SGA assemblies task force based on erroneous data

by Doug Harrison

Citing a letter to the editor in last week's edition, "The Current" that said students pay $162.90 per semester for the use of the Mark Twain Fitness Center, the Student Government Association formed a task force to address the "erroneous rates" of student activity fees. However, the information in the letter was incorrect.

During the assembly meeting Wednesday, SGA President Bob Fritchey, opened a discussion on the issues raised by the letter writer, Ron Leffin.

"The letter to the editor correctly, we are paying $162.90 for the use of the fitness center," Colasso said.

However, according to Lowell "Buddy" MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, the fee to which the student activity fee, generates revenue for not only fitness center but other buildings and services.

The $162.90 listed in Leffin's letter is comprised of a number of fees of which the fitness center is a small part, MacLean said.

MacLean said that the student facility fee and activity fee help make up of fees from six other areas: athletics (Res-sports), University Center, recreation (fitness center), student activities, student health services and health services.

"Each year, I get the projected inflation of the fiscal year," MacLean said. "From this I turn to the directors of athletics, recreation and the University Center. They in turn, propose an increase in this fee."

MacLean said that each director must justify an increase more than the inflation rate, although they generally do not request that large of an increase.

The student activities and student services fees are largely decided by the students, MacLean said.

"I go to the students and say, "These two fees go to fund the student activities budget committees, and I'm interested in your input. A third of the time they recogined an increase," MacLean said. "I've always went along with the students' recommendations; essentially, the students control these fees."

Currently, the student activity fee stands at $1.48 per credit hour. According to the Student Center service fee is 90.25 per credit hour.

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Tunes at noon

A Sokran Latina band performs in front of the University Center as part of Hispanic-Latino month. See the story on page 3.

SGA passes diversity resolution, approves assembly chair

by Scott Lamar

The Student Government Association passed a resolution last week denouncing discomfort caused by sexual orientation.

According to Bob Fritchey, SGA president, the purpose of the Diversity Resolution of 1996-1997 will ultimately be the same as the "sexual orientation" clause added to the UM system-wide discrimination policy.

The policy became an issue last fall when UM system President George Russell opted to delete the sexual orientation clause. Russell was able to do this because state and federal law does not require such a clause.

The Office of Equal Opportunity Policy has vowed only to use a policy that mentioned the specific clause in its handbooks and handbooks.

The Diversity Resolution states that the SGA resolves to denounce discrimination on any basis suggests that the association "affirm the rights of all students and do not condone or tolerate actions by any group on campus against sexual orientation." Russell was able to do this because state and federal law does not require such a clause.

Fritchey said the resolution is more to "get the process moving."

"This is a starting point, not a finishing point," Fritchey said. "This is a movement that student government will support and defend."

Brian Roblestone, a member of the Libertarian Student Political Organization for Change, said lobbying shouldn't stop

 Program provides assistance and integration for students

by Jennifer Lynn

Starting the new semester can be challenging for many students, especially those with disabilities who sometimes require assistance.

Special Student Programs, a division of Student Affairs, assists students with special needs in their pursuit of academic success.

This semester 91 new students have received individualized and help from the program. According to Marilyn Ditto, coordinator for the Special Student Programs, this is the largest number of new students the program has ever had. She said that even with this many students, they can still provide excellent services.

The main objectives of Special Student Programs encompasses an effort to integrate students into university life and academics through individualized services that help to provide a positive learning experience. Any student can request these services.

"Most of the students do well. On the average they graduate and complete programs as well as other students," Ditto said.

Among other services, special student programs will provide readers for the visually impaired and interpreters for the hearing impaired, as well as assistance for students with learning disorders, brain injuries or other disabling conditions.

The program also provides information on how to handle the diverse abilities and how to solve accessibility problems.

Special Student Programs works closely with faculty, notifying instructors when students with special needs enroll in their classes.

Ditto works with students to enable them to get around to classroom assignments.

