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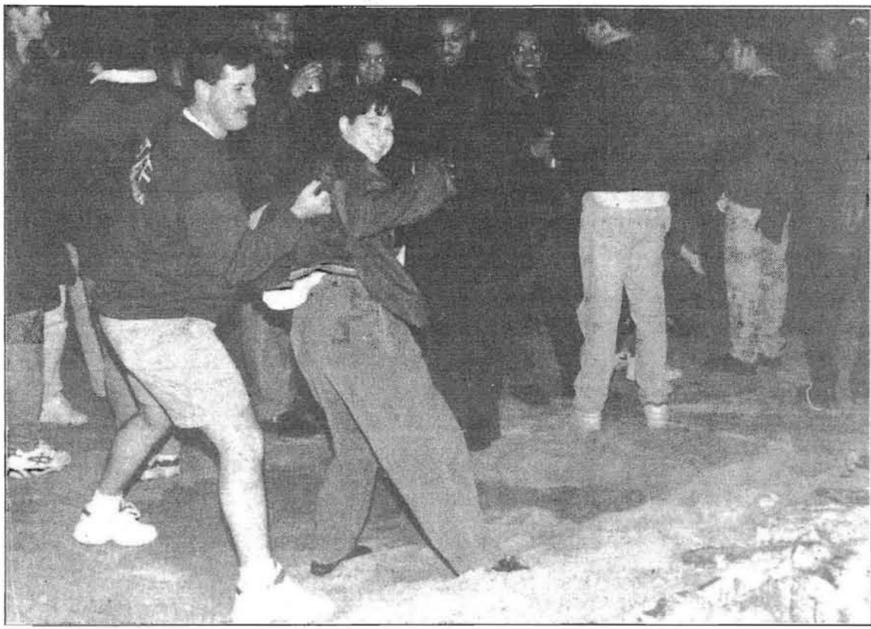
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## Inferno rages at University Meadows



Adam White tries to throw Cheryl Wilson into fire Thursday night at University Meadows.

Photo: Monica Senecal

by Susan Benton  
of The Current staff

The first all-campus bonfire was held on Thurs., Nov. 16 at the University Meadows apartment complex. The alcohol-free event was sponsored by several UM-St. Louis organizations in an effort to promote school spirit among students.

"We're trying to build a community," said Dennis Chitwood, director of the Newman House. "That's why we pulled all of these organizations together [for this event]."

St. Louis radio station, 105.7 FM The Point, was in attendance. Free food from Wendy's, Domino's and Pizza Hut and beverages from Pepsi were offered. The UM-St. Louis dance squad provided entertainment for the crowd of over 150 people.

Students cited many reasons for attending the party.

"The fire, the soda, the free food..." said Sophomore Jennifer Bullock. "Seriously, I had some friends who were coming and I wanted to talk to them awhile, so that gave me a reason to come out here."

Daniel Nolte, a freshman Pi Kappa Alpha member and nursing major, enjoyed seeing his friends at the event.

"I wanted to hang out with all the

programming, and I think it will make UM-St. Louis programming bigger and better."

Representatives from many student

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nursing majors and the honors students," he said.

As a recent transfer from Southwest Missouri State, Nolte said the bonfire was a step in the right direction.

"I think it's absolutely wonderful that a community school like UM-St. Louis is able to do this, because it brings the campus together," he said. "I would like for this campus to be more like a regular campus - to be more cohesive."

"I'm very pleased with the turnout," said Kevin Toombs, Manager of University Meadows and co-organizer of the bonfire. "In the future this will be a growing trend of collaborative pro-

organizations showed up at the bonfire. The organizations included: The University Program Board, the Newman House, the Wesley Foundation, UM-St. Louis dance squad, The Current, Residential Life, Delta Zeta sorority and Sigma Pi fraternity. Surveying the event were: the Normandy Fire Department and police department, the Bel-Nor police, and the UM-St. Louis police.

"It's great to see the apartment complex have some social activities to bring the residents together," Clint Zweifel, vice president of SGA, said.

"I've been active on campus for all four of my years here," Zweifel said.

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## Cusumano broadcasts history at Alumni House

by Michael O'Brian  
of The Current staff

UM-St. Louis graduate and now KSDK Channel 5 sports broadcaster Frank Cusumano talked about climbing the ranks of broadcasting at the Alumni House on Thursday for the 1995 Education Alumni Reception.

"This is all I've ever wanted to do," Cusumano said. "Some kids want to be doctors; some kids want to be lawyers; all I've ever wanted to do is talk about sports on television and radio here in

people," Cusumano said, "my mom, my dad and my brother."

He said that the experience was helping him to find his niche. He recognized UM-St. Louis Communication Department Chairperson Dr. Mike Murray, who was in attendance, as a tremendous professor in the department.

"The most important thing I did was internships," he said. "As a sophomore, I interned at KMOX with Bob Costas, Jack Buck and Bob Burns. It was the hall of fame of sportscasters. I was around greatness."

Cusumano said during his senior year, he went to KSDK and worked for Jay Randolfe. When Randolfe was gambling at the tracks, Cusumano said that he was putting together the 10 p.m. sports segment.

His internships led to his first job in Kingsport Tennessee.

"It was a one mall town in the 150th market. They were getting calls from Jay Randolfe and Bob Costas talking like I was the next Bryant Gumble," Cusumano said. "My girlfriend (now wife) said we're not getting married if I have to live in Kingsport."

Cusumano's next job was in "the basketball capital of the world," Lexington, Kentucky. He said people there really had a passion for basketball.

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St. Louis." Cusumano said when he was in school a teacher asked him to do a paper telling what he wanted to be when he grew up. He turned in a picture of his father Frank Cusumano Sr. (owner of Kemoll's Italian Restaurant) and Jack Buck and wrote "I want to do one of these things."

"I decided I didn't want to work for a living so I went into sports broadcasting," Cusumano said.

Cusumano did a show that used to be on KWMU 90.7 called "Sports Spectrum."

"My audience was about three

## SABC application deadline extended again

by Bill Ingoldsby  
of The Current staff

The application time for the Student Activity Budget Committee (SABC) has been extended to 12 p.m. November 27, 1995.

Anyone enrolled at UM-St. Louis is urged to apply now, especially women and minorities. There are nine positions available, and two alternates. These must be filled as soon as possible by a representative student body. Applications should be dropped off at the Student Government Association office, room 262, University Center Building.

The members will decide on which recognized student organizations will receive money from the SABC fund. They also determine exactly how much each organization will receive. Alternates will attend all meetings, and replace any member unable to finish their one-year term. This committee is responsible for the allocation of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The reason for extending the deadline, according to SGA President Beth Titlow, is to get applicants that represent the cultural diversity of UM-St. Louis. There has only been one white female, and possibly (race box wasn't filled-in) one African-American male apply to be on the committee. If all slots were filled by existing applicants, women and minorities would not be properly represented by the SABC.

