State auditor investigating retirements

BY BENJAMIN ISRAEL

Comptroller and Controller members of the University of Missouri Board, State Auditor Climate McCaskill's office to start an investigation of the University's previously approved program March 23. Still, Mauro Peterson, president of the University system, said the Board of Curators at its March 23 meeting in Rolla that nothing was wrong. But his statement appeared to contradict a written statement issued by UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanco Trusty.

At press time, the document around the retirement of two UM-Louis administrations—Wendell Seay, interim vice chancellor for University Relations, and Norm Karp, executive officer of the Office of Equal Opportunity—was available. A spokesman for McCaskill's office said he wouldn't identify the faculty members who complained. "We have heard them and then the same thing. It was a great concern when we saw that the University retained administrators who, by University policy, were not to be terminated," Peterson said.

Plans to fire and/for write out and correct that part-time staff and bring more revenue into the University system were developed by the faculty members who complained and make $31,936 and Seay made $22,750 per year.

He then told the staff that the administration, by the University's rules, would not be able to retain his official positions, including any that they might identify as being positions that would be "unconditionally appointed." He said Trusty would not retain the staff roles when they would "pro-" or "may variable that is the administration in a number of critical roles, and their effective performance is un- assured.

In a letter released March 10, Wendell Seay said the leadership continues to staff at all levels, and then the entire campus will be to senior vice chancellor.

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In his address to the Curators, Peterson said the early retirement program was administered correctly and according to the rules.

"Those who believe that there was ever a prohibition against that investigation are simply mistaken," Peterson said. "The policy states that all circumstances will be considered, and that our office..."

"We are not allowing to become a student," Peterson said. "I can't make it to the April 20 meeting."

April 20 is the next scheduled SGA meeting.

Butler's spokesman said holding another meeting on April 20 was unworkable and called it unethical, unfair and unbal-

the leader of the Senate, Sunny weather, said that the meeting was needed to then the executive committee, the SGA, should have called it Butler cited Article III, Section 1, subsection D of the SGA, constitution which states, "The senate is entitled to participate in the development of the SGA in the midst of and with a conflict of the major meeting of the University who should be allowed to remain in their administrative positions..."

"I don't think the meeting would mean any other purpose but to make us miss another meeting," Butler said. Butler also questioned the length of time in which a member of the Senate can miss meetings before automatic-removal. Butler said the Senate terms coincide with the semester, and since he missed just two in the fall semester that the missed January meetings shouldn't count against that total.

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Monday, April 3  

**Main Campus Series presents “Poetry Reading.”** Jennifer Mackechnie, senior lecturer in English, UM-St. Louis, will read poems from her manuscript, “Controlled Burn.” Meeting in Room 229 J. C. Penney, the reading will run from 12 to 2 p.m. For more information call Karen Lucas at 5699.

**UMSL TV** will meet at 2 p.m. in Room 495 Lucas. See what they have planned and be a part of the Production Club. For more information contact umsltv@hotmail.com.

**Wednesday, April 5**

*Rec Sports Registration Deadline is today for the Tennis Tournament, which will be held at the UMSL Tennis Courts on April 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*The Concert* will be provided by Professor Leonard Ott of the UM-St. Louis Department of Music at 2 p.m. For ticket information concerning Premiere Performances events call 5980. To confirm events, ticket prices, or for further information call 9180.

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Although an on-the-ground event was not on hold for the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) Women's Expo 2000, a couple of years ago, the event grew in its mission, which was to educate, educate, educate, said FMLA representative Lashonda Harvey.

"I leave out the triple 'educate,'" said Harvey as she stood at her organization's booth, pointing out pamphlets for educational materials. "The seminar's major activity was antireproductive legislation, with various anti-choice issues, while noting the urgency of the legislative process.

"Whomever is elected president will have the power to tell you whether you can have abortion," Harvey said as she stood beside the booth, "from the time of conception to the time of birth." Harvey said she was moved to go to a protest at the U.S. Capitol when she realized that the president was the only person who could tell if a woman could have an abortion.

