Curators approve design of U-Center

Three years away

by Scott Lamer

Editor in chief

(Uwa, Mo.)—The Board of Curators approved on

Friday a $30 million structure tabbed as the "one-stop

shop" on campus.

Architects for the U-Center may now proceed with

completion of the final designs before UM-St. Louis

approves the plan.

Michael Kennedy of Kennedy Associates

presented the plan before the curators and described the

U-Center in detail.

He said Kennedy Associates, which worked in

conjunction with Chiodini Associates, tried to create a

building that "was user-friendly, festive and crowns a

master plan.

The first design objective was to energize the

image of the campus," Kennedy said. "The U-Center,

therefore, has to be a dramatic beacon that invites

wonderful students and faculty as they arrive on cam-

pus.

The new U-Center will not be in the valley between

parking lot E and George C.

Students walking the initials on the second floor

and immediately find themselves looking down into

the dining area and through a large, curved, two-

story glass.

Most of the building's exterior consists of brick

and glass. The green roof gives the student center what

Kennedy calls "character and vitality that set it apart

from Lucas and Clark Halls.

A 230-foot enclosed pedestrian bridge will span

the distance from the U-Center to the entries located

between Lucas and Clark Halls.

Internal features include a food court and sites for

women's center, Health Services and the Dis-

abled Student Center.

The second floor of the building in which much of

the health and welfare will take place.

Here, multi-level vistas will allow visitors to view

at quadrangle, which may include a large reflecting

pool (an added attraction called for within the

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Writer Becky Rickard has an "Deep in experience.

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State senator proposes tuition freeze

Says increases must come to a halt

by Bill Rudd

news associate

A state senator from St. Charles

says a message must be sent to

officials in higher education to stop sky-

rocketing tuition.

Sen. Minority Leader Steve

Ellinsman (R-3rd, St. Louis) recently in-

troduced an amendment that he says

will keep officials in higher educa-

tion from absorbing the $1,200 a year

credit prepared by Gov. Mel Carnahan.

If approved, the bill would limit

tuition increases in public colleges

and universities to the rate of inflation.

Ellinsman likened soaring tuition

costs to rising health care costs.

"Tuition has been rising at an aver-

age of 7.8 percent nationwide over

the past 20 years," Ellinsman said.

"When we had that type of in-

crease over that period of time for

health care, they called it a crisis.

At some point, we've got to decide

the cost of higher education.

"Ellinsman said university adminis-

trators have to learn to stay within a

budget. He said the maximum amount

of revenue bonds.

Tuition increases must come to a halt.

Besides the student center,

Kennedy said.

"One- stop shop" three years away

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The linguistic W 1-W plan to

expand Lambert Field's

future-aircraft hub.

The controversy over the

proposed $1,200 a year increase

in public colleges and universities.

"The W 1-W plan will be, in effect,

destroy the research mission of the

university," Schwartz said.

Kennedy said the plans claim

that if it is necessary to improve the

airport in order to maintain St. Louis' in

an airport hub.

Lambert Field's

runways cannot be used efficiently

because they are too close together.

This problem is raised in order to

create a new runway south and west

of the existing runways.

Schwartz from the research

mission of the university would be

impaired, he added.

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Bill Ayers, a sophomore liberal arts majer, is the loss-condemned (or pre-

time) running for IG, president.

Bb. Fitchey, the current unda,

said one other student has ap-

plied for vice president. As of

March 19, the applicant was quoting on

the Student Activities Office,

which checks the records of all who

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But even with that application,

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Fly by night

Hale-Bopp celestial goldmine for U observatory

by John Jones
features associate

Soft stellar music came to life on a Friday night or two weeks ago at the UM-St. Louis observatory. Everyone lived and took aim. It’s target was one of the brightest and most spectacular objects in the sky, the comet Hale-Bopp. The object lies on the northeastern horizon, just above the top of one of the campus’ evergreens. It looked like a bright star with a breathtaking trail of dust trailing it.