"If students are going to be able to attend classes and be able to access the campus environment, the daily routine of students with disabilities has to be the same as other students," Ditto said.

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Civic Progress should open door to public

by Scott Lamar

As an ex officio member of Civic Progress, Chancellor Bruce Bolling sits on a board composed of St. Louis’ most influential people. A major policy decision affecting the city is subject to non-disclosure procedures, allowing the group to have access to the public. Civic Progress has no offices, no phone numbers, and its meetings are closed – all in the name of non-disclosure.

Since the group is clearly looking out for the city’s best interests, is it safe to assume that the group has access to the public?

In 2003, a coalition of student organizers filed suit against the group, alleging that the group was an unlawful political activist group. The suit was settled out of court in 2004, and the group continues to operate in a similar vein.

The suit alleged that Civic Progress was a “quasi-governmental body” and that the group’s members were being paid by the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the St. Louis County Urban League. The suit also alleged that the group was involved in a scheme to influence the official selection of the mayor of St. Louis.

The suit was dismissed by the court, and Civic Progress continues to operate in a similar vein. The group’s members are known to have access to the public, and the group continues to operate in a similar vein.

Letters to the editor

Kudos and criticism for SGA from student

To the editor:

L. E. is writing in to brag to the UM-St. Louis student Internet service. I am wondering if anyone else is experiencing any sort of difficulty with the system, because this school is so new, I don’t know any people here.

The few people that I do know, also have Internet accounts through school, and have also expressed concern over the quality of service.

Actually, the common response when I ask anyone about problems with the service is, “Of course.”

The major problems I have been having with the system, under a year of use, would be three times available one time for connecting to the service.

Unfortunately, the two regular lines are constantly busy, leaving only the fifteen-minute line available. This line is also busy at peak times of the day. The peak time is from 8 to 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

The second problem is with the mail server. Normally, I can send e-mail just fine. However, I get it back from the server with the message: “message not found.”

But when I attempt to attach a file to my mail, I have to attach a file of 10kbyte or less, and the file is never sent.

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I am also a part-time student, so I don’t know many people here.

I am just trying to get my point across, and let you all know that the system is not working.

Good luck, and don’t forget to make the sacrifices for the sake of the Internet.

Ralph S. Abrams

Send your letter to us via the internet at: current@umsl.edu

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Letters can be dropped off at our offices.
On the Road with Rat by Michael J. Uneme entertainment editor

While driving through the desert Southwest earlier this year, I happened upon the town of Tucumcari, New Mexico, which famous author Dashiell Hammett described as “one of the most handsome little towns in America.” I’ve been there many times since the “glory days” of Old Route 66. If you’re not from any of the mountain towns that have survived the highway, gloriety, it the old highway wound with hundreds of twists just like Tucumcari. Most of these towns feature a run-down hotel, a few small restaurants, a can of tobacco, and the dusty remains of fine buildings. This simply isn’t a man that will sit at the door of the Waffle House restaurant on St. Charles road, though the old hotel is definitely a very much the town as looking for a place to stop. The post office is closed, and the hotel is not nearly as old as Tucumcari. Americans will live and thrive.

That wizened smell of coffee, waffle, cigarettes and corporates is all you get through the door. Then the odors now make the past lost and the styles do have came some things such a the "50's" or "60's but little else. What makes the Rock and Roll sound that is all over the county along Old Route 66 is that it borders Mexico. This is an area similar to one of the joints in the 1950's. The Mexican car drivers are as much a part of the locals.

Three-day beards and a look of white-line fever in their eyes sit at the counters sipping coffee. Wild flirting with a booth of young men never looks up. He repeats the cycle he's likely to have served in a cab driver wearing a tweed racing cap.

Artthony Pipher is a stand-up comedian who has been performing for over a dozen years. His act has been described as "offensive but funny." Pipher has performed at numerous venues around the United States and has appeared on television shows such as "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." He is known for his unique blend of humor and commentary on various social issues. In this scene, Pipher is playing a character who is struggling with addiction and trying to overcome his past.

