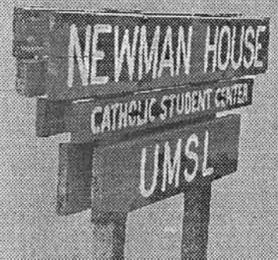




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New UPB director chosen

BY ASHLEY COOK
senior editor

A new director was selected last week for the University Program Board.

Carrie Mowen, a transfer student in her second year at UM-St. Louis who is majoring in anthropology and Spanish, was chosen for the directorship.

Mowen said that one of her goals for the first UPB meeting under her directorship, scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m., was to have the committee chairs write their ideas down and also to get some programs started.

"That's the way the board in theory is supposed to work with the committee chairs getting with committee members and brainstorming," Mowen said. "With that I take [the ideas] to Don [McCarty] and tell him about it and get approval from him."

Mowen said that she wanted the board to operate as intended, with the chairs coming up with ideas themselves.

"I want to be there for everybody, but I'm not supposed to be part of the programming," Mowen said. "I want the individual committee chairs to work on programming."

Mowen said that she had been working

with the board since mid-August, and that she has been involved in a program that would provide free transportation and admission to events for UM-St. Louis students.

"This summer I was working with the Experience St. Louis committee chair, and I have 5 or 6 venues set up for this semester," Mowen said.



Mowen

According to Mowen, there are currently 30 tickets purchased for each Experience St. Louis event, and a \$10 deposit is required. She said that there wasn't as much student involvement as there should be.

"I don't know if it is lack of interest or we're not presenting it enough or publicizing it well enough," Mowen said. "We require a \$10 deposit and when they come to pick up their tickets at the bus, they get the \$10 back."

Mowen said that the decision to apply for director was a hard one, but that she was looking forward to working with the people in the Student Activities office.

"The people on the board are fun, and are

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Faculty Council raises concerns over Performing Arts Center funding

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS
staff editor

The Faculty Council announced at last Tuesday's senate meeting that it will make discussion of the potential impact of the proposed Performing Arts Center its first priority.

Dennis Judd, presiding officer of the faculty council, said the discussion will be conducted "in the spirit of finding information so that people can make informed decisions" about the center.

The impetus for the discussions stemmed from the operating forecast for the proposed center put together by AMS Planning & Research.

The report outlined four major points which it described as "leading concerns" expressed at the July 8 meeting of the senate Budget and Planning committee. The first of these concerns as listed in the report is the source of revenue to cover the differences between the facility's projected annual income and expenditures.

"Even under the best-case scenario, it

will cost more to run the center than the projected revenue, and several of the sources of revenues are items that need to be carefully considered by the campus community," Judd said.

The report states that a continuing budgetary increase from the state expected to cover a portion of the deficit may not be available. It says that there had been indications that state funding would be proportional to the extent that the proposed center is used for educational activities. According to the report, the limited amount of use time scheduled for academic student activities may jeopardize some of the state funding.

The report also questions the extent of the facility's use for commercial rentals.

The second item of concern listed in the report was the absence of estimates for start-up costs of the proposed Center. The AMS operational forecast was for what it described as a "base year

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NEWS FROM ALL OVER

Hackers hit LSU computer system

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU students experiencing problems with e-mail accounts and Internet access during the first few weeks of school may have computer hackers to thank for it.

"We're seeing all kind of hacker activity," said Ronald Hay, executive director of the Office of Computing Services.

During the first two weeks of classes, the University experienced problems with Internet access and some e-mail accounts due to hackers, Hay said.

Approximately 150 accounts were compromised. The e-mail accounts which experienced the problems were Unix accounts, mostly held by graduate students and faculty, said Brian Ropers-Huilman, systems analyst.

The hacked accounts belonged to students who used easy-to-decipher passwords for logging in.

The initial intrusion occurred at the beginning of June. The hacker accessed accounts allowing him to link to other accounts, Ropers-Huilman said. "It took them to NASA, it took them to Cornell, to IBM, Washington State," he said. And LSU was reflected as the place where the intrusion was coming from.

Some of the accounts intruded upon had not been used frequently, Hay said.

"The most attractive account is an inactive account," Hay said.

Although most of the intrusions were not destructive, they were intrusive, Ropers-Huilman said.

"What we saw here this summer was a rash of activity that was broader in scope than we had ever seen," Hay said.

An attack was used during registration to overload the system, Ropers-Huilman said.

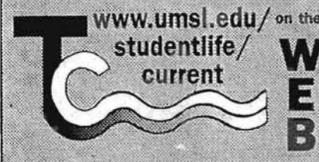
"Somebody targeted us as well as the University of Nebraska," he said. "Their system went down, too. As far as I'm aware, we have not had ... [an] attack since the fall semester has started."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was brought in to work with the University on prosecuting some of the campus violations, Hay said.

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EXPO: Organizations and groups distribute information while students enjoy a free meal at the Chancellor's Picnic

BY ASHLEY COOK
senior editor

This year's EXPO and Chancellor's Picnic attracted more students than last year, and both events were called a success by administrators and students.

Chancellor Blanche Touhill said that she was pleased with both the student turnout and the general atmosphere.

"We're trying to build a community of students, and a community of scholars, and I really have a sense of excitement at the picnic today," Touhill said. "I've seen many more students here than I did in previous years, and I am just delighted."

The EXPO and Picnic were held in the Alumni Circle and adjoining areas last Wednesday, running from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., closing for a short break, and then opening again from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Services offered hamburgers, chicken, chips, cookies, and sodas all free as part of the Chancellor's Picnic. Ice cream was also available, and was served to the students by faculty members. Many students stayed well past the 1 p.m. closing time as interest in the Student Activity booths continued.

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Jack Nelson was in line for the free lunch and said that he thought there were more students attending the event this year than last.

"I think it is wonderful, especially to have so many students here," Nelson said. "I think there's more than last year, and I hope people will pay attention [to the booths] and sign up."

Student Services Coordinator Don McCarty that there were 40 Student Activity booths for EXPO, plus 5 extra tables.

"A good 80 percent of those have two organizations or departments in them," McCarty said.

McCarty said at EXPO that it was a success, and that students were getting involved.

"They're interacting with the booths and that's what we want," McCarty said. "The Chancellor's picnic seems to be going well. I think overall this has been the most fantastic EXPO we've had."

Student Jennifer Reavis said that she liked the booths and



what they had to offer.

"I liked all the free stuff. I didn't really try any of the other food, but I tried some of the cotton candy," Reavis said.

Gloria Schultz, director of business and management services, said during the picnic that there was good student attendance.

"The crowd came out around 11 o'clock and we have had a good crowd ever since," Schultz said. "People seem to really be enjoying themselves."

Freshman Pre-med major Blair Eason said that she was disappointed by the small number of games available.

"When I read the [sheet about EXPO] it was kind of misleading," Eason said. "I thought there was going to be more games."

Activities were available to students on the grass between the circle and the Thomas Jefferson library, including a combat game performed on padded pedestals, Dance Team performance

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TOP: Connie Fournier of the Education Department and Deborah Kettler of Career Services help serve ice cream at Wednesday's Expo. FAR LEFT: Willard Malone of Food Service Consultants cooks chicken and hamburgers for the Chancellor's picnic. LEFT: Chancellor Blanche Touhill with Joe Rottman of Campus Computing and his son, Patrick Rottman.

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Bulletin Board

Put it on the Board: The Current Events Bulletin Board is a service provided free of charge to all student organizations and University departments and divisions. Deadline for submissions to The Current Events Bulletin Board is 5 p.m. every Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all submissions be posted at least two weeks prior to the event. Send submissions to: Todd Appel, 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63121 or fax 516-6811. All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, Sept. 14

- Institute for Women's and Gender Studies Governing Board Meeting** from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 325 Lucas Hall, Evening College Conference Room. Contact: IWGS, 5581 or 6383.
- Calling ALL organizations: Hunger Awareness Week planning meeting** at 1 p.m. at the Newman Center, 8200 Natural Bridge Rd. Contact: Betty, 385-3455.
- Monday Noon Series "War and Peace in the Horn of Africa"** is the topic of Ruth Iyob, assistant professor of political science and a fellow in the Center for international Studies at UM-St. Louis. She will discuss her research in the Horn. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- Chemistry Club Meeting** in 451 Benton Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact: Kevin Edelman, 878-5977.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

- International Seminar: "Canada-U.S. Relations"** given by Hon. J. Christopher Poole, Consul General of Canada from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the McDonnell Conference Room, 331 SSB. Contact: Center for International Studies, 5753.

- Biological Society Meeting** at 12:30 p.m. in 111 Benton Hall. Anyone is welcome. Contact: 6438.
- Career Resource Center Open House** from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free Food and Refreshments and Career Information will be provided in 427 SSB. Contact: 5730.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

- Biological Society Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in 111 Benton Hall. Anyone is welcome. Contact: 6438.

Thursday, Sept. 17

- Distance Education Faculty Roundtable**, led by Dr. Donald Boehner, ITC Director. This session is aimed at faculty contemplating teaching at a distance in the future. This event will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 117 Lucas Hall. Contact: ITC, 6171.
- SOUP AND SOUL FOOD** (free lunch and a time for prayer and meditation) from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Normandy United Methodist Church at 8000 Natural Bridge Rd. Sponsored by the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. Everyone invited. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.
- Biological Society Meeting** at 2:00

p.m. in 111 Benton Hall. Anyone is welcome. Contact: 6438.

Friday, Sept. 18

- Awakenings Retreat** beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Newman House with PIZZA at 6:00 p.m. and ending on Sunday with a 3 p.m. Mass. The cost is \$20. Contact: Betty at the Newman Center, 385-3455.