The observatory was open to the public, and many people were taking advantage of it. A long line stretched out from the small entrance to the dome. Outside, a smaller University-owned telescope tracked the comet as it swung above the horizon. Looking through the lens, many could see the comet’s golden-yellow crescent and some of the trailing dust and gas with remarkable clarity. The evening was warmer, and many visitors didn’t seem to bother the view very much.

Inside the University’s active research observatory, the dome-shaped visitor viewing area was the primary telescope. It is a large cylinder about three feet wide with a cable connecting it to electronic equipment. On a computer screen nearby was an image of the comet, a bright yellow object in the middle of the screen. Standing nearby, observing the view was Richard Schwartz, UM-St. Louis professor of physics and astronomy. Schwartz explained that during the observatory to the public often attract large crowds of enthusiasts, especially during major astronomical events like Hale-Bopp. He remembered how he and another professor were looking through the telescope as more and more visitors during the subsequent viewing.

Hale-Bopp took over 3,500 years to swing nearby and will not return for another two or half millennia. It was discovered on July 23, 1995, by Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp, thus the name “Hale-Bopp.” It is a very rare comet discovery, considering the comet has been glaring along its solar path since before written history. The first times to view the comet with telescopes, binoculars or even the naked eye, include the last part of this month and early April.

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Wicca, a pagan religion. “The purpose of the club is not to come together to worship,” explained Clawger. “It’s just one tradition that falls under the heading of paganism. The term was once used by early Christians to refer to persons who had not converted to Christianity. Modern-day pagans are people who follow alternative religious practices and do not strictly follow teachings of the first major world religions: Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism and Christianity. Some pagan traditions include Druidism, Norse, Celtic, Hindu-pagans, Christian-pagans, Hindu-pagans and Ottoman-pagans. Clawger received some help organizing the campus group through the Council for Alternative Spiritual Traditions (C.A.S.T.). This society is an umbrella organization for networking in the alternative spiritual community in the St. Louis area. Although members of the club are interested in exploring the diversity among minority religions, some upcoming sessions will examine the mystical and folk traditions of the major religions. Sidewalks at the New Cathedral on Sunday, March 10. UM-St. Louis professor Howard Schwartz will discuss Jewish folk tales from 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, in J.C. Penney Hall.

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Remember too, that many of them come from countries whose governments didn’t value any degree of civil disobedience. Show compassion and understanding whenever possible. If the door’s “closed,” knock incessantly, flash your bright lights and shake your fist in the window.

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Ford, Pitt deliver in The Devil's Own

by Nathaniel D. Schulte
entertainment editor

Harrison Ford has been my favorite actor ever since The Fugitive and starring in a indie picture titled in The Devil's Own. Though it's probably not his best movie, he still managed to give a meaningful and believable performance. The story begins in 1972 when young Frankie McGuire, an eighth-grade Northern Irish maiden, sees her father shot in cold blood at the dinner table by a couple of random intruders. Jump 20 years to 1992 in Belfast where Frankie (Brad Pitt) has now become a skilled operative for the Irish Republican Army. The rest of the movie follows a dressed attempt by British intelligence to capture Frankie and his cohorts.

Next we jump to New York City the following year. A younger-looking, clean-shaven  Frankie McGuire has now turned up there. He is released on Rotty Devaney, a young Irish transplant sponsored by the kindly Judge Peter Fitzsimmons (George Howard), a secret Irish loyalist. The Judge decides in place Rotty with the family of Tom O'Meara (Harrison Ford), a police sergeant and long-time friend.

Rotty's room would look all day one same man in a ski mask break into the O'Meara house and killing several, voice actor Rotty's basement dwelling. Suspecting this of Tom, Tom decides to search Rory's room while he's away and discovers in the bag of money Rory has stacked below a floor board in the basement bedrooms.

Under the suspicions that Rotty is really IRA operative and in using the money to buy arms, Tom decides to search Rory. Rory escapes and kills Tom's partner, Edie (Ruben Blades). At the hospital where Edie is pronounced dead, Tom is introduced to the same British intelligence agent who shot down and killed all of Frankie's fellow unit members and is now cornered Tom is hiding Frankie. After deciding that the British need to kill Rotty rather than arrest him, Tom decides to must arrest Rotty himself, for his own protection.

