Comptroller set to expel SGA groups, freeze budgets

By David Baicher
senior editor

SGC Comptroller Ash said that he hopes to begin proceedings this week to remove the SGA from Senate and freeze their budget due to poor attendance at student government meetings.

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Ash said the move was a proposed decision based on a SGA Helsinki vote that all student groups must be expelled from SGC after missing four meetings.

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Ash stated that members of the Senate have voted to remove the SGA from Senate and freeze their budget due to poor attendance at student government meetings.

"SGC will be removed from the assembly next year if this is not corrected," Ash said. "We believe that SGC should be removed from Senate and their budget should be frozen due to poor attendance at student government meetings."
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Royally flushed: Lady Luck can be terribly cruel

It's been some time since I went about my arch-enemy, Marty. Fortunately, however, he isn't around. It occurred to me that tough people would enjoy this story, so I will share it with you today. Keep in mind that this is a true story and names have not been changed. The incident really took place.

All started with an innocent trip to the gambling boats. (I don't remember the specific establishment, but it's not really important.) Marty and his friend, Don, went to see what a gambling boats style poker at one of the tables. It was a real happening, and no one seemed to mind at all. There happened to be a kind of side-bet-thingy going on at these places. I hope my advanced use of technical terminology didn't lose anyone there.

The basic story is to draw down a extra large hand with each and go around towards a certain basin, and the vanguard varying propositions. As a true story and names have not been changed, it's pretty much the expected thing to do. All the real gamblers do it! But to make the story more interesting, I will name the place at the norm. You see, in order to peruse the possible basin he decided a royal flush. That's a really good deal, hand, and the second basin was quite manageable to get. So Don sat out as a waste of a hand.

As luck would have it (you probably would say this is going to happen), Don was dealt that rare hand. Marty and Don were both astonished. Unbeknownst to them, Don did not know that Don had not thrown a dollar down before hitting his basin. The man assured that he had all the real gambler's necessities to proceed and to jump-up shooting. "He won the jackpot! He won the jackpot!" and pointing at Don.

Once Marty repined his ability to speak, he carefully explained this to the stranger who he was mistaken and Don did not have the $1500 (that night's jackpot) as in many other hands. Although he was not seen to understand in time, he eventually calmed himself and set back down. For the rest of the night's eyes he locked in the other player's face, and almost totally forgot. One time, just kept thinking his head is in disbelief.

Even though he didn't win $1500, Don still had a licker and the dealer had anything worthwhile, Don could be a few thousand dollars richer. Fate was in an evil mood, however, and had a note for the blood.

The dealer did not give Don the token, but he stressed that he should have nothing. So Don only wage $5.

As if all these wasn't bad enough, the gambling boat wanted to put a pitcher in the newspaper because, after all, a royal flush is a unique accomplishment. Don hopefully declined the kind offer.

About a week later, Don received a nice picture plaque for his amazing feat. Of course, his name was mispelled.

Time passed. About a month later, Marty and Don went to a casino to once again open his books.

Before the first round, Marty draw down 5. Don down 5. The man next to him, an infinite, was an attempt to be so friendly, said, "Hey, man, Aren't you going to pay a back down?" Don, this time, just kept thinking his head is in disbelief.

At least, if nothing else, the event has given Don legendary status among gamblers.


Let's make a difference: A TV remote control

Last night, after too much all-night studying, I found myself in my dorm room watching a TV show. Nothing exciting was on, but I was bored, so I reached for the remote control. I changed the channel a few times, but nothing caught my interest. Finally, I landed on a news channel and decided to watch the evening news. The first story that caught my attention was about a local community event where people were working together to clean up a nearby park. It was inspiring to see how much can be accomplished when people come together.

I thought about the story and decided that I wanted to be a part of something positive. I reached out to the organizers and offered to help. They were grateful and invited me to join their team. I spent the next few weeks volunteering at the park, meeting new people, and making a real difference in my community.

So, the next time you find yourself in front of a TV, remember that you have the power to make a difference. Whether it's volunteering, donating, or just spreading positivity, every little bit helps. Let's make a difference today!
March Madness hits Rivershine women's basketball team  

First round upset leads to second round heartbreak in the GLVC tournament

By Ken Dunkel  

The Rivershine women's basketball team has battled through all its struggles this year. The season has taken an end in its final days, and many of the players who have been through so much are now out of the tournament.

For many players, this season was one of constant struggle and hard work, but it also brought great success. The team finished the season with a record of 21-14, which was good enough to secure them a spot in the NCAA Division II tournament. Unfortunately, their hopes were dashed in the first round when they were defeated by the University of Missouri-St. Louis, 64-60.

