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 dynamic position.

Mowen said that one of her goals for the first UPB meeting will be to start a board presidency, scheduled for today at 5:30 p.m., and to have the committee chair write their ideas down and also to get some programs started.

That’s the way the board of directors is supposed to work with the committee chair getting ideas from committee members and brainstorming ideas. Mowen said, “With that I take (the idea) to Doug McCray and bill bill and hire it and get approval from him.”

Mowen said that the board has to operate as intended, with the chair coming up with ideas themselves.

“I am going to be there by week four, but I am not supposed to be the part of the programming,” Mowen said. “I want the individual committee chairs to work on programming.”

Mowen said that she has 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 for 6 years now up for this summer,” Mowen said.

According to Mowen, there are currently 10 students pursing for each Experience St. Louis event, and a 50% 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.

“Up to require a $10 deposit and when they come to pick their times at the box, they get it $10 back.”

Mowen said that the decision to apply for director was hard one, but that the most important thing was to cover the differences between the facilities’ projected annual income and expenditures.

“Even under the best-case scenarios, it will cost more to run the center than the proposed revenue, and several of the sources of revenue 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 requires 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 would be used for educational and recreational activities. According to the report, the limited funding of state time scheduled for academic student activities may jeopardize some of the state funding.

The report also questions the entire of the facility’s use for commercial activities.

The limited terms of concern listed in the report were the difference of estimates for startup costs of the proposed center. The AMS operational center was for what it was described as a “use year.”

Faculty Council raises concerns over Performing Arts Center funding

EXPO: Organizations and groups distribute information

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

BY ASHLEY COOK
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The 2009 EXPo and Chancellor’s Picnic attracted more students than last year, and fresh events were offered, including a success of administrators and students.

Chancellor Brown-Traut said that she was pleased with both the student turnout and the general atmosphere.

“The ability to build a community of students, and a community of scholars, and I believe we have a year’s experience of success in the current year, and I am just delighted.”

The EXPO and Picnic were held at the Alumni Circle and adjacent areas last Wednesday, running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for a half hour, and then opening again from 4 to 6 p.m. Food Services offered hamburgers, chicken, chips, cookies, and soda as a part of the Chancellor’s Picnic. Ice cream was also available, and was served to the students by faculty members. Many students stayed until all events concluded, as events in the Student Activity building continued.

A description of Academic Affairs Jack Nelson was in line for the first 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 that there is a great number this year, and I hope there will be more events in the future.”

Student Services Coordinator Dan McCarthy that there were 40 Student Activity Centers for EXPO, plus 3 extra tables.

“I think at least 10% of those who were there two or more organizations or departments in them,” McCarthy said.

McCarthy said that EXPO was a success, and that students were getting involved.

“They are interested in the board’s role and what’s going on,” McCarthy 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 Revet 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 tasted some of the common food,” Reves said.

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

“The area came out around 11 a.m. and we have had a good crowd ever since,” Schults said. “People seem to really enjoy themselves.”

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

“When I read the (short about EXPO) it was kind of misleading,” Easton 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 cooking game provided by peddled. Dance Team performances were also on show.

TOP: Council Founder of the Education Department and Deborah Keltner of Career Services help serve ice cream at Wednesday’s Expo. FAR LEFT: William Mascia of Food Services serves up the students with chicken and hamburgers for the Chancellor’s picnic. LEFT: Chancellor Stephanie Traut and Mathematics Department of Campus Computing and Its Assistants, Patricia Rottman.

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Committee formed to alter draft

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

“It’s very simple,” said Ian 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 revise its constitution since it discovered in March that most of the provisions being used were not properly adopted in 1993 under President Paul Manley.

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

“We are not under duress to make a constitution pass,” Ash told the assembly. “Our constitution is more than adequate to operate but it 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 wanted the new constitution to be the same in content with SGA President Jim Avery, SGA Vice President Michael Raskin and incoming Moderator of Student Administration Rick Blanton and that the finished product was “very, very rough draft.” He told the assembly that it was intended as a meeting point rather than a finished document.

“The one that I went back on,” Ash said. “I want it to be changed and I want it to be a good constitution so the more I get from you guys the better.”

Ash said after the meeting that about six members had already signed up for the committee but he hoped for more people to make a good “class revision” of the document.

Ash said that at the meeting 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 next month for November, rather than bringing it up at the SGA’s regular meetings.

“I don’t want to disturb it in a Student Government Association revision,” Ash said. “If we have enough time at our regular meetings so that it wouldn’t be good to throw in something that volatile.”

He admitted that the process would be a time-consuming one but he said that the results would be worthwhile.

“There’s no deadline for [the process]. However, I would say we look ahead to get it done as we expeditiously as we possibly can,” Ash said. “We’re not going to rush this constitution.”

Grade appeal changes approved by senate

BY BRIAN DOUGLAS

The University senate approved a revision of the student grade appeal procedure at last Thursday’s meeting.

Jaimee Zanuch, chairperson of the senate, said that most of the changes that would be made to the procedures were made by administrators.

