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McLaughlin Says He'll 'Open The Doors To Students' If Elected

by Clint Zweifel
editorial director

Homecoming King Dan McLaughlin said he wants to "open the doors to students" if elected as the next Student Government Association (SGA) president.

McLaughlin, with running mate Bill Ross (current SGA comptroller), said he will concentrate on improvement of campus facilities, including focusing on complaints that Residence Hall Council had this year. He said those complaints range from hours in the Underground to visiting hours at the dorms. McLaughlin said by concentrating on complaints such as those, the average student will become more involved. A more involved student, he said, will bring important campus issues to the forefront.

"We want to bring the students back in charge of the campus and get the organizations more involved," McLaughlin said. "We can get feedback from the organizations, then they can help lobby. We do not have that right now. The dorm is separated from the campus. A lot of students aren't even aware there is a dorm."

Ross said another way to increase student involvement is through advertising campus events on fliers and billboards.

"There are restraints as far as where [student groups] can post and cannot post advertisements," Ross said. "I agree that they cannot put them everywhere, but some members of administration are complaining about fliers on the doors."

Ross said he was also interested in creating funding through section eight of the SGA bylaws. Section eight allows for a scholarship fund to be created through SGA. He said the money could come from the office of comptroller, but the details need to be left up to the assembly.

"SGA has money to submit to it, possible donations could come of it," Ross said. "We'll [leave the details] up to the Assembly. A lot more needs to be

left up to the Assembly. Right now a lot of the proposals come from the executive committee."



Dan McLaughlin

McLaughlin said he feels that current SGA president Andy Masters administration has brought some positive additions to the campus, but there needs to be more incentive for organizations and students to get involved.

"[If there is no incentive], students are forced to attend meetings with little room for growth and development," McLaughlin said. "The 'Year of Unity' (Masters' campaign slogan) was definitely good to show the costs of not being involved."

McLaughlin said, though, he does not want to eliminate or even change the current punishment for not attending SGA assembly meetings. He said those regulations are important but his main focus will be on the positive aspects of being involved.

"Positive enthusiasm will increase attendance and still not differ from the attendance policy at the meetings," McLaughlin said. "The more [organizations] are in contact with SGA the more they will be involved and the more they'll know."

Ross said he disagrees with an editorial in issue 789 of *The Current* stating that the comptroller position is not necessary. He said the position has created solid policy for next year's Student Activity Budget Committee. Ross said the policy will force organizations to give reasoning if they spend more than 10 percent on any line item in their budget. By implementing this policy, Ross said organizations will be

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New System In Store For 1995-96

by Christopher Sutherland
of *The Current* staff

In the 1995-96 school year, the University of Missouri school system will use a new system for processing government loans.

"The Direct Lending program should make the loan process simpler and easier for students," said Pamela

Fowler, director of Student Financial Aid.

The current government loan process requires the student to go through their school, then to a lender of their choice, the guarantor who prints the promissory notes, then they receive their loan.

"This creates a problem for us to try to do this quickly and efficiently,"

Fowler said.

Direct lending will eliminate banks from the process. In the future, students deal with the school and the servicer, and will pay the money back to a servicer, who will turn it in to the government.

Fowler said that when the government looked at student aid, there was the idea to cut banks out of the loan

process and save money. Currently, the government pays the bank a special allowance of 3.15 percent, in addition to interest. For the '93-94 school year, \$14 billion was paid in loans to students.

The schools' financial aid offices will now perform the duties of those banks and agencies.

George Russell, president of the UM school system, felt the UM schools should be a part of this program and applied for it.

Fowler said the financial aid office at UM-St. Louis will need more space and staff to do this program.

"We don't have enough of anything to handle all of the students now," Fowler said. "Whether this speeds up the process depends on whether we get what we need to do the program."

Fowler said that students who will be attending the UM school system in 1995, and already have a loan through the current system along with a loan through the direct lending process, they may end up paying two loans per month to the bank and the government unless a consolidation is made.

"This will be another burden for us because we have to notify students and try to explain the consolidation process," Fowler said. She added the program is designed to not take any longer than it takes now.

"On the first day of the semester, we take in 100 loans per day, approximately 500 per week, with three people doing it. We don't have enough people to do it more quickly. If we don't get more support, we will maintain things the way they are."

The financial aid office at UM-St.

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Operation Dust Storm



Photo: Dave Floyd

IN THERE: Rivermen first baseman Jeff Peery is leaving the rest of the players in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) in the dust offensively.

Richter/Czarnik Team Want Section 8 To Stay Alive For Students

by Clint Zweifel
editorial director

Forensics and Debate member Frank Richter said he hopes to have more scholarship money available for students next year if elected Student Government Association (SGA) president.

Richter, along with running mate Jennifer Czarnik (Residence Hall Council member), said he disagrees with Jason Peery's proposal to repeal Section 8 of SGA's bylaw that allows for scholarship money to be funded through SGA. The repeal of Section 8 will be voted on at the next SGA meeting April 6.

Richter said he would like to see Section 8 stay alive as a feed for scholarship funding and emergency loans for students. He proposes drawing funding through the SGA budget

and outside money. Richter said that can be done by transferring some of SGA's traveling expenses and using them as a fund for students.

"Under the bylaws, SGA has the power to do that," Richter said. "Instead of taking trips to San Francisco and Boston that cost a lot of money. Andy had a good idea. But instead of punishment, we ought to have an incentive to

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Peery Promises UM-St. Louis Students 'Student Service, Not Lip Service'

by Russell Korando
editor-in-chief

The three candidates and their running mates for Student Government president and vice president represent a wide array of student groups and interests.

All of the candidates have worked hard at UM-St. Louis in their various student groups and contributed to the success of on-campus student involvement.

Jason Peery and Christine McGraw say the difference they can make for University students comes from their service with the student organizations they both represent now.

Peery, who is the president of Residence Hall, is running for president. He said his campaign slogan, "Student Service, Not Lip Service," meant actions, such as Homecoming, and uniting the students of the North

and South Campuses.