Last year was quite different. Titlow is disappointed by the small number of applicants this year, and the lack of diversity of their

backgrounds.

"Last year we had three women, 2 African-Americans, and an Oriental." Titlow said. "As it stands now, we have to appoint almost everyone who applied."

Committee recommendations are sent to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Lowe "Sandy" MacLean who forwards them to Chancellor Blanche Touhill. She sends them to the President of the UM-system George Russell. Russell makes the final recommendations to the Board of Curators. This process helps ensure that funds are distributed on a fair and equitable basis to any recognized student groups that apply.

As it stands now women comprise 60.2 percent of the student population, African-Americans around 17 percent. These large groups have yet to

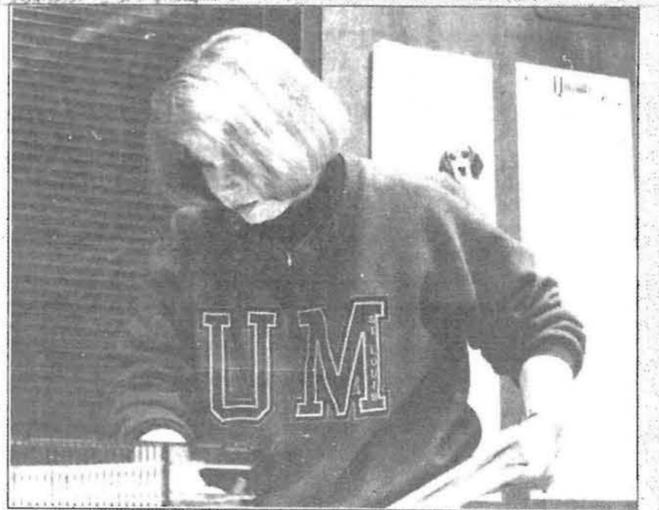


Photo: Monica Senecal

**SGA President Beth Titlow is having trouble finding women and minorities for the Student Activity Budget Committee (SABC).**

produce a representative pool of applicants to represent them on the SABC.

Committee member of a sub-board, Tom O'Keefe realizes how much is at stake.

"Every group that is recognized, and applies, gets money," O'Keefe said. "You'd think more people would try to get a little more money for their group."

## Sig Pi heads UM-St. Louis Toys for Tots drive

by Bill Ingoldsby  
of The Current staff

The season for giving is upon us again, and the United States Marine Corps Reserve gives a "return rate" for money and toys donated of almost 100 percent. The Toys for Tots Program has been phenomenally successful for almost fifty years. Donating a toy ensure that a needy child will definitely receive it.

In 1947, Marine Major Bill Hendricks started Toys for Tots because there was no place in existence to donate toys too. His donation of a doll to an under-privileged girl has developed into the annual collection and distribution of over eight million toys. This kindness by Major Hendricks begun in Los Angeles, California, and has become a nationwide charitable organization.

Students can participate by stopping in at Sigma Pi's fraternity

house (across from Taco Bell), until December 8 to drop off toys or donations. For more information call Sigma 9179, or organizer for Toys Campaign, Dan Hayse at 423-0616. Senior and Executive

warehouse. Since active duty Marines are not allowed to handle cash (by order of the Commandant), ex-Marines like Mr. Bell take over. They even watch the local papers for toy sales before buying.

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items allows the local Toys for Tots to get a maximum return for any money donated. Mr. Bell goes all over the city to acquire purchases for the Toys for Tots Program.

"The important thing is that we get toys, the more the better," Dan Hayse said. "Some people won't go to a frat party, that's fine. We only had the party to get toys, not have an excuse for a party."

The Sigma Pi fraternity is looking for any help for this year's collection drive. All the members are hoping for a record year. The past six years have produced around 2,500 toys, and \$1,000 in donations. Tom O'Keefe, Sigma Pi president, and the entire fraternity are working tirelessly to raise toys for 1995.

"There is hardly any overhead except the warehouse," O'Keefe said. "Unlike most charities (who's overhead can reach to 96 percent) this one gives back almost everything that is donated."



Photo: Monica Senecal

Frank Cusumano of KSDK (left) talks with UM-St. Louis Alumni Relations Manager Ken Meyer at reception.

## White men with money

by Michael O'Brian  
of The Current staff

For the second time this semester the deadline for Student Activity Budget Committee applications has been extended. Why? Because there are not enough women and minority students applying for the nine available seats.

The SABC has been called by Rick Blanton, Associate Director of Student Activities, "the most important committee on this campus."

Last year the SABC recommended \$331 thousand be allocated to 78 recognized student government organizations. That money comes from your Student Activities Fees. This year there is a proposed increase of the Student Activities Fees and the available amount of money for student organizations could be as high as \$500 thousand.

Contrary to Jason Meyers belief that the UM-St. Louis community is "purely in the minds of ideological zealots (Brain Stew, Nov. 95)," there are approximately 1000 students battling for their slice of a monetary pie that is eaten by the community of the Student Government Association. What goes on behind closed doors is not the arbitrary delegation of funds, but instead a very political process of representatives getting on the SABC to ensure their groups potential success.

Recognized SGA organizations submit a budget to the SABC for funding. The SABC is co-chaired by the Student Activities Director (exofficio position) and the SGA comptroller. Under these two are nine appointed members. After meeting with each of the individual groups, the SABC deliberates over the individual budgets. A recommendation is then made of how much money each group should receive from Student Activities Fees.

During the deliberations, SABC members may not vote on the proposed budget for a group they are a member of. However, they do sit in on the process, and they take into consideration how hard or soft other committee members goon their own group's request. The end result being that if your organization has a member on the SABC, you are taken care of.

SGA President Beth Titlow is practically begging minorities and women to take advantage of this opportunity.

Every year it is the same thing: the SGA has to extend application deadlines because only white men show up to vote on this money.

If you want a group of white men to have direct control over what your Student Activities Fees are spent on, then don't whine when the Associated Black Collegians receive \$10000 after requesting \$21200 (recommendation vs. request FY 95/96), or when Sisterhood Exchange receives \$1300 after requesting \$2700. It's those group's own faults for not getting members on to the SABC.

The University records report that the campus is comprised of 60.2 percent women and 17 percent African-Americans. It seems only common-sense that these populations would want to get their fair share of money for groups that share their interests.