The bittersweet smells of coffee and studying. The biggest transformation begins around Texas bar come struttin' in. Denny's and The Current - 109 - 11

HISLA sponsors dance and Latin American Heritage Month.

by Jill Barrett features editor

Students do not have to go south of the border to experience the cultures of South America.

The student-run Hispanic-Latin American Association is sponsoring several culturally performing events during the month of October.

"We want to continue encouraging people of our culture and traditions," said Alicia Friedrichs, HISLA president. National Hispanic Heritage Month, which began Sept. 15, runs through Oct. 15.

"It's my turn to go on to be a choreographer," Friedrichs said. "That will be excellent for the few hundred people I think the same.

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This scholarship benefits anyone that who wants to focus his or her studies on an aspect of Latin American studies. Friedrichs invited the benefit dance after the grapevine, 1994.

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Former student creates new adventure series for kids

by Sean Stockburger

features associate

UM St. Louis graduate Steve Givens loves reading stories to his children so much that he began to write for them as well. Last week, New Canons Publishing printed the first of Givens’ stories, Indian Gold, as part of a series Givens is developing called The Triangle Club. “It’s kind of a Hardy Boys, adventurers series written for ages 8 to 11,” Givens said.

Author Givens is about three boys in a Missouri town who tell each other stories about Indian gold. Pieces of old boxes bring to life legends they were told about Osage warriors revolting against Spanish slave drivers who put them to work mining for gold in Missouri caves.

The boys want to find the gold, but they also want to find a way out of the care in which they are now lost. To escape, they must work together and discover their own courage, strengths and weaknesses.

The author’s next book, due out before Christmas, is called Levi Dix and is part of another series that Givens calls Dovers from the Kerry Ponds.

Set in the 1870s in the old Irish Kerry Parish neighborhood north of downtown St. Louis, the series will focus on the adventures of twins, William and Annie O’Shea.

Unfortunately, Indian gold is not currently available in St. Louis, because Givens lives in Buckinghamshire, England, with his wife Susan, son Jonathan, 9, and daughter Jennifer, 5.

The book should be available at the University bookstore later in the semester.

Buckinghamshire is just outside of London and was the former home of such literary figures as John Milton and Thomas Gray. “London is wonderful,” Givens said. “I’m going to Friday night to see the Royal Shakespeare Company’s production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

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Givens said Chapman also copy-edited Indian Gold for Givens.

During his undergraduate years, Givens wrote theater reviews for The Current and was the associate editor of an early issue of Littmag. Since then, he has written Center newsletter and in-house publications for UM-St. Louis, Washington University and Webster University.

Givens also has several earlier books published. He co-authored a book of short stories with photographer Tom Eberhardt. This 96-page book, published in 1995, celebrated the 250th anniversary of the St. Louis Gaze Arch. After moving to England, Givens wrote two books for a Catholic publisher.

Givens moved to England in 1994 when his wife was offered a job there with the Royal Shakespeare Company, and he teaches adult basic education.

“We decided I wouldn’t work full-time so we could be around for the kids,” Givens said. “I started writing more. I guess it led me to start writing children’s books. I started realizing that it was something that I could do and was enjoying doing.”

Givens plans to move back to St. Louis next year. “I enjoy writing children’s stories because there’s so much you can do,” Givens said. “You can take your readers along to an imaginary underground world, and they’ll just go along with you. Kids will let you do that, and will go along for the ride, I like that freedom.”
The Crash Test Dummies are from left to right: Benjamin Daviel, Ellen Reid, Brad Roberts, Mitch Dorge and Dan Roberts.

Alternative

The album those of you with a sense of humor.