University arrangements to unite the two campuses physically are still in the development stage, but Peery and McGraw said they realize the importance of making the students on North Campus a more integral part of central student activities.

"I want to get the students involved with being involved," Peery said. "Our goal will be to challenge students to come up with new programs from the beginning."

"I think that one of the first steps that needs to be taken is to get more people on campus, then address the needs of people living in Residence Hall."

"We want to promote more on and

off campus activities, like Homecoming. I'll personally work with Student Affairs to make sure student groups and their representatives are happy."

Peery, a sophomore, said he was class president his sophomore through senior year at Van-Far High School. He is SGA representative for the College Democrats, on the executive committee of SGA and majoring in Political Science.

McGraw, the vice presidential running mate, is enrolled as a senior at UM-St. Louis. She is a member of the College Republicans and has been a staff member of *The Current* for more than three years. McGraw began at *The Current* as a features reporter but her initiative

has earned her the titles of Sports Editor, Managing Editor, Advertising Director and Business Director.

McGraw said her ticket represented a broader base of student involvement than the other candidates, and her and Peery would use that experience to support student needs.

McGraw said there would be no bias between SGA and *The Current* because of her ties to both groups. While saddened by her departure from a group she's been actively involved in, she said she would like to try another aspect of involvement.

"If *The Current* finds our policy unfavorable, I don't think I'll have any hard feelings, because I've been on the other side," McGraw said. "I understand that *The Current* is here for accountability and there is a certain

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Former UM-Curator Dies, Leaves Behind Dream For African Americans

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

Marian O'Fallon Oldham, a former University of Missouri Board of Curators member and longtime contributor to UM-St. Louis, died March 12.

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill said Mrs. Oldham, 67, was a friend and supporter to everyone.

"She played a very significant role in the development of higher education in Missouri as well as her tireless work in civil rights," Touhill said. "Her contributions are extensive."

Norman Seay, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, said Mrs. Oldham strove to give African-Americans the opportunity to attend school.

"She was interested in the flight of African-Americans," Seay said. "In part because she was denied access to work on her advanced degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She then began to work against all forms of discrimination."

Seay said Mrs. Oldham dedicated her life to giving students the best chance to succeed. She founded the Marian Oldham Scholarship Fund for African-American stu-

dents in 1987. Currently, the scholarship is assisting five students.

"The scholarship opened more doors for African-Americans," Seay said.

In 1977, Mrs. Oldham became a member of the UM-Board of Curators. She served on the board for eight years, and for five of those years she was the chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee.

"(That position) was a vehicle for her to work on promoting equal opportunity," Seay said. "She was interested in the development of the campus. She worked toward what she could do to enhance the image of the curriculum and the financial resources required for the campus to develop into a world class form of higher education."

As a person, Seay said Mrs. Oldham was someone that would go to bat for anyone.

"She was intelligent and someone you could easily confer with," Seay said. "She was a leader, but could be a follower."

A memorial service honoring Marian Oldham was March 20, in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

She is survived by her husband Charles Oldham and two children, Lisa and John Oldham.



Marian Oldham

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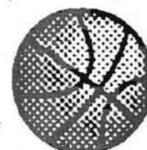
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Speech Codes Not Answer To Racism, Bigotry On Campuses

by Clint Zweifel
editorial director



Ice-T's 1989 release "The Iceberg: Freedom of Speech... Just Watch What You Say" is beginning to have some relevance on college campuses across the nation.

According to a recent study by the Freedom Forum Center at Vanderbilt University, almost 80 percent of all public colleges and universities in the United States have some type of code governing speech. The codes cover such areas as threats of violence, breach of peace, disruption of teaching, hazing, libel and slander. There needs to be codes to govern problems such as these.

Unfortunately, these are the only types of speech that are governed by university administrators. According to the report, over 15 percent of schools have a breach of peace code, 53 percent have a threats of violence code and almost 30 percent have a code governing advocacy of an offensive or outrageous viewpoint. This should be truly frightening to each and every campus community across the nation, since interpretations are loose and lacking in concrete detail.

The State University of New York College of Technology at Cobleskill has a policy on "advocacy of offensive or outrageous," their viewpoint states:

"students found diminishing the dignity of other members of the community through racial, sexual, religious or ethnic disparagement, which are unlawful and inconsistent with the college's aspiration to product citizens respectful and tolerant of the diversity of people, will be dismissed and will not receive degrees from Cobleskill College."

Another code from the Fashion Institute of Technology states:

"Any behavior that implicitly or explicitly carries messages of racism, sexism, stereotyping or discrimination of any kind."

While these policies may seem workable and even necessary, both of them actually creep into First Amendment rights. Once again, local government is making laws eliminate socially ingrained behavior that may always exist.

Our country continues to make laws that will never have any relevant effects on what may be considered deviant behavior. The list of failures is long. Back-alley abortions and bootlegging both arose when abortion and alcohol were illegal. The drug war is a joke,

and not one that is going to keep us laughing.

Speech codes are a trend showing us that many university administrators are the twins of politicians. Public colleges and universities once seemed separate from the world. They were and some still are a place to express viewpoints, feelings and ideas in an open forum, without fear of punishment. That time has ended, though.

One may now be expelled for expressing a unpopular viewpoint. Racism and bigotry are not cool anymore, so it is time to make laws to suppress it. It is frighteningly similar to the actions Democrats and Republicans take to win minority vote. Instead of open and clear racism, it is now going to be subtle. Calling a minority a racially

degrading term may get you thrown out of college, but quietly denying a minority a job at the university because of race is acceptable.

The truly frustrating part of this is that racism is wrong and it needs to be conquered. It will not be conquered, though, by our legal system. Diversity classes from preschool through college need to be taught. An African-American art class in college is not going to make the difference. Classes need to be taught that really hit upon the basic problems associated with the races and what they can do to make relations more open and clear.

