Plus/Minus Grading May Change Students' GPAs

by Cinti Zwiefel

news editor

UM-St. Louis student may have tougher or easier time obtaining a grade proportionate to the work done when her grades are calculated based on a new grading system that was approved by the faculty on March 24. The new system, called "incremental grading," was approved by the Faculty Senate at UM-St. Louis and will not affect students in their comparison to their peers.

"It does give (faculty) a chance to make a finer distinction," said Dr. Louis DiPlato, associate professor of Management and instructor of the course. "(Faculty) will have a greater degree of difference in student performance, which they can grade more accurately."

"Even though they're getting the same grades in their classes, they could get different grades," said DiPlato.

"The flexibility faculty has in deciding whether to use incremental grading could be an accurate judge of student work," said DiPlato. "The system will put the GPAs of many students side by side with those of any other student."

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"It looks like it, compared to what we requested last year, what everybody's expecting," said the associate professor. "You can actually say it's better for University and College, Lums, incremental grading will be a better use of the time.

"But part of the increase is due to the University Program's request for more than $143,223 that was increased in 1993-94.

"We are asking $130,487. There is even more overlap with students wanting to travel for the trip."

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From the editor's desk
by Russell Kensodo
Editor-in-Chief

Finger pointing. Exercising. Justification. It’s not my fault. It’s their fault. There are no crimes in the U.S. because no one gets caught. One friendship is broken; another is no, only to remember when those broken friendships were the greatest.

Everyone’s case was aside (hopefully) just a little space every crime to classify misnamed names, data and sometimes critical facts. A way of saying, ‘Look, we were too busy to get all the facts right enough not to admit it.’

As is so often pointed out, The Current has never been involved. Too. Should you be impressed by lack of involvement, because progression is too—only to write the story when you have a grape. Finis.

Personally, I misspelled ‘Candy Store’s last name. Big mistake, considering the control for which it was used. Every time ‘I drink wine, I get it as I when I read the story in print, I see a mirror that rings every time I see, and keep going back to it.’

‘We’ve forgotten “Columbia”’ name. Put the wrong year in a follow line. Mixing up ‘nickname’ names ... not lucky. And we’ve run apartment numbers twice improperly on one page. But when we missed the students in our campus to what is what we are, it was a real time.

The current edition and decisions. Whether or not they are slowly happening on OUM’s campus is not a factor when news breaks on different campuses in Missouri. When a professor of English and Southeast Missouri State in January, it was the first time a newspaper ever covered because important to all professor... not just in Missouri. And when a student is handcarved to death, allegedly by fellow fraternity members, too affects students.

In his letter to the Editor Feb, 28, Marty Schaus, UM-St. Louis Sigma Tau Gamma president, takes the opportunity to express his concerns concerning our coverage of Michael Davis’ death... in a capitalization on elevating negative images of Greek life during this annually slow news period.”

Schauta subtly shifts the blame of Michelle’s murder to the fellow Greek members, but to the press because we covered the event the wrong way. Marty, put your midlife fright somewhere else. Someone should be taking Davis’ death a little per-

Vox Populi... Voice of The People

Dear editor,

Well, the Olympics are over and so is the Tony Awards/Nancy Kerrigan story. Or is it? ThaTony awards were won, in effect. As the FBI prepares to investigate Harding, the questions come fast, and furious.

‘Will she confess the assault on Nancy Kerrigan?’

‘Is she guilty?’

‘Did she intentionally break her shot to get more attention and buy herself more time at the competition?’

‘Will the story with Jeff Gillooly continue?’

‘Will we ever stop seeing her face in the news?’

The answers to these questions and more can be discovered in the coming months if the surrounding investigation unfolds to reveal even more bizarre stories about Harding and the ‘Miss America About Nothing’ saga. Yes, Harding came out of nowhere with an almost music score to her technical program. There was really nothing for people to get worked up about. Get real. Even if Kerrigan had been eliminated from the competition by the bench attack, in order for Harding to win the Gold, her manager was there to watch out at least eight other university sticks make an impressive microcosm image jump to the top of news pages. But all Schauta is concerned about is his visual interest in increasing riders from their money and respect for the thirty houses that partake with integrity of and out of the facts, for the whole truth, and nothing but... Schauta challenges our blind line thinking, and says there’s... all the best forms of character development available college campuses, today. Oh, images of Lewis and Roosevelt and all our stereotypical development character.