Though I personally think Harrison Ford is the best actor out there, Brad Pitt certainly shows himself strong as well. Pitt shows promise of becoming one of the best actors. Though it's not the best film I've ever seen and has a couple of slow spots, it is certainly entertaining and worth the ticket price.

Sister Hazel adds to list of grassroots greats

Sister Hazel's debut, Somewhere More Familiar, released in February, is a unique blend of grassroots favorites and intelligent lyrics. Hailing from Gainesville, Fla., Schulte has a strong local following.

In fact, before the group released Somewhere More Familiar on Universal Records, it released two independent albums. Both CDs sold out quickly. If Sister Hazel's local popularity is a predictor, Somewhere More Familiar should become a hit.

It is a collection of songs that flow smoothly together. The CD has an organic feel which immediately draws your attention.

The first single is "All For You," a love song that incorporates many different sounds. "Superman" and "You Remember" are also catchy tunes. The CD on the whole is easy listening with a positive vibe.

Sister Hazel sounds similar to Dog Eye's View and Belleville na-tives Son Volt and Wilco. I would say, however, that Sister Hazel has a softer tone than Dog Eye's View.

If you enjoy any of the previously mentioned bands or are into the grassroots scene, I think you will enjoy Somewhere More Familiar from Sister Hazel.

(Matthew Raguesberger)
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by Brian Foslem
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis women’s softball team has started the season off on the right note as it is returning from Florida with a 4-3 record. The Rivernwomen were originally scheduled to play 10 games, but three were postponed due to rain.

“Picked up the season strong, but we were weakened by rain,” he said. “We need to eat to stay down on the field if we are going to be successful.”

Kennedy said that he felt that the pitchers did a great job, especially juniors Diana Mouney and Nicholas Luczak.

“Dianna pitched very well, but she doesn’t have much to show for it because she didn’t get very good defense behind her,” Kennedy said.

Mouney did not give up any runs with a 4.74 ERA and a 1-3 record. One of the Rivernwomen’s victories was over conference rival St. Louis. Everything went according to Kennedy, as the Rivernwomen won a major conference title.

“St. Joseph’s is going to be the toughest opponent when conference play starts, and it is good to know that we could beat them,” Kennedy said. “The Rivernwomen won the game 2-1.”

Although the offense was shaky, Kennedy said that it did improve the course of the trip.

“We struggled offensively, but we got better,” he said.

Kennedy said that he was especially impressed with the play of junior catcher Audrey Kramme, Mouney and freshmen catcher Tara Print.

“Audrey was intimidating on both offense and behind the plate. Diana drove the ball well at the plate and pitched very well, and Sarah was impressive offensively,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy noted that the rest of the team struggled for most of the part, but they will continue to improve.

The Rivernwomen’s recordagara at 3.5. The Rivernwomen games before heading to Florida. It split a doubleheader with Lindenwood on March 4, then lost to Quincy 3-0 on March 6.

But we have worked hard up to this point, and if our bats come around and we get solid defense, I am sure that we will be the difference,” Kennedy said.

**Few pitchers to carry burden for baseball**

by Ken Dunkin
sports editor

The Rivernmen baseball team has to deal with only having six pitchers and other teams taming the Rivernmen.

“During this spring, we’ve had some tough out­nings. We tend to face some tough tasks. The2 Rivernwomen record after a season and decade filled with wins.

“We go out to win,” he said. “We have been successful.

“We’ve had some tough matches, things. It says a lot about the balance we have from top to bottom. But I keep thinking, what are we lacking? Are they for real?”

They team has picked up their way through the first month of games. They are averaging around six runs per game.

“We know Dan Chienschi and Todd Schanfary are real, but the other people, they have to prove their worth,” Sevareid said.

One of the team’s new players that has been an asset to the Rivernmen, a second baseman/short­stop, has been a key pitcher of this up, said the guy, said. “The Rivernmen have started the season with no losses.