Until that time though, when administrators truly want to confront the issue of racism, it will exist. Sure, the Ku Klux Klan may not be burning crosses on the front of a black person's home, but the same sick train of thought will still exist in the minds of many ignorant Americans.

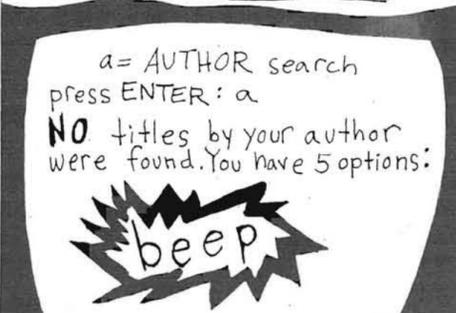
Nat Hentoff, a journalist who was quoted in the Vanderbilt study, said: "Let us suppose these codes were in place on every campus in the country. Would racism go away? Racism would go underground, in the dark, where it's most comfortable. The language on campus could become as pure as country water, but racist attitudes would still fester."

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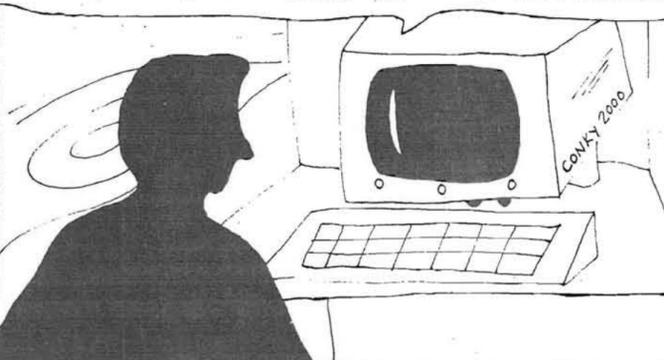
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Fraternity President Says He Was Misquoted; Funding For Comptroller Defended

Dear editor,

I am responding to the article, "UM-St. Louis Fraternities Say Hazing Coverage Taints Greek Image," published in the Feb. 28 issue of *The Current*.

In the article, Clint Zweifel (*The Current* editorial director) quoted me as saying that some black fraternities are different from Greek fraternities. Mr. Zweifel irresponsibly quoted me.

Black fraternities and sororities are as much a part of any Greek system as the rest of the fraternities and sororities. I was trying to draw an analogy between my fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, and the black fraternity involved in the hazing incident at Southeast Missouri State University.

I was trying to point out to Mr. Zweifel that I felt that some members of the media were assuming that all fraternities hazing as part of tradition. It was an attempt to explain to Mr. Zweifel that just because a small number of fraternities hazing, does not mean all fraternities permit or encourage this type of behavior.

He quoted me as saying our fraternity is different from the fraternity at SEMO because they are strictly black and we have mostly white members.

What I actually said was, [SEMO] fraternity is different because they haze and we do not.

The UM-St. Louis chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha deplores any type of hazing. It does not occur anywhere in our pledge program, initiations or meetings. Any members participating in hazing activities face suspension and/or expulsion from the chapter.

Mr. Zweifel has a very powerful position in our society. Reporting in a newspaper read by thousands should be objective and fair. His style of reporting is slanted. He takes certain words said by those he interviews and changes phrases so that they appear in a misconstrued fashion. In other words, he rewrites the interview so that people are quoted as saying what he wants them to state in the interview.

The majority of individuals that report for *The Current* are fair and objective. It is unfortunate that one makes the entire staff appear unprofessional. It is my hope that incidents such as the one that occurred in the Feb. 28 issue remain rarities.

Sincerely,
Douglas H. Haldeman
president, Pi Kappa Alpha

Dear Editor,

Finally in *The Current's* 'editorial opinion', it asks "What does Mr. Ross Do" when he questions accountability and accuracy of fee forms. During the beginning of my term as comptroller, Dr. Schmalfeld said I created a guideline which would hold groups accountable for their requested budget. Those who filled out a request form remember the extra sheet which asked groups to list last years requested activities and next to that, what activities were actually done or what they intended to do. This extra sheet has eliminated the 'blank check' that some groups took advantage of in the past. When budgets are made available this year, groups spending over 10 percent in a line item will be asked to explain their spending

before they can continue to use these monies. One must remember you must crawl before you can walk and walk before you can run. As a new office in SGA, you can't change the rules for organizations in the middle of the game. What might not be justified to you might be justified to someone else with the addition of activity summary comparison we will see less and less ambiguity with organizations. For a first year office I've been quite pleased with the successes. Many groups did come to me asking for help on their budget forms and I was eager to assist. But *The Current* has failed to see any of this or even come to talk to me about the office of comptroller and the evolution of it.

William Ross
SGA Comptroller

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amount of integrity you have to maintain."

Filling out the Peery/McGraw ticket is Dave Roither, SGA vice president. Roither is running for the position of comptroller, but only so it can be eliminated. All three candidates say they agree the position is a redundant one because people are already performing duties the comptroller does and the request for a \$1,500 salary would strain an already tight budget.



Christine McGraw

eliminate my elected position," Roither said. "My stated goal is to actively eliminate the position. So, I'm obviously the clear choice." Roither said he wanted to make clear that he would not be attending UM-St. Louis next fall, and that a vote for him meant a vote against the comptroller position.

"The one-year trial for comptroller was obviously a failure," he said. "The position was not clearly defined and the duties are already covered by Bob Schmalfeld (director of University Center) and the

student accountants. I also don't think it's right to give one student the arbitrary power to speculate about student groups' spending. Especially when he's a member of the SGA executive committee."

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forced to be more accountable for their spending.

"A lot of the administration feel it could be evolved into something beneficial and bridge the gap between students and administration," Ross said. "It's about accountability. [The policy] gets rid of the blank check which organizations have had in the past. It's a step in the right direction."



Bill Ross

Peery said he and McGraw represent the students' best interest.

"I've been impressed with the students that are involved because it seems they become immediate friends," Peery said.

