Reform In Russia Passed Around At UM-St. Louis

by Jeremy Hutterford

The Senate Committee on Student Affairs was in delay on making a decision as to how the student comptroller position Thursday.

Committee members voiced concern about the comptroller position being unneeded because paid student assistants were already performing the same duties.

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Should SSAC Deny Ross Requested $1,500?

In April, the Senate Student Affairs Committee will vote on whether Bill Ross, student comptroller, receives a $1,500 salary for the 1993-94 school year. The position of student comptroller was created last year to supposedly ensure increased accountability and proper spending of student organization funds. Specifically, the comptroller should "present question of misuse of student allocated monies to the Senate Student Affairs Committee," according to the SGA Constitution.

However, according to SSAC records, not a single inquisition has been brought forth by Ross concerning questionable expenses this year.

Another function of the office outlined in the SGA Constitution calls for the student comptroller to "check the accuracy of Activity Fee Acquisition Forms" before student groups submit their budgets for funding. If this service is available to all student groups it should have been publicized—many student groups missed out on this opportunity.

In other words, Ross has made no attempt to audit student groups spending, but he is working hard in fighting for a $1,500 paycheck for himself. Both of the job duties described are also the responsibility of the Director of Student Affairs, Bob Schmalfeld. It seems the position and duties of a comptroller is redundant. Schmalfeld also has an assistant and a student accountant to catch any misuse of funds or mistakes in budgets that he doesn't.

Just what exactly is it that Ross does?

As comptroller he is automatically student chair of the Student Activity Budget Committee, where he is deciding the amount of funding each student group will receive. There are also eight other members doing the same thing—but they're not asking for $1,500.

SGA should consider eliminating the comptroller position from their constitution, because the validity of their constitution now is lacking, or possibly by-laws should be added to help secure the duties of the position. The process of impeachment should also be outlined—just in case the comptroller does a poor job.

"Bringing accountability back into the system," was Ross' slogan when seeking election as comptroller last April. But just who is it that needs to be held accountable?

Ross is supposed to hold groups accountable for their spending—but who is holding him accountable for his position? No one.

Next month the Senate Student Affairs Committee has the chance to hold him accountable by denying him the requested $1,500 salary. This little resume builder for Ross shouldn't cost students' salaries for $1,500.

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Vox Populi... Voice of the People

Dear editor,

In regards to your comments about Greek organizations in the March 16 issue, I write with concern about the negative images of the Greeks at UM-St. Louis portrayed by The Current. It is rather ironic, that in your analysis of good journalism, you stooped to the level of 19th Century sensationalism. It appears that you are quite quick to publish support for those who use the most negative stories about us. At UM-St. Louis, at least, when Amy Weich was reporting for The Current in her "Census Club/Canon" column she would examine an organization by interviewing members of that organization, but your column neglects this important step. I don't see how you can expect us to be a poor journalist.

We conclude with a few questions for you to ponder, and possibly look into, thereby holding your incredible journalistic skill and proficiency. If interviews are what you do, does being in one look so good on a resume? If interviews are what you do, why not try the most active and positive influences on college campuses?

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Campus Catches Political Fever

By Michael O'Brian
assistant features editor

Either it's something illegal or I should be remembering the "Whites only" sign on the steering wheel.

The Student Government Association (SGA) at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, is hosting a political event this year that is sure to bring out the passion of many students.

The question is, "Do you believe the student body is politically diverse?"

"No," says one student.

"I think it's a given," says another.

"I don't think there's any real diversity," says a third.

The Student Body president, Scott Hackwith, talks about the importance of political diversity on campus.

"We need to have a balanced representation of political views," he says. "It's important to have a variety of perspectives in order to have a well-rounded understanding of the issues."
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Dig will continue their tour with Black Milk, ending in San Diego on March 23. Their next album is scheduled to be released in April 1995. "It was a great tour," Zlobin said. "It's a shame we can't go on it more than once or twice a year."

To an average, American college student, Zlobin has to be better off than I was just five years ago. Zlobin said I should do everything I'm doing. "The old system has been raised, communion is deposed and in its place, we have water," Zlobin said. "But now we need a vision, an ultimate goal, but many people are not prepared to work every day. And in that way, the reform was not succeeded."

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year.

In other committee business, the committee also decided to de-
lay approval of the following for Student Activities. The Student Activity Bud-
ging Committee reviewed 10 student groups, down from 15 last year. Fifteen percent of those groups were given hearings.

SACM was given $939,965 to dis-
pense among all groups, but held back any funds to disperse among any groups that appeal. Appeal deadline is April 11.

UM-St. Louis has been recruiting foreign students for several years. As part of a program review, Student Affairs is taking a closer look at the international student recruitment programs. As a result of this, the director of Student Affairs has recruited students from Asia, Australia, and Paraguay.

State Student Recruitment program.

Audience Participation Debate

British Debaters And UM-St. Louis' Best Square Off

Issue: That Private Ownership Of Guns Should Be Significantly Curtailed In A Civilized Society.

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?"

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

Former Mo. Secretary Of State Candidate John Hancock

"Cultural Relativism in the '90s" 12-1:00 p.m.

U.S. Senate Candidate Steve Carroll

"Small Businesses and America's Economic Future" 1-2:00 p.m.

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

Analyst Discussion Panel:

"Clinton Administration--Heading in the Right Direction?" 12-1:30 p.m.

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

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I'm going to tell you something, he's already
may struggle in the cleanup
Hahn, Team Sold In Win Over Benedictine
Rob Gooderk
Preparing for the MAAC conference, the UM-St Louis men's teams can win many games by
playing hard to improve his game by gaining experience in various match environments. In his senior year he became one of the No. 1 players on the team and helped lead them to a district title in its sixth season of play. Now, Hahn is a UM-St Louis No. 1 player and is hoping to lead them in this conference season, we've asked a head coach to go into the mix. It's not quite as easy to get by when you have to really focus in on your game when you have to really focus in on your game and
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Men's Seedings
1. Pat Hahn
2. Rich Durbin
3. Scott Caragavlia
4. Matt Fagala
5. Jeff Fagala
6. Ryan Young

Rivermen Bask In Florida Sun, Return Home For Wake-up Call
by Cory Schroeder
sports editor
While chilling in Florida sun overhead, the UM-St Louis baseball squad got a shot at new, winning seven of their first eight games.
As expected, first baseman slugger Jeff "Circe" was the focus of the offense with a staggering .571 batting average. Last season, his first full season of action from Mineral, "Circe" peaked a respectable .286 while knocking in 25 runs. This season, "Circe" has been the man's only home run (2) and leads the Rivermen with RBIs. "Pete won what you would call a muggin' batting average and a man first
Dubes will be on tour in two runs but had worked hard to improve his game by gaining experience in various match environments. In his senior year he became one of the No. 1 players on the team and helped lead them to a district title in its sixth season of play. Now, Hahn is a UM-St Louis No. 1 player and is hoping to lead them in this conference season, we've asked a head coach to go into the mix. It's not quite as easy to get by when you have to really focus in on your game when you have to really focus in on your game and
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No. 1 player Pat Hahn. "I don't think I played as well as I could possibly play, but this was our first conference outside." With his father on hand to encourage, Hahn hit .301 for Benedictine's No. 1 player, Syd Rizvi. Hahn struggled in the first 4-6, came back to the win 6-2, we'll do fine."
"I've seen the style better than last season. He's hitting the ball more solid," Pagola said. Hahn was glad to see his father coach Walker. "I'll be ready to win a couple of matches, but we have been indoors. We'll show you how to become one

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