New software makes advising more efficient

by Bill Holts staff writer

Degree auditors and other academic-related information is stored for students thanks to a new Degree Audit Reporting System. Judy Young, assistant administrator of DARS, said, "The program itself is a student-centered software program, and it is the premier degree audit system in the United States." With 200 institutions in the United States now on this particular software.

Other features of the system include access to transcript data, GPA calculations, delayed grades and grade modifications as well as proper registration advisement. Much of this information can be obtained by using the Student Terminal Access and Registration (TARUMSL), allowing students to view DARS register for classes and update their address and biographical information. Presently, the TARUMSL interface is being labeled as a "wish list" program as it is more user-friendly for students. DARS is also adding the feature of "window-shopping" which allows students to change their majors of five view and their degree programs in another major.

Other enhancements to DARS include the ability to view NCOA, transcript and course survey requests. At a meeting in late September, it was found that a major priority would be minimizing errors in the student's academic record. Unfortunately, the DARS staff has been unable to accomplish this because of the inability to produce 100-percent accurate reports. Since DARS is not intended to replace student contact with advisors, it includes a statement explaining that the report may be flawed and it is up to each advisor to discuss options with students.

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Boon or Bane:  
Increased usage creates challenges for some, problems for others  
by Mary Lindheult  

While some personnel in campus computing tout the benefits of improved computer resources, others say that improvements to services brings new challenges.  

"It's a balancing act," said Jerold Siegel, coordinator of campus computing. "When fewer people yet get as many computers as ever can use, it is fair, but minimizes the amount of money you spend on maintenance and staff and gas and things fixed is in a timely way.  

Siegel said there are approximately 3,000 desktop computers on campus, with about 700 computers for the students and the remainder for faculty and support staff. Two technicians and two student assistants provide repair and maintenance for all the computers.  

Kevin Stagl, manager of instructional computing, says the number of breakdowns of computer in student labs and classrooms has decreased "dramatically" since the replacement of over 200 computers last semester.  

The replacement is so minimal now, it's almost an easy job for the students. "We've been interested. "The new machines are functioning extremely well."  

"Some student complaints have decreased for students in the past.  

"One of the problems we have for the year or two before this semester was the machines weren't very good," Siegel said.  

Siegel said the task of repairing the older computers has become easier with the addition of the new ones.  

"Instead of everywhere on campus, they're in one or two places, so we can concentrate on our efforts," Siegel said.  

Siegel said he was pleased with the repair time for student computers. "We've been averaging about seven hours from the time they're reported until the time they're repaired," Siegel said.  

Siegel said students in Administrative Computing, the addition of new computers has helped them with the challenge of balancing human resources with technical resources.  

The situation stems from an initiative by Chancellor Blanche Touhill to provide all full-time faculty and staff members with computers. While the number of desktop computers has increased, the number of workers providing technical support has remained stable.  

"Resources haven't increased as much as demanded," Siegel said. "We've had three people a couple of years ago, and we have them now."  

Michael Antinone, associate computer support professional, "It's a challenge to try to find ways to help people do their jobs."  

Problems hinder computer programming contest  

by Becky Zagurski  

Eighty-one teams from area colleges recently competed in a programming contest sponsored by Computing Machinery. Thirteen of the teams competed at UM-St. Louis, one of the mid-central host sites.  

The contest was part of the regional competition.  

Two top teams from each of the 12 local sites in the mid-central region qualified for the two top sites in Atlanta. UM-St. Louis and the Missouri-St. Louis campus will represent the region will go to the national competition.  

Some teams' computers would not save programs to the floppy disk and they eventually had to move to a different floppy disk.  

The contest was five hours long. Many teams in the contest did not solve the first problem till the end of the contest, Bhatia said.  

The point of the contest was to write computer programs in order to solve problems.  

Each team was given the same five problems to solve. Each team submitted an "awards" answer, it was given 20 minutes plus on their score.  

The objective of the contest was to solve all the problems in the least amount of time.  

An example of a problem was a bug in trying to climb up from the bottom of a wall.  

After the bug climbs so far, it slides back down so many inches.  

Each team had to write a program that would solve the question of how long it took the bug to reach the top of the wall.  