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show up. Have this money available for a voucher for the bookstore. The bookstore said they would give more money on the dollar.

"There are a number of different ways to do it—show up five times and have an automatic \$100 for [spending at] the bookstore."

Richter and Czarnik both said Residence Hall will be one of their administration's main priorities.

Richter said the Underground is not inspected regularly as other restaurants.

"Ara Food Service needs to be inspected like any other restaurant open to the public," he said. "And if we have to bus our own tables, then they need to give us some towels or something to clean the tables off."

Czarnik said the food costs at the Underground are not compatible with most student's budgets or health needs.

"As it stands, we are entitled to a meal that costs \$2.33, if you eat three

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Louis now has a minimum of two months before they get the loan back to the students.

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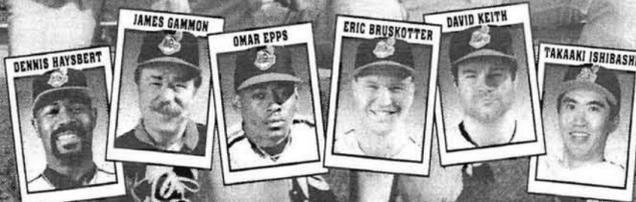
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In Honor Of The Students Students And Organizations Honored At Student Leadership Awards Banquet

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

It was a night of glamour and glitz. Students and faculty were treated to a feast during the 2nd annual Student Leadership Awards Banquet.

The evening was sponsored by Student Activities and hosted by Student Activities Director Bob Schmalfeld.

"Our purpose is to recognize individuals, both students and advisors, who have made outstanding contributions to student organizations and to

recognize student organizations that have presented quality programs which addressed social issues, promoted awareness, performed needed services and entertained us throughout the year," said Schmalfeld.

Before the awards were presented, Chancellor Blanche Touhill congratulated all the students and faculty in

attendance for their contributions to the university.

Touhill said student leadership is important and students who participate in co-curricular activities have a higher graduation percentage. She also welcomed new university representa-

award both years of the presentation. The organization was recognized because of their participation in campus activities and for putting on programs such as: A Diversified Student Body, Multiculturalism in St. Louis and their representation of UM-St. Louis at the

Regional College Bowl at Kansas State University.

Donald Burnes received the Outstanding Evening College Faculty Award.

"The fact that students led to this makes me appreciate it very much," said Burnes.

Beta Alpha Psi was given the award for Best Sustained Program for their blood drive. Over the last 17 years the drive supplied the St. Louis area with 875 gallons of blood.

Best Campus Community Building Program went to the Student Government Association for Homecoming 1993. SGA also took home Most Innovative Program for their Twister Tour-

"Our purpose is to recognize individuals, both students and advisors, who have made outstanding contributions to student organizations"

Bob Schmalfeld, Student Activities Director

tives from Barnes College Of Nursing.

Pierre Laclède Honors College took home the top presentation of the evening with the Outstanding Student Organization Award. Dennis Hall, member of the Honors College, accepted the award.

"We are very pleased," said Hall. The Honors College has swept this



Photo: Chris Sutherland

The Student Leadership Awards Banquet honored both individual students and their respective organizations for participation in campus activities.

held during Homecoming Week. One hundred students participated in the event.

Outstanding Cultural Diversity/Awareness Program went to Students with Disabilities Association for Awareness Week.

Outstanding Organization Advisor went to three of the eight nominees: Barbara Marty for Delta Zeta Sorority,

Nanora Sweet for Litmag and Paul Travers for Kappa Delta Pi.

Individual students were recognized with Atlas Awards for their contribution to their respective organizations. Some of those awards went to Andy Masters SGA president, Rebecca Witte president, Forensics and Debate and Karmen Parker president and founder of Sisters Who Dance, an

organization which has now received campus recognition and will have an operating budget for the 94-95 school year.

The members of the Student Activities Budget Committee were recognized with Certificates of Achievement for the long hours they put in to allocate monies to student organizations.

60,000 Homeless Animals Need Student Help

Animal Protection Agency Seeks Those Willing To Adopt

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

There is a population problem in St. Louis and the surrounding area. We talk a lot about housing for people, but how about housing for animals?

"Sixty thousand animals are euthanized each year," said Elizabeth Estes, public relations director for the Animal Protective Association of Missouri (APA). "Thirty percent are purebreds. They are killed

because there are not enough homes."

The APA is a privately funded organization that was founded in 1922 to find good homes for stray animals and to provide humane answers to the areas animal population problem.

"The APA philosophy is different from other agencies," said Estes. "We spay and neuter every animal that leaves our agency."

Kittens and puppies are spayed or neutered from eight weeks and up. The St. Louis Humane Society

doesn't perform these operations until animals are seven months old.

"We, as a shelter, must take every step we can to solve the animal population problem," said Estes. She and the staff at the APA understand this problem since they are the ones who are forced to do the dirty work for the irresponsibility of many pet owners.

Animals which come to the APA are set against a criterion which determines how long they can stay in the shelter before euthanization. Those animals with the lowest probability for adoption (adult mixed breed dogs and cats) have a minimum of five days to live.

"It's important for people to know that we are euthanizing animals," said Estes. "It's the only way to show the public that we are dealing with a critical problem." Estes said that euthanization is much more humane than letting animals starve on the street.

"My personal crusade is to stop pet dumping," Estes said. "People seem to think an animal has a better chance if they take it somewhere and dump it. That is just not true. If your option is to dump a pet, bring it here first."

Another philosophical difference between the APA and the Humane Society is that they euthanize animals individually. "When an animal is next to another animal that is dying, it knows something is wrong," said Estes.

"The APA is a great organization," said Estes. She said not only is the euthanization process done as humanely as possible, the adoption process is totally animal oriented.

Those interested in adopting go through a standard screening process to ensure the animal is placed in a home where it will be well taken care of and to ensure it doesn't come back.

"Pets have proven in studies to lower blood pressure and make people calmer," said Estes. "We really need people to adopt full grown pets."

