**Faculty Council demands more involvement in decision-making process**

By Brian Douglas

In response to Chancellor Stacee Tuttle's mentioning of potential forces for campus-wide strategic planning, a motion Thursday that returned to still for greater faculty involve-ment in the planning and decision-making process.

De dets held, presiding officer of the Faculty Council, described the motion as a "middle-ground" proposal. Previously, had raised the need to further the faculty's confidence in Chancellor Tuttle was formally to that a change in leadership might be made to seek the inten tion. The proposal had presented in response to the formation of the task force and the Chancellor's statement of her intentions to review questions from the facul ty.

The motion begins by stating: "This motion details that the faculty of the University of Missouri-Kansas City will be included in meaningful participa tion in all future governance processes of the campus.

The delegates learned that the next faculty meeting in the planning and decision-making processes of the campus.

**Administrators want to cut delinquent payments**

By Shawn Perkins

Earlier this semester, students with delinquent accounts were notified of new policies for paying student fees and tuition. James K. Krueger, vice-chancellor of University of Missouri-Kansas City, sent a letter to students with past due balances warning them that they risked being classified as one of the University's delinquent accounts.

"By Dec. 13, 1999, students are expected to pay their past due balances in full or within financial aid terms of the Winter 2000 semester," the letter read in part.

The letter continued, "Although we expect students to comply with this payment policy, some students may prefer to make financial pay ments in stages. Thus, you may pro cess your enrollment at the University by bringing your student balance to less than $1,500 including Winter 2000 charges by Dec. 13, 1999."

"At the time funds for delinquent balances policy will be effective as of Dec. 13, 1999. Prior to the year-end, Winter 2000 semester, account balances must be less than $500. Prior to the start of the Fall 2001 semester and each semester thereafter, account balances must be paid in full."

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**Students can get sick from other Y2K bugs**

By Pete Montemore

U-Wire cartridge, St. Louis, Ill. - The millennium might bring a plague of new diseases and viruses, and students aren't ready for them, University administrators said Thursday.

"We believe that many viruses will be set to "infect" the very few colleges that have not protected their computers for the Y2K bug," said the University Information Security Committee for the Information Technology Network Security Group. But the University also noted that even new academic departments were reluctant to check for new viruses, it said, and students were failing behind.

"We need to get in the habit of updating," the said. "Students need to update their computer," such as with McAfee Fast Track for the PC and Virex for the Macintosh, Softscan software.

"There are a total of, about 40 new computer viruses every month," he said. "In fact, this week the number of people to keep updated. Students have to do themselves." The students are in April and fall and are the only computer students have done.

"We need to be this ahead of time," the said. "Some of these viruses can be fairly damaging. We don't want students to sit down and worry right before finals. No need for that sort of thing.

"The latest updates can be downloaded from http://www.unl.edu/studentlife/current.

**South-African students visit campus**

By Joe Mansi

A delegation of students from the University of Western Cape (South Africa) visited the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus on Dec. 13. The delegation hoped to learn more about resident life, financial aid and student leadership.

"The delegation is made up of students Manus Moyo, Yemisi Bolarinwa, and Sipho Mbele. All three are involved in the academic government at UWC." Rayvon Armstrong, the U-Wire University of Missouri-Kansas City, said the visit is designed to promote cooperation.

"In order to ensure all students and internationalization of the campus," Armstrong said. "Through our outreach we promote a lot of programs, such as international delegations and things of this sort."

"The delegates learned a lot about higher education in the United States, particularly differences in admissions, financial aid, residence, and curriculum.

Moyo said curriculum changes at UWC should be included in their agenda. She said the students would like to see UWC's curriculum comparable to theirs across the world. "I think the students' American's is quite thrilling," Moyo said. "For us you can see our curriculum is not structured. If you are going to do comparison, these are your choice, and we choose one or two. Two. Here I realize that you can do the combination of the standards of things that come out with a good product."

South Africa is in the middle of many political and institutional changes. Moyo said the problem has been difficult. "The difference between America and South Africa is that currently South Africa is in the process of change," Moyo said. "At the heart of this is to make sure the inequalities that were the result of 300 years or so are changed over a period of time and that is what is quite different and difficult to do."

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THE CAMPUS CRIMELINE

Tuesday, Dec. 7
• Center for Trauma Recovery, director of the War Trauma Recovery Project, Priscilla Schultz, presents "7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in room 266 University Center, from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call Betty at 383-3453.