Judith Edelman—Perfect World (Compass Records)

It's been out for several months now, and Judith Edelman's debut album Perfect World is getting an

For example, in the song "Holy Eternity," Roberts discusses his emo-

Volunteers needed for research study

If you are at least 18 years of age and NEVER had genital herpes, you may be eligible to participate in a study evaluating an investigational vaccine to prevent genital herpes. Individuals cannot get herpes from the vaccine. Study vaccinations, office visits laboratory tests including tests for HIV are provided free of charge. Volunteers receive up to $200 for participating. For more information, call the Herpes Research Center at St. Louis at 434-4900.
Men face big competition, come up short

Alomer: What a stupid move!

So be it — he’s rocket scientist but he is a modern-day athlete. That’s the way it is. Alomer, anyone even smart could argue. Alomer is one of the best players in the game. Isn’t it?

Alomer did was rude, plain and simple. Everyone makes mistakes. Is it any wonder that anyone would call smart. Alomer: What a stupid move!

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Millions of Americans are watching

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Alomer was a streak where he made three or four excellent saves in a row.

"All of a sudden it seemed like we were up," Redmond said. "With two minutes remaining, the Riverwomen capitalized on their opportunity. With several players bumped up in the center, Curt Kennison finds a shoe. Alomer’s goalie to put the game into overtime."

"We really woke up in overtime," Briner said. "Staten is back early when Gannon scored eight points in the first half of the game. The way people are talking about him has already skated around the ice."

"Trent came up big for us," Redmond said. "He was one of the first in the game to come back and keep us in the game."

"I’m not satisfied with this poll," Briner said. "We should have capitalized. I am still upset about Friday night’s game, but I think the whole team felt the same."

"We knew that we should have won," Redmond said.

"We didn’t start the season well against Bellarrnine," Briner said. "But we had four shutouts for the Rivermen (5-3-1)."

"Those are not their best games," Silvester said. "The Riverwomen have already done a lot of things right this season.

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Riverwomen win with Ernst leading the way

by Ken Dunkin
sports editor

With Beth Ernst leading the way, the Riverwomen soccer team went 2-1 last weekend, putting them in second place.

"The field was a different style," Hudson said. "It was the second half that went bad back to back, and the Riverwomen scored two goals in the second half. Both Ernst scored, with Ernst leveling the score with one of the main reasons, the sports editor; he crossed the ball in from the Rolla's goal.

The team started off the winning week with a 3-0 victory over UM-Rolla. They allowed Rolla's only seven shots on goal.

"The goalies didn't see much action in the game," Amy Almeyra and Samantha Grabhof each played a half. Almeyra had four shots and made three saves. Grabhof saw three shots and made one save.

The Riverwomen then played Drury at the SIU-Edwardsville campus. They lost the game 2-0. UM-St. Louis finished 14 shots at Drury goalie Amanda Delfe. Ernst had two shots with four shots.

Drury is in the midst of an excellent season and improved its record to 0-2 with the victory. The lone staged a Riverwomen's six game winning streak. It was the longest streak since the team won eight in a row in 1993.

The team then started another winning streak when it played Truman Streak on Sunday. They won 1-0. Ernst scored the lone goal to give the team the win.

"Even if we don't go on the playoffs, they can say that they did everything that they possibly could," Hudson said.

The team will next play Wednesday against conference rival SIU-Edwardsville. The game will be played at the Donnell Field at 7:30 p.m.

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The Rivermen had a fairly good weekend as well in the game against Oakland. Their 3-2 victory was ranked second in the region and third in the nation.

"We kind of let an opportunity go by this weekend," Radmon said. "We're doing quite well, but we need to do better next time."

The Rivermen were led by Mark Mandell and Scott Lucas, who scored against Oakland. The freshman played a big part in the team's close play.

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On Saturday, the team will face an open game against CMU. The team will play at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"We're playing a strong line this year," Mackie said.

The schedule has gotten tough for the Rivermen. They play at Bluffton on Oct. 25. Then they play against St. Louis University Oct. 27 at the Kiel Center.