The APA is located one block south of Highway 40 at 1705 S. Hanley. Cats cost \$40, mixed breed dogs are \$45 and purebred dogs are \$60. That price includes spaying or neutering and all of the animals shots which are taken care of by the agencies on-call veterinarian.

"We provide homes for 4,000 ani-

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Suffering In The City

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

It was a nice night for a walk so I left my South city one-bedroom to get a soda at Q and A Market.

When I walked out of the store, I saw two dogs darting frantically from place to place. Their behavior seemed so peculiar that I stopped to watch them. The dogs worked their way down Crittenden and came up to where I stood on Jefferson.

The smaller dog was a poodle. It was shaggy and dirty, obviously unkept. The larger dog was a boxer with deep scars and open sores on its body. Its skin was drawn tight. I could count the ribs easily.

I couldn't see much about the poodles body, but there was one thing the two dogs had in common: that look in their eyes.

A blank hollow stare, desperate yet instinctively hoping for something, they were starving to death. These dogs lived in the street hustling among hundreds of other neighborhood dogs and cats. Begging for food, but they were only finding a slow and torturous death.

As though the dogs were used to running into strangers who could bear them no goodwill. They looked at me to ask "please" and saw nothing in my face.

I watched them run down Jefferson. My stomach hurt. I wanted to cry, but instead I turned for home to do nothing. Spay or neuter your pets.

Chatter Box

by Cinde Poll
of The Current staff

What do you do on the weekends?



"Hang out at Wash-U (Washington University). I have friends there. That's why. I just transferred from SLU (St. Louis University)."

Angela Leong
Freshman
Psychology

"I go out and drink. I go to Brew House. It's a place close to my house."



Ed Pratt
Senior
Political Science



"I watch whatever sporting event is on and go on dates. And of course bar hopping."

Brian Spicer
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"I like to go out to eat with my friends and see a movie."



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Campus Corner Reviews

Phil Wang: On The Patio

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor
Music Review

A small congregation gathered at University Center patio on Wednesday to hear the talent of Phil Wang.

Vocalist-guitarist Wang forced some poorly done cover tunes from the late 1960s and some of his original work, apparently written in his elementary years on catatonic students in the grass.

Wang was born in Kansas City but has lived in Boulder, Colo. for the last 12 years.

"We met Phil at NACA (National Association of College Activities) this year," said University Program Board (UPB) Vice President Verdella Thomas.

UPB was probably impressed with Wang's guitar string fixing capability, because there is no way they could have thought he could play the thing. During a rendition of Neil Young's "Old Man," Wang broke a string and stopped playing to fix it.

Wang sang lyrics such as: "Why do I dream of mountains in Manhattan? It seems so real. What's the deal?" from originally titled "Mountains in Manhattan." Wang's closing song, "History," tells about a historic refer-



Phil Wang

ence to earth visits by what Wang calls "other intelligent people." Before he began, Wang said he was going to tune the guitar in some ancient way. It was better than tuning it normally, since his voice was always off key.

Sometimes Wang stepped up to the few people watching him from the grass and attempted to show off his finger picking techniques. It looked really weird and sounded terrible. He seemed to be having enough trouble finding his chords.

Wang said he would be having a CD released by fall. Currently he has no title for it and has not signed with any label. If by chance his work would ever circulate to St. Louis, save your money.

Travelling Student Style

by Jeffrey Struyk
features editor

"Over six million Americans will vacation in Europe this year. Some of them will even have fun."

That's the general attitude conveyed in Thomas Neenan and Greg Hancock's new book, "Let's Blow thru Europe." The book is part factual, practical information about the fun side of European travel. The remainder of the book pokes fun at everything from drugs in Amsterdam to British beer. The authors claim that most people visit Europe for fun. "They quickly tire of stuffy

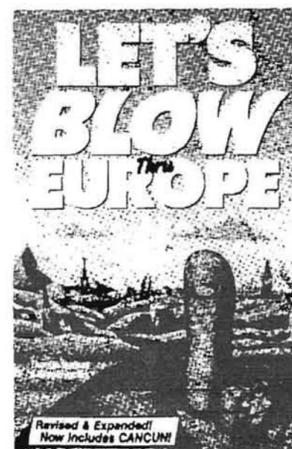
museums, historic piles of rocks and semi-famous cathedrals," according to the book's authors.

"We think the irreverent tone keeps things in perspective," Hancock said. "After all, it really is just the same old painting or pile of rocks you're supposed to drool over. The fun part of travel is discovering the present, not the past."

This "Revised! Expanded!" edition covers 15 European cities, from London to Athens, plus Cancun. Why Cancun? "Mainly, because we thought it would be funny," Neenan said.

Much of the humor is a parody of the "typical, self-righteous, goody-goody travel guide." For example, the section on English food:

"It's probably true to say that the English have done for food what dioxin has done to the environment. Other guidebooks tell you the best English food is found in pubs. This is true, in the sense that the best sewage is found in toilets. The chef takes gross parts like kidneys, tongues, livers and tails of whatever animal happens to be the road-kill of the day, covers them with a batter made from sawdust and lint, and deep-fries them in



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Elizabeth Estes, public relations director for APA holds one of 60,000 homeless pets in the area.

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mals a year," said Estes. "The APA has an adopt a pet center at Petsmart on Saturdays. We take seven to ten animals there each week for adoption," said Estes.

Because the APA is privately funded, they hold fund-raising events periodically. The Forest Park Dog Jog is coming up May 8th. Those interested can get more information from the APA's special events hotline at 645-PETS.

"We have loving animals in need of good homes," said Estes. Students looking for a dependable friend should check with the APA. The agency has plenty of animals in need of a friend that could save their life.

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brake fluid. These delicate morsels are then served with soggy, limp french fries."

Obviously written with the young traveller in mind, "Let's Blow" offers suggestions for the budget-conscious party-loving college student. Places on the Grand Tour include the Heineken Brewery, the Guinness Brewery, the great beer halls of Munich (see a pattern here?) the Amsterdam Sex Museum and the Red Light District in Amsterdam. The authors also give a few pointers on how to take pictures of topless women on the beaches of Nice ("sounds like grease, not lice") without appearing too crude.