"It's been a tough year, but we learned a lot," said Rivershine head coach Rich LaRusso. "We knew it was going to be tough, but we never gave up. We fought hard and did our best."

LaRusso said the team's experience in the tournament was invaluable for its future. "We learned a lot about ourselves and each other. We learned how to work together and how to handle pressure."

The team's biggest challenge was the pressure of playing in front of a large crowd. "It was a lot of pressure, but we handled it well," said LaRusso. "We played our best and gave it our all."

LaRusso said the team's biggest concern was the consistency of its play. "We have a lot of talent, but we need to be more consistent. We need to play our best in every game."

LaRusso said the team's next goal is to work on its defense and improve its offense. "We need to work on our defense and get better at making shots. We need to be more aggressive and play harder."

LaRusso said the team's future is bright, and he is confident that they will continue to improve and achieve success. "We have a lot of talent and a lot of potential. We just need to work hard and play our best."

The team's players said they were proud of the season and the progress they made. "We worked hard and gave it our all," said Rivershine guard Sarah Thompson. "We learned a lot and we grew as a team."

"We're proud of what we accomplished," said Rivershine forward Jennifer Littton. "We worked hard and we did our best."

LaRusso said the team's success was a result of the hard work and dedication of the players. "We were a team and we worked together," said LaRusso. "We were a family and we were united.

"We were a team that was ready to win," said LaRusso. "We were a team that was ready to go."
VETERAN RIVERMEN START SEASON OFF WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS

By Dave Kinney

After a 15-15 season in 1993, the men's baseball program is gearing up for another solid year.

Last year, the team placed second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and earned six seniors and their top four pitchers.

Coach Jim Brady announced and is ready for the season to begin.

"We put a lot of hard work," Brady said. "It feels like we're ready to do something we want to do. Come next week is put us in position and we're ready to roll.".

The difference from last season to this season is the roster's focus and hard work according.

"There are a few less question marks," Brady said. "They know what it takes to win. The chemistry among players is really right. They feel good about where we are and are really good at what they do.

One crucial question for the Rivermen is how much they will replace first baseman Eric Bika who hit .308 and drove in 81 runs. Meckfessel was Morrow's favorite player to watch when he played for the Rivermen from 1980-1984, and under Meckfessel.

"We did try to help a little more and get production out of other people. We have two pretty good players in Mark Messick and Nick Pach who will lead the way as our top two. I am ready for a change of pace. We will put up where we pick up last season.".

With the losses of Bika, Lance Ellerick, Steve Johnson and Brandon Wiese, the Rivermen are looking to other players to step up and to the leadership role.

"The key to the team is how the guys who have been in a while, especially one up the middle combination of Bob Finko and Tony Lucza are pretty impresive," Brady said. "Jim Christian has been here now for four years.

"I really feel like opportunities are given and that the players are capable of filling them," Brady said.

"We've transitioned (enough to reach our goals)," Kennedy said. "It depends on how well we come together. We have a lot of new players, and it takes time to gel.".

The Riverwomen will have a total look this year, especially on the pitching staff. Gone are Nicki Kucan and Diane Moncey, here are Alisssia Stritt, Kellie Barger, Donna Moncey, and Jennifer Voss, PhD, as the primary starting pitcher from last year is sophomore Megan Rodgers.

"Assistant coaches will also be considered," Kennedy said. "This is our chance to put up with new players and help from the depth defined earlier.

The Riverwomen will open with a strong non-conference schedule to open up the season. They will play several teams ranked in the top 20, including Kenesaw State who was ranked number one in the conference for four weeks last year.

Kennedy said the tough schedule will help the Riverwomen down the road.

"We've seen the best out there, but we want to do in conference won't be as big of a push," Kennedy said. "That's no lie, that but you see you're best are,"

With the tough non-conference schedule, a lot of focus will be on the Riverwomen's four returning players. Andrea Wirku, Andrea Sczurko, Melissa Shumate, and Megan Rodgers will need to step up.

Wirku led the team in hitting with a .351 average in 1998. Sczurko played a steady shortstop and Kennedy looks for improved offensive numbers from her this season. Shumate played centerfield and has moved down the lineup to be in a position to drive in more runs. Rodgers will also see at third and first base as well as the mound. Her offense will be a plus for the Riverwomen.

Kennedy is also excited about the new in-campus softball complex that is the new home for the Riverwomen. The new complex will allow the Riverwomen to schedule more home games which will open up their new complex.

The Riverwomen will open with a new schedule Friday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. with a doubleheader against Olivet College.

Softball team has new faces, new attitude, higher goals

1999 UM-St. Louis Softball Roster

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By staff associate

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