"Bush is elected president, he actually said that he would do away with Roe v. Wade," Harvey said.

The two-day event was held in honor of women's contributions to the nation and the world, said Harvey. The event is held by the Feminist Majority Alliance (FMLA) Women's Expo.

"If you don't know about our spirit gifts," Harvey said, "You'll be mighty surprised by what's going on in our booth.

"They're very uplifting and they tap into the positive part of yourself," she said.

The two-day event was held in honor of women's History Month, featuring books from Planned Parenthood, the Centre For Trauma Recovery and the Institute for Women, and Gender Studies.

The Alternative Thought: a bookstore, located at 2415 N. 4th St., had a booth of books as well. In addition to wall decorations, the store provided crystals, beads, tarot cards and Native American handicrafts. The Alternative Thought event organizer, Amy Zimme, said that the center's focus was "promoting self awareness, personal empowerment and to encourage people to get active in their communities.

Science and art at the Atlanta Alternative Book fair, a spiritual medium of astrological cards. She is the name we will call her when she is not there.

Mary T. Touhill, chancellor of Missouri St. Louis, has decided that he will rehire all Missouri St. Louis faculty and staff members, who were rehired from retirements, according to the UM-St. Louis. Touhill said.

"The first change was made when the chancellor announced the plan," Stringer said. "It's just a great idea for the University's Voluntary Early Retirement Program. Those who have communicated an interest in the University's Voluntary Early Retirement Program (VEPRP) and are consistent with the VEPRP's program requirements may apply for at least two years. The VEPRP program is an individual personnel matter. Those who have communicated an interest in the University's Voluntary Early Retirement Program (VEPRP) and are consistent with the VEPRP's program requirements may apply for at least two years. The VEPRP program is an individual personnel matter.

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Letters}

Editorial fail to show both sides

It's a very sad fact that the year was one filled with disillusionment and alienation, but one comes to expect such acts of cowardly faction if we are to believe the press. I have heard of a number of defectors who have abandoned their positions in protest against the forces of the right. These movements are the most difficult to challenge as they are the most vulnerable to criticism. They are the most dangerous to society and they are the most dangerous to society. The movement is not only a threat to society, but to the very principles of justice and democracy. It is a threat to the very foundations of our society and it is a threat to the very principles of justice and democracy.

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Managing editor

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**Baseball**

**Softball**

**Rivermen sweep two opponents**

*Three game losing streak breaks overall record 1-3*

The Rivermen tennis team looked toaverage their two home series to Florida College and Missouri State on this coming weekend. Valley Conference opponents Northern Kentucky and Kentucky Post are up next for the Rivermen. The in-state rivalry will heat up Saturday, March 5. The Rivermen started out very shaky, losing their first three double header matches. But reduced, freshened and more focused singles winners included Gyllenborg. Sam Schrumpf and Ryan Trif. The Rivermen, in the end, worked their way to get back to the Redbirds in the off season, the team improved. The Rivermen will roll up against the Rivermen in the first game Wednesday at 6 p.m. then play Truman State University in the second game Thursday at 1 p.m.

**SPORTS OPINION**

Despite NCAA snubbing, Springfield still loves its Bears

*by Richard Gilleley*

*Local and regional sports editor*

There are some things you love, eat, and breather. Springfield, Mo., is one of them. Springfield is a very big, 100,000 college student community. UDMA and UIW, and the small-town environment and party spirit make it a perfect breeding ground for sports fanatics.

There are no bigger teams in Springfield than the men’s and women’s basketball teams at Southeast Missouri State University. UM-St. Louis, with the quality addition of athletes, is lucky to get 500 people to its home basketball games. SMMU, especially at the end of the season, continually out with our games and bring huge contingencies for their away games.

“Bears” is a nickname SMMU can identify with the all-star effort that female Sarah Skae and Margaret McKee throw Lady Bear. When the men’s team made this season’s Sweet 16 last year to face Kentucky 40, the team that led, literally and figuratively, the team to the Sprint Center. The Bears sent two players to the NCAA tourney. The Bears were given an “out” in this year’s NCAA tourney, but the Lady Bears were in a better position than they were last year.”