In the preface, the authors thank the many people who aided them in their travels. They state that one group of people may have been the deciding factor in

publishing "Let's Blow."

"We must thank the three blond and very drunk women from the University of Missouri-Rolla, whom we met at the Milkweg in Amsterdam. Their knowledge of and attitude toward Europe ("Egypt is, like, the *neatest* place in Europe!") convinced us "Let's Blow" had a market."

Whether you're planning a trip to Europe (or Cancun) or just want a good laugh, "Let's Blow" is a good book. If you're one of those people that can't handle a joke or two that might be offensive to someone else (like blond, drunk women from Rolla), don't bother picking up a copy. Just realize this book was written with fun in mind. It is a factual travel guide, but the most unusual one you'll find on the bookstore shelves.

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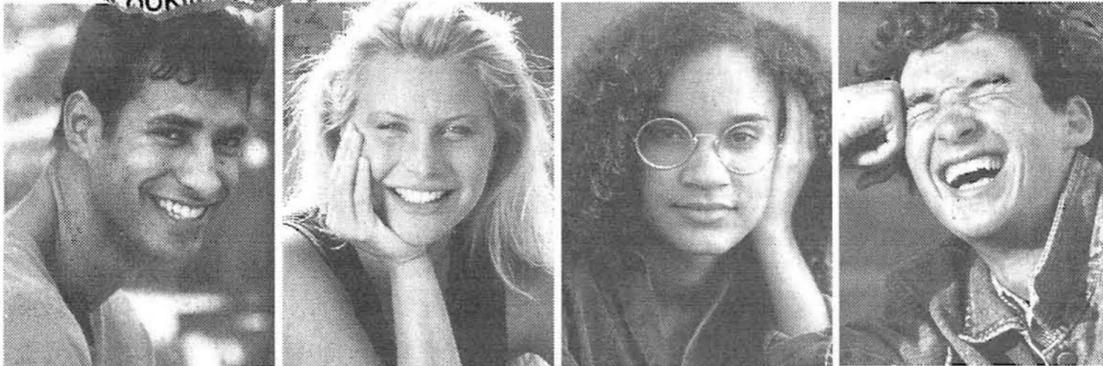
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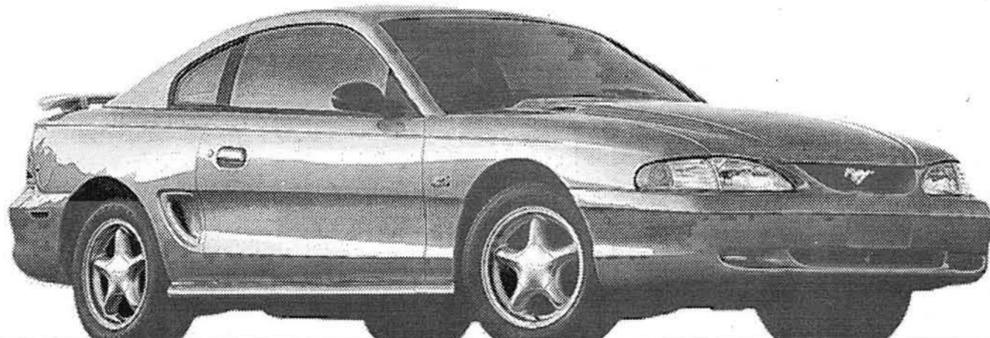
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Tee, Toast, And Other Tidbits

by Cory Schroeder
sports editor

With all the hoopla surrounding the baseball team's bid for a second successive World Series appearance, a program has been lost in the shuffle by fans and this sports staff alike.

I am speaking of none other than the UM-St. Louis golf team. Just as is at any high school, the baseball, softball, and even tennis teams receive more recognition and take precedence over the golf program.

It's a shame that many don't realize that our golfers won the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) tournament last year for the second consecutive season.

It's a shame that Rivermen golf mentor, Jim Niederkorn, was named MIAA coach of the year with no fanfare.

It's a shame that a talent like Dave Rhoads who was GTE Academic All-American with a 4.0 grade point average and shot a tournament low 223, is passed by in the halls as just another student.

It's a shame and *The Current* sports staff, myself primarily, is partly to blame.

"We're used to not getting recognition," Niederkorn said. "It bothers you at first but the players and I are here to play golf and that's what we worry about."

With the majority of the athletic department's Spring budget going to baseball and softball, it's easy to see how golf is overlooked. Most promotion like media guides and the "decrepit" billboard are geared toward baseball and softball.

Riverwomen Superlatives. The 1993-94 UM-St. Louis women's basketball team is now etched permanently in history. The Riverwomen set school and MIAA records with 243 three pointers made and 829 attempts. Sharpshootin' Laura Satterfield, a junior guard, set a couple of records of her own with 78 three pointers made, previously held by Monica Steinhoff who now plays in a professional women's basketball league, and 241 attempts. The Riverwomen ranked third overall in three pointers made among Division II schools.

Riverwomen Superlatives II. Not to be overshadowed by Laura Satterfield's scorching shot, junior forward Christiana Hampton quietly set the school record for most steals in a season with some handy play. Hampton tallied 107 steals accounting for an average of 3.7 per game which was good enough for first in the MIAA.

Riverwomen Superlatives III. Senior forward Nancy Hesemann completed her career as the 10th all-time scorer with 940 points and the third all-time rebounder with 599.

Man-child. Men's basketball forward Rodney Hawthorne enjoyed a successful rookie season. Hawthorne was named "MIAA Freshman of the Year" averaging 9.9 points per game and 1.4 blocks per game, good enough for fourth in the MIAA.

Kudos. Former *The Current* sports editor, Jack Wang, has made a splash in the real world. Wang was recently hired at a Sioux Falls television station as a sports reporter. Jack, good luck in the real world.