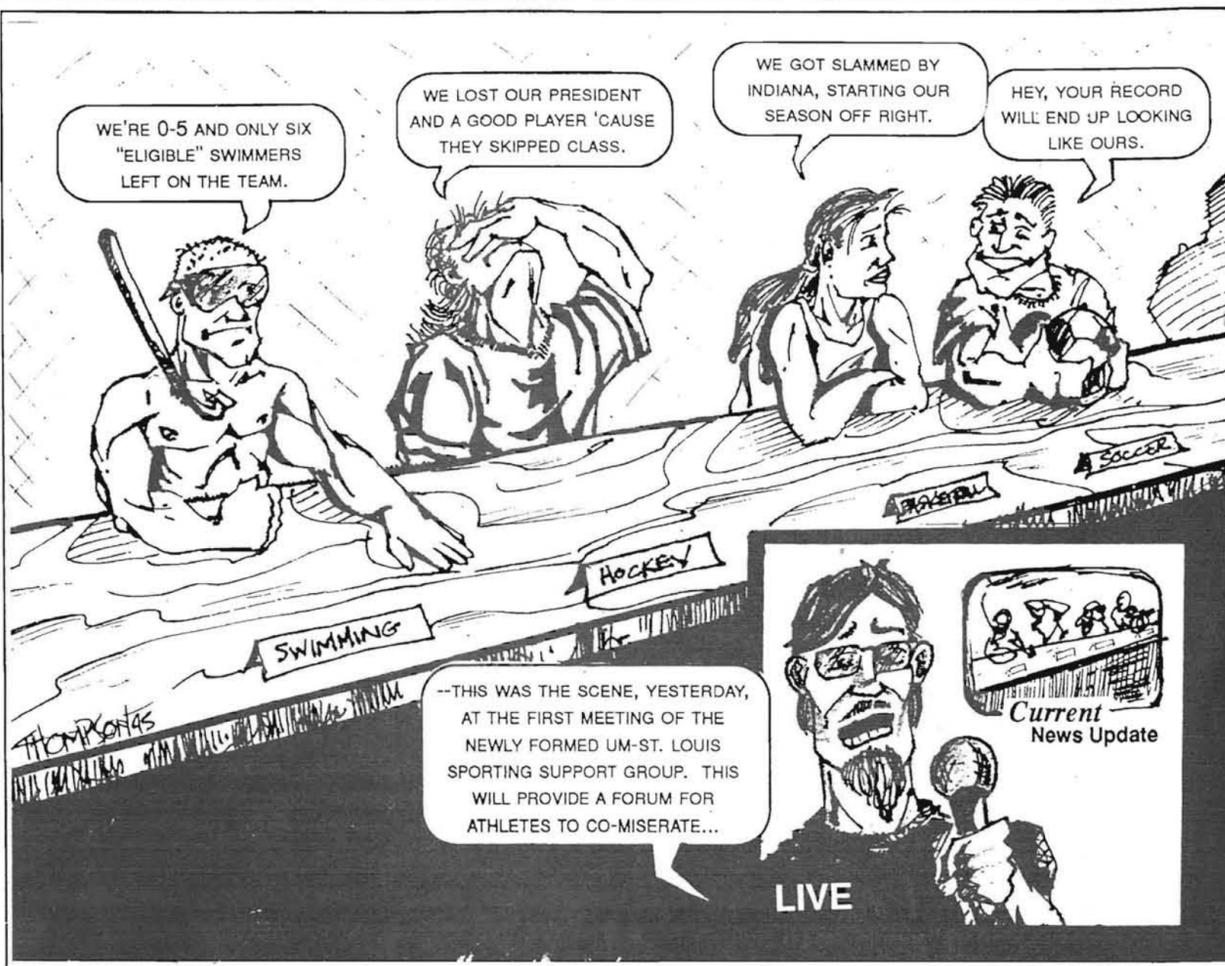
When seeking career opportunities, groups get the best shake by bringing members of the business community onto the University grounds as guest speakers. That networking gives members of SGA organizations the shot at meeting the right person that can give them the break to succeed. Trips that are paid for by Student Activity Fee allocations get group members into the community to experience first-hand the process that goes on in the larger business schematic.

Look at the success that former SGA Vice President Kel Ward is enjoying. Ward is affiliated with a group that has direct political ties into St. Louis city government. His work with the SGA and the College Democrats gave him the opportunity to work with St. Louis Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr. and other local city politicians. It is only a matter of time before Ward's name will be seen in local news coverage.

Every SGA president and every Current editor is always spouting the same rhetoric: get involved. Get your group's interest to the front of the table.

The politics of government are just as real on this campus as they are anywhere else. Failure to recognize this fact gives an advantage to those who understand the process.

The deadline for applications to SGA is November 27. The SABC will distribute one-half a million dollars this year whether you take part in it or not. My advice to you is to take part.



## Americans need safety from government

by Scott Lamar  
of The Current staff

This is truly a scary time for Americans. The government shut down because our leaders can only agree on disagreeing. Women can dance naked for men and get paid for it by the United States government. And, men may soon be donning those tight orange, Hooter-issued shorts to serve up buffalo wings.

As for the budget impasse, the president would rather have the government default on their loans than witness cuts in education, Medicare and the environment. Congress, on the other hand, could care less if Medicare "wilted away on the vine" so long as the budget gets balanced.

It's apparent that if and when an agreement is reached, some group will be sacked with a budgetary loss. It could be students, who would be forced to find alternative ways to fund their education, or the elderly, who need the money to pay for their

exorbitant medical bills. One cut that should be considered is in the armed forces. Right now, there isn't much demand for our Army, especially in Okinawa, Japan. The Japanese don't want, or need, 26,000 soldiers to protect their country.

The armistice agreement, which stipulated after WWII that Japan could not have an army, ought to be altered so that Japan gets one. Then our soldiers could come home and do something productive.

Furthermore, the legislators ought to be penalized for not getting their job done. Their incompetence has forced thousands of people to be laid off. Adding insult to injury, these people were labeled "non-essential" employees. If national park workers, etc. are considered "non-essential," then Congress should be dubbed as a detriment to the American public.

Deciding who are essential government employees provides adequate segue into a more seedy matter.

Following a seizure by U.S.

Marshals last week, the federal government now owns, albeit temporary, three Metro East topless nightclubs: Cheeks, Exposed and Mainstreet.

Moral crusaders have used the terms smutty, sinful and the root of social decay in our society to describe such establishments. Similar adjectives have been used to describe certain individuals in Congress. Both entities carry, to some degree, a negative connotation. If the federal government opted to run these businesses, it wouldn't really tarnish their image. In fact, an endeavor could benefit them both. Strip clubs are a nesting ground for the dregs of society. With men throwing out \$20 like it's nothing, it's the perfect setting for corruption to fester.

The government could successfully clean up the bars and take in some of the thousands of dollars in unreported income that pours in. It boils down to who gets the money, the government or the individual owners. With a debt that exceeds \$2.6 trillion, I think the government should consider trying to make some extra cash on the side.

Critics of such a move would

loudly object, arguing that the federal government would be participating in the exploitation of women. However, the nightclubs already exist and the women working there earn an honest living.

At Hooters, scantily clad women also earn an honest living working at a place frequented mostly by men. And, like strip clubs, men gawk at women as if they were a piece of meat.

It's odd that the government had decided that it is wrong for the restaurant to exclude males from being waiters. This defeats the purpose of the restaurant's existence. Furthermore, why would men want to work at Hooters? Probably for the same reasons they would apply at Mainstreet or Exposed: to win a sex-discrimination.

