Asbestos abatement in Mark Twain near completion

Building's entrances should reopen today

By BOB FITZGERALD
special to The Current

Removal of fibers that contain asbestos in the Mark Twain building should be completed by today, so that all of the usual entrances can re-open.

“Sheltering under a storm of delays, said Jim Hickerson of UM-St. Louis’ Environmental Health and Safety Office.

“There have been slowdowns, but (May 4) is all the planned finishing date,” Hickerson said.

Although asbestos has been banned in the United States for use in construction since 1986, it is removed from existing structures “only as a burden a problem, or when new construction would damage it,” Hickerson said.

Asbestos facts

It’s in there

Older buildings like: Mark Twain and Staller

It isn’t in there

Newer buildings like: Computer Center Building and Center for Molecular Electronics

A technician involved in the asbestos abatement at Mark Twain talks a breathless relationship to sealed off areas of the building.

“Is so relatively little danger unless it is mixed into asbestos dust,” Brown said.

Asbestos dust, containing microscopic fibers from three to 100 microns in length, can become airborne and be inhaled into the lungs, causing scarring tissue and causing cancer,” Brown said.

Hickerson cautioned that “all the current asbestos on campus” has some asbestos in it, primarily as pipe-wrap- ing or fire insulation in floor tiles.

According to Brown, “asbestos abatement is not only indicative of a problem.”

Sometimes asbestos is removed to facilitate construction, in part of ongoing operations and maintenance, or to prevent future problems.

ISO marks week of campus diversity

By ROSSAND PITMAN
special to The Current

To long attention to UM-St. Louis’ diverse campus, the International Students Organization, along with other campus organizations sponsored International Week in late April.

Events such as Midniht, a Fashion show and an international basket be held April 20 through 25 to increase international awareness on campus.

According to Dana Cipriano, a member of ISO, the objective of the annual event is to show the student body to the international students on campus.

The main purpose is for the students on campus and international students, to get to know each other and their customs and cultures.

The diversity on campus is extensive, consisting of students from France, Norway, Germany, India, China, Russia, Ukraine and Romania.

The wide range of cultures and customs sometimes creates confusion for students dealing with other cultures.

Lynn Williamson, a UM-St. Louis alumnus, volunteers time with members of ISO answering any questions they may have on American customs.

As a student, Williamson noticed the lack of communication between American and international students.

“I noticed that American students, especial­ly this year, are in a hurry to get their jobs or their own class. When she had rings they bolted out the door. So they didn’t

Senate approves new degree

Communication will get master’s program

By Brian Dobson
special to The Current

The University Senate voted Tuesday to approve the creation of a master of arts degree in communication.

According to the proposal submitted to the senate, the program will emphasize organizational and mass communication.

The proposal said the degree program will help employment needs of local Missouri businesses and media agencies by providing, within committing distance of the campus, professional degrees in communication.

While David Ganz, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Instruction, acknowledged the state of the debate about the program may have hit political origins, he said he felt most of the concerns were related to budgetary matters.

Ganz said other degree related matters approved by senate included a change to the masters of music education program to place more emphasis on teaching rather than performances, and changes to the B.S. of nursing program to make its insurance more reflective of the standards of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

There was also changes in approval of the discipline of psychology program, the creation of new minors in the School of Business Administration, the addition to an interest option for the MBA and the creation of a new Labor Studies Certificate Program.

In their memory

Vicki Chiaranta, near left, cousin of Doug Garrett; and Katy Garrett, right, sister of Doug Garrett sing a hymn at the memorial service.

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The service also featured a candle-lighting ceremony in which one candle is lighted for each of the 12 people being remembered.

Atendees were also given an oppor­tunity to speak about the family members or friends who were or are still there.

Christina Green, a UM-St. Louis student who worked at the University’s child day care center, was remembered by her mother, Mark, Kristina Green, who was killed in the bus crash at the St. Louis Circuit MetroLink Station in June, was remem­bered by her husband for “the grace she had in all circumstances.”

Green, Hywari among those remembered in annual memorial service

By Mary Lindsey

UM-St. Louis students, faculty and staff members who died during the last year were remembered in a memorial service at the South Campus Residence Chapel on Wednesday.

Our two dozen family members, friends and colleagues attended the annual service, sponsored by Campus Ministry.