Rivermen Take Hee-Haw Out Of Mules In Game 1, Err In Game 2

by Russell Korando
editor-in-chief

Fundamentals got in the way of the funda' players and fans were having under the sun Wednesday at the Rivermen baseball home opener.

After an exhilarating come-from-behind 9-7 win in game one of the twin bill, the Rivermen fell apart in the field and on the mound late in game two, losing to Central Missouri State 10-8. With the split, the Rivermen were 11-6 going into weekend action and the Mules were 18-7.

Rivermen skipper Jim Brady said if there was a finger to be pointed for not winning both games, it should be at himself. Brady was coaching third base in his team's half of the seventh, when he spotted freshman hurler Roy Tippett warming up in the bullpen.

"I did not communicate to my assistant that Dan Archer was to stay down there in the 'pen," Brady said. "I didn't communicate that to Archer as well."

"That's a tough situation to put a freshman in. A Berlin Wall side; East Berlin, 1962 situation."

Tippett pitched in the eighth anyway and faced the Mules' firing squad which put three clean holes through the Rivermen defense with two home runs. CMSU senior Morgan Burkhart ripped a two-run blast and 240-pound junior Curt Hassler crushed the fourth of five home runs against Rivermen pitching in game two.

The Rivermen showed their own

mule-like stubbornness in the bottom of eighth. First baseman Jeff Peer walked to leadoff and Jeff Eyereached on an error. After Jeremy Ragan flied out David Lucas reached on a walk. Donnie Jolliff walked, forcing in Peer, making the score 10-8, but Dave Jolliff struck out to end the game.

Reliever Greg Shepherd was sent in to close the game out in the seventh and the Rivermen ahead 7-5, but he threw a 3-1 fastball to Rick Ladjevich who deposited it over the fence to tie the game at 7-7. Shepherd gave up two more hits but struggled his way out of the inning.

"When a guy comes through for you in the past, you figure he's going to do it again," Brady said of Shepherd. "There's been a lot riding on his shoulders the past couple of times out there. But you don't throw a fastball to someone who you know is arguably the best hitter in the nation."

"We're talking one All-American against another All-American. You respect a hitter like that. If you walk him, at least you're in a double play situation."

Ladjevich and Peer have been on a tear all season, fighting for the top spots in the Mid-American Athletic Association Conference (MIAA) batting race. Ladjevich had 40 RBIs in only 25 games, to lead the MIAA, and Peer was in second place with 23. Peer is red hot, average-wise, batting a torrid .556, but Ladjevich is second, hitting .457.

Brady said Ladjevich was on base "all day" against the Rivermen.

"Offensively, [Mules] they're ahead of us. They get a pitch in their zone and they whack it. Sometimes we do, and sometimes we don't. We don't have the consistency their top six hitters do."

"So, we've talked consistency up and down the lineup. We can't count on three guys and make it guessing game for me."

While the pitching was erratic in game two for the Rivermen, the defense didn't pick up the slack. Twice catcher Todd Schmidt dropped foul tips on strike 3 and was disorientated on a seemingly routine pop foul behind home plate. Both lapses led to hits.

Third baseman David Lucas twice pulled Peer off first base with high throws that allowed Mule runners to get on safely.

"A foul tip is hit or miss," Brady said. "But a pop up like that... So, you gotta move your feet. That would have been another big out. We talk about the little things, that's the difference many times."

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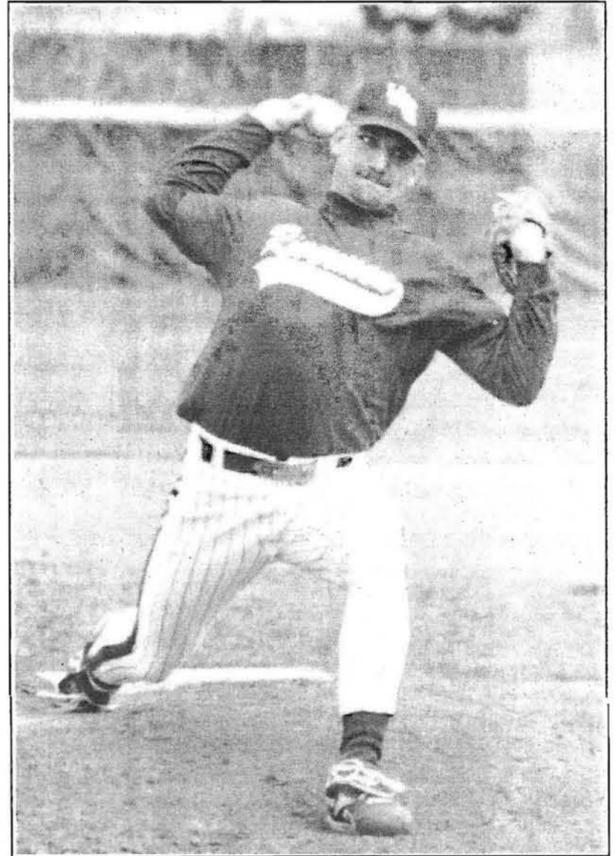


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AND THE PITCH: Rivermen Relief pitcher Dan Archer takes aim at the plate against Central Missouri State Wednesday.

Durrwachter Is Netting Success

by Cory Schroeder
sports editor

In the age of Jennifer Capriati and whiny, teenage girls prepped to be tennis stars, UM-St. Louis women's tennis senior Debbie Durrwachter is contrary to the norm.

Durrwachter, 30, is just in her second season with the UM-St. Louis women's tennis team. She has never played amateur tennis before and actually was a member of the indoor soccer team while attending Granite City High School.

"I suffered a bone bruise and decided indoor soccer wasn't for me," Durrwachter said. "I was looking around for another sport to play and tennis looked a little safer."

Durrwachter took lessons from Kim Steinmetz, who also happened to be the sister of former Riverwomen tennis coach Pam Steinmetz. Kim was impressed with her talent and soon alerted her sister that Durrwachter was planning on enrolling at UM-St. Louis.