Monday, Sept. 21

- Monday Noon Series "Old Timey Music"** is a lecture and concert featuring traditional folk and bluegrass music from the hills of North Carolina to Southeast Missouri. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

- International Seminar "Resolving Conflicts Among Non-Governmental Organizations: Setting the Agenda for Global Policies on Peace at the 4th U.N. Conference on Women"** given by Anna C. Snyder, International Studies/Political Science, UM-St. Louis from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in 331 SSB. Contact: 5753.
- S-VOSH is hosting** a presentation by Dr. George Bohegian about "Volunteer Vision Care in Eastern Europe" at 7 p.m. in 206 SCCB. Everyone is wel-

come. Contact: Clive, 838-6674.

- Student Dialogue Brown Bag Series I "Graduate/Professional School Preparation"** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in 75 J.C. Penney. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

Thursday, Sept. 24

- SOUP AND SOUL FOOD** (free lunch and a time for prayer and meditation) from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Normandy United Methodist Church at 8000 Natural Bridge Rd. Sponsored by the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. Everyone invited. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.

Monday, Sept. 28

- Monday Noon Series "Death of a Salesman"** Arthur Miller's play will be examined in a discussion led by Steve Woolf, artistic director at the Rep, and two actors from the play. This event will start earlier at 11 a.m. and go until 1 p.m. in J.C. Penney. Contact: 5699 or TDD 5961.
- Visiting Scholar Reception and Address "Against All Odds: Black Women and Classics in the 19th Century"** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in 75 J.C. Penney given by Shelley Haley. Contact: IWGS, 5581 or 6383.

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Campus CrimeLine

The Campus CrimeLine is a free service provided by the UM-St. Louis Police Department to promote safety through awareness.

The incident occurred between 8/22 at 7 p.m. and 8/24 at 6 a.m.

July 29
A contractor reported that a DeWalt Cordless Electric Drill valued at \$250.00 was stolen from the East Stairwell between levels 2 and 3 of TJL.

August 2
Staff reported the theft of a garden hose from outside J.C. Penney.

August 7
A burglary was discovered at the MIZZOU Credit Union Office at 243 General Service Building at 12:57 hrs. The office had been ransacked. No cash is stored in the office.

August 10
A staff person reported that between 9:20 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. her purse was stolen from a coat hook inside 110 Clark Hall. The purse was brown leather and contained \$60.00 cash and two personal checks. The room and office were left unattended.

August 11
A faculty member reported that between 3:55 p.m. and 4:20 p.m. unknown persons stole a Toshiba Lap Top Computer and its carrying case from 543 Lucas Hall. A description of a possible suspect was

given.

A student reported that between 1:00 p.m. and 1:10 p.m. her wallet was stolen when she left it unattended in the Second Floor Study Room at SSB. Police found the wallet while searching for a suspect. \$15.00 cash was missing.

August 24
The Building Security at the Mark Twain Building reported that at opening time it was discovered that three vending machines had been broken into and monies taken in the amount of \$160.00 in cash.

A student reported that between 8:00 p.m. and 8:50 p.m. her purse was stolen from the steps at the Fitness Center at the Mark Twain Building. Cash and credit cards were contained inside the purse.

August 25
A student reported that his license plate tabs were stolen while his vehicle was parked in Garage "H" between 6/1/98 and 8/24/98.

August 26
A student reported the theft of her parking permit while her car was parked on the Top Level of Parking Garage "D" between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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SGA prepares to revise constitution

Committee formed to alter rough draft

BY DAVID BAUGHER
senior editor

The SGA announced at Thursday's meeting that it has produced a rough draft of its new constitution and has formed a committee to begin revisions to the document.

"It's very simple," said Ben Ash, SGA comptroller, "It's basically a skeleton and what I want is for anyone who is interested to join this committee and help flesh it out."

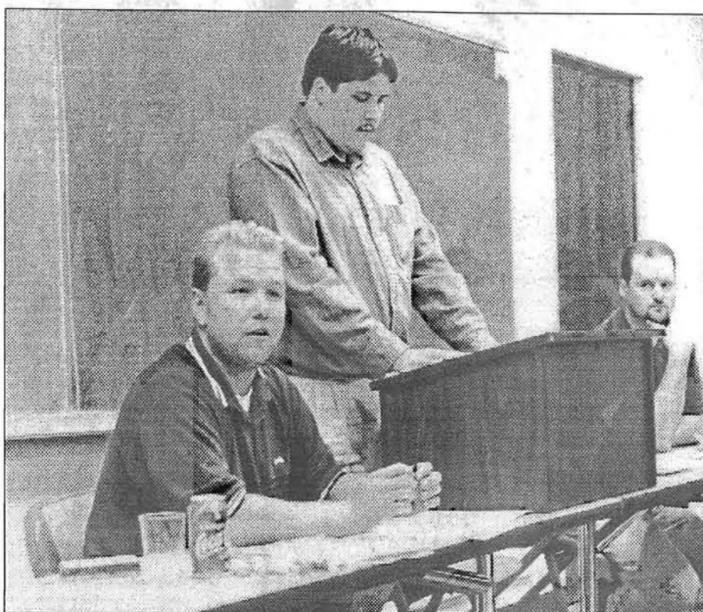
The SGA has been attempting to rewrite its constitution since it discovered in March that part of its present governing papers were not properly approved in 1993 under then-President Andy Masters.

Ash said that since then the organization has been operating under the 1988 version of the document.

"We are not under desperate measures to get a constitution passed," Ash told the assembly. "Our constitution is more than adequate to survive but is not adequate to go on year after year after year."

The SGA formed a constitutional committee at the meeting to make changes to the document. Ash said that he wrote the new constitution over the summer in consultation with SGA President Jim Avery, SGA Vice President Michael Rankins and Interim Manager of Student Activities Rick Blanton and that the finished product was a "very, very rough draft." He told the assembly that it was intended as a starting point rather than a finished document.

"This is one that I want feedback on," Ash said. "I want it to be changed and I want it to be a good constitution so the more help I can get from you guys the bet-



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SGA Comptroller Benjamin Ash announces the formation of a constitutional committee while President Jim Avery and Vice-President Mike Rankins (right) look on.

ter."

Ash said after the meeting that about six members had already signed up for the committee but he hoped for ten people to make a good "cross-section" of the campus.

Ash said at the meeting that the new constitution would probably not be ready for a vote of the assembly until at least January or February of next year. If approved, it would then go to a vote of the student body as a whole, possibly at the SGA spring elections.

Until then, Ash said he hopes to reserve discussion of the document to a special meeting of the SGA tentatively set for

November, rather than bringing it up at the SGA's regular meetings.

"I don't want to discuss it in a Student Government Association session," Ash said. "We have enough things at our regular meetings that it wouldn't be good to throw in something that volatile."

He admitted that the process would be a time-consuming one but noted that the result would be worth the wait.

"There's no deadlines for [the process] however I will say we are looking to get it done at as expedient a rate as possible but with the best quality," Ash said. "We're not going to rush this constitution."

Grade appeal changes approved by U senate

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS
staff editor

The University senate approved a revision of the student grade appeal procedures at last Tuesday's meeting.

Jeanne Zarucchi, chairperson of the senate, said the issue behind the revision was who should make judgments about the fairness of grades.

"The revision was intended to put responsibility for assessing grades within the authority of faculty," Zarucchi said.

Zarucchi said there was concern about decisions to change grades being made by administrators.

"The previous version of the grade appeal [procedures] allowed individuals at an administrative level to make a determination even if they had no knowledge of the subject area in which the grade was given," Zarucchi said.

The proposal underwent minor amendments on the senate floor before passage. Most of these involved what Zarucchi described as "nuances of language," such as more precise definitions of the time periods for action to eliminate confusion and close possible loopholes.

One of the issues which was raised during the discussion on the senate floor was how to handle special admissions cases in which a student wishes to return to college after an absence of several years. In the discussion it was pointed out that sometimes a student will drop out without properly dropping the courses, then wish to return years later to find that they are still carrying an entire semester of past F's.

Zarucchi said that such cases are rare, and best dealt with on a case-by-case basis. "Sometimes a case may have involved

circumstances beyond a student's control and in other cases the student may need to accept responsibility for a choice that they made as an adult," Zarucchi said.

Zarucchi said the revision passed in the senate was not intended to deal with such instances.

"It is more useful for a campus-wide policy to treat general cases rather than to be designed specifically for a rare exception," Zarucchi said.

Zarucchi said a student was most likely to have just cause for a grade to be changed in cases where there was an error of computation on the part of the instructor, or where the grading procedures outlined for the course were not followed. She said that, ultimately, disagreements about the merit of a given piece of work may persist outside of the appeal process.

"There may be cases where a student feels that a work should be graded more highly than the teacher believes, and that is in the nature of academic life..." Zarucchi said.