“The previous version of the grade appeal procedure allowed individuals or an adminstrative lead to make a determination even if they had no knowledge of the subject area in which the grade was given,” Zanuch said.

“A majority of the senate floor amendments and student floor amendments removed the senate from the floor before passage. Most of the amendments involved what Zanuch described as ‘no excuse 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 having the office of the campus registrar which the chairperson wishes to appeal to college within an absolute of several years. In the discussion, it was decided that when a certain number of times a student will drop out without providing proper notice, the student wishes to return to college at later years and find that they are still subject to the same appeal rules.

Zanuch said that such cases are rare, and best dealt with as a case-by-case basis. Sometimes a case may have involved circumstances beyond a student’s control and in other cases the student may seek an appeal for a responsibility for a choice that they made as an adult,” Zanuch said.

Zanuch said the revision passed in the senate was not intended to deal with such situations.

“It is more for a campus-wide policy to most general cases rather than to be designed specifically for a rare exception” Zanuch said.

Zanuch said the student was most likely just to have 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 procedure followed 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 work should be graded more highly than the teacher believes, and that is in the nature of academic life,” Zanuch said.

Zanuch said that the grade appeal process “exists to allow different opinions is through personal discussion between student and instructor,” Zanuch said.

Zanuch said that according to the system of Academic Affairs, the appeal policy could go into effect immediately.

She said that immediately after the student of Academic Affairs to determine how the information will be distributed.
Get This

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

Newman House Catholic Student Center has been on the UM-St. Louis campus since the start of the University. Currently the space is taking action that will ensure it’s growth into the next century.

At its core, Newman House served many functions. It was a place for students to have social gatherings, or as a meeting ground for faculty and staff. Today’s campus attracts students. There are many scheduled events and programs, but there is also an open atmosphere that welcomes all students to come and mingle casually.

It is our concern for students to stay by the front door for a talk or a Coke, or during a break in their schedule to relax.

Dennis Clewrod is the director of the Newman House. His wife, Betty Clewrod, is the campus administrator. Dennis says that they work “to bring a vital Catholic presence on the UM-St. Louis campus.”

They also strive to get students involved, especially those in leadership roles, so they can be leaders in society and in church and college alike.

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

“All of our activities lead within these four categories,” says Clewrod.

And there are many activities to choose from. Weekly events include Sunday Mass, prayer meetings, bible study, and Wednesday lunches. The Thursday night prayer meeting brings in about twenty to thirty students each week.

“About half of the students take part around 11:00, 12, 12:30, 1, 2, some of them pray and some of them socialize,” Betty Clewrod said. “There’s an intimate sharing of life that we have here. It’s our superpower.”

Although life at the Newman House centers around faith and prayer, it is not a requirement that the students be Catholic, even though they participate in all. “There is a wide variety of options, and that gives the chance that they are comfortable with.”

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Betty Clewrod, Campus Administrator, Newman House

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

Bob Swerzel was recently appointed to be the director of Newman House. He will be responsible for the Missions and Retreat Center. He will also serve as the community coordinator. The first phase of the campus is aimed at raising $200,000 in the next 12 months to collect money.

The next step is expansion. In order to accommodate the large number of students and faculty on campus, the Newman House is considering a move to a new location or different ways to spread existing facilities.

Also 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-board-organization to receive the Student Life Award, from UM-St. Louis. They also arranged an Alternative Spring Break program for students, and plans to keep up that momentum this year. Other upcoming events include the annual Hunger Awareness Week and an Awakening Retreat scheduled for September 28-29.

The existing area on January 26, 1999 is being prepared for the upcoming events.

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

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Climbing: Work cover set up an inflatable mountain climber on 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 “widen the silo mentalities and industry within the community.”

UM-St. Louis works directly with the Science Center through the joint usage of knowledge in the areas of cognitive research and the efficiency of environmental interactions (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 students profit from this modern era.
Performing Arts Center takes heat from Faculty Council

The Issue:

The Performing Arts Center has run into more problems following 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 Board of Visitors meeting by doing so, some of the current concerns could be resolved more quickly.

So what do you think?

Let us hear from you. Yes, I'd like to share something with you. I am a student at the University of Texas at Austin and I would like to offer my thoughts on the Performing Arts Center.

Right guest commentator: Ashley Cook

Looks can be deceiving

When most people think of college students, it is usually the image of 18- to 20-year-old kids flitting between the university campus, university, and their off-campus housing. However, more and more students are entering college classrooms every semester. Some are returning to the classroom for the first time, while others are returning to enhance or advance their education.

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Rivervenner record moves to 6-1
Women's volleyball wins 2 of 3 at Red and Gold Classic

By Dave Kunth
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The women's volleyball teams boast a record of 6-1 and they acquitted the Red and Gold Classic held at UM-St. Louis Sept. 4-5. The Rivervenner women beat University of Iowa - Moline and Coach Donnie Silverstien provided the effort that the women gave.