“You’ve got to be able to control things. It says a lot about the balance we have from top to bottom. But I keep thinking, what are they lacking? Are they for real?”

The pitcher’s staff has only two players returning. Andy

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"I could be done for the season as he has had arm problems since the Florida trip two weeks ago. That was 7-0 last season and should be the number of the stuff."

"Our pitching staff is really going to have to step up," Schmidt said. "We’ve only got about six or seven players." The line up isn’t a problem for the Rivermen. It’s just pitching staff is really good. They are such over­achievers that we expect to win every time we step on the field. We can score eight runs. We’re in a little dead period now but in time we will come out of it."

"We’ve got to focus on defense in the game, the worst game we were in the first and third innings. We gave them too many outs that account for ten runs," Brady said. "We’re at each over­achiever that we expect to win every time we step on the field. We tend to dwell on our losses more than our wins because we expect to win. Good teams strive for that feeling."

Despite the loss the team had good momentum coming into the strike area. That is where winners are put together on the mound and in the field. In the strike area the pitcher was throwing a fastball. They waited and got their batter up, and Eric Blaha let a fly ball drop which eventually led to several runs. Schmidt didn’t get ahead of anyone."

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Rivermen split with IP-Ft. Wayne
by Ken Dunkin sports editor

The Rivermen baseball team split their first Great Lakes Valley Conference match up in school history last Saturday. The Rivermen, 1-1 and 1-1 in the GLVC, defeated IP-Ft. Wayne in the first game 10-9. Jeremy Birdea threw a seven inning complete game. He struck out nine runners. That is where winners are put together on the mound and in the field. In the strike area the pitcher was throwing a fastball. They waited and got their batter up, and Eric Blaha let a fly ball drop which eventually led to several runs. Schmidt didn’t get ahead of anyone.

"We came out focused in the first game. The second game we were dragging. We were seconds behind on everything."

"We’ve got to get focused," Schmidt said. "They have to act like they want to be here. We need to get our intensity to go up. We’re in a little rough period now but in time we will come out of it."

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until the contractor's submit their bids. 

"Nothing's a done deal until the construction bids come in," he said. "But if the latest cost estimates are accurate, the bridge is it." 

Krueger said if the bid comes in too high, the bridge will be the first thing the Chancellor cuts.

"I'm working at it," she said. "I'm just sitting in my office looking out the window."

The cost to students...

When the U-Center opens, which is projected to be before the start of the winter 2000 semester of all good will, students will be assessed an additional $6.65 for the student activity fee. With a $12-hour cap, the maximum amount a student would pay per semester is $72.60.

The students agreed to pay the fee in a referendum two years ago. At that time, they voted overwhelmingly in favor of building a new student center, with 72 percent of the 936 voters marking "yes."

In the early stages of planning for a new student center, the concept was to renovate the existing University Center. However, in the Masterplan study completed in 1995 by ROG Barrett Dilts Brainard and Associates, it was confirmed that renovating the current U-Center could not meet the needs of students as spelled out in numerous student focus groups, surveys and interviews conducted by the consulting firm.

Not exactly a sure ...

Despite the minister's "two-step shopping" for students, the new center will not be able to house every student service and organizational unit. Because of space constraints (the structure is not at 100,000 sq. ft.), the International Student Organization and Counseling Services will not make it into the building.

"The building just wasn't big enough to put everyone we wanted in," he said.

"That's not just sitting in our office looking out the window."

Finalists for human resources director to be interviewed. The three finalists for director of Human Resources will visit campus individually from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the following dates:

- March 21, 7:58 J.C. Penney: Conducts meetings with deans and staff for a brief question-and-answer session.
- March 22, 7:58 J.C. Penney: Conducts a meeting with the faculty's grievance committee to discuss its proposals.
- March 23, 7:58 J.C. Penney: Conducts a meeting with the faculty's grievance committee to discuss its proposals.

New student orientations to be no-conference again. A presentation titled, "Meeting the Island's Two Percentages of New Student Students," will be conducted from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 25 in Room 74 of the U-Center Building. This time it will be to approve the contractor.

Finalists for university controller...