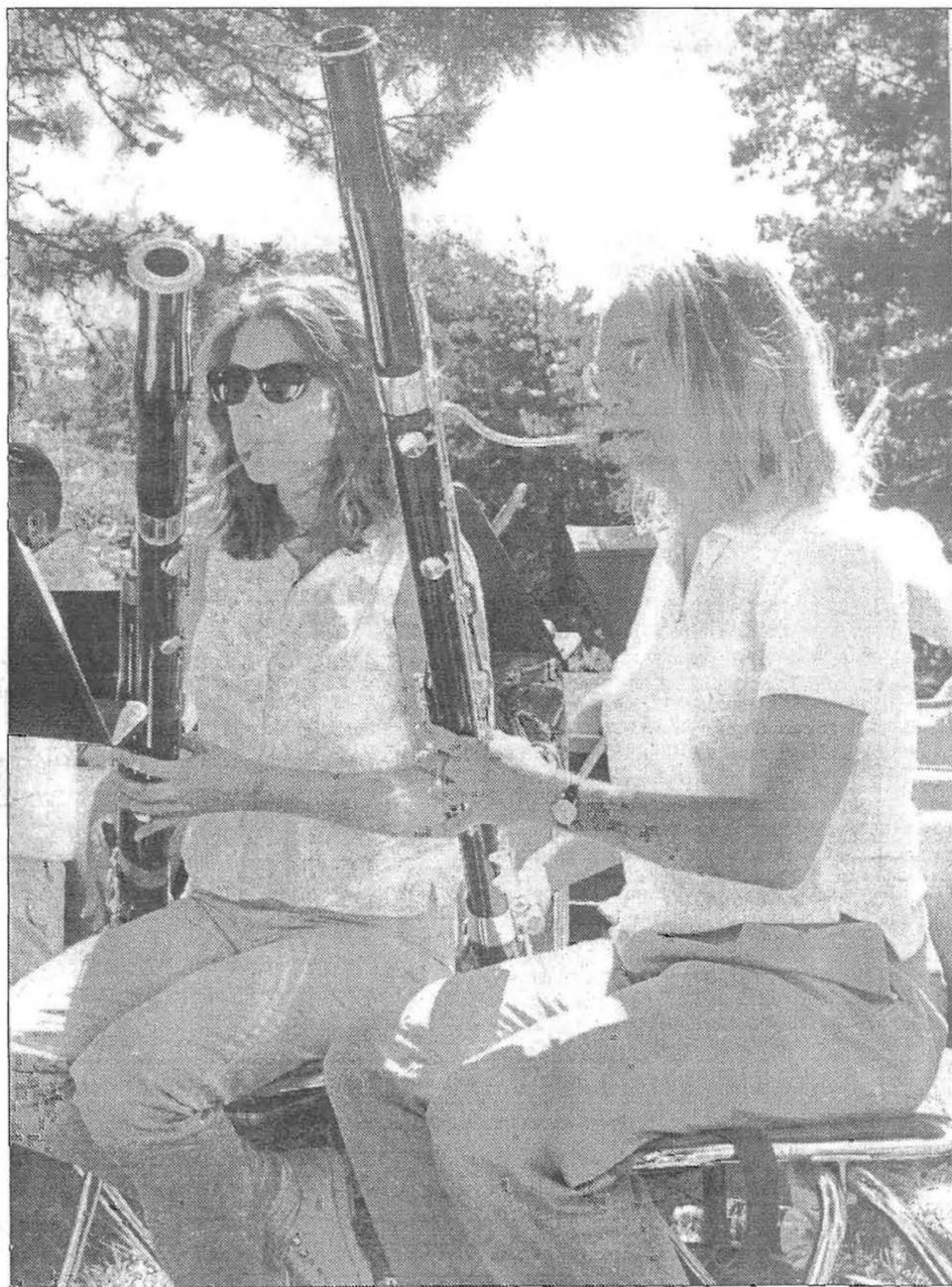
Zarucchi said the grade appeal process "exists to allow second opinions."

Zarucchi said the appeal process should not be considered a student's first recourse.

"The best way to resolve such differences of opinion is through personal discussion between student and teacher," Zarucchi said.

Zarucchi said that according to the system office of Academic Affairs, the new policy could go into effect immediately. She said she is currently consulting with the campus office of Academic Affairs to determine how the information will be distributed.

Play it again



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Band members Libby McDaniel (right) and Jackie Sarris play their bassoons during the EXPO/Chancellor's Picnic on campus Wednesday. The annual event included free food, information booths and games for participants.

United Way begins drive

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS
staff editor

The annual on-campus fund raising for the United Way began Wednesday.

Kathy Osborn, vice chancellor for University Relations, is the chairperson on campus for this year's United Way campaign.

Maureen Zegel of University Communications said the campaign will run through October 26. Zegel said this year's goal is \$48,000. She said that in past years the University has exceeded its goal.

"The people on the campus who contribute to the United Way are generally pretty generous," Zegel said. "Each year we've gone up . . ."

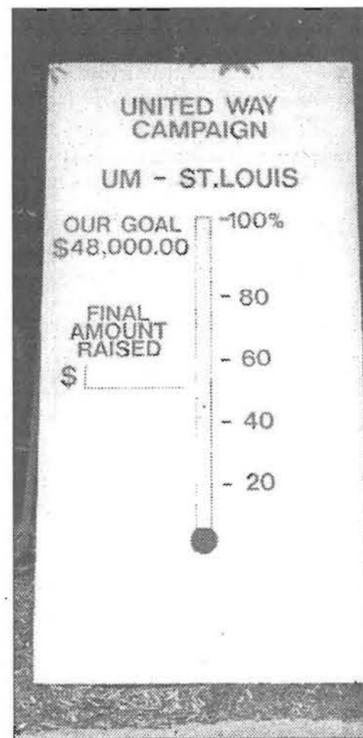
Zegel said most of the donations come from faculty and staff members. She said about one third of the employees participate.

Zegel said the United Way benefits more than 140 charities, including those for children, senior citizens, victims of crime, food banks, crisis centers and AIDS organizations. She said it contributes to large operations such as the Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA, and Scouting organizations, but that it also contributes to smaller organizations as well.

Zegel said that while the United Way does not serve as the sole supporter for organizations, sometimes its support is crucial enough to determine whether the organization remains operational.

Zegel said 92 percent of the money donated goes to the organizations themselves, with only 8 percent going towards fund raising, fund distribution and administrative costs. She said this fund raising drive is the only time the United Way publicly raises funds.

Zegel said there are a number of ways to donate. Employees can have money taken out of their paychecks, or they can use pledge



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Go in' Up: A wooden sign in the Alumni Circle will keep track of the money raised in the annual United Way fundraising drive.

cards. They have the option of letting the United Way distribute their contribution on its own, or of specifying what United Way organizations they want to donate to.

UM-St. Louis student reported missing

BY ASHLEY COOK
senior editor

According to a statement released by International Student and Scholar Advisor Christopher Sullivan, the president of the Indian Student Association was reported missing after a boating trip at Cumberland Lake, Kentucky earlier this week.

The statement said that Ajay Shah went swimming in the lake on September 7, and disappeared beneath the water. As of

Thursday, September 10, his body had not yet been recovered.

The statement said that a memorial service for Shah will be held at a later date upon confirmation of his death. Further information can be found on the Office of International Students Services' listserv at <http://www.umsl.edu/~intelstu/Ajay.html>.

The Office of International Students Services encourages anyone affected by the tragedy to come by their offices in 304 SSB or to visit Counseling Services in 427 SSB.

FEATURES

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Get This

Decking the halls just a little too early

'Tis the season to be jolly? Not quite yet, I'm afraid. Unfortunately, the balmy 80 degree weather makes no difference to those over-eager beavers in the retail industry. I know this for a fact, because I work in a retail store. Just last week, in the wee hours of the September month, we received the first shipment of holiday goodies.

I can't describe exactly my feelings when I saw the looming stack of boxes stuffed with ornaments, candles, dradles, wooden Santas and snowmen, gold and silver star accessories, and other assorted items. I was slightly nauseous, and I felt the beginning of a headache in the works. This was probably due to the fact that I knew that it was my job to open, unwrap and stock all of this beautiful merchandise. But I also felt immense disgust, an emotion that went much deeper.

I do not mean to bash the spirit of Christmas, Hanukkah or any other religious celebrations that I am unable to think of at the moment. I like them! In fact, I would go so far as to say that I care for them deeply. I do not, however, condone the practice of unloading tons of festive merchandise on the masses three months before anything actually occurs.

I do admit that my nature is partly to blame for my cynicism. I am a procrastinator at heart and I come by it honestly (Thanks, Dad). I don't like to do anything until the absolute last minute, and the visions of sugar plum products constantly dancing before my eyes is simply an annoyance. I know that I will do absolutely nothing to prepare until December 24th... maybe the 23rd.

I suppose there are people in existence who enjoy being prepared and having things done ahead of time. (I certainly I've heard rumors from reliable sources.) The early delivery and distribution method could be purely a gesture to accommodate those individuals.

I prefer to believe that it's all a conspiracy of the big business companies to make more money. My theory is that the head honchos figure that the longer the stuff is on the shelves, the more customers will see it and the more likely these unassuming ladies and gentlemen will make purchases. It sort of cheapens the whole thing, doesn't it?

I think that's the real reason this whole process gets me so upset. I feel like the true holiday theme is lost when materialism and profits take control. I also think that spreading it out for such a long period of time takes away from some of the specialness. All of the symbolism (like the stars, Santas and trees) has become a cliché, and in my opinion, lost most of its true meaning.

I mean, if every day was Christmas, who would care?



AMY LOMBARDO
Features Editor

Come visit

As old as the University itself, the welcoming atmosphere of Newman House has become an institution on the UM-St. Louis campus

BY AMY LOMBARDO
staff editor

The Newman House Catholic Student Center has been on the UM—St. Louis campus since the start of the University. Currently the center is taking action that will ensure its growth into the next century.

At its start, the Newman House served many functions. It was a place for students to have social gatherings, as well as a meeting ground for faculty and staff.

Today, the same attitude is upheld. There are many scheduled events and programs, but there is also an open atmosphere that welcomes all students to come in and mingle casually. It is not uncommon for students to stop by around noon for a salad and a Coke, or during a break in their schedule to relax.

Dennis Chitwood is the director of the Newman House. His wife, Betty Chitwood, is the campus administrator. Dennis says that they work "to bring a visible Catholic presence on (the UM—St. Louis) campus."

They also strive to get students involved, especially into positions of leadership, so they will be able to be leaders in society and in church after college.