Wednesday, Dec. 8
• Take-Out Prayer, a prayer service of song and silence, will be occurring in room 266 University Center, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. For more information call Roger at 383-3000 or Betty at 383-3453.

• UWM System President to Visit Campus, all faculty, staff and students are invited to a meeting with the University of Missouri System President, Kenneth Perschke and Chancellor Rebecca Touhill from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. In Room 200 of Lucas Hall, Perschke will discuss the UWM System Strategic and Resource plans and Touhill will discuss how UMSL is responding to these initiatives, including a $1.6 million realization mandate for FY 2000-2001.

Vigil Mass for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception will be at Catholic Newman Center, 8220 Natural Bridge, at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Betty at 383-3453.

Friday, Dec. 10
• Chancellor's Holiday Dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the Underground and Summit Lounge. All tickets must be picked up from the following persons and locations. One ticket per person please. Ted Kickl, Health Science Library, Julie Graftm, 331 Martinich, Linda Callie, 213 Music Building; Emma Collins, Honors College Office 132; Bob Kennedy, University Meadows Office; Nancy Forbes, 163 Nursing Administration Building; Betty Covington, 243 General Services Building; Barb Schopp, 223 Mark Twain; Betty Ramirez, 518 Lucas Hall; Jim Kanistore, 542 Clark Hall; Karen McVey, 451 Computer Center Building; Doni Keel, 267 University Center; Keith Leith, 207 J.C. Penney; Darreene Del Savio, 223C Research Building; Ellen Houska, Thomas Jefferson Library Circulation Desk; Karen Crawford, 401 Lucas Hall; 123 S. Campus Residence Hall; Karen Vaughan, Suite B, Regional Education Park.

Sunday, Dec. 12
• Catholic Mass will be held every week at 6 p.m. at South Campus Residence Chapel.

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November 16, 1999
A visitor to the campus reported that sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., her 1988 four-door Chevrolet Caprice was stolen in room 328 of the Student Services Building. The items contained in the stolen backpack were not reported.

November 19, 1999
A student residing at University Meadows reported receiving five harassing telephone calls from an unknown person between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. A telephone number was recorded on the telephone calls. The suspect is the case cut himself on the leg accidentally. Warrants will be applied for at the St. Louis County Police Department.

November 20, 1999
A student residing at University Meadows reported being stabbed in the arm by another person during an argument. The suspect is the case cut himself on the leg accidentally. Warrants will be applied for at the St. Louis County Police Department.

November 22, 1999
Student, the School of Optometry reported that between Aug. 3 at 9 a.m. and Nov. 22 at 3 p.m., a certification stamp was stolen from 328 Martillac Hall.

November 23, 1999
A student reported that her backpack was stolen from the bookstore storage shelves at 11:30 a.m. The backpack contained textbooks, a special tape recorder for the blind, and recorder tapes.

November 29, 1999
Two Hewlett-Packard laptop computers and a network card were reported stolen from 134 Science Building between Nov. 24 and Nov. 29.

December 1, 1999
A student residing at University Meadows reported that a set of keys was stolen from her apartment. They had been forgotten. University Meadows was also notified.

December 6, 1999
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THE CURRENT
December 6, 1999

The Meadows is the best opportunity for students wishing to live close to campus. The great staff and residents make for a wonderful college experience.

-Bethany Jenkins, University Meadows resident

I enjoy the activities that the Meadows sponsors. They provide a great opportunity to socialize and have fun with other residents.

-Amy Glasgow, University Meadows resident

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Bugged: Y2K genius tech heads need lesson in humility

BY ANNE PORTER

With the prevailing hypothetical set conceptional course facing us with the new millennium, I have one thing to say, "Y2K kiss my butt." As much as I love computers for just about everything in my life, I still hold the meaning vigilant and computer fanatics from the future are running through many people's minds, it absolutely obnoxious.

What is it about computers and the people who work them? My first job after college was as a Marketing Analyst for a computer consulting firm. I met a lot of computer people through this job, which is a major reason why I am no longer working for that company in that industry. Yes, the information technology industry and many of the people in it are completely ridiculous.

I don't mean go off on a rant here, but I cannot believe that these are computer professionals out there that are making more money than doctors are making. These people are working with computers, not saving lives and the aged. Many of these IT professionals walk around like they own the world. They treat you like the village idiot if you don't know what a gizmo is, but because I'm not technically oriented and would rather have them detail in surreal snob's bend, don't mind if I'm an idiot.