Andrew Schauta, Student Government President and fellow Sig Tau member, reminded Schauta’s remarks. Masters and he said the Current has unfortunately the status of facts from the community, not the over-simplified reports of our students on other campuses. So, because Davis’ death occurs 120 miles south of St. Louis, it’s not important enough for student reporters to give valuable investigative reporting skills by the same reporters covering the same story.

I know, Sig Tau helped feed the Store, but it’s all over except the kiss. So, Nancy, enjoy your trip to Disney World and Sonya, make sure your lacs are right before you step on the fer next time.

Brenda Turner

UM-St. Louis/
Career Placement Services will hold its eighth Gateway to Careers Job Fair, March 10, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Mark Twain University Center. A hundred employers are participating in the event this year.


-The 18th annual Chancellors’ report to the community will be held at 3 p.m., March 1, in the Center for the Performing Arts.

-The May Department Stores Co., Famous Barr Co., Bell’s Food Stores Co., Calloway Shoe Source stores have pledged $200,000 over five years to the Pierre Laclede Honors College.

-The gift is to support an endowed scholarship fund for students enrolled in the Honors College, with emphasis on women and Afro-American students. The May Co. endowments are the second largest at UM-St. Louis.

The Current welcomes letters to the editor. Letters, an account of any material is at the editor’s discretion. Editing may be necessary for space and clarity. Letters should be typed, double-spaced, but editing will avoid ob­scenity, libel and invasions of privacy.

Letters print do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Current. For purposes of verification, all letters must bear the writer’s name, address, student identification number and home or work telephone numbers. All editorial efforts will be made to maintain the writer’s anonymity.

Mostly All New Jokes

-Oh, no, 35 is the legal drinking age.

-‘What’s that, a T-shirt?’

-Grey Henson did not have the phone number of his old history teacher.

-Do not make fun of a no parking parking sign.

-Ken Collins is a very sick man.

-U.S. Congressman James Talent-2:00 p.m.

-Health Care Reform—How will it affect us?

Tues. March 29 Room 222 J.C.P.

State Of The Nation '94:
The Student Perspective

Mon. March 28 Room 222 J.C.P.

County Executive “Buzz” Westfall 12:1-00 p.m.

“Crime: What Can Be Done?”

U.S. Congressman James Talent 1-2:00 p.m.

“Health Care Reform—How will it affect us?”

Wed. March 30 Room 222 J.C.P.

Analyst Discussion Panel:
“Clinton Administration—Heading in the Right Direction?” 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Thurs. March 31 Room 78 J.C.P.

DEBATE: College Republicans vs. College Democrats Special Guest Moderator, Time T.B.A.

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No Argument: UM-St. Louis Debate Squad Is Best

by Michael O'Brien assistant features editor

The UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate Squad at a new school year by winning 118 awards, and the season isn’t over yet. Thecrest this atest year tops the school’s previous record of 115 in 1987-88. Seniors Jerrie Hayes and Trezette Stafford

Staffed to have proven to be the titles of this year’s success. Hayes is a recipient for most awards won by a student in one season with 25. Stafford brought in the first place awards at the state tournament this year.

"In my 10 years of coaching, I have never seen a student not only with such talent, but with such presence and inner intuition to excel," said Tom Preston, director of Forensics. "Although Jerrie has won every award and away the largest number of awards of any student in the 27-year history of the program, it is his dedication to practice and to perfection that impresses me more than anybody else."

At the State Tournament, the team brought home 25 awards including nine first place prizes.

"Although Trezette wasn’t really active in the squad for this year, I cannot express how pleased we have been with her performance," said Preston.

Staffed won a school-record nine awards at the tournament. A first-year computer, she wasn’t sure she was going to win anything. "It is incredible that she did do well against competitors in six to seven times her experience," said Preston.