The approach of the Newman House includes four areas of focus — study, community, service and prayer.

"All of our activities fall within those four categories," Dennis Chitwood said.

And there are a number of activities to choose from. Weekly events include Sunday Mass, prayer meetings, bible study, and Wednesday lunches. The Thursday night prayer meetings bring in about twenty to thirty students each time.

"About half of (the students) stay until about 11:30, 12, 12:30, 1... some of them pray and some of them socialize," Betty Chitwood said. "There's an intimate sharing of life that we have here. It's not superficial."

Although life at the Newman House centers around faith and prayer, it is not a requirement that the students be Catholic, or even that they participate at all. There is a wide variety of options, and people can choose the ones that they are comfortable with.

"It's kind of like a smorgasbord," Dennis Chitwood

“There's an intimate sharing of life that we have here. It's not superficial.”

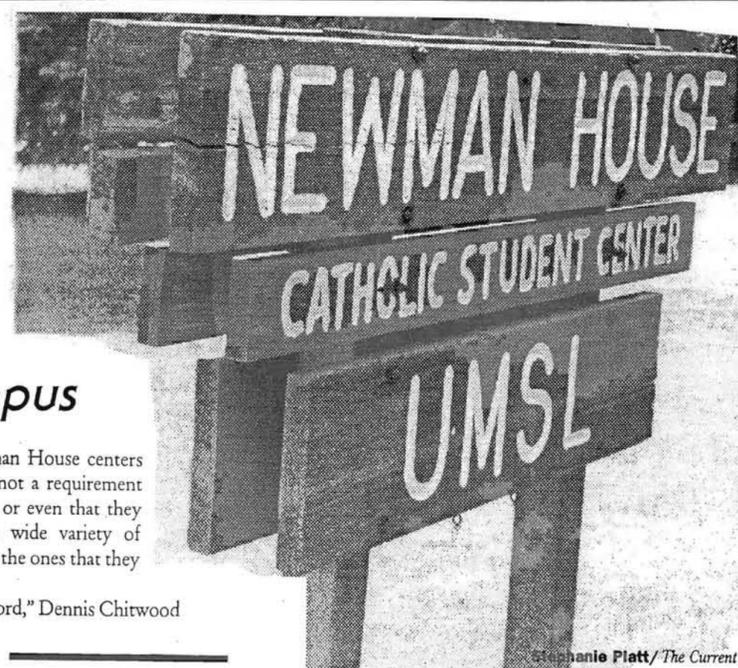
-Betty Chitwood, Campus Administrator, Newman House

said. This year there are a couple of new additions to the community at Newman House. One is a program, and the other is a person.

Deacon Bob Smerek was recently appointed to be the director of development at the Newman House. He will be responsible for the Millennium Fund Raising Campaign designed to bring the center into the year 2000.

The first phase of the campaign is aimed at raising \$200,000 and accumulating 2,000 supporters by Dec. 31, 1999.

The next step is expansion. In order to accommodate the large number of students and faculty on campus, the Newman



Stephanie Platt/The Current

House is considering a move to a new location or different ways to spread existing facilities.

Also on the agenda is a plan to set up an endowment fund to guarantee continued support at UM—St. Louis. There is a Young Catholic Scholars program in the works, which is an attempt to provide opportunities to Catholic students who may not have the financial means for a college education.

Last year the Newman House was the first non-staff and non-faculty organization to receive the Student Life award from UM-St. Louis. They also arranged an Alternative Spring Break program for students, and plan to keep up that tradition this year. Other upcoming events include the annual Hunger Awareness Week and an Awakening Retreat scheduled for September 18-20.

The exciting arrival on January 26, 1999 is being prepared for as well.

"It is our understanding that there will be a gathering of the youth and young adults at the Kiel Center with Pope John Paul II. Catholic Newman Center at UM—St. Louis will receive a number of tickets for seating at this audience and we will then distribute them to students..." Dennis Chitwood said. "At this time we do not know the details as to the number of the tickets or how they will be distributed."

UNDER THE CURRENT

compiled by Chad Bernstein/staff photographer

What do you like best about UMSL?

"The friends I've made."

-Rachelle Perkins
Sophomore/Psychology



"Outdoor seating, we never had that at SIUE."

-Dawn Byers
Junior/Mass Communications

"The abundant parking."

-Joe Edmonson
Sophomore/Foreign Language



"It's multicultural."

-Svetlana Podokshika
Junior/Biology

OMNIMAX is only part of the fun at the St. Louis Science Center

BY ANNE PORTER
special to the Current

Everest or any OMNIMAX movie is usually the first thing that comes to mind about the Science Center. Many St. Louis natives remember when the large theater was first built, and marveled at the realistic qualities of the films.

There have been many others before Everest, including the recent flicks like *Blue Angels* and *Ring of Fire*. The OMNIMAX is one of the most popular attractions at the Science Center and all for good reason. The huge and amazingly lifelike cinema can really make the adrenaline flow, but is the OMNIMAX all there is to the St. Louis Science Center?

Certainly not.

If that were the case, it would not be the fifth most visited center of its kind in the nation. This recognition leads to the question, "What is at the Science Center?"

Chanti Nunn, the community relationship coordinator at the St. Louis Science Center, explained in great detail what makes the place special.

At first glance, a lot of people may unintentionally associate the center as being strictly for children.

Although there are many projects and events designed for youngsters, the myth that the Science Center is just for kids and parents is discredited with a detailed list of all the adult programs and activities the science center provides in the community.

"When I first started working for the Science Center and saw the programs we do, I said, 'How many people work here?'" Nunn said.

The second popular myth that Nunn dispelled was about the context of the Science Center.

"The Science Center is not just science," Nunn said.

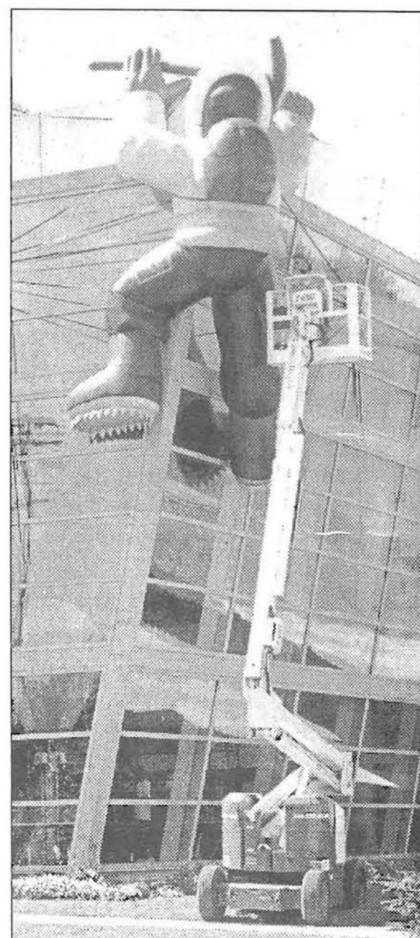
There are many events that show the center involves more than just science-related material. The 5 mile run/walk and the one mile Fun run/walk is on Oct. 4 this year, and there is also an upcoming holiday concert with traditional music.

Other lesser known occurrences that could peak one's interest are the laser shows on Friday and Saturday nights. They feature music by Metallica and Pink Floyd which make these laser shows like something rarely ever before experienced.

If Metallica and Pink Floyd would not make the ideal setting, public telescope viewing is another option that may provide a more romantic evening. And unlike the laser shows, the telescope viewing is free, and that is always welcome.

Other free events include workshops and lectures. The lunchtime series of lectures could be very helpful to a college student if a paper were due in physical science on plate tectonics and there just happens to be a lecture on "Plate Tectonics and the Himalayas". Hmm, what could some college student do with that?

Doug King, president of the St. Louis Science



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Climbing: Work crews set up an inflatable mountain climber at the St. Louis Science Center as part of a promotion for the new OMNIMAX movie *Everest*.

For a complete review of *Everest*, see page 8.

Center, says that the purpose of the center is to "stimulate interest and industry within the community."

UM—St. Louis works directly with the Science Center through the joint usage of knowledge in the area of cognitive research and the effectiveness of informal environments (like the Science Center). This link could prove to be beneficial in the technology and science industry by increasing the amount of knowledge that teachers and adults possess about this modern age.

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OUR OPINION

Performing Arts Center takes heat from Faculty Council

The Issue:

The Performing Arts Center has run into more problems raising concern for its financial stability and importance to the University

We Suggest:

It would be in everyone's best interest for the Chancellor to arrange another Senate committee meeting. By doing so any questions or concerns could be resolved quickly and quietly.

So what do you think?

Let us hear from you on this or any issue in a letter to the editor.

The soon-to-be-built Performing Arts Center is again under fire, this time by the Faculty Council, who are raising serious questions over the center's ability to support itself.

The Council who has attacked the Center's feasibility before has made its latest target the recently-released operating forecast from AMS Planning and Research.

According to the Council, the report was presented to the Senate Budget and Planning Committee who brought up concerns about several issues including a "gap" in the funding of nearly \$1.3 million over a three-year period. The shortfall is expected to be filled by state funding yet there is lingering doubt as to whether the state will fund parts of the Performing Arts Center not deemed "educational." According to an attachment to the presiding officer's report "only 35% of the days' scheduled for the 1,650 performance hall will be academic-student." This leaves a substantial amount of funding hanging in the air. Will the state be willing to pick up the rest of the tab and if not who will fund the facility?

The Council's attachment also says that the report leaves large funding questions unaddressed including a lack of pro-

jections for the first two years' operating costs. These years may include major start-up costs to get the operation up and running. Everything from salaries to office furniture are left somewhat to the imagination. While the report does give figures on payroll costs, the Council's summary implies that the projected salaries may be too low.

