Midnight melee at Meadows frustrates residents, officials
Forum convened to discuss solutions; police will post officer on premises during weekend nights
by David Baugh

Twouarded clandestine party at University of Missouri-St. Louis Thanksgiving holiday prompted a special meeting Thursday night between members of the complex, campus law enforc­ers and administration official­
Gs. The meeting was called to discuss issues following a large fight Nov. 28 that resulted in five minor injuries, sever­al arrests and damage to one of the apartments, police said.

"As best as I understand it, there were some people having a party and some people not affiliated with the University crashed the party," UM-St. Louis police Sgt. Alfred Wirt said.

A fight ensued. Wirt said police received nearby a door

Party, "UM-St.

ed in five minor injuries, sever­al arrests and damage to one of the apartments, police said.

According to Wirt, a staff member and some guests were allegedly turned away from the party, but it was not clear who set off the sparkles. No arrests have been made. The incident is still under investiga­tion.

Amber Parish, managing director of see MEADOWS, page 2

Crime Time

Gary Grace

There's nobody around and they just pick it up and walk out with it," Wirt said.

That's what we call a crime of opportunity."

According to COPS officer Kevin Hansebroek, calculators, books and tickets are other common targets that are easy to steal.

"Laptop computers are becoming more prominent in our environment here on campus," Hansebroek said.

"Some of these are starting to disappear."

Wirt said these cases are often diffic­ult to solve because cash and what items are difficult to track.

There were 157 reported thefts last year but only 7 arrests were made.

"If they just take the money and dis­card the wallet or the purse, it's virtually impossible to trace money," Wirt said. "If they try to use your credit card or try to cash checks that than are much easier to solve."

Student group opposes fee hike

Petition calls for advisory board to mediate dispute

by Bill Puffins and Doug Harrison staff writers

Students opposed to a possible fee hike to support the proposed University Center have begun circu­lating a petition they say they will submit to administration.

Tonya Hutchinson, a social work major, is leading a group of stu­dents who are asking students to sign a petition that opposes the fee increase. The petition reads, "No Legislative W i t h o u t Representation." It requests the formation of a student advisory board to act as a liaison between the students and the administra­tion in dealing with student concerns. Hutchinson said.

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Hutchinson said administrators should have approached the entire student body about the increase, not just the SGA. She assured that the SGA represents student opinions but not all 15,000 stu­dents on campus.

"The administration really should have taken the student population more into account," Hutchinson said.

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MEADOWS, from page 1

University Meadows, declared that they will not
comment on any incidents.

Thurman's meeting, led by
Vice-chairman for Student Affairs
Gary Greer, was a forum for
students to voice their opinions on
how to improve student housing at
the Meadows.

"I think that's really why we're
here," Greer said.

In addition to Greer, and
Parish, McCarthy and Rosen,
Student Affairs attended the
meeting, which lasted about two
hours.

A few students complained
about loud music being played at
late hours and some asked about
the consequences of violating rules.

"We do have student conduct
regulations that do apply to the
buildings here," Greer said.

Bost said she could not com-
ment on whether disciplinary
action would be taken in this case.

She added that the future
of student housing depends on
what the community wants.

Greer said "We don't get the
results. We just estimate what
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Thanksgiving thefts cost U thousands

Police are investigating a series of pre-Thanksgiving thefts in several faculty offices.

Sgt. Al Wirt of campus Police confirmed that a total of eight robberies occurred sometime between the evening of Nov. 21 and the morning of Nov. 22.

"There was one (thief) in Clark Hall, three in the Social Sciences Building, and four in the evening of Nov. 22. All eight of the thefts were in faculty offices. Police found no signs of forced entry," Wirt said. Wirt estimated that $12,000 - $13,000 worth of items were stolen, including two laptop computers. A variety of other articles such as computer accessories, a clock radio and stamps were also taken.

"We're stepping up patrols in all campus buildings, not just the ones where incidents occurred," Wirt said.

- Mary Lindsey

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**View commentary**

Guest commentary

**Bookstore should honor student IDs in December**

For books for the winter semester will be available beginning Dec. 15, many students are wondering whether their student ID is payment good for books. The answer is yes, but there are a few students that would like to find under the tree in a few weeks. 

**Spending our way to a dysfunctional society**

It is an unfortunately paradox played out countless times every Christmas season. Televisions and radio stations are filled with stories of either our nation’s or world’s troubles. Christmas is all about family and friends and the Birth of Christ, not about “Tacky-Tie-Elfies,” some stoning, happy, people. A few minutes or pages or segments late, we will have our department stores and media outlets focusing on record high prices for record high sales in this holiday season.