The success of this year’s team was not evident only at the tournament. The squad also attended the Russell Martin Tournament at Central University and placed first in overall competition against a 20 team field. Schools in attendance at the tournament included Harvard, Penn State, Syracuse, and Notre Dame.

"When I first came here there was a lot of pressure for students," said Preston. "Now we have very limited financial assistance to attract students."

UM-St. Louis recently began offering research assistantships to students. This dedication to forensics has had the team attract the attention of the administration.

"Originally there was a very small travel budget," said Preston. "Now that budgets are increased.

The team is reliant on money from the school, but also on fundraising efforts to enhance their budget. Examples include, the annual Game-way Tournament, candy sales, and a summer workshop for high school students.

The workshop not only brings in revenue for the team, but it’s an opportunity for high school students to become familiar with debate and forensics through personal contact and public grants. Last year 75 St. Louis city students were able to attend the workshop through grants put together for the most vital debate category.

The UM-St. Louis team is currently raising money to send attending the nationals this year are Jerrie Hayes, Trezette Stafford, Frank Scott, Michelle frauen, Tim Enickshank and Nikushah Zuberi. Assistant coaches working with Preston are Sherry Laddou and Jennifer Schultz.

The ‘93-94 UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate Squad. This year’s team set records in many categories including most awards (118). Qualifying members in the nationals. Different events are held at different places. Becky Wine has qualified to attend the Persuasive Speaking event in Anchorage, Alaska. Other team members attending qualifying members in the nationals.

My Life: Self-Portrait of an Artist

by Jeffrey Sinisky feature editor

How much of your life could you fit into a plastic sandwich bag? Thomas Kochheiser, Director of Gallery 210, tried to fit it all in.

On Jan. 25, Kochheiser opened his exhibit, “My Life” at Left Bank Books in the Central West End. The exhibit consisted of 250 plastic sandwich bags; each one containing various objects from his daily life. The bags are laid out in a grid above and below the cut paper from each other. Each bag contains an object from the artist’s personal life.

“It’s like this big, intangible thing. What I’ve done is sort of created a self-portrait, but instead of drawing a picture of myself, I collected all this junk that has to do with my life. It’s like a record of what I’ve done in every aspect of my life,” Kochheiser said.

Every day, Kochheiser brings home a lot of objects from his life. A lot of things from his kid’s room, like a lot of clutter like the junk bin. Kochheiser has a great sense of humor. If he sees a funny object, he would lay the sandwich bag down and draw over it. "It’s real quick, and actually, it helps me develop an interesting drawing style because I can’t see what I’m doing. Kochheiser is a self-taught artist.

Kochheiser did not learn about the fine arts until he was about 20 years old. Through all these influences that they’ve had to try to come up with something that is their own. You have to put together a lot of stuff," Kochheiser said.

Kochheiser said. "I just go my own way.

"My Life" is on display at Left Bank Books at 399 N. Euclid in Central West End. The exhibit will be open through April 3.

ITSMPH Life: Thomas Kochheiser. Director of Gallery 210 shows a self-portrait in his exhibit, “My Life” at Left Bank Books. The exhibit is made up of plastic sandwich bags containing various objects from his daily life.

Student Art Show in Gallery 210

A Commentary

by Michael O’Brien associate features editor

Students are showing off their artistic works at Gallery 210. Some of the work on display is pleasing.

The photo was taken at the Light Rail stop at the campus comes at the campus and passes. Chambless appears to take the shot on a slow shutter speed which shows the motion of the vehicle. His camera angle creates a composition that intensifies motion with interesting light and vertical lines formed by the interior structure of the.
Campus Crime

An individual reported that both their front and rear license plates were taken from their vehicle parked on the South Campus Vertical Link parking lot. She said the incident occurred between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A staff member reported that an unknown person damaged the tire of the vehicle between the hours of 2:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. The car was parked just off the campus between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The money was recovered.

Parking from page 1

Grading from page 1

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SGA Elections will be April 13, 14 for the 1994-95 school year.
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**Speak No Evil**

by Cory Schneider

Last issue, “Speak No Evil” took an in-depth look at the success women’s basketball coach Jim Conos had in leading Riverwomen to a 16-13 overall and 8-5 Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference record last season. This issue, we will continue to explore the effects of losing on him. For Conos, it was a tough season on the court. He had to stay ahead of the batters. “It’s been a tough season on the court?”