Each team wrote two programs. Division one consisted of undergraduate students. Division two consisted of both graduate and undergraduate students.  

Teams are expected to add modems until 1988.  

"I'm really proud of what they've done with it," Siegel said.  

Another possible reason could be that the software installation instructions have not been user friendly.  

Siegel said over the summer computing rewrites the installation instructions. The format is now a handout style and has graphics.  

"It's my real pride of what they've done with it," Siegel said.  

Another possible reason is that the Internet services offered by UM-St. Louis are not as robust as some of the commercial operations like America Online. AOL offers direct links to games and chat rooms. The University's system does not offer these direct links, so people have to go through a menu in order to look for them on the Internet. Siegel said.  

A final reason for the lack of use could be because students don't know the service is available.  

Stegel laughed and said, "Don't argue with it. I've enjoyed not having a busy signal in the last six months."  

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Our Opinion

How needs deep pockets for center

by Troy Nash

The year 2004 has clearly been a difficult one for the University of Missouri's student body. Not only did we lose one of our own, but the recent events at the University of Iowa have brought to light the issues of student democracy and the effectiveness of university administration. It is clear that the student voice must be heard in the decision-making process of the university.

The next student curator must carry torch

Troy Nash, our current student curator, has been an effective and passionate advocate for the student body. Under his leadership, the student voice has been heard in the decision-making process of the university. However, with the departure of Nash, it is crucial that the student voice continue to be heard.

The role of the student curator is not only to represent the student body, but also to serve as a liaison between the student body and the university administration. The student curator must be someone who is willing to work with the administration to bring about positive change and also to represent the student voice in the decision-making process.

We suggest that the student community work together to select a replacement for Nash who can carry on the torch of student advocacy. It is important that the replacement be someone who is dedicated to the cause of student democracy and who is willing to work with the administration to bring about positive change.

In conclusion, the role of the student curator is crucial to the success of the student body. We urge the student community to work together to select a replacement for Nash who can carry on the torch of student advocacy.

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Anonymity not necessarily a bad thing

by Jake Parker

Anonymity is often a valued aspect of communication in a democracy. It allows individuals to express their opinions without fear of retribution. It is a necessary component of a healthy democracy.

However, the use of anonymity can also be a double-edged sword. While it allows individuals to express their opinions without fear of retribution, it also allows individuals to spread misinformation and to engage in cyberbullying.

In conclusion, anonymity is not necessarily a bad thing. It is a necessary component of a healthy democracy. However, it is important that individuals use anonymity responsibly and do not use it as a tool for spreading misinformation or engaging in cyberbullying.

Movie reviewers miss point of Boogie Nights

by Matt Regan

The recent film, Boogie Nights, has been met with mixed reviews. While it is true that the film is not a good movie, it is not a bad movie either. The film is actually a parody of the adult film industry, and it is clear from the film's structure and themes.

Regan argues that the film is "unfunny...except for occasional, odd moments of unease."

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Local write overrule for recent attention

David Carlson, one young specialist in political science, has recently written an article in which he argues that the University of Missouri's administration is not acting in the best interests of the students. Carlson's article has been met with mixed reviews.

Carlson claims that the administration is not acting in the best interests of the students. He argues that the administration is more interested in protecting its own interests than in the interests of the students.

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Starship Troopers

By Joel Feria

Starship Troopers is about humans in the future and how they would have been extremely difficult to bear the stage. At the concert, U2 played a set from the second stage. This also helped to set the atmosphere to the Edge speaking. The show, taken as a whole, is about the movie Starship Troopers. The lead actors are among the best of this poor movie, with Patrick Harris being the best of this poor show. There were flying bugs, attack bugs, the brain bug and baby bugs. All of them were impressive. It got quite annoying. The way the movie jumped back in time and repeated a scene or two, the whole movie could have been considered as a rerun device for the Federation, which is in the starship's version of the military.

Starship Troopers failed to impress me, much less get me excited. It didn't live up to the hype and the publishing that Tristar Pictures wants us to believe. If you want to see incredible special effects, then I would recommend it, but it you want to see more than just one aspect of a movie, rent Star Wars.