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LETTERS, from page 4

The only true benefactors seem to be the “merchants” mentioned in the plan. Why not find a way for them to cover some of the costs for building the new Center?

— Jonny Coninger

SGA makes poor decision by endorsing fee hike

This letter is in response to the new U Center and the hike in student fees to fund the new Biological Honor Society. I am not happy with the way several things were handled in this matter, and I believe that students should be informed.

First, the discussion of the fee hike came at the end of a very long SGA meeting (2 and a half hours). During the entire meeting no one had mentioned, which is about half or less than what had started. Second, the discussion of this matter did not end at the end of the meeting; there were 23 people whose representatives voted yes and 12,000 for the SGA. Although you’re not always asked to write a nifty little Guest Commentary, there’s still something satisfying about putting a part of yourself or paper for others to see, hoping they can draw something from what you have to say. If this sounds like a plan to you, bring a resume by our office.

— Jason Brazzel

This letter is in response to the current student fee hike. I realize there’s nothing like the pride that comes with seeing a million dollar question go back to our respective organizations and ask their opinion. Call me crazy, but I think I would like to have a say in whether or not to pay an extra $0.00 an hour if I was not on the SGA.

This is where those 33 people who voted yes forgot what they were, an SGA representative. They represent many students, about 10,000. In any other similar voting process, I would have voted in favor of increasing student fees. I like the idea of a new U Center. I believe it shows growth of the university and will benefit growth in the long run by encouraging big business to throw dollars at a thriving university. I am confident that it will be a dynamic building and provide much needed space. I have no right to decide for the 56 people that I represent to support a measure that will have them pay an extra $70.00 a semester.

I think those organizations whose representatives voted yes should take a good look at them and ask, “Is that person really representing us?”

Yeah, our opinion or ‘support’ of this proposal probably does not mean much when the chancellor and the board of common decide. They can do it if we endorse it, and that’s the sad truth. Makes me wonder why the administration officially wanted to have a special meeting on a separate day to address the proposal instead of presenting it at the meeting.

They can do it if we endorse it or not on the SGA.

You see, they have to present it before the students and it does not matter how much. That special meeting would have drawn very few. I predict Jim Ayewy who presented that cop-out from happen anyway.

I hope the chancellor and administrative open their eyes and see that 97.7% of the student population did not get their opinions heard on this matter, and I challenge them to go it.

I also encourage the students to write the chancellor; your voice of may be the only one that will be heard. After all, you paid for it.

— Jason Brazzel

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Mayor Betty Houlihan.

Rounding localities, described the relations officer, and Normandy held to work with the and ing held Monday between Frank staff writer made a request to the e the three-hour meeting as to facilitate communication between the and said he hoped create a good a lack of respect from some and be respected and wanted some responsiveness when she made a request to the University.

Days said Houlihan complained of an "inability to contact people" to discuss issues and a lack of respect from some University representatives. Days he hoped create a good relationship with the mayor by keeping her informed of campus issues.

"She knows me and she is very comfortable calling me," Days said. Houlihan also said she hoped to have an effective working relationship.

"I think the fact that Mr. Days is a resident of the area will make a difference because his concerns are the same in our concerns," Houlihan said. "As questions arise I can go to Mr. Days about them. If he does not know the answers he will find out."

Police jurisdiction was one of those issues. Houlihan said that the University needs to respect Normandy's right to protect the areas within its boundaries.

"What belongs to the city of Normandy is for our police to patrol and respond to calls," Houlihan said. "They have to respect that we have a viable police force to answer these calls."

Days said the issue stems from the fact that the campus 911 system routes calls to the University police rather than the municipality.

"The dorms are hardwired to the police force here and [the mayor] thinks that they should be something that possibly could be hardwired to Normandy police," Days said.

"She wants more of a cooperative effort between the police forces. Days also said he discussed the issue of tax revenues with the municipality. Houlihan also said she discussed the issue of tax revenues with the mayor. Normandy officials have recently raised concerns about the University's expansion and how it may be affecting the city's tax base.

"What we get into it, it probably won't be as large of an impact as might have been anticipated with the number of residents that the University has purchased," Days said.

Days said that the mayor did not make revenue a big issue, however.