The U.S. government seems to be doing more to hurt us than help us. Instead of making decisions solely in their own interests, our leaders ought to start taking actions which will help the country as a whole. If they can't do it, then voters should quash the "Republican Revolution" and bring in people who can get something accomplished.

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## Letters to the editor

### Student astonished by Rauscher criticism

I was astonished when I saw the editorial complaining about Pat Rauscher's resignation from SGA. I mean come on Mr. Editor, is this the best you can do for your editorial is to malign the very person that two weeks ago you praised in a homecoming editorial? Where do you get off by saying he has let "everyone down by

being a "quitter"? The last time I checked, this University was all about learning and getting a education. Mr. Rauscher resigned from his job as SGA Comptroller to devote more time to his education and personal life. Is there something wrong with this?

To some, education is a priority. It should be. We are all here to get an

education. I don't think that Mr. Rauscher seriously has a career in being a comptroller. I applaud Pat Rauscher for his actions. He has his priorities in line.

Katie Walthall  
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## Correction

In the story University remembers Dr. Howard Brown Jr. (issue 839) Margaret Cohen was quoted as saying "He was an angel that came through our lives. If we remember him as anything less, we would be doing him a disservice." Cohen was not a speaker at the service. The actual speaker is unknown.

We regret the error and the inconvenience to those concerned.

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## attitude



by Julie Pressman  
of The Current staff

When I was still working as a pee-on at the St. Louis Bread Company, I asked the manager how the company keeps people coming back when they charge so much for a product that is rather inexpensive to produce. His answer was simple, "service and quality." He was right. Now the Bread Company is thriving with locations all over the St. Louis area. People have no problem spending the extra dough because the company compensates its customers by improving the menu or raising their worker's salaries (higher paid workers are also friendlier workers). If they didn't do so they would be out of business in a heart-beat.

Listening to this example, is it any wonder why students are upset over the pending raises in tuition and other students fees? Students receive no significant benefit for their extra money. Unlike a restaurant, students can rarely afford to pick up and shop around for another school.

In four years, our tuition has increased from \$67.20 per credit hour to the current rate of \$111 per credit hour. I have only been here a year and a half but I have only seen about a ten dollar per credit hour increase. So basically I will end up paying \$300 more than I did last year. For my \$300 I have seen no significant improvement whatsoever in any existing department. So where is all the money going? The only thing I see is the University buying more buildings to attract students so they can pay more extra cash for the same services we paid much less for in previous years.

As demonstrated by the problems with Barnes Nursing College merger, the University is expanding too quickly to accommodate the new students it attracts. Before it works on buying more buildings to house more students, maybe the University should work on satisfying its existing students.

UM-St. Louis is no longer widely known as "U of M for slow learners," but it is a far cry from being a world class university. In the same vein as the Bread Company, I would have no problem shelling out the cash, if it were to be used to improve academics and raise teachers salaries. I do not want to add to the monopoly of campus buildings.

Why are so few people standing up and saying that this is unacceptable? It's probably for the same reasons the crappy McDonalds on Natural Bridge (and you all know what I'm talking about) still does business, there's no where else to go, and you feel helpless. Well I'm here to tell you you're not. You have a voice and you should use it or soon you will no longer be able to afford your education.

To be honest, I've been lucky enough to have parents to pay for my education and the tuition hikes aren't likely to effect me significantly. But what about the average working people who aren't as lucky? Maybe their parents couldn't afford to go to college either. If the University raises tuition to a point where the average working person cannot afford school, then they are defeating the purpose of the American Dream in terms of economic mobility. We as students cannot let this happen. We have voices, so why not use them?

*Flip Flop: Jason Meyers from Brain Stew will appear next issue in this space. The Red Menace will in turn appear in the next Stew. Catch them both next week.*

# Building a University

## Education pioneer Ed Moraco remembers the struggle of starting the University of Missouri at St. Louis

by Michael O'Brian  
of The Current staff

Now students fill the halls of the University buildings, but before the Normandy School District acquired this land, golfers carted bags across Bellerive's 18 hole course.

We knew that they (Bellerive) were wanting to move," Monaco said. "We had been asking for a new elementary school to be placed on a portion of the land."

Ed Monaco, at 77 years old,

remembers the transition from the Bellerive Country Club to the birth of UM-St. Louis on September 15, 1963. Still living in his Bel Nor home, the former chairman of the Normandy Citizens for Higher Education is honored by the growth of the University.

"I am proud to look at UM-St. Louis," Monaco said. "Our committee of 28 people worked hard to get the University onto these grounds. The Normandy School District worked with Bellerive to fix a price on the land. The two

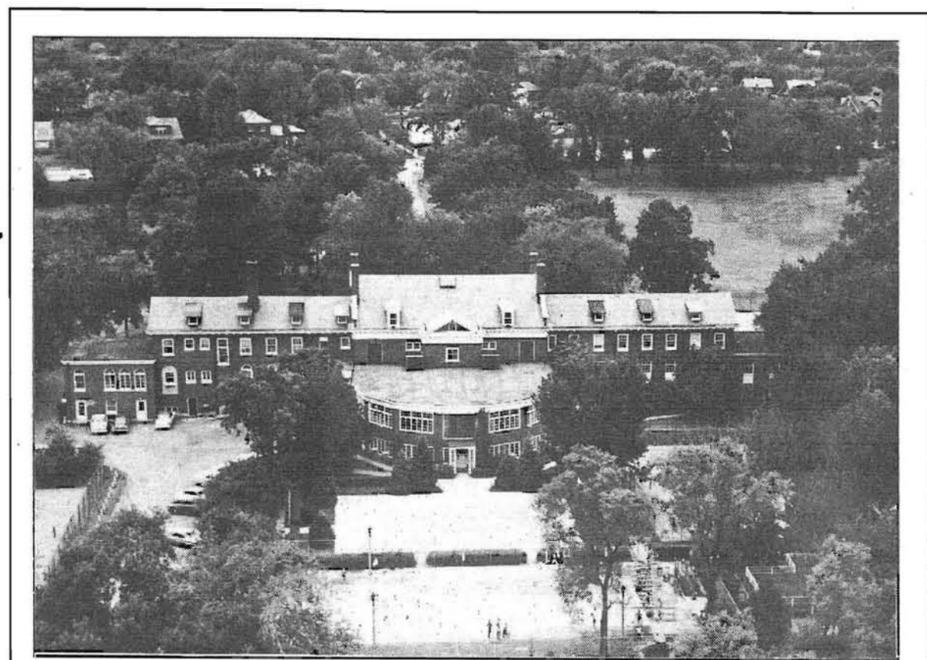


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The Bellerive Country Club clubhouse as it appeared in the early '60s. The road in the background is Natural Bridge.

parties agreed on a selling price of \$600 thousand. The school district then drafted a bond issue to purchase the land. The bond passed by a narrow margin, and the school district acquired the property.