"Playing at the Kiel should be a great experience," Mackie said. "It should be a good time. And we know, we could become ri vals with them.

Riverwomen goalie Chris Perkins blocks a shot by an Illinois player in a game last weekend. Perkins returns along with Ian Mackie to form a solid goal tending combo.

by Ken Dunkin
sports editor

Though they are coming off of a 1-2-2 season in the Illini League Hockey Club is having a tough time filling their roster.

The team had the best record in school history but many players graduated or transferred. They return only nine players.

"We don't have the depth," Team President Ian Mackie said.

"We have enough to start out, but we know we will have enough to last through four tough seasons.

The team currently has 30 players trying out. Of the 20 free positions and the team only plans on keeping three of them. So with 18 workable players, the team has a lot of recruiting to do.

"We're looking toward skilled players at the moment," Mackie said.

Returning for the team is the team's second line: Brian Alman, Brian Brem and Bret Poole. They scored combined for 42 goals last season with Poole leading the way with 17.

"They were a strong line last season," Mackie said.

"I have to give a lot of credit to the young guys for learning quickly," Brader said. "We've been a long way since the beginning of the season. Some of the younger guys weren't used to this level of play. After a few games, we're doing together.

Men's, from page 7

The future is in your region, you want to accumulate over $172,109 by the time retirement is when it comes. When you have time and TIAA-CREF working on the retirement? You'll want to live at least as comfortably then as you were now.

"I can afford to save for retirement?"

The truth is, you can't afford not to. Not when you realize that your retirement can last up to 30 years or more. You'll want to live at least as comfortably then as you do now. And that includes planning.

By starting to save now, you can take advantage of market growth and your money time to compound and grow. Consider this: If you made $20 each month beginning at age 30 and you can accumulate your money by the time you reach age 60. But wait ten years and you'll have to budget every month to make the same goals.

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According to Maclean, she was saying the student facility and student activity fee was solely the fee that the student claimed that nursing students paid an additional fee to use the fitness center, for a maximum number of hours by which the fee can be multiplied, the fee would be $2.32.

Maclean said that the highest fee was solely the fee that the student facility and student activity fee was. He also said that the three departments that the student claimed that nursing students paid an additional fee to use the fitness center without charge was also paid, according to the Dolan, director of athletics. Should the non-alumni and non-students paid as additional fees to the fitness center.

According to Maclean, she was most likely referring to the $350 per credit hour fee in educational fees, not activities fees, that nursing students pay.

"Nursing students don't pay any more for activities fees than other students. Their particular tuition is much higher because there is a very absentee-intensive program with low student-to-teacher ratios," Maclean said.

Another contention in the letter— that non-alumni and non-students memberships allowed the members to bringing unaffiliated individuals and family into the fitness center without charges— was also addressed, according to the Dolan, director of athletics.

Should the non-alumnus and non-students can purchase memberships for $75 a semester or $150 a year. But they must pay $5 for each guest they bring to the center as students and non-students do. Non-alumni and non-students can purchase family memberships, which allow only members of the individual family to use the center, for $150 a semester or $300 a year, Dolan said.

Maclean said that allowing to students to choose whether or not they wanted to pay for the U-Center, recreational and athletic fees, as a fee was suggested in his letter, is not a feasible way of running a university.

"Then we are the cost of education," Maclean said. "If you want to have a University, you have to have some programs. If you don't have those programs, enrollment will decline, and the University's reputation will decline," Maclean said. Those who express choice in activity fees have a "dropping enrollment. Education is an experience; it is more than something you purchase," Maclean said.

"I think that we should lobby all-University administrators on all four (UM) campuses," Edmonson said. "We shouldn't limit ourselves to UM employees. We don't know where the idea of Missouri or the universe in running a university.

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SGA Vice President Angela Rauhala announced that a Missouri celebration to kick off basketball season is scheduled for Oct. 15 at the Mark Twain Ballroom.