"She said she realized that it was not a great amount but if you continue to do that it does erode the tax base," Days said.

Days said he wanted to convey the University's "naming" and the reasoning for expansion to Houlihan.

"Many of the other communities around here, they have to be able to come in and understand what the University is trying to do and understand the vision that we have for the University," Days said.

Interviewed by phone, Houlihan refused to comment on the mayor's refusal to comment on the University's expansion and how it may be affecting the city's tax base.

"I think the meeting was about communication," Houlihan said. "Now we have someone we can communicate with about what the University is doing."
And you say you have no money?

Look no further: your guide to cheap Christmas fun is here...

BY AMY LOMBARD
staff writer

It's December and holiday cheer is everywhere. What it means for college students, Finals. What do finals mean to the average college student? They are stressful times, student's faces, finals week consists of the creation of obscure amounts of coffee, endless hours of studying, all-nighters and fast food cravings in the dorm room.

Stress can be divided into two categories, short term and long term stress. Short term stress can be caused by the release of adrenaline into the blood stream, usually as a response to a sudden event that provokes the human survival instinct. However, long term stress occurs when the body endures the presence of adrenaline over a long period of time. Irregularly, maintained, long term stress can have serious effects on a person's physical and mental health.

College students suffer from long term stress like any other person with children. To combat long term stress is to follow a daily routine including exercise, proper amounts of sleep and a balanced diet. However, Knapp said that the colloquial definition does not promote healthy routines, especially during finals week.

"Staying up for 24 hours is the best of the exercises," said Knapp.  "Knapp said that students need to rest before taking tests. The digestive of heavy foods cannot alleviate a chemical reaction resulting in a severe headache.

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Ia music video of dancing flubber.

The climax of the movie is based on the black-and-white original. His assignment takes him to Savannah, Ga., where he meets some of the imagery will make you say "ouch!" Those with the manners of a southerner will be especially amused by the parodies of Southern vernacular.

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Through Kelso's watch, we learn more about several interesting and well-dressed characters. Lady Chablis, an irreverent drag queen who supplies uproarious dialogue, Sonny Siler (Jack Black), Thompson's multi-talented alter ego with the manners of a southern gentleman and the scritches of a "big city" businesswoman. This is supporting cast that perhaps makes the otherwisereaklessly-stylized film tolerable.

By the end, I found myself exhilarated, spent from having watched the closing moments of four or five minutes, the film for the finals itself. That was rewarded for an intense, surreal and sometimes countering ending that almost redresses the movie. Almost. But not quite.

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Riverwomen undone after 3 games

By Brian Folsom

The UM-St. Louis women's basketball team is off for almost a month with an 8-2 record after losing 3 games in a row. The team was unable to overcome the problems caused by lack of experience, poor shooting and poor defense.

The Riverwomen were defeated by the Missouri Baptist Baptist Baptist Baptist 79-84 on Nov. 12. The team lost 8-2 with its first loss coming against Lincoln on Dec. 1. Behind Brandy's team leading 24 points, the team rallied in the last 16 minutes to tie the game. The team had 6 points in the last 16 minutes.

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Spruce trees help rejuvenate on-campus recycling effort

by Becky Zugarski

The UM-St. Louis Recycling Committee hopes that two new spruce trees recently planted on campus will once again promote interest in on-campus recycling of paper.

"One hundred five tons of paper were recycled in 1996," said Paul Travers, committee member. "This year we're down to just a few tons. The bottom has really fallen out."

Travers said the committee is trying to push paper recycling again so that faculty and staff use less waste.

Everyone on campus can participate in recycling as well by using the blue waste receptacles located in various places all over campus.

This is important because once the paper is tainted by food, the recycling paper company won't take it, Travers said.

Although the goal of recycling paper is to save the money earned to landscape campus, that is not all the committee hopes to accomplish.

"The market for paper is very low," Travers said. "The reason we do it is because we think conservation of resources is impor-
tant for the campus community."

The American Forest and Paper Association estimates that the average person uses two pounds of wood products a day. This translates to four trees — each 100 feet tall and 18 inches in diameter — used per person per year.

The spruce trees were dedicated and lighted on Dec. 1 during a ceremony held in conjunction with Holiday week. One tree is located on the South Campus, the other is located near the North Campus near the Alumni Circle.

Each tree has a granite marker with the inscription "Dedicated to the needlings of realities — James Allen. A gift from UM-St. Louis Recycling Committee Dec. 1, 1997."

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