"The school board had decided that they were interested in the land for a junior college," Monaco said. "They had done studies that suggested there was not enough housing to produce the need for the elementary school."

At the time, the St. Louis Community College was just getting started, and that junior colleges were gaining popularity Monaco said.

The Normandy Citizens for Higher Education was formed to assess the need for college level classes in the area.

"Ward Barnes knew UM-system President Elmer Ellis," Monaco said. "We went to the University (UM-Columbia) with a proposition of starting a junior college on the land. They had been waiting for someone from St. Louis to approach them."

Monaco said that the UM-system knew they wanted to expand into the St. Louis area but had refrained from doing so because they

did not want to offend St. Louis University and Washington University. He said that when they approached them with the offer it was practically a done deal.

That was not completely true. A contingent, that had wanted the elementary school, threw the issue into the Missouri Supreme Court.

St. Louis.

"We are recognizing today the fulfillment of a dream which became a reality only because the people of Normandy had the continuing faith, interest, enthusiasm and perseverance to provide a living memorial in Normandy: a four-year branch of the University of Missouri," Monaco said at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new University. "This is truly a memorial of which to be proud. You have provided the opportunity for our youth to prepare themselves for the responsibilities of leadership and good citizenship now and in the future, not only in Normandy, but throughout the state, and yes, even in our 50 states."

Monaco became the president of the Normandy Board of Education during the struggle to bring the University to life. He also worked 36 years for Malinckrodt Specialty Chemical Company until his retirement in 1982. He and his wife Gretchen are living pioneers of the educational system that honors their efforts.

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- Ed Monaco

## FULFILLMENT OF A DREAM



Photo: Courtesy of Ed Monaco, 1963

Former Missouri governor John Dalton (left) receives Key to Higher Education from Ed Monaco, chairman of NCHE.

# Randy Mayfield Christian rocked campus last Friday

by Jill Barrett  
of The Current staff

The underage crowd was out in force at the Friday night performance of "The Session" at UM-St. Louis. Of course, this crowd was very underage; most were children of the band members. Randy Mayfield and "The Session" played Friday night at in the JC Penney building, Room 101.

"The Session" played a mix of contemporary Christian music and popular songs ranging from "Lean on Me" to a bluesy version of "Snake in the Grass." Randy Mayfield, nominated for two Emmys, formed the group about six months ago and they have been playing ever since. The band members include Romondo Davis, Pete Johnson, Karl Michner, Pat Liston (formerly from Mama's Pride) and Ken Hensley (one of the founding members of the group Uriah Heep).

Although the group performed many songs previously recorded by other artists (such as Jesus is Love, performed by Lionel Richie while he was still in the Commodores), the group also performed some original material. Ken Hensley sang some songs from his new album.

The older, more familiar songs, were the stronger of the set, possibly because the group has not played together long. With the less familiar songs, the fact that the group has little experience playing together was more apparent. Not that the

band members themselves were inexperienced:

Romondo Davis played a very impressive harmonica solo, and the technique of the band members was strong. The acoustics of the auditorium were not the best, but the band managed to play

well in spite of it.

The group, especially Mayfield, interacted well with the audience. The band was here for a good time for both themselves and the audience. They were relaxed and casual. Ken Hensley shared a bit of his life story with the group, recounting how he became involved in drugs and alcohol while with Uriah Heep and how he recovered. "I can't tell you what it's like to stand in front of

20,000 people, and with this group I probably won't," he joked.

The concert was sponsored by the Catholic Student Center, the Wesley Foundation, the Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Baptist Student Union. Each of these ministries

pro-

vide social activities, Bible Study and prayer meetings for students, and sponsor other ministry projects such as food for the homeless.

"This is all about bringing people together," said Dennis Chitwood of the Newman House. The campus ministries have co-sponsored a retreat and plan to have an Oxfam dinner in the spring which will raise consciousness as well as money Chitwood said. Twenty percent of "The Session" ticket sales went to the Holiday Fest.



If you could be transported to anywhere at this very second, where would you go and why?



"Out of here. It doesn't really matter."

- Burney Reid  
Senior • Social Work

"Graduating from Harvard University with my medical degree Ph.D. specialization in anesthesia."

- Paulina Shanks  
Junior • Bio Chemistry



"I would go to Pluto so I could get as far away from this planet and its people as I possibly could."

- Sean Merriman  
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Rock/Blues

## Joan Osborne "Relish"

With all the new technology out there, it is rare to find a live performer that can measure up to their studio recorded album. I find it even more amazing to find a performer that can surpass their recorded efforts. Much to my surprise, Joan Osborne has proved me wrong on more than one occasion.

When I first saw her play live at the H.O.R.D.E. Fest this summer, I instantly fell in love with her throaty voice and intelligent lyrics and bought her album, Relish, the very next day. What I heard reminded me of one of my favorite performers, Janis Joplin. But what set her album apart from Joplin was just plain gutsy lyrics reminiscent of another of my favorites, Liz Phair. Osborne's grasp of these two el-

ements sets her apart from any other performer out there today.

The American Theater performance was in a word, excellent. A week later I still have her sexy opener "Right Hand Man" stuck in my head and the emotional song, "Crazy Baby" still haunts me.

Unlike her performance at H.O.R.D.E. Fest, her latest performance was somewhat overshadowed by the upcoming performance of the headliner Rusted Root. Some members of the crowd seemed unappreciative of her. Maybe it was just St. Louis, but it makes me wonder whether the tour organizers thought of the audience they were catering to (mostly teenagers) when they put the two groups on the same bill.

I hope Osborne didn't take the lack of interest too hard and she will return to St. Louis soon. In the mean time, check out her heart-stopping album, Relish.

—Julie Pressman



Joan Osborne recently opened for Rusted Root at the American Theatre in downtown St. Louis.

Bluegrass

## George Thacker "Blazing a New Trail"

George Thacker, "Master of the Bluegrass Harmonica," has just released a new CD, Blazing a New Trail, on the Pinecastle label that is sure to please bluegrass and harmonicalovers everywhere. The disk is full of old bluegrass standards like "Old Joe Clark," "Orange Blossom Special," "Rocky Top," and the Hank Williams-written "I Saw The Light." On nearly every one,

Thacker is out in front playin' some of the most soulful harp you'll ever hear—in or out of bluegrass.

Thacker's backed on the new disc by an all-star group of bluegrass musicians that includes: Mike Snider, banjo; Gene Wooten, dobro; Aubry Haynie, fiddle; Greg Cole, percussion; Blake Williams, bass fiddle; Doug Miller, piano; Shane Roberts, lead guitar and Charlie Cushman, banjo and guitar.