Conos was far from alone in last year’s losses. All of the other teams had experienced losses as well. “We had some tough losses there, but we just kept on fighting,” Conos said. “We couldn’t go down, and we didn’t.”

**They’re Back! Rivermen Hopeful For Another Trip To World Series**

By Pete D’Elia

After being eliminated from the NCAA Division II College World Series last season, the UM-St. Louis baseball team hopes this year will be different. The Rivermen captured their first conference championship in 16 years last summer and received a final vote of 3-3 from the NCAA conference coaches. The team is looking to carry that momentum forward and make another run in the playoffs.

“We have a very deep and talented roster this year,” said Conos. “We have the talent to compete.”

Brady is hopeful the World Series trip will help his team’s mental strength. “The team is a bit more resilient,” Conos said. “We have a lot of strong-willed players, and we’re playing with a lot of heart.”

Coen Guides Riverwomen To First Winning Season In Five Years

by Rob Goodspeed

When Jim Conos took over as head coach for the UM-St. Louis women’s basketball team last year, he had five goals in mind. “I wanted to accomplish all five goals,” Conos said. “I wanted to win.”

The Riverwomen finished the season 16-13 overall and 8-5 in the conference, their first winning season in eight years. “We’ve been working hard,” Conos said. “We’ve been practicing hard.”

Coen’s focus was on making sure the Riverwomen were prepared for every game. “They need to understand that they need to win every game,” Conos said. “They need to focus on winning.”

Conos’ goal was to create a winning attitude. “The team needs to understand that they need to win,” Conos said. “They need to focus on winning.”

**Voices From the Stands**

To Pat Stewart: who wrote the letter, published in the Feb. 21 issue of The Current, that decried the cleanliness of the Mark Twain Building. The Mark Twain Building was chosen as a site for the St. Louis Olympic Festival based on the quality of the facilities it had to offer. I am positive that if the Festival committee had thought it was “dirty,” our facility would have been passed over.

**The Quote Book**

**Coach**

UM-St. Louis Diehard Athletics Fan Mitch Wayner On the Olympic Festival

“After all, we’re hosting a world champion. Hey, wait a minute! What is tawkctown?”

**Soccer Team Reloads, Ready To Build On Winning Season**

by Cory Schneider

Recently, a new era began for the UM-St. Louis soccer team. With the departure of several key players, the team was forced to rebuild. However, the team has been able to maintain its winning streak and is currently ranked 14th in the nation.

“I think we’re ready to take on the challenge,” said Coach John Robinson. “We’re ready to win.”

**Swing Batter!**

Rightfielder Dave Joffe, pitcher for a game last year. Joffe and his brother Dominick will lead the Rivermen to their second straight World Series berth. The Rivermen won 15 games last season, and last year’s 14 wins, a total of 16 games is this team’s lineup.

”It will probably be an easy trip this year,” said Coach Conos. “We’ve had a lot of strong-willed players, and we’re playing with a lot of heart.”

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by Rob Goodspeed

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The Riverwomen finished the season 16-13 overall and 8-5 in the conference, their first winning season in eight years. “We’ve been working hard,” Conos said. “We’ve been practicing hard.”

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"We will only have two positions before we travel to Florida," Brumbaugh. "I'm expecting more of the same numbers from last year," Christ enjoyed a solid rookie season, batting .344 with 54 hits and seven home runs. She'll move over to third base to make room for Pence in the infield.

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"Christ has a lot of experience and I know she wants a job," Brumbaugh. "She's very offensively and defensively." On the mound, reliever/senior Jo Lynn Stockdale remains. Stockdale, a senior, was among the best NLBA leaders in several categories with posting a 1.91 ERA and 20 saves. She's expected to start Colleen Duffin who will see more work after delaying opponents with 0.95 ERA in early innings of work. With Stockdale and Duffin forming a formidable one-two punch, the third spot could go to junior transfer Debra Betscher who Brumbaugh from as a catcher/pitcher.

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