Further, costs to build music and theater programs are not estimated. These costs may add to the growing total of expenses the report addresses only in passing or neglects entirely.

It is understandable that the operating forecast cannot predict every expense nor pin down every source of revenue. It is also likely that the Faculty Council has an agenda in the matter, which may color their view on this subject. Hence their interpretation of the report and Budget and Planning committee's concerns cannot be taken without a grain of salt. Nonetheless there seems to be too many unanswered questions on the total expense of the facility and exactly who will foot the bill.

The Council's resolution calling for the chancellor to convene another meeting of the Senate committee would seem a reasonable request.

America's Pastime

There has been a lot of discussion of Mark McGwire's sixty-second, and speculation as to how he will fare in the rest of the season, but we'd like to take a moment to set aside the particulars of the record and comment on what McGwire has done for the sport of baseball, and for sports in general.

McGwire is what baseball has really needed, namely, a new hero. After all, it was not so very long ago that the players' strike took place, when the relentless pursuit of multi-million dollar salaries eclipsed the fact that it was still just a game. Baseball really is a glorious American pastime, but it is also a bunch of guys throwing a ball around on a plot of grass walled in with steel and concrete, and as such should perhaps not be taken too seriously.

St. Louis in particular needed such a sports hero, especially since Bret Hull departed. Totally different sport, but the feeling that Hull sold out left a tarnish that went deeper than the differences between ice and grass.

In the end, it is a game, and McGwire plays it well. Both on and off the field. Such simplicity is to be admired.



DAVID BAUGHER
editor-in-chief

Making your mark: McGwire and Laga

I am proud to say that I was at the ballpark to see Mark McGwire hit his history-making 61st homerun. (Alas, I did not get to see number 62 the next day. One person is only allowed so much history in a lifetime.) But as I headed toward MetroLink after the game, I got to thinking about the other time I had witnessed Cardinal history in the making. I started thinking about Mike Laga.

Only the most dedicated of Redbird fans will probably remember Laga and his brief stint as the Cardinal's first baseman. For the most part his Cardinal career was not that memorable. He arrived in St. Louis in a 1986 trade with Detroit and was granted his unconditional release by the team after a 1989 season in which he batted only .130.

But despite his weak hitting, Laga does have one claim to fame, one bit of baseball history, and I was at the game when he did it. Mike Laga is the only person ever to hit a ball out of Busch Stadium—literally out of the stadium. It was possibly the most notable foul in the long and storied past of the franchise. Media reports say it landed in a flowerbed near the employees' parking lot.

It's odd that I would have thought of Laga's foul, after Big Mac's record-tying round-tripper. But even odder was the timing of it all. I got curious and after some internet research I found that Laga's shot occurred on September 8, 1986. That's right, September 8, exactly 12 years to the day before McGwire's famous 62nd homerun. Maybe it's a cosmic thing.

In the end however the true importance of Laga's achievement may lie less in its coincidental timing than in its quirky significance for those of us not blessed with superhuman gifts. It is interesting to think, that Big Mac, with all his power, never achieved in a season full of mammoth blasts what an obscure, light-hitting first baseman accomplished in one swing of the bat, a ball that was indisputedly out of the park.

It's that which can give hope to the rest of us. Maybe we can't all set records, become champions, or be the absolute best at what we do. There are only so many who can publish a Pulitzer-prize winning novel, lead an army to victory in a righteous cause or grace the cover of the Wheaties box. For the rest of us, there are still pieces of history to be made, ways to leave our small but unique mark on the world, even if it is only a long strike.

We can't all be Mark McGwire, but maybe the better among us can follow the example of Mike Laga, making history — one foul at a time.

Texas...there's no place like home.

I'm a dislocated Texan. Sounds painful, doesn't it? At times it can be. When I was at the University of Iowa, my fellow biology students thought that Texas was a place where "everybody gets killed" and that "everyone wears those cowboy clothes."

One freshman girl actually asked me if I had an oil rig in my front yard. I asked her if she had a pig in hers. I answered "no" to her question; she refused to answer mine.

What is it with people and preconceptions? Those girls, none of whom had ever traveled out of their native state, thought they knew for sure what life was like in the Lone Star State.

I've been having similar experiences with small-mindedness since I transferred here to UM-St. Louis. Not once have I ever snickered at a fellow student's inquiry beginning with "youse", which I've heard repeatedly on this campus, nor laughed at the "fahrtzy-fahr" pronunciation of Highway 44 that many of you out there use routinely.

I say this all so that you might understand my irritation at being loudly ridiculed by a staff member in a University office recently for my use of "ya'll." "What kind of word is that?" she asked derisively, following up with a good laugh at my expense.

Nothing like making people feel welcome in a new place, right?

Last week people were assuming that since I'm from Texas and am an Astros fan (they won their division last year and are on top by several games), that I naturally must hate Mark McGwire.

No, I don't hate McGwire. In fact, I think he's a great athlete, and Cards fans should be rightfully proud.

One thing you might try to remember though, he's from California.



ASHLEY COOK
managing editor

GUEST COMMENTARY

Looks can be deceiving

When most people think of college students, it is usually the image of 18-to-20 year old kids that comes to mind. The university campus, however, is now more diverse than ever. Older students are entering college classrooms every semester. Some are enrolling for the first time, while others are returning to

enhance or advance an existing career.

Take me, for example, I am a 35-year-old-wife and mother. I happily quit my first career when my son was born.

Returning to college is a chance for me to try my hand in a totally different arena before heading back to the workforce. The last time I was in a college classroom, before enrolling at UMSL, was 12 years ago. I thought I was prepared because I have a niece and nephew who attend a university in Texas. I thought I understood the thoughts and actions of young adults because I have lived vicariously through my niece Brooke and my nephew Pen for years. I was wrong.

On my first day of school last Fall, I was a few minutes late so I tried to slip in unnoticed and quickly grabbed the first seat I saw. I did not look around the classroom because I was somewhat embarrassed, not only by being late, but by being old. As I turned to accept a syllabus from the student seated behind me, I nearly screamed from shock and surprise at the young man who offered me the stapled sheets of paper. It must have taken me a full minute to finally accept the syllabus from him and turn forward in my seat again. Now I was not only late and old, but I was seriously questioning my safety.

The young man seated behind me (a pre-med student) had several rings in

each ear. Now this alone would not normally cause me concern since multiple earrings have been popular for a few years, and I have had time to get used to the look. It was the nose ring, the eyebrow ring, the lip ring, and the tongue stud that shook me up a bit. His light brown hair was sticking straight up, he wore a skull and crossbones T-shirt, and he had thick, heavy chains hanging from his leather jacket and black workboots. My niece and nephew do not dress this way—kids in gangs dress this way. Right?

For the rest of the day, all I could think about was the fact that one I was going to pay this young man an exorbitant amount of money to remove a tumor from somewhere in my aging body. He would probably excise a few extra organs to sell on the black market while he was scrounging around inside.

Naturally, as the semester wore on, my fascination with this young man grew—I went out of my way to get to know him. While, on that first day, he was staring into the face of a woman old enough (almost) to be his mother, I felt I was staring into the future of my son, and I wanted to be prepared. I began to realize that this incredibly gentle man was an excellent student who had a brilliant and creative imagination. I no longer saw him as the mad doctor who might one day steal my organs, but as an independent person who expressed himself in a way that made him stand out as the unique individual he is. His creative expression of fashion might be an indication of the type of doctor he would one day be. Knowledge and skill may be necessary in becoming a good doctor, but knowledge, skill, and imagination are necessary in becoming a brilliant doctor. Guess whom I will be looking up to take care of me in my old(er) age? I wonder whether he will have children that he complains about because they will only wear button-down shirts, plaid skirts, or khaki pants?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fuming student lets sparks fly

Ashley Cook, get over it!

You talk of rights to breathe air and smoke tobacco. At the same time, you deny smokers the right to assemble. You talk about a generation focused on health. You fail to realize that this generation the highest rate of obesity in history. The idea of nondiscrimination must apply to everybody except smokers.

I agree that is a good idea to have non-smoking buildings. The smoke gets contained in the rooms and fills your lungs, clothes, and eyes. Since I am allergic to smoke, it bothers me more than most. However, I think it has gone a little too far when you deny smokers the last refuge outside of their homes: the great outdoors?

I do not know if you have been to Lambert International Airport lately, but you should see the way they treat smokers there, and they are customers! They lock them up in a room that is at most 15' by 15'. They suck the air out of the top of the room to keep it from billowing out every time somebody leaves. Guess where the air goes? Right outside to join all the other smoke from the smokers outside! At O'Hare, you cannot even smoke outside at the pickup terminal! Too much!

There is plenty of air to go around. Admittedly, not all of it is clean, but there is still plenty of air. I am sure the car you drive to school puts out in one day more pollution than the average smoker puts out his whole life! So now, I guess that we should cage up all the cars and make them drive in small little areas where they can pollute all they want. Yeah, right!

Ever suppose why the factories are spaced so far apart and surrounded by plant life? If you clump pollutants together, you end up with pollution so dense it destroys the environment. If you space out the pollution, you give the environment a chance to recover and possibly save itself. This is a good thing, since we seem to be inept at saving Mother Nature.

As far as the "other unpleasant side effect to the numerous student smokers," I have seen the workers here at UMSL walk right by a veritable forest of butts to pick up a scrap of paper. Yes, the smokers should use the appropriate receptacles for cigarette butts. Yes, there is a lot of trash piling up in between all of the buildings. Yes, we need to do something about it. Instead of blaming somebody for causing the problem, we should be searching of some way to solve the problem.

For the record, I do not smoke. My whole family smokes, most of my friends smoke, almost all of my coworkers smoke. I guess I should invest in a cage for all of them so that I can breathe freely.