Bill Gates forgot the mythical status that he is given from. He utilized his talents, decreed a dream, worked hard to build up an empire and now he's sitting on say of it. Good for him.

However, he has kept a petty local head for his accomplishments. The site still reflects in first class airplane because the ticket prices are outrageous. I with other IT professionals would follow his gift.

So here I am and things about making the world Y2K compliant.

That's your job. It is no different than the accession to the time, the year being a人们的日或the time you said go. Keep, con­

nected a high society in the American business.

And what is up with those scions who rose from computer vendors? They have to be completely insane. I remember one of the leaders to barbarous grading syndromes. While these people claim to love the work, but in reality, they are an absurdity to what they want to create in them and the effect they have on other people's lives. It's not computer's fault that you lost your mind behind your computer all day, everyday, losing any ounce of social grace you might have had.

"Guess what? People, as matter how badly the tables have turned, real corporations. If you get your kicks by creating a virus that will erase my hard drive, then you need to go back away from your computer and return the nearest mental hospital. Reality exists and it isn't always either. Sometimes the best strategy is the one who can't be impressed by an old-fashion­

ed backwoods to close it down.

I applaud those companies professionals who are truly helpful and willing to explain and answer questions. They are few and far between and I think of those with my heart. I don't know what a gizmo is, and I don't care. The people who should be allowed to compete are usually the people who are the most down to earth. And for those companies

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OUTSIDE IN

BECKY RICKARD

BY CAROLYN AGNEW

Carolyn Agnew, a first-year student at UM-St. Louis's e-business program, performs as a stand-up comedian at the Comedy Forum. Agnew, who also performs as a stand-up comedian at the Comedy Forum, is a single student who is working towards her bachelor's degree in mass communication.

Agnew has performed stand-up comedy in 1987 and 1992. In 1999, Agnew began to do stand-up again, only with new material, such as the current political experience.

Agnew has performed at the Funny Bone, the Comedy Corner, the Funny Bone College, the Missouri State University, and the University of Missouri.

"I look at the hypocrisy of life, and that's how I base my humor comes from," said Agnew.

When she first took the stage, Agnew used topics of men and sex. Now, she covers a broader area including politics, parenting, and sex.

"Comedy is an art form and when you take it to its lowest common denominator, you may start to think of men and sex," said Agnew.

"I've enjoyed doing things that are unbelievable.

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Wesleyan nips Riverwomen

Fatigue, sluggish defense factor into team’s first loss

BY RICHARD OXOSKI Staff Writer

The UC-St. Louis men’s basketball team, previously 2-0 and off to their best start in over a decade, faced their toughest opponent of the young season during a Monday night home game. The Riverwomen defeated the second half and took home a 56-48 win.

The University of Central Missouri’s women’s basketball team, ranked 15th in the nation, defeated UM-St. Louis for the first time since 1995, marking the second half of the UC-St. Louis season.

The UC-St. Louis Riverwomen, led by head coach Jody Krzynowek, won the game in the first half with a 30-32 lead. The UC-St. Louis Blues, however, surprised them with our triangle-2 defense in the second half.

In the second half, the UC-St. Louis team had 14 turnovers, most of them in the second half of the game. The UC-St. Louis team also had a difficult time shooting and taking home a 53-68 lead.

The UC-St. Louis team had a difficult time shooting, but their perimeter shooting was not the biggest factor in their loss. The UC-St. Louis Blues had a strong defense, with seven steals and three blocks.

The UC-St. Louis team finished the game with 21 points, but their defense was not enough to overcome the UC-St. Louis team's strong defense.

The UC-St. Louis team has a difficult road ahead, with games against their toughest opponents on their schedule. The UC-St. Louis team will need to improve their defense and shooting to have a successful season.

Riverside women slow down by Kentucky Wesleyan

BY DAVE KINWORTHY sports editor

The Riverside women’s basketball team, ranked 9th in the nation, lost to the Kentucky Wesleyan women’s basketball team, ranked 17th in the nation, by a score of 82-80.

The Riverside team started the game with a 10-0 run, but the Kentucky Wesleyan team responded with a 14-0 run to take the lead. The Riverside team struggled throughout the game, with a 33-point halftime deficit.