"I tracked her down when she arrived on campus," Pam Steinmetz said. "She was the treasured find of last year."

With the vacant No. 1 seed open, Steinmetz held challenge matches with Durrwachter emerging as the clear cut winner. Here she was less than year after taking her first tennis lesson, the No. 1 seed for a Division II program.

"She's very much the competitor," Pam Steinmetz said. "The tougher the opponent, the better she played."

After playing an entire season as the No. 1 seed against schools who can afford the luxury of scholarships for top talents, Durrwachter has become a weathered veteran. With this season only a few weeks old, it is already clear that she's only gotten



Photo: Cinde Poli

Debbie Durrwachter

better.

"Debbie's forehand is real strong and her net play has improved 100 percent," fellow teammate Susan Dibb said. "She's trying out a new backhand which she should have down by midseason."

This season Durrwachter as well as the rest of the women's tennis team have a new coach in men's tennis coach Carl Walker.

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Dugout Chatter

- * At least he didn't lick the ball.
- * Every pitch has a purpose.
- * That's illegal.
- * Way to throw his cocky [rear] out.
- * Lookin' for a gap shot . . . something hard.
- * C'mon Dave, smoke 'em.

The Quote Box



UM-St. Louis Baseball Head Coach Jim Brady On How To Play The Catcher Position
"You gotta be able to move like an orangutan back there."

Westport Cine' Athlete of the Week Jill Stockdale

*Leads Riverwomen With 10 Wins And Four Shutouts

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Stockdale's Arm Enough Against Southwest Baptist

by Pete Dicrispino
associate sports editor

Pitcher Jill Stockdale made sure the UM-St. Louis softball team opened up the conference season on the right foot last Thursday. Stockdale, pitched back-to-back complete games, as the Riverwomen defeated Southwest Baptist 7-2 and 4-0 in the opener of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) season.

The Riverwomen improved their record to 14-12 overall on the year and Stockdale has been the team workhorse on the mound.

"She's doing a great job," head coach Harold Brumbaugh said. "She's

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Photo: Dave Floyd

TEMPTED BY THE FRUIT OF A SOFTBALL: D.J. Martin prepares to swing at a sinking pitch against Southwest Baptist.

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an excellent pitcher and I have a lot of confidence in her ability."

In the first game, Stockdale allowed only three hits and struck out two, while only walking one. She was helped out by having good defense behind her.

"The girls have played good defense all year long," Brumbaugh said. "But, the last 10 games we've really began to hit."

In the second game, Stockdale shut

out the Lady Bearcats on two hits. She struck out three and didn't issue a walk to a single batter.

"We need Jill to stay healthy and strong for us all year long, if this team is going to be successful," Brumbaugh said.

Stockdale last year set a record at UM-St. Louis for most strikeouts in a single season with 103. This year she will be the No. 1 pitcher and will see

more innings. She could end up smashing her own record.

Offensively the team is led by catcher Dina Wheelchel, who is counted on to be the teams power source. Wheelchel had four hits in five at bats in the two games and drove in a pair of RBIs.

"Dina also has to stay healthy and hit for us," Brumbaugh said.

First baseman Stephanie Adelman

was 4-7 at the plate with the stick and scored a run. Centerfielder Robyn Horace was 4-8 and scored a run. And leftfielder D.J. Martin was 3-6 with two RBIs.

Brumbaugh still would like his team to keep improving with the bats and to avoid late inning letdowns.

"Letdowns in the last two innings this year has cost us some leads," Brumbaugh said. "We just need to start bearing down in the later innings."

In the last 10 games the Riverwomen have hit around the .300 clip as a team, compare to around the .200 clip in the first 10 games. The turnaround has Brumbaugh optimistic.

"I'm pleased with the way we've been hitting the ball, if we keep it up we'll be alright," Brumbaugh said.

Brumbaugh is forced agains this year to get a team loaded with new faces. The huge turnover every year

makes it hard to establish a team chemistry.

"The first part of the season is always like that, it's always tough," Brumbaugh said. "You have to hope that they will gel before the conference games and I think we are."

If anyone can get the Riverwomen to come together it's Brumbaugh, he somehow does it every year.

No Rest For The Weary. Riverwomen D.J. Martin and Nicole Christ have made the jump from basketball to softball seem easy without a rest.

"They're doing real well, they're both in good shape and have great attitudes," Brumbaugh said. "I just wish they could of had more practice time, then they would be even better."

Injury List. Centerfielder Colleen Duffin wasn't able to play last week as a result

of getting hit by a pitch. The severity of her injury is unclear.

Catcher Dina Wheelchel left the second game against the Lady Bearcats with a sprained ankle. She suffered the injury while retrieving a foul ball.

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Walker is coaching both the men's and women's teams.

"He (Walker) has really helped us with the psychological aspect of the game," Durrwachter said. "He's helped us to concentrate mentally."

While not swatting aces on the court, Durrwachter coaches tennis for Ursuline Academy. She came back to UM-St. Louis to get her teacher's certification. She already holds a degree in Respiratory Therapy.

"I hope to one day teach physical education and hopefully coach tennis as well," Durrwachter said.

So how does the No. 1 seed see the new season shaping up?

"We have a lot more depth," Durrwachter said. "Everyone looks a lot stronger."

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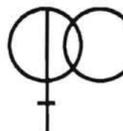
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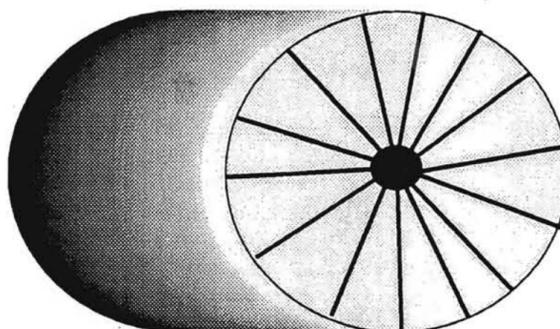
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