-Barry W. Colebank Jr.



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SPORTS

Latest Scoop

Rams begin season amidst McGwire melee

All right, the whole entire city of St. Louis is caught up in the Mark McGwire home runs, but I have heard enough.

All of this talk about Mark this and Mark that is driving me crazy. I do realize that this is a historic moment in history, but when I see the home run 15 times in a sports segment, then I get fed up.

After all, don't the sports analysts and critics have something more to talk about? I believe so, but when they get on a particular topic, then they beat it into the ground.

Hasn't the media heard about how the St. Louis Rams were destroyed by the miserable New Orleans Saints? The running back situation (not to mention any names- Jerald Moore) was the worst display of offense that I have seen since the words "silk smooth" were invented.

The only thing that was "silk smooth" about the running game occurred when they were walking off of the field to sulk in their own misery. Those players (mainly Moore) knew he had screwed up but whose fault was it really?

In my opinion, this was the simple fault of the man that his players call Coach Vermeil. Vermeil has taken this young and inexperienced team and molded it into a team that can only get worse. The problem with Vermeil's strategy is simple: he holds grudges.

How can a man compete for a starting position if Vermeil is already on his bad side? Vermeil says that he has the Rams headed in the right direction, but according to certain sports magazines, they have the Rams finishing in last place and only winning two games all season.

How can a team get any worse than when they started out? Well ask Vermeil about that one. He took a team with some solid free-agent signees and tore them apart.

I have come to a simple and easy conclusion for the Rams to be a success; that is, fire Vermeil. He is no good for the team, the attendance will rise once again, and maybe the team will actually compete in its own miserable and talentless NFC Western Division.

Some people blame Tony Banks for the demise of the Rams, but when Banks walks the free agent line, do not be surprised if another team acquires him to lead their franchise the next season.

Banks has a lively arm, a strong physical and mental frame, and all that is needed to make him a complete quarterback in the NFL is the confidence and guidance by a good, yes I said GOOD, coach.

So while Mark McGwire is overshadowing the Rams' beginning of the season, do not expect the attention to shift any time soon. For as long as McGwire is hitting moon shots, the Rams will seem lonely in their time of self-destruction.

Riverwomen record moves to 6-1

Women's volleyball wins 2 of 3 at Red and Gold Classic

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
staff associate

The women's volleyball team boosted their record to 6-1 overall as they completed the Red and Gold Classic held at UM-St. Louis Sept. 4-5.

The Riverwomen first took on Columbia College and eventually lost 3-1.

Columbia College is currently ranked #1 overall in NAIA and Coach Denise Silvester was pleased with the effort her women gave.

"That match put our team on a higher plateau," Silvester said. "It gave us some new confidence in our ability as a team."

UM-St. Louis took on Christian Brothers next and won 3-2.

The Riverwomen then played against Mississippi University for Women and emerged victorious 3-0.

The match highlighted the Riverwomen and their superiority against Mississippi University for Women.

"We played superior to them," Silvester said. The women then took on Stonybrook. Ironically enough, Coach Silvester herself graduated from there and the coach of Stonybrook was a classmate of Silvester's.

The two teams battled hard and UM-St. Louis eventually emerged victor after an 1:05 third game.

"The girls were standing on the bench until the game was finally over," Silvester said. "It was a true show of team spirit."

The Riverwomen began their league play this past weekend as they faced Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky.

Northern Kentucky is undefeated at the present and Bellarmine is 5-1.

According to Silvester, these two matches will be hard fought.

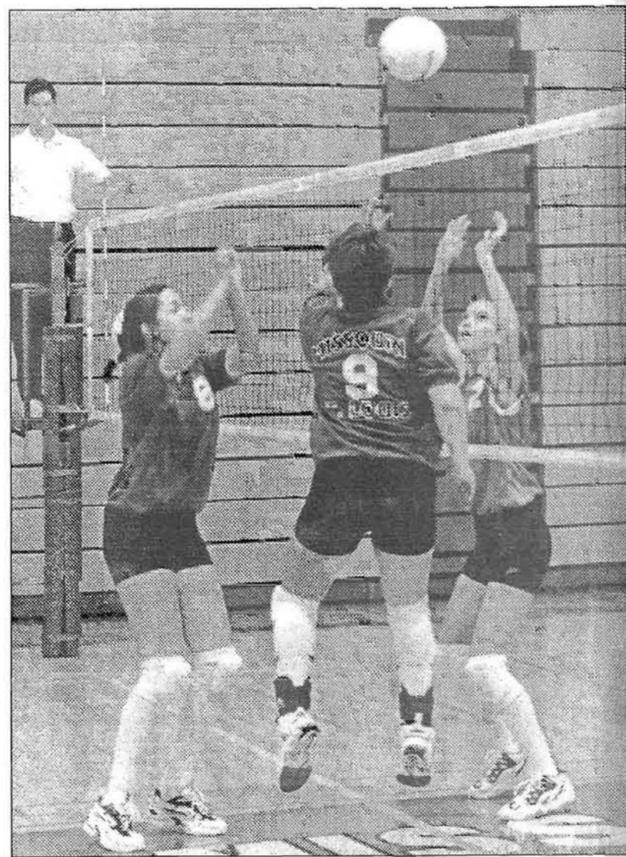
"It is going to be a battle," Silvester said. "With teams like Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky coming back with a year of experience, it makes them even tougher."

The Riverwomen do not seem to need any motivational speeches from Silvester.

"The biggest motivation was to improve upon last year," Silvester said. "[The girls] just want to forget about last year. They know who they were close to and if they play hard, they can win those matches."

“The girls were standing on the bench until the game was finally over. It was a true show of team spirit.”

-Denise Silvester
Volleyball coach



Stephanie Platt/The Current

Sophomore Susan Kleinschnitz (left) and senior Kristen Brugnara (center) jump for a return volley at the Red and Gold Classic.

Rivermen start with 0-3 loss against West Texas A&M

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
staff associate

The Rivermen's soccer team started off its season with a record of 1-2.

In their first match of the year, UM-St. Louis faced West Texas A&M and lost 0-3.

According to coach Tom Redmond, the team played well in the beginning of the game, but had a let-down after that.

"We played a strong first 20 minutes of the game, but we allowed West Texas A&M to dictate the flow of the game after that. We knew coming in that it would be a tough game, but we just did not have our best game."

Redmond was quick to point out though that the goalkeeping was solid and prevented a potential blow-out.

"No one except our goalie Kevin McCarthy had a really strong game,"

Redmond said. "Had he not had a good game, it could have been a worse result."

The game was not a total loss though for the Rivermen according to Redmond.

"It served as a wake-up call," Redmond said. "This team really took it personal that we did not play well and get a good result."

The Rivermen then took on Truman State at Quincy and were handed their second straight loss 0-2.

The Rivermen jumped off to a good start in the first half, but just could not finish on their opportunities as they were held scoreless for two consecutive games.

"We created our chances, but just did not put it away," Redmond said. "From a coaching perspective, we saw some improvement and made some strides from game 1 to game 2."

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Riverwomen fall 0-2 in Southern Indiana tourney

BY JOE HARRIS
of the Current staff

The Riverwomen have had a tough start to the 1998 season after losing their first two games last weekend.

The losses came Saturday against Belmont Abbey and Sunday against Gardner Webb at the Southern Indiana Tournament.

The loss against Belmont Abbey was particularly painful in more ways than one. Not only did the Riverwomen lose 3-2 in double overtime but they had several injuries to key starters such as forward Julie Reiter and goalkeeper Samantha Grasshoff.

Reiter was actually taken to the hospital for x-rays on her leg. The x-rays were negative. Grasshoff did not play the entire second half or either

overtime and was replaced by Freshman Alaina O'Donnell. O'Donnell is a midfielder, and hadn't played in goal since high school.

"The team overall played very well," head coach Beth Goetz said. "We showed a lot of character to come back every time after losing one of our star players."

The Riverwomen were paced by goals from Senior Carrie Marino and Freshman Corie Chick in regulation, but couldn't find the back of the net in overtime.

"We had our opportunities in regulation and overtime to put the ball in the net but we couldn't finish our opportunities," Goetz said.

Sunday's opponent was Gardner

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McGwire's legacy unites fans

Yes, I was there for number 61, the record-tying blast that eclipsed Babe Ruth and gave Roger Maris company at the pinnacle of one of baseball's most fabled mountains. I have the ticket stub to prove that I saw Big Mac's match the big mark and rewrite the record books for all time. Yet my thoughts were strangely not just of McGwire but of other players as well. There was Ray Lankford, for instance.

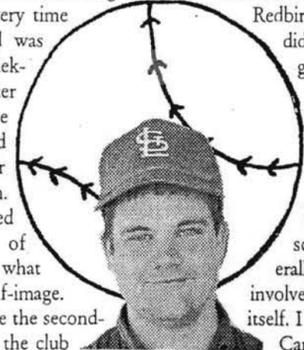
Lankford has had the interesting honor of being after Big Mac. Interesting because it meant that every time he came up the crowd was either on its feet in a shrieking frenzy (such as after #61) or screaming for the concession stands and bathrooms, waiting for the lineup to cycle again. Either way, no one seemed to take much notice of Lankford. I wondered what this must do to your self-image. What must it be like to be the second-best home run hitter on the club yet be forced to watch 10,000 fans

However on this day of oddly-mixed loyalties, pitchers apparently came out on the wrong side. Every time Cubs' hurler Mike Morgan threw one out of the strike zone to McGwire the fans would greet him as though he'd just spit on the flag. Likewise, the Cards' Darren Oliver also received boos when he'd put one wide of Sosa's bat. Oddly though, Morgan did gain a perverse sort of popularity with the Cardinal faithful. After the Cub pitcher doubled later in the game, I heard a

Redbird fan comment, "Well, he did give us 61. I guess we can give him a double."