The boys cut loose on the very first track blazin' through "Boil Them Cab-

bage Down" in record time. Other songs they fly through include "Dear Old Dixie" and "Black Mountain Rag." Breakneck isn't the only speed Thacker and the boys play at. They demonstrate their versatility and range by slowing down considerably for the genteel "Georgia Moon Waltz." Another slow number is the all-acoustic version of the traditional gospel number "Amazing Grace." Both songs feature incredible instrumentation.

Before listening to this disc, I had not considered the harmonica as being

a bluegrass instrument. After hearing Blazing a New Trail, I'm afraid any future bluegrass bands will fall short unless they too have one.

Thacker has put together a talented bunch of musicians for this project. However, as they are all currently playing in other bands, the chances of him getting them all to go on the road with him are pretty slim. Not to worry though, you can hear it all by buying a copy of "Blazing A New Trail."

—Michael J. Urness

Live Folk Rock

## Indigo Girls "1200 Curfews"

Known for their excellent live performances, it is no surprise The Indigo Girls have produced another live album, this time on

two discs.

As always the distinctive voices of the multitalented Amy Ray and Emily Sailer ring true in every song. Eight of the 27 songs on the discs are previously unreleased and include a cover of Bob Dylan's "Tangled in Blue" and Neil Young's "Down by

the River" I wish that instead of producing another album of mostly previously released songs (even in live versions) they had turned out a completely original product. For those of you who have never listened to the Indigo Girls, I recommend you purchase one of their albums such as

their self-titled debut or my personal favorite "Rites of Passage" before you decide to splurge on the double live album. But I take what I can get when it comes to the Indigo Girls and I am certainly not seriously disappointed.

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# Women's volleyball makes NCAA Tournament

by Ken Dunkin  
of The Current staff

After their final match last weekend, the UM-St. Louis Volleyball team thought they had played their final match of the season. They were wrong.

Head Coach Denise Silvester and Assistant Coach Erik Kaseorg were notified on Tuesday of the tournament bid. The team found out when they came into their gear and discuss plans for next season.

There had been plans for a Training Room Olympics between the different women's athletic teams. Silvester gave the team a choice, they could either play in the olympics or they could play in the NCAA Division II Volleyball tournament. When she mentioned the tournament "they fell out of their

chairs," Silvester said. The vote was unanimous, they would play in the tournament.

"We were all surprised to get into the tournament," freshman Jeana Carrico said.

The Riverwomen lost the in the first round to long time rival Central Missouri State. The Riverwomen had defeated them for the first time ever earlier this season. The Jennies had revenge on their mind.

"It wasn't a case of we lost the match, it was a case of Central won the match because of good play," Kaseorg said.

The Jennies were helped along by their setter Rachel Gatewood. She had 41 assists in the match, she also had 11 kills.

"She (Gatewood) played flawless,"

Kaseorg said. "It was the best job anyone has done against us all season."

The Riverwomen didn't play too bad either. Carrico had 16 kills, Laura Gray had 12 kills, and Debbie Boedefeld had 10 kills.

The Riverwomen took the Jennies to four games. They lost the first two games 5-15 and 9-15 before winning the third 15-12. Central then closed the book on the 1995 season for the Riverwomen with a 9-15 score in the fourth game.

"We were a little off for the first third of the match," Kaseorg said. "In the third game we showed how we could really play. We were playing well in the fourth. Central then buckled down and won the match."

The tournament bid should give the team some experience for next sea-

son as only Tracia Clendenen will be graduating from the team. Clendenen was a first team ALL-MIAA (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) selection this season.

She led the offensive attack with 1296 assists and 110 service aces.

"She (Clendenen) brought a lot to the table," Kaseorg said. "She kept us from getting down. She was always there to pat her teammates on the back if they were doing well, or doing bad. She was an important person to this team."

The Riverwomen minus Clendenen will return next season with the habit of winning. The team finished 25-10 during the regular season. They set a school record for most conference wins with 14.

"This year is a good building block

for the future," Carrico said.

The team was full of youth. They had four juniors, two sophomores and three freshman.

"Coach (Jim) Brady (baseball coach) was giving us trouble the other day," Silvester said. "He said we need a bicycle rack out back. Because our team is so young we have players that aren't old enough to drive yet."

The team returns Sheri Grewe and Debbie Boedefeld for next season. Both have been with the program for three years and will finish their careers with the Riverwomen next season.

"Sheri and Debbie have been here through the growing pains of this program," Kaseorg said. "They both have had a huge impact on the team. They both almost doubled their hitting percentages from last season."

# Rivermen basketball lose in overtime

by Ken Dunkin  
of The Current staff

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen basketball team dropped their first regular season game in overtime to Mankato State 86-85.

The Rivermen found themselves in the driver seat several times towards the end of regulation play, they had leads by as much as five points. The lead dwindled, and the Rivermen went to overtime.

In overtime the Rivermen held their own gaining several leads. They were up by two points when center Kevin Tuckson fouled Chad Weeks. The foul was Tuckson's sixth which put him out of the game.

Weeks hit the first free throw dropping the Rivermen lead to one, he missed his second shot. The Rivermen needed to come up with the rebound, after a scramble, a Mankato State player came up with the ball. They worked in a offensive play and scored giving them a one point lead.

The Rivermen had one last shot with 2.9 seconds left, but their efforts failed as the Mankato State defense was too tight. Todd Miller's shot was after the buzzer, and the Rivermen had lost the game. The Rivermen fell to 0-1 on the season.

"There haven't been many tougher to take than this because our players played hard," Rivermen Head Coach Rich Meckfessel said on the after game radio show on 920 am. "We hit some big shots down the stretch, and played tight defense. Had we made one more big shot, we would have won the game. "But two things killed us. We made 10 of 20 free throws in the second half and overtime, and we couldn't get a defensive rebound in overtime."

The Rivermen shot a dismal 60 percent free throws for the game. Mark Lash was the best with a 2-2 night.

Even though the Rivermen out rebounded Mankato 52-44, the difference in the Rivermen's defensive boards to Mankato's offensive boards rebounds was noticeable. The Rivermen rebounded 29 shots while on defense,

Mankato rebounded 16 while on offense.

The Rivermen found themselves in early foul trouble at the center position. At the half Eric Bickel and Kevin Tuckson had three fouls a piece. That resulted in several players getting big minutes. Lawndale Thomas finished with 43 minutes, and Rodney Hawthorne had 41 minutes. Three other players finished with more than 30 minutes.

"We had some tired guys out there," Meckfessel said. "It was a long tough game. The first game of the season shouldn't be this tough. We need to get more out of our bench. Right now, we're a six man team."

"Brandon Klaus played fine. I thought Todd Miller showed some signs in the second half of being more comfortable," he said. "We have to get our

bench better. Dave Schroll did a nice job when he was in there."

The Rivermen finished 14-13 last season and were looking for a big win to establish themselves.

"This game would have been big for us. Mankato was 18-9 last season," Meckfessel said. "They play in a tough league. They have four starters back."