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Food Service gets fresh vision with new leader

by Mary Lindsey

Visions to the Underground and the Cove can expect to see improved service and added dining features in the coming months, according to the new director of food service.

George Schmidt, who took over as director last month, was one of his priorities to improve customer service and deal with food service employees.

"I know we have had some problems in the past," Schmidt said. "I'm hoping that we'll have two solid weeks of getting all our new employees that will give them the proper attitude and perspective about customers."

Schmidt also plans to address customers' concerns over pre-prepared food by offering more made-to-order items at the Cruiser's venue in the Underground.

"The more people we appreciate the more, and they won't mind waiting a few minutes for something that's theirs," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said he plans to re-evaluate the current offerings in both the Underground and the Cove at the beginning of the summer. He said that months have been busy, and they won't mind waiting a few minutes for something that's theirs.

During the summer, the Underground will reopen in a more limited schedule, from 1:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Cove will be open only for evening and special events until August, when it opens for dinner service.

Schmidt attributed the decision of the Cove to a shortage of customers over the summer.

"There just a few people that support it religiously, but we can't maintain just that number of people," Schmidt said.

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make friends with international students." Williamson said. "International students are often international students. They arrive here and don't know our culture... they need to learn to interpret American culture."

American students are not the only ones at fault. International students also play a part in the lack of campus communication according to ISO member Rachel Takeman.

"I think that the international students have some guilt because we believe that there are Americans at UM-St. Louis don't have any interest in us," Takeman said. "I think that the international students also play a part in the lack of campus communication. They arrive here and don't know our culture... they need to learn to interpret American culture."

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By Bill Harrison

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KarenAnonymous

Two years later it has come to my notice that administrators higher up the food chain have given me a flogging, we're not the only ones that have, at the risk of sounding too跋奸肆 nearest neighbor, mouth the life of a good neighbor.

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The Current
By Ken Dunikin

sports writer

With the conference tournament on the way, the Rivermen basketball team has made a serious move to play better games of the season.

The Rivermen completed a sweep of Belhaven University in the opening round, scoring by 55-47 in the first round and 52-40 in the second game.

The team is now looking forward to the divisional playoffs, which begin on April 15.

By Ken Dunikin

sports writer

The Rivermen have been getting the better of their opponents in recent weeks.

In their last five games, the team has scored 10 more points than their opponents.

On the season, the team is averaging 88.6 points per game.

In a recent game against the University of Memphis, the team scored 94 points, breaking their previous record.

But the team is not content with just improving on their past season. They have set their sights on winning a conference title.

The team is currently ranked fourth in the conference standings.

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The women’s basketball team has been working hard to improve their performance.

In recent games, the team has shown significant improvement, scoring more points and playing better defense.

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**FREDE**

breasts. She has no muscle in her abdomen, although this somat- her she has surgery scheduled which may wrap around muscles from her back to her stomach.  

As for this ailment Fred’s surgery, she was unable to eat for 201 days. Fortunately, she’s now back on track and eating normally. The only thing that disagrees with her are soup products.

"I think the doctors thought she was up pretty well if I can have Taco Bell," Fred said.

In all, Fred has had 15 surgeries and lost 10 pounds. April '98 was her most recent surgery, in which doctors removed the fat from her right arm.  

Fred credits her survival to her age and good physical condition. "Seat belts do save lives. If Jason and I hadn’t been wearing them, we wouldn’t be here," Fred said.  

"But if we do have seat belts, they have to fit us correctly. They shouldn’t cause injury."  

Fred is currently getting her message out. She is planning to travel to Jefferson City with Missouri to go before the state legislature and talk about the seat belt issue. In late May, Laser’s Home Journal is sending a reporter to New York to interview Fred and her mother.  

"The more people I make aware, the sooner the legislature will do something about it," Fred said. "And people in the automotive industry can start thinking about a new design (for seat belts)."  

Jason returned to school on time with his classmates, fulfilling a goal he had set for himself in early May. He is now out of his wheelchair and not only walking, but hopefully living his dreams again next year.  

All Fred is most definitely living. She is getting back into her normal routine, slowly but surely. All is currently finishing up the UM-St. Louis classes she missed last summer, and is registered for the fall semester. She plans to take a well-deserved sabbatical this summer. She is thinking about a new design for seat belts.
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