After 13 years of going to baseball games, it seemed I had finally seen something truly special, a game so historic, so ripe with the scent of destiny that it literally transcended the teams involved, and eclipsed the game itself. I was bearing witness to a Cards-Cubs contest where decades-old loyalties blurred away to nothing, where the uniforms were meaningless, the score secondary, and the outcome unimportant. What I saw on the field that day was what fans all over the country have been seeing when the McGwire show came to town, the phenomenon responsible for buoying attendance in a sport whose reputation is still blackened by work stoppages, lock outs, strikes and crabby millionaires whining at fat cat owners. It was a special kind of unity where all the fans were cheering for the same thing. Sixty-one may have made history but this may be Mark McGwire's true legacy.

DAVID BAUGHER
Editor-in-chief



Big Mac fever good for St. Louis

I write this column from section 386, row 8, seat 3 of the Sept. 8, 1998 Cardinals baseball game against the Chicago Cubs. Now, I'll admit I don't know much about baseball. I know the players run counter-clockwise around a diamond pattern, studded at each corner with square bags called bases. I also know that points are called runs and that to score a run the player must run completely around the diamond, touching each base.

Before this past August, that was the extent of my baseball knowledge. However, like all St. Louisians, I have caught the Big Mac fever. The symptoms include knowing seemingly useless information, like Mark McGwire's jersey number is 25 and that he hit his record-tying 61st home run on Sept. 7, 1998, the day his father turned 61. It also includes not changing the radio station when sports news comes on. In fact, lately I have been searching out songs with baseball themes.

Thanks to my mother cutting out 12 puzzle pieces from the daily of the Current staff paper, my family won four tickets to a Cardinal game. We chose the Sept. 8, 1998 game, where I was able to learn other brain cell-occupying facts. Did you know that the Band-Aid on the score board marks McGwire's longest home run of 545 feet? Or that McGwire broke the National League record of 56 home runs in a single season?

The most amazing thing about McGwire's home run record chasing is that besides the fact that my boyfriend and I finally have something to talk about, St. Louis is making headline news and everyone is excited.

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McGwire and everyone has something to say. It's nice to actually converse with people. More good things should happen in St. Louis.

Four innings into the game McGwire hits a 341-foot home run under the Konica sign in left field. With home run number 62, McGwire broke Roger Maris' 37-year-old record of 61 home runs. I am there watching history in the making. The crowd stands cheering, dancing, and applauding for at least 10 minutes. There are a lot of high-fives and hugs. Mark McGwire has done it. Our own Mark McGwire has honored St. Louis with a home run record that will be hard to beat. The Cardinals won the game 6-3. Colorful confetti filled the stadium in celebration.

I bought a ball cap before the game and carefully filled in my name and the date. By the end of the fifth inning, I had written on the bill of the hat,

"Mark McGwire, 4th inning, 1st pitch, 62HR, 341 feet." I figured I better write this to a Cardinal game. We chose the Sept. 8, 1998 game, where I was able to learn other brain cell-occupying facts. Did you know that the Band-Aid on the score board marks McGwire's longest home run of 545 feet? Or that McGwire broke the National League record of 56 home runs in a single season? The most amazing thing about McGwire's home run record chasing is that besides the fact that my boyfriend and I finally have something to talk about, St. Louis is making headline news and everyone is excited.

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Soccer player gets closer to breaking record

Forward 10 assists from highest UM-St. Louis career stat

BY JOE HARRIS

of the Current staff

Leading by example has always been Senior Carrie Marino's style. Whether the game's on the line or in the middle of practice, Marino is always working hard.

With ten newcomers to the Riverwomen soccer team this year, Marino is even more pressed to be a leader both on and off the field.

"Leadership is the most important thing for newcomers," head coach Beth Goetz said. "If you have poor leadership, that sets a tradition for the younger ones."

On the field Marino, a forward, leads the Riverwomen in goals (2)

and shots (10) through two games. Aside from scoring goals, Marino is just ten assists away from breaking the U.M.-St. Louis career women's assist record.

"Assists are just as important than goals," Marino said.

"From day one I never thought I would be much of a goal scorer, but I knew that someone had to start the offense." Off the field Marino has

taken more of a vocal leadership to the young Riverwomen team. After their loss last Sunday

against Gardner Webb, Marino spent the early part of this week urging her team to forget about it and to work hard to prepare for their next match.

"I knew I had to do this (becoming more vocal)," Marino said. "I just mostly try to let them know when they are doing a good job."

Marino also spent the summer working out and came into practices in the best shape of her life.

"She (Marino) spent a lot of time getting physically fit and working on her touch," Goetz said.

Marino's early success is a result of the hard work put in this summer. However, there is still a lot of pressure on Marino to perform.

"[Marino's] a leader on the team, she's one of our captains this year and individually we count on Carrie," Goetz said. "I'm sure she puts pressure on herself to score some goals and she's going to get some critical ones for us this year."



Marino

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Webb and the Riverwomen lost 2-1.

"It was not our day," Goetz said. "We never clicked."

Marino again led the scoring with her second goal of the season and the Riverwomen outshot Gardner Webb 17-5. But it was not enough as a couple of defensive breakdowns led to the Gardner Webb goals.

"It seemed like we were going through the motions in the second game," Marino said. "We took it for granted and thought it would be an easy win after the day before."

Marino led the Riverwomen with six shots on goal. Jennifer Terbock and Melissa Timpe each had 4 and 3

shots respectively.

"This game shows us that we have to be ready to play and fight every day," Goetz said.

The loss dropped the Riverwomen to 0-2 with a tough challenge against Lindenwood for their next opponent.

Lindenwood is currently ranked fifth among NAIA schools. Helping the Riverwomen will be the return of starters Shannon Humphrey, Samantha Grasshoff, and Sara Kalish, all of whom missed Sunday's game due to injuries.

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Hockey to begin new season with returning first line

Last half of previous season lost to contract dispute over North County rink

BY KEN DUNKIN

staff editor

The Rivermen hockey club has had its problems with rink contracts. All that will be put behind them when they start their season on Oct. 3.

Following the team's first half last season the team found themselves battling with their home ice rink. The North County Rec Center and the hockey club had a problem with the team's contract. As the contract problems dragged on the team was forced to cancel their second half of the season

costing the Rivermen 10 games.

"It was a situation that could have gone either way, but in the end we had to cancel 10 games," said club President Tim Bauer. "We can rebound from it, but it did hurt our progress. If we can have a good year and prove that we are a solid program and that should help recruit some high-caliber players."

The team will be really high on their "team" attitude according to Bauer. He said that unlike the past everyone will get equal ice time.

"There are no superstars on this team," he said. "For as much as a

group of players can be a team, we are."

The team will be led by their returning first line of Bill Brungart, Dave Hessel, and Crag Kneale. They will be expected to help the team put some goals in the net.

The defense has also been hit with several losses. The team has been left with five defensemen. Senior Jason Hessel will be called on to help lead the defensive core.

"Jason is one of the best defensemen on the team," Bauer said. "He will be one of the key players on the team."

Bauer said that the early season practices and the team workouts have left the impression of an improved team, and that in time the team will know how well they have improved.

"Hopefully we are better than last year. We have a good team. We'll find out how good we are soon," Bauer said.

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Redmond was individually quick to point out that Kevin Pierce and Joe Stugo played well in the backfield along with goalie McCarthy. He also was much more impressed with the flow of the game.

"The play was much more even in this game," Redmond said. "We had our chances just as much as Truman had."

Although losing two games in a row could put a damper on a team's spirits, Redmond insists that his players remain upbeat about their abilities.

"I was pleased that we got improved," Redmond said. "We did not go backwards in play."

The Rivermen then took on West Virginia Wesleyan at Quincy. The end result was a 5-0 victory by UM-St. Louis.

Goals were scored by Scott Luczak, Derick Kaaper and Trent Woodrick, while Mark Mendenhall added two goals of his own.

"It was a game that we dictated from the opening minute to the end of the 90 minutes," Redmond said. "They were rated seventh in the nation, so I am happy with the result."

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Movie Review

'Everest' an enjoyable experience for all

This Fall the St. Louis Science Center's OMNIMAX theater is hosting the first large-format film ever to reach the top-ten chart. The "Everest" experience begins Friday Sept. 11, 1998 and will continue until January 7, 1999.

Everest is by far one of the best films ever produced using the IMAX technology. The film is shown on a four-story, high-domed screen, allowing the viewer to be totally engulfed in the beauty and magnitude of the mountain. Everest documents the dramatic journey of ten climbers' 1996 attempt to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. Everest lets you personally experience a climber's trek across crackling ice falls, over bottomless chasms, up dangerous cliffs, and the exhausting last few steps to the top. It is a film about the relationship between the mighty mountain and those that attempt to climb it.

Tibetans believe that the goddess of the mountain will determine who will succeed to the top and who will not. Robert Schauer, assistant cameraman, explained that climbers

"must enter with a sense of respect for the mountain." Climbers cannot let their ego or self-confidence control the climb. The weather conditions on the mountain can change rapidly and climbers must be cautious.

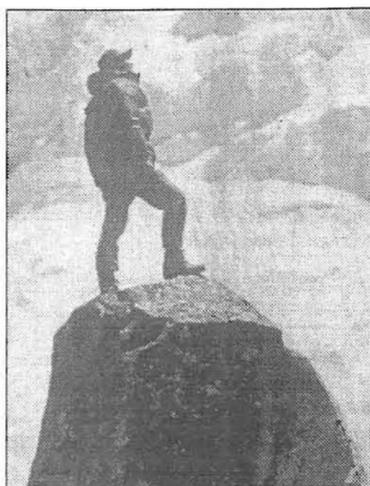
On May 10, 1996, disaster struck four other teams attempting to reach the summit. Unexpected fierce winds trapped 23 climbers on the mountain. In all, eight people lost their lives on the mountain; the worst tragedy recorded for Mt. Everest. The film documents the team's heroic effort to get the survivors to safety. Their efforts risked the completion of the film.