"We had the chance to win but we couldn't hit the free throws and pull down the defensive rebounds," He said. "Our guys played hard."

Hawthorne led the Rivermen in scoring with 19 points, Bickel had 17, Thomas and Mark Lash had 15 points a piece.



Photo: Ken Dunkin

Eric Bickel posts up in a preseason game earlier this year.

# Indiana trounces Riverwomen

by Eric Thomas  
of The Current staff

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen basketball team opened their 1995-

96 season in Evansville Friday night hosted by Southern Indiana. The Riverwomen were out-scored 50-27 in the first half, and as a result dropped the game 90-74.

The Riverwomen have a new look since they only have two players back from last year's squad. This made it tough since they were playing one of the toughest teams in the nation. Southern Indiana is ranked third in Division II basketball.

The Riverwomen are a team of age diversity. They have two seniors, one junior, and eight freshman. Starting for the Riverwomen were Sarah Carrier, Krystal Logan, Deena Applebury,

Nicole Christ, and D.J. Martin.

Leading the attack for Head Coach Jim Coen's Riverwomen were Applebury and Christ. Both players had six field goals and 17 points. Christ had five rebounds. Applebury had four rebounds and two three-pointers.

Martin hit two from the field and nailed eight-of-nine from the line. Right behind Martin was Carrier with 11 points accumulated by one three-pointer, four field goals, and two-for-two at the free-throw line.

The team had a rough time putting the ball in the net early in the game, but took the court after half-time to out-score Southern Indiana 47-40. Charlee Dixon came off the bench and threw a three-pointer. She was 1.00 at the foul-line. Adding four points and with two rebounds were both Logan and Michelle Hogan. Denise Simon and Becky Pawlak both had field-goals. Carrier and Simon both had five defensive rebounds.

The Riverwomen 0-1 on the season will host Fontbonne in their home-opener Nov. 29. Tip-off time is 7 p.m. at the Mark Twain Building.



Photo: Ken Dunkin

Martin drives to the hoop during practice.



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Completing a dunk, Kevin Tuckson hangs from the rim.

# Rivermen swimmers doggy-paddle through losing streak

## Swim team treads water with 0-5 record

by Jeff Kuchno  
of The Current staff

Scott Caron is a realist. He knows that his UM-St. Louis swimmers may not win a single meet this season.

But the first-year head coach of the Rivermen is far from discouraged. Despite watching his team get off to a 0-5 start, Caron is rather pleased with what he has seen from his swimmers.

"The attitudes are good; the effort is there, and we're getting quality swims," said Caron. "It's just nearly impossible to win when you don't have any depth, and we just don't have enough swimmers."

The Rivermen, in fact, swam this week with just six eligible swimmers. Since most teams need about a dozen individuals to fill their events, the Rivermen are forfeiting points in every meet.

The lack of depth reared its ugly head last week. After losing to both Washington University and St. Louis University on Wednesday (Nov. 15), the Rivermen hosted a pair of meets this past weekend at the Mark Twain Pool. They swan well but lost Friday night (Nov. 17) to Millikin, 119-65, then struggled one day later against a powerful Missouri-Rolla squad, losing 119-38.

"We had three meets in four days and the guys were pretty tired," Caron said. "It's hard with a small

team to do well with that much activity."

The highlight of Friday's meet was the performance of freshman Matt Wiesehan (Oakville). The lanky newcomer won both the 200-yard individual medley (two minutes, 16:46 seconds) and the 200-yard breaststroke (2:25:88).

Wiesehan also swam on the victorious 400-yard medley team. The team of Wiesehan, Rusty Pesselato and Kelly Droege covered the distance in 3:54.56.

"I'm really impressed with the freshman," Caron said. "Matt and Rusty have done a very good job so far."

Caron is also thrilled with the efforts of Widener, a junior from Cottage Grove, Oregon, who already owns the school record in the 200-yard backstroke.

"He's superb," Caron said of Widener. "He's been a good leader, helping everybody out whenever he can and doing everything it takes to make a push for nationals. He may not make it this year, but I'm sure he can do it by next year."

As for the remainder of this season, Caron hopes to use it as a learning tool.

"We're still learning how to race," he explained. "It doesn't hurt to go out a little faster than they should, but we need to work on our performance in the back half of the race. We'll keep working on quality efforts."

OFF THE WALL



by Ken Dunkin  
of The Current staff

What a year it has been for the UM-St. Louis volleyball program. After their dismal 9-27 season last year they have rebounded and finished 25-10. They accomplished their goal of going out of the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association on top as they finished tied for second place in the conference.

They topped off their Cinderella season with their bid to the NCAA tournament. Even though they dropped the match, it was quite a feat even to get that far. What a year!

The team has come a long way and since the beginning of the year, they returned five players off of last year's squad and only had one senior on this year's squad, hopefully this will be only the beginning of the good things to come for this program. They will return next year with the experience of going to the National Tournament.

Look out next year, this team is going to be lethal.

So here are the Dunkin's Donuts given to the players that I feel most deserving of the awards.

Most Valuable Player

-Tracia Clendenen

Clendenen was the spark plug for the Riverwomen. Though not the player that always put the ball away, she was the one that started the plays for her teammates. She tallied 1296 assists.

She was also the team's top server, she had 110 service aces. Clendenen was the team's only senior, and she will be hard to replace, she provided, as Coach Silvester said "quite leadership." The team will definitely miss her next year.

Freshman of the Year

-Jeana Carrico

In a very successful season, most teams have a powerful weapon. Most of the time it is an underclassman. The Riverwomen's top attacker was freshman Jeana Carrico, Her 531 kills and 454 digs led the team, she also finished second on the team with a .301 attack percentage. The most modest and shy player I've ever seen, Carrico will be one of the best players in the conference for years to come, barring injury or transfer.

She also won the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Conference "Freshman of the Year" award.

Fellow freshman Amanda Zimmerman deserves mention for this award also. She was second on the team with 302 digs and 349 kills. With Carrico and Zimmerman for three more years the future for the team looks very bright.

Most Consistent - Sheri Grewe

Grewe quietly put together a great season. She finished with a team high .302 attack percentage while playing the middle hitter position. She also had 264 kills on the season. Grewe was named to the honorable mention ALL-MIAA volleyball team.

Debbie Boedefeld also deserves mention here. She had a fine season and finished third on the team with 300 kills. She was one of three players on the ALL-MIAA teams, she was on the second team.

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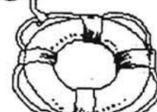
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of The Current staff

Restaurants like students are rated by grades. Both strive to get an "A," the highest possible rating. The difference between them is that even a rat-infested restaurant can keep its rating. Some that score in the "B" range category will still keep their "A" sticker, when the proper attitude is displayed.

Inspection reports of the restaurant(s) you patronize are available, but you must ask. The FDA made these reports available through a consumer ruling in 1974; the first update to the rules on cleanliness and health since they were instituted in 1943. The FDA also dropped the number of possible violations from 118 to 44 in 1976.