The Riverside team had a strong defense, with eight steals and two blocks. The Kentucky Wesleyan team, however, had a strong offense, with 21 points and 17 rebounds.

The Riverside team had a difficult time shooting, with a 30.4% shooting percentage. The Kentucky Wesleyan team, however, had a strong shooting percentage, with 43.8%.

The Riverside team had a difficult time scoring, with a 29-point halftime deficit. The Kentucky Wesleyan team, however, had a strong scoring percentage, with 37.4 points.

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Thug in harmony . . . "Project Duffy" pays big dividends for ice men

BY MICK BOWMAN staff writer

The Blues have surprised me all season with their disciplined play and their great defense. The Blues have been a staple for their home and road defense.

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Market-savvy pretty faces putting artists with integrity out of business

It appears these days that a band need not be good to "make it" in this soulsick industry. I guess this isn't a new thing, but it is still rather disgusting.

Just wonder what gets played on the radio, what makes the cover of Rolling Stone, who gets placed every other song on MTV (Emery VI), or what will be in music stores nationwide. Most of it is not what many people would consider groundbreaking, innovative, or even good music. The Backstreet Boys (though I won't tell anyone when I refer to their name), is no example.

I can't even tell them apart. Who are these names? None of the members in these bands play their instruments, so their concert essentially becomes a cute little karaoke event with them singing along to tunes written by other people.

The Backstreet Boys have been bragging that their new album actually features songs they wrote the lyrics to, and what a wonder it is that it has been sold that 50 million copies of Fiftieth Reunions have been sold with an infinite amount of time to make their album. They even knew all of Shakespeare's works. I am guessing that it was one of those strange things about how to write all the Backstreet Boys' lyrics.

I recently asked a girl at a mall if she liked the Bucklehead's Boy, hey? No, they are an easy price. My question (that I didn't ask the poor girl for but that headspike might notice) is why LILITEN to a band at all? You can't even once the CD is playing, so why bother? I got this response a few years ago when I asked someone why they liked Bush.

Sometimes bands make it with their simple mixing, mastering abilities. Some girls with their headbands (or God knows what) and suddenly they are the "stated local band" for that radio station. Nothing like a local band ever happening. In Los Angeles, of course.

I recently asked a girl at a mall music store why she liked the Bucklehead's Boys. Her reply? They are an easy price. I said, "But you are an easy price. I got this response a few years ago when I asked someone why they liked Bush.

One night I was at a school, and I said, "But it's not what many people would consider groundbreaking, innovative, or even good music. What ever happened to the good music by bands that can't play instumental parts?" I got the same response. "But it's not what many people would consider groundbreaking, innovative, or even good music."

It's only when we let the tide take us where we are that we can understand what's going on.
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breading as well. I am not worried about the Executive Committee making a correct decision.

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Successful one-act plays help reintroduce theater to UM-St. Louis

by Shayan Perkins

Two one-act plays, "The Murder Play" and "Stamty Crisis," were performed Dec. 2 and 3 in the basement hall theater. The shows were produced by the English department and available free to the public.

Barbara Kasher, associate professor of English, directed the performances. Jacky Sarris, who was one of three students in charge of the sound, lights and props on stage, was pleased with the production.

"Since UMSL does not currently have a drama department, this is a great way for students to show their interest in performing. There are a lot of students on campus who really want to get involved with some thing of this nature," Sarris said.

Sarris said that it has been around 11 years since the University has had a theater department. She acknowledges that there is no current proposal to initiate a theater program on campus but hopes that the new Performing Arts Center will kick start such action.

"To my knowledge, this is the first year for the one-act but there is a lot of interest in keeping it going. I think that next year if students would like to get more involved and direct the one-acts that is a possibility," Sarris said.

The cast of the one-act consisted of nine actors and three stage hands who handled lights, sound, and props. The cast had been rehearsing since October. Sarris said that the students have very diverse majors including communications, veterinary medicine, and English.

"Kusher has been talking about this project since orientation and has been encouraging students to audition. There have been a lot of promotion involving this production. Most information came from word of mouth although we did post some from around campus. Considering the fact that finals are approaching, I think we have had a pretty good turn out," Sarris said.

Questions? Call Dr. Haggans, 516-5343.
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Indirectly to an AIDS contraction.

"They are a risk because when [someone] donates blood, they make [you] do things they wouldn’t do when they are sober,” Thomas said. Thomas has lectured all ages from sixth graders to post-graduate medical students. Transfusions are only possible through four body fluids, including blood, semen, vaginal fluid, and breast milk.