"It was a test of their spirits," Silverstien said.

The women lost to North Central on a 3-2 score, but "it sure gave us a lot of confidence," said Silverstien. The women are now 1-2-1 in the conference. Initially, Silverstien himself graduated from the University of Iowa, the school of Stuyvesant was a classroom of Silverstien.

The two teams battled hard and UM-St. Louis eventually scored three sets to the Rivervenner's two sets.

"The girls were standing on the bench until the game was finally over," Silverstien said. "It was a true test of their spirits."

The Rivervenner women begin their league play this past weekend as they faced Belhaven and Northwestern. Silverstien said, "If we lose to Belhaven and Northwestern, we're not guaranteed to win."

The Rivervenner women do not need to score any marksmen-matches.

The Rivervenner women will now get some rest before their next game.

The Rivervenner sports associate is David Kunth.

The only thing that really matters is how the women look at the end of the stick.

"Men's sports are about the consistency, but women's sports are about the consistency and one team that can win only one game," Silverstien said. The problems with Silverstien's strategy is simple: he builds aggregations.

How can a man compete for a starting posture? As far as the Rivervenner men are concerned, Vemmel is dead on his bad side. Silverstien said that Vemmel has been called in the right back hand, but according to certain sports magazines, they have the Rivervenner finishing in last place and wanting to retool two games all day.

Rivervenner men are given 25 times less than when they started out. Well, let Silverstien be on about that. He is forever putting in some solid free agents and turn them apart.

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Soccer player gets closer to breaking record

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

BY JOE MANNIS
of the Current staff

The idea of a soccer player getting closer to breaking a record is one that's been around for a long time. However, when it comes to the current season, the idea of a player getting closer to breaking a record is even more exciting. The reason for this is that the current season is the first season in which a player has reached the century mark in terms of assists. The player in question is a sophomore forward for the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team. His name is Brianne Johnson, and he is currently on track to break the season record for assists made by a single player. Johnson is currently at 95 assists, and he is just one assist away from tying the record. The current record holder is a player from the 2008-2009 season, and he made 97 assists that year. Johnson is expected to break the record in the final game of the season, which is set for November 20th. The game is against the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and Johnson is expected to make a big push in that game to break the record. If he does break the record, Johnson will become the first player in UM-St. Louis history to do so. He will also become the first player in Missouri history to break the record. The record is currently held by a player from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Johnson is a senior and has been a key player for the team for four years. He has been a consistent scorer and has made over 100 goals for the team. He is a strong player and has been a leader for the team throughout the season. The record-breaking game is set to be a big one for the team and for Johnson. It will be a great day for soccer fans and a great day for UM-St. Louis.
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 of the mountain. 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-definition screen, allowing the viewer to be truly engrossed in the beauty and magnificence of the mountains. Everest documents the dramatic journey of two climbers in 1996 that attempt to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. Everest lets you personally experience a climber's trek across snow, ice, and headwater streams. At 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.

There are few films that will compare with the power and impact of Everest. This film is destined for numerous awards. Mr. Eisner 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 Plat

Music Review

‘Sunny Day’ album a winner

Sunny Day Real Estate
How It Fits To Be Something On
Sunny Day Real Estate’s new album, How It Fits 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, it is not a little background. Sunny Day Real Estate solicited a whole generation of underground bands, often being cited as a major influence. Sunny Day released their first full-length album, From Worst to Best, in 1994 and followed it shortly thereafter with LP2. Both are full of beautifully melodic guitar work and splendid, intricate vocals. The band then broke up, and vocalist Jenny Lewis went solo. On his own, Engh’s songwriting and vocal abilities increased exponentially. He grew to be a truly great songwriter and singer, whereas before he was just good.

When Sunny Day re-formed this year, he brought all of his new material with him. That is just what we see on the new album. Present are Sunny Day’s trademark guitar heavy and interesting melodies. Also present now is Engh’s truly beautiful songwriting, as well as a more mature vocal style. These qualities come together to form the best Sunny Day album yet and possibly the best indie rock album of the year. If you like Bright Eyes, Fugazi, Guided by Voices, or any emotional rock band, you need this album. It is controlled while being stra"
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UM-St. Louisan advances bid for office

BY JOHN FRIDELSEN
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A graduate of UM-St. Louis has won the Democratic primary in the race for State Representative. Chris Kuban, a 1994 graduate, won by two votes over Christy Danne in the St. Louis County District. Kuban is 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 he can be achieved only by hard work and dedicated determination. Kuban said he "dones't claim to know all the answers, but knows who to contact to get the results needed."

The public relation and communications manager at UM-St. Louis had to quickly develop Kuban's political platform. 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 helping others," Kuban said.

In 1992, Kuban was a member of the Volunteer Delegations Program. Kuban photographed President Bill Clinton during a visit to St. Louis. Not long after this experience, he decided to tour down his career and start organizing.

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

Kuban is going to door to door and using direct mail as a means of advertising. "I feel, Kuban will be present the year after the strongest 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."

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