranch sign remains a marker of the submerged horse ranch, off Interstate-44.

Above: Bikers on the Katy Trail observe firsthand the damage left by the floods.

Right: Morning hour drivers encountered rising water levels on the 141 underpass. Later that day the entire intersection was underwater.

Below: Highway signs serve as reminders to the roadways which lay below.

Middle Right: When overlooking Peerless Park, the scale of the flood damage is apparent.

Bottom: Along the Katy Trail, flood waters consume both home and vehicle.

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For UM-St. Louis students, the Olympics will be double duty trying to improve the Purple while keeping up with major campus dates.

"It's going to be a very busy two weeks," Smalley said. "We'll still be. There are so many events happening in very short, We're there's never a time to relax."

Smalley and Krick do not foresee any Kannaka-like problems, but there are problems for the future.

"Any time you have a group of blue-chip athletes present, things can get a little sticky, but we have prepared for any eventuality," Krick said.

Curator Says UM-system Sends Wrong Message To Students

A University of Missouri-Columbia curator said the University is "sending the wrong message" to students.

John "Woody" Conard said the circulation of the UM system taking a "selective" exam earlier this month had not having a blue card enrollment policy in those schools outside the system continued.

Board of Curators President James McHugh said the University must have a "selective" enrollment policy in 1991. He said, with financial resources for the University limited, specific standards on the number and type of students needed to be the specific marker.

McHugh said he expects managed enrollment as an issue to be discussed at Board meetings well into the future because of its complexity.

"The whole issue of enrollment is complicated," said "Woody." "It's going to be actively discussed at the Academic Affairs Board of Curators' committee on how to approach the process. There are a number of different facets."

Professor Don Hren of Missouri University said a presentation of managed enrollment at the Board of Curators' meeting last month, outlining the plan for more discussion. Hren said he had not factoring enrollment managed enrollment of;

- Admission requirements at all levels
- Students financial aid offices
- Athletics programs

ability and policies
- Marketing of the University to prospective students, including development of remaining materials
- Participation in initiatives related to diversity
- Strategies to enhance the pool of well-qualified students
- Policies and mechanisms to retain students
- Focusing on the students on the campus

Conard said Hren's presentation was a good one, but the University needs to develop a policy specific to its specific situation.

"The definition may be accurate," said Conard. "But I'm not sure it's our policy."

McHugh said, though, the purpose of Hren's presentation was not to develop a policy for UM, but for the University to draw from Hren's presentation and make it unique to the University. McHugh added that the goal is to keep the issue of managed enrollment on the table for discussion. He said the University is progressing, but it will not be the end of the discussion.

"I'm not talking about the definition of student aid and retention," McHugh said. "It reminds us of the complexity of the issues.

Conard said though, no matter what is done with managed enrollment, the curators will only be the long-term. He said it was important to the University to pick "selective" criteria when admission decisions are made in the future.

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