AIDS works only through the fluid-fuel muscle which makes uncontrolled sex, blood transfusion, transplant, mother-to-child (through birth), and intravenous drug use the primary transmission routes.

Four means of prevention that stop someone from getting AIDS are abstinence, the use of clean drug needles, latex sexual barriers (condom), and universal precautions like latex gloves.

AIDS goes through four stages. The first stage is acquiring the virus. In the second, flu-like symptoms occur, along with possible weight loss. In the third, the immune system weakens enough to bring about the complications of other conditions, such as pneumonia or lung cancer. In the fourth stage, the white blood cell count decreases by less than 2000.

Although medicines exist to fight AIDS, there is no cure. Thomas lives by a bottle and pill box. He takes 20 pills a day at different times, all with side effects. These drugs are more toxic than chemotherapy.

Thomas sees a problem that people do not understand that AIDS is still out there because they don’t hear about it as much. If anyone sees the AIDS quilt, they mustn’t forget it, or what it represents.

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Purchasing Pokemon toys include the Fisher Price Peaceful Place Aquarium. The Aquarium glows and lights up a room at night. A real pet that will give unconditional love also fills the request for a wonderful selection, and if they come from the shelter that little puppy is also given the gift of a safe home. A word of warning for you: however, make sure the recipient of the gift will appreciate it, and can care for the animal as they will force you to get a life away from your Teklizitute. And that’s my view from the outside.

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Dentistry, it really trivializes it.

My horizons have broadened. I will no longer go from the range of political humor to all the way to sex. Sex is tried and true. You know people will laugh about that,” Agnew said. When Agnew walks on stage, she has learned that she has 15 seconds to grab the audience's attention. Agnew’s routine may change as she has learned that she has 15 seconds to grab the audience’s attention. Agnew never attacks a crowd.

"I don’t want anyone waiting for me in a parking lot,” Agnew said. Agnew considers the newspaper the most reliable source for humor. In addition to reading and staying current with events, she keeps a journal.

"I’m always writing... I love to write... [It’s] an outlet for me,” Agnew said. Stand-up comedy has taught Agnew a few lessons of life.

Agnew said she has learned “what you’re going through, everybody else is going through (and) when you do something you really like, you do it well.”

"Just a single mother, student and worker, Agnew puts it all together when she walks out on stage.

"It’s an incredible high to make someone laugh," Agnew said. “It’s such an adrenaline rush. I would say to anybody considering comedy as a career to really look at it as something you have to love because it can be very frustrating.”

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People who think they are intelligent comedians on a mission to sound technological— I’m calling the peace-protective police on you and hopefully they will force you to get a life away from your Teklizitute. And that’s my view from the outside.

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No more fear: Rams fan comes out of the closet

BY NICK BOWMAN

I am a St. Louis Rams fan! (allegedly) picked Rams in every office pool I've been to, have a Facebook group that no one's in, and am so afraid of spending hundreds of dollars just to see the Earl Wariner Show in person, I can finally say this without any fear of being banished from the sports writing community.

For years the nay-sayers laughed at my undying support. They giggled at my support for a team that was transplanted from Los Angeles because of a lack of fan support. This was a team that had not been to the playoffs in its history. They felt odd man out, a team that was on pace to be the worst team in NFL history, a team that had been a student, just like me, but one that had not been successful. They knew the Rams were a good team, but also an anti-football team, a team that had two horrible seasons in a row. They were right, but I wasn't going to stop supporting them.

I watched as my beloved Rams, the team that had been my favorite team for years, went through the ups (a 4-10, 6-10, 1-9, 2-10) and downs (records of 7-9, 6-10, 1-9). I tried to conceive why a team that had not been to the playoffs seemed to have a very fine-tuned community.

I am a St. Louis Rams fan.

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Back in the day, I was a Rams fan. Just like you. I knew how to support my team. I packed a lunch, ate at home, and I would go to the game and seat there at the worst possible seat. I would attempt to look the part in my jersey ($125), my seven fitted hats ($250), my pile of tickets (yards), and my Rams underpants ($20 a piece), my Rams underwear ($15), and my pile of tickets (yards) for a team that was never going to win. I never went to a game. I never went to a game because I was afraid. I was afraid of being banished from the sports writing community.

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