Scores of 85 to 100 earn an "A," 75 to 84 a "B," and those below 74 a "C" on the restaurant grading scale. There are no lower scores lower than a "C," yet over 98 percent of restaurants manage to get an "A." These unusually high grades do not always guarantee quality or cleanliness.

Most restaurants are inspected an-

nually or semiannually by the city. The county inspects every 90 days. Unless problems are found, there are no reinspections. Inspectors in the city and county routinely award "A" stickers to 98 percent of all restaurants inspected. Managers know that as long as they cooperate with inspectors, actual scores can fall below an "A" without effect.

"They know we are eunuchs," said Denzil Inman, an FDA Inspector in Denver, Colorado. "The rule of the game is, 'Promise us anything and do whatever you want.'"

Like students, restaurants begin their tests with a score of 100. Points are then deducted for each problem or mistake found. Unlike school, restaurants are allowed to go back and make corrections to bring their scores back up. This accounts for why 98 percent of all restaurants can keep the coveted rating of "A" on their door.

Inspectors admit to giving the benefit of the doubt to restaurants. Most inspections yield a score of 94 or higher, even when critical violations of FDA rules are cited by inspectors. The city

gave out 137 "A" stickers to restaurants that scored below an 84. One restaurant scored a 71 and still kept its "A" rating. Restaurants can not legally operate unless the manager has passed a 14-hour sanitation course. This technicality has not prevented some establishments from operating their restaurant - some for years - without properly trained managers.

"You've got to use your head," said Charles C. Jackson, city inspection program manager. "Inspectors should give restaurants a chance to change rather than drop their grade."

By using their head, the city seems all too willing to give an "A" to undeserving restaurants. Recurrent or severe problems can lead to a restaurant having to make an appearance before the health commission for a Revocation Hearing. This can lead to a shutdown, but usually only one such shutdown occurs in the St. Louis area a year. Owners are given the necessary time to change or complete needed repairs.

The system is flexible and accommodating. County inspectors consciously avoid giving a score below 94, which would lower a restaurant's rating. The city is likewise inclined. There have been only two confirmed cases of food poisoning in the city in the last 10

years. The county has had only one since 1979.

Usually restaurants dispose of food before an outbreak is reported to authorities. Confirmation then can only be ascertained by the submission of a stool sample, which most people decline to give. The few confirmed cases are from when three or more people (from the same restaurant) are simultaneously struck down. Nationally only four to five hundred cases are reported to the CDC (Center for Disease Control) annually. This seems low when 79 percent of food-borne illness originates outside of the home.

Food-borne pathogens are becoming more virulent. Escherichia Coli killed two children in the Pacific Northwest, and caused bloody diarrhoea in dozens of other victims. Improper under-cooking of meat was cited as the cause in this case. This was a confirmed case under current guidelines.

The county inspects 3,660 restaurants quarterly, the city 2,015 at least semiannually. With shutdowns occurring rarely, cooperation allows for continued operation.

"Even at four inspections a year, what we get at best is a snapshot," said County Inspection Program Director, Barry Drucker. "What we see today may not exist tomorrow."

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**Sweet wins 1994-95 Lecturer Award.** UM-St. Louis recognized English Professor Nan Sweet with the Lecturer Award for Excellence in Teaching. Sweet was co-nominated by Jane Williamson, Chairperson of the English Department and Frances Hoffmann, Director of Institute for Women's and Gender Studies.

**Delta Sigma Pi drive big success.** The annual Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity's clothes and food drive collected ten 55 gallon barrels full of goods for the Shelter League. Delta Sigma Pi President Luke Niedringhaus said that the donations will be much appreciated by the less fortunate.



A small sample of goods collected by Delta Sigma Pi.

**Dialup-1 established for Internet chats.** The campus now has a listserv called "dialup-1" for those wishing to discuss issues relating to the computer dialup/modem lines. For more information contact Don Lewis at the computer center.

**Deadline approaches for College Bowl.** University Program Board's College Bowl will be held Saturday, December 2 at the Pierre Laclède Honors College on South Campus. Deadline for groups wishing to participate is November 17. Contact Jason Peery at 516-5531 for more information.

**Gateway Arch photos on display.** The Public Policy Research Centers exhibit "The Arch at 30" is currently on display daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 362 SSB. The exhibit will run through January 19, 1996.

**Book signing for three UM-St. Louis faculty members at Bookstore.** Tuesday, November 21 Harry Bash (Social Problems and Social Movements), Susan Brownell (Training the Body for China) and Andrew Hurley (Environmental Inequalities) will all be signing their books at the UM-St. Louis Bookstore from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Diners Club Card available.** Full-time UM-St. Louis employees who travel on business twice a year or more may obtain a University-sponsored Diners Club Corporate Card. Call 516-5091 for details.

## Inferno

"Seeing campus involvement increase dramatically each year, it sets a foundation for future involvement."

Zweifel also was pleased by the number of people in attendance.

"It's a real solid turnout," he said. "For as cold as it is, it's great to see this many people show up."

"We [105.7] love to be involved with the area colleges," said Tommy T, DJ for "The Point."

Tommy T said that, given the opportunity, he would participate in future UM-St. Louis events.

"I'm having a blast," he said. "This is cool."

The Point played music from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the bonfire and gave away t-

shirts, stickers, CDs and gift certificates.

The general consensus surrounding the party was that more events like the bonfire would occur if more students were able to live on campus.

"What's going to happen when more folks move in, students themselves are going to organize and demand these types of events," said Zweifel. "Students are going to come out and do it themselves, and they won't need a director or anything, because they'll have the organizational techniques to do it themselves."

Students agree.

"We've always wanted to have a party," said Bullock. "We just needed a place to have it."

## Cusumano

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Finally, Cusumano got his break when a new general manager at KSDK took the advice of Mike Bush and hired him to come back to St. Louis.

Now covering the local beat, Cusumano is in the thick of St. Louis sports. He has maintained a good relationship with UM-St. Louis basketball coach Rich Meckfessel.

"Meckfessel's got some good athletes," Cusumano said. "This could really be a good year for him. It's probably a good idea for him to change conferences (UM-St. Louis moved from the MIAA to the GLVC). That was a killer conference they were in. This gives them a better chance to win."

"I think Mike Keenan is a good guy," Cusumano said about fan criti-

cism of the Blues coach. "We ought to calm down and relax. Let's make our determination in May about Mike Keenan."

Following the Cleveland Browns announced move Cusumano said "there should never be another St. Louis dollar sent to the NFL. The St. Louis contingent should tell the NFL the check is in the mail."

Cusumano has achieved many goals at this point, but he wants to achieve one more.

"I have had three goals in my life," Cusumano said. "To play it; to broadcast it, and now I'd like to coach it."

Cusumano's dream of coaching high school athletics will surely be realized considering his accomplishments thus far.

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