The battle scenes are just plain fantastic. The special effects are unbelievable. Who could have imagined how realistic the special effects artists could make droves of bugs look. There were flying bugs, attack bugs, the brain bug and baby bugs. All of them were amazing.

Between the fight scenes, however, the movie left a lot to be desired. Let me rephrase that, it left everything to be desired. The problems began with the cast, none of them can act. Neil Patrick Harris was the best of this poor crowd.

Then there are the little commercials thrown in here and there. They're supposed to be little updates, but they came across like infomercials.
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People should look at their current job and decide if it adds to their skills while in college because it is convenient or because they make a lot of money, said Kettler. Kettler finds it hard to get a job in a field of study if you have not used your degree during that period you graduated, Kettler said.

Many employers are looking for students who have done internships or volunteer work, said Kettler. Experience is about $8.90 per hour, and about $8.25 per hour for university and technology majors. Laid-off workers said a study conducted by a number of students had preconceived notions of career services. Staff members need to write things like, "I want a job that will allow me to use my degree and if it offers good pay and advancement opportunities, that would be ideal," said Kettler. Therefore, experience is the long term payoff.

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Another key to getting career experience is to start early in your academic career. Many employers prefer interns who stake out 30 to 50 hours, some employers would make an exception for freshmen, Kettler said. "Think in terms of what you can do for the company."

Some students make the mistake of hanging onto their non-degree-related jobs while in college. Many students think in terms of what the company can do for them, instead of what they can do for the company. One place where this attitude is noticeable is in the valuable work experience that is the long term payoff.

The team was led by Beth Ernst. Beeler started 11 games, played 911 minutes and had 45 saves while posting a 1.98 goals against average. Fanchak Kevin McCarthy (5-3) was named this year when Beeler was out as his regular goalkeeper.

The team then played Northern Kentucky University Nov. 9 and won 3-1. The team was led by Beth Ernst who contributed two goals and Cami Marine who added another. Northern Kentucky scored eight shots against eight games, played 794 minutes, and had 44 saves while recording one shutout. Beeler said that the players should be more prepared next season.

Freshman Michelle Huston led the team with nine kills, Susan Giaggetta had 13 total attempts, and Kimmie Haida had five block assists. They stuck it out and ended up making the conference tournament.

The team was scheduled to begin play in the GLVC tournament Nov. 15 against IUPUI St. Waine in Highland Heights, Ky.
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Students, faculty search for answers to indifference, racism

Discussion pitpoints responsibility among each segment of campus community.

by Jerry Weller

A handful of students, faculty and administration spurred源于 countertops negång from apathy to action at a recent brown bag luncheon.

Most of the input came from the Department of Student Affairs

"I came to find out what plans faculåry and staff had to encourage student organizations (3 or part of)," Weller said.

Weller said he was particularly concerned with plans related to student involvement and student retention at U-M. He also expressed concerns over students' waiting time and student playing cards instead of studying.

"As a student, I saw potential and say," Weller added.

Multicultural Relations director Owen Packard said retention of students must center on a combination of academics and personal caring.

"Student need to be familiar with at least one race," Packard said. "We have to retain the concerns. Academic concerns are key to retention.

Packard described several efforts to get students to attend services intended to improve academic performance. Packard taught in her sophomore year to get card games with promises of how she clicks, but only two students arrive after the game.

Weller said much of his problem with retaining students centered on a lack of caring by faculty.

"We're in a place that we don't keep getting a lot of people on campus," Weller said. "They make no effort to hide that they are thinking about their research rather than the students. Anyone...

Fred Baum will speak here Thursday, at 1:30 PM.

Normandy resident Frank Days has been selected for the following budget training sessions: Monday at 12:30 PM and Friday at 6:00 PM.

"I've been a member of the Normandy School District Board.

Southwestern Bell telephone has announced that the cost of a call from a pay-on-the-spot directory assistance call will be 25 cents. The charge will occur over the next few weeks.

The Office of Student Activities is sponsoring Holiday Feast from Dec. 1 to 5. Donations of non-perishable food and personal products can be made in the University Center Lobby for delivery to the North Side Food Pantry. Also, a Community Reception will be held by campus student leaders on Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. The reception will include refreshments and the decorating of the Holiday Tree.

Frank Days

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