"Yet, what is a film compared to the life of a human," said Schauer.

There are few films that will compare with the power and impact of Everest.

This film is destined for numerous awards. Mt. Everest will last for eternity, but the film will only be in St. Louis a short time. It is a movie that all ages will enjoy.

- Stephanie Platt



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Music Review

'Sunny Day' album a winner

Sunny Day Real Estate
How It Feels To Be Something On

Sunny Day Real Estate's new album, How It Feels To Be Something On, is a welcome return for one of the most influential indie rock bands of the early '90s. For those who are not familiar with them, let me give a little background. Sunny Day Real Estate affected a whole generation of underground bands, often being cited as a major influence. Sunny Day released their first full-length album, Diary, in 1994 and followed it shortly thereafter with LP2. Both are full of beautifully textured guitar work and pleading, sincere vocals. The band then broke up, and vocalist Jeremy Enigk went solo. On his own, Enigk's songwriting and vocal abilities increased exponentially. He grew to be a truly great songwriter and singer, whereas before he was only good.

When Sunny Day re-formed this year, he brought all of his new talent with him. That is just what comes out on the new album. Present are Sunny Day's trademark guitar layering and interesting melodies. Also present now is Enigk's truly beautiful songwriting, as well as a more mature vocal style. These qualities combine to form the best Sunny Day album yet and possibly the best indie rock album of the year. If you like Braid, Promise Ring, Goo-Goo Fighters, or any emotional rock band, you need this album. It is controlled while being sincere, reflective but at times explosive. This excellent album will hit the streets Tuesday, September 22.

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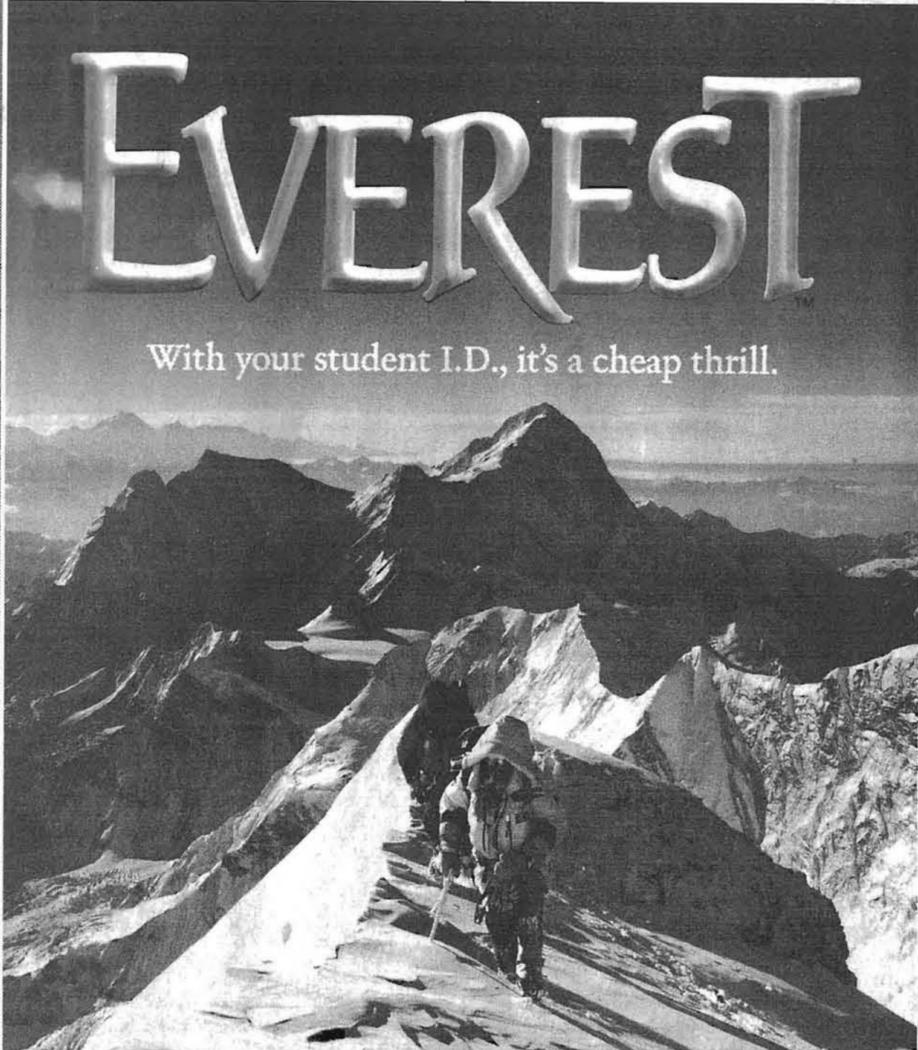
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UM-St. Louisan advances bid for office

BY JULIE PINGLETON
special to the Current

A graduate of UM-St. Louis has won the Democratic primary in the race for State Representative. Chris Kuban, a 1998 graduate, wants to represent the 99th district in south St. Louis County. His opponent is Kathryn Enz, a Republican in office for the past four years. Kuban ran unopposed in the August primary.

Kuban has taken a leave of absence from his current job to devote all of his time to his campaign. He believes success can be achieved only by hard work and dedicated determination.

Kuban said he "doesn't claim to know all the answers, but knows who to contact to get the results needed."

The public relations and communications courses taken at UM-St. Louis were helpful to Kuban. During his junior year of high school, he spent time in Russia as a student ambassador and developed an interest in politics.

"I wanted to help create a future while help-

ing others," Kuban said.

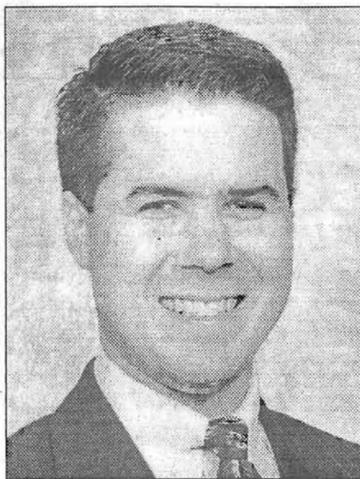
In 1992, Kuban was a member of the Volunteer Desegregation Program.

Kuban photographed President Bill Clinton during a visit to St. Louis. Not long after this experience, he decided to put down his camera and start organizing.

Kuban has been on campaign staffs and elected officials' staffs and most recently worked for Governor Mel Carnahan as an assistant scheduler and briefer. While handling numerous complaint calls with constituent services, he learned how a governing body really works and saw the "behind the scenes" environment from having Secret Service access.

Kuban is going door to door and using direct mail as a means of advertising.

If elected, Kuban will at present be the youngest member of the State House of Representatives. The age requirement for taking office is 24. Kuban, now 23, will have his 24th birthday just 15 days before the election.



Kuban

Correction

In issue 926 Coach Denise Silvester's name was misspelled. We regret any confusion this error may have caused.

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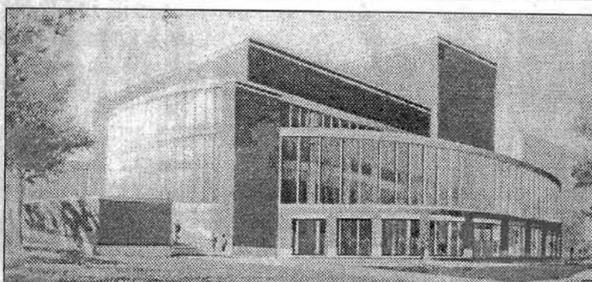
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An artist's rendering of the proposed Performing Arts Center.

of operations which is assumed to be the third year after opening when operations have stabilized."

The forecast did not include figures for what it described as "additional start-up funds that will be required during the planning, development, pre-opening and first two years of operation."

"The consultant focused upon year three as the base-year budget," Judd said. "For the first two years there will be significant start-up costs and we would like the campus community to participate in the discussion of the start-up costs and consider where the money will come from and the degree to which [this is] realistic."

The third point of concern outlined in the report centered around the amount of resources necessary to get the Music and Theater programs ready to fill dates in the proposed center. The forecast did not include projections for this.

"We'd like to have solid information on the scale of these new investments," Judd said.

The last point of concern in the report dealt with the estimated attendance of University-related events at the proposed Center. According to the report, those figures are related to past attendance at similar events.

Deputy to the Chancellor Don Driemeier was unavailable for comment.

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great to work with," Mowen said.

Mowen said that she wanted to encourage students to offer ideas to UPB.

"I would hope that the students, if they have any ideas or programs or bands that they would like to see, that they come to me with ideas," Mowen said.

Student Services Coordinator Don McCarty said that Mowen was chosen because of her interest and attitude.

"We picked her because she is very enthusiastic; she's very gung-ho and full of ideas," McCarty said.

McCarty said that they would have liked to have had someone who had already served on the board, but that they were happy with Mowen.

"Our choice would have been to have someone that had had experience on the board before," McCarty said. "Since we didn't have any applicants that fit that, out of the ones that we talked to, she was the one that stuck out."

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formances, and a bungee-run.

Director of Food Service George Schmidt said that 4,350 people were served at the Chancellor's Picnic, which was 800 more than last year. He said that last year's problem of long lines for food had been solved but that this year there had been a waiting line for drinks.

"I know we had a problem with soda but we'll rework that for next year," Schmidt said.

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