The Lady Bears were without their in-ion’s final game of the season as the Bears made their way to the NIT tournament. The Lady Bears were the No. 1 team in the country, the Lady Bears of the year, and now may be the Bears of the year.

**Speed, veterans, and youth will back the Bears in the days when the Cardinals will be batting-swinging threats with Willie McGee, Vince Coleman and company on the base paths.**

No matter where the Cardinals were then, they are now and St. Louis could be looking at another potential champion here if everything goes the way it should and injuries stay away.

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**Upcoming Games**

**Rivermen** vs Quincy (DH)  Wed., Apr. 6 at Southern Ind. (DH) noon, Sat., Apr. 8 at Southern Ind. noon, Sat., Apr. 8

**McKendree** 1 p.m., Wed., Apr. 6 vs. St. Joseph’s 1 p.m., Sat., Apr. 8 vs. IUPUI-F. Wayne 1 p.m., Sat., Apr. 8

**Men’s Tennis**

vs U-Mo-Rolla 4:30 p.m., Thur. Apr. 6

vs Quincy 8 a.m., Thur. Apr. 6

vs Kent. Wesleyan 9 a.m., Sat., Apr. 8

**Next Issues in Sports**

• Base ball update • Softball update • Latest Scoop
The Newsboys please fans with 'Disco' tour traveling stage

by BYONNE KONNAH

Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — "This is the year of tributes," said band member Dave Phillips.

Ralph Simon, the band's bassist, agreed. "It's a good time to be a rhythm and blues fan."

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Fun

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Morningstar

Cory Blackwood's column will return next week.

Today, the Newsboys are ready to play and so get their fun and acting skills. Even since then as the villain in the 1994 film "Wag the Dog," I've struggled for a major film debut that would knock him into the stratosphere. In "The Matrix," he's the perfect addition to the cast. The Newsboys have been away from music for a long time, but now they're back with a new album and a new tour. The new concert with the Newsboys' trade-mark high-tech gadgetry like their radiator-facinating drum.

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Governor and the first woman elected to the State Senate, Victoria Sork was the founding director of the Institute for Women and is former president of the Political Science Department. Sork has achieved the rank of full professor of political science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In response to the letter, Sork said: "It's definitely important to have women on the board to represent the interests of women and to make sure that the women's voices are heard."

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Disagreement holds up Honors College land swap

BY BENJAMIN ISRAEL
staff writer

A disagreement over a right of way for emergency vehicles in building a land deal that would connect the Honors College to the rest of campus and keep the Campus Ballfield from having to maneuver over the speed bumps of Bel-Nor.

If the deal goes through, the University would acquire a 5.53-acre strip of land on the north side of St. Vincent County Park that would connect the Honors College to University Meadows and the former Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul property, according to University documents.

The University has already designed a service road and sidewalks to connect the Honors College to the South Campus, said Sam Darandari, director of Campus Planning and Construction. “If you would want to go for a walk, it would be hit and run with sitting areas and benches,” Darandari said.

The Campus Shuttle would use the new road instead of Bellerive Drive in Bel-Nor, Darandari said. In exchange for the strip, the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation would get two parcels, 4.3-20 acres north and west of the Castle Park Apartments, just south of a Bellerive Drive front that forms the northern boundary of St. Vincent Park and 1.82 acres north of the Norwood Nursing Center that adjoins the road that connects the park with St. Charles Rock Road, according to University documents.

The deal needed formal approval because St. Louis County purchased the land using some federal money, said Dave Bodensteiner, special project manager of the St. Louis County Parks Department.

The park is in Norandy, but the park’s only vehicle entrance is from the south on St. Charles Rock Road in Pagoda. The right-of-way would roughly follow the current bicycle and pedestrian path that enters the park from Bellerive Drive just north of the Honors College, said Brendan Schuster, vice chancellor for Administrative Services.

The University wants the right-of-way to be six feet wide, the same width in the path, Schuster said.

The parks department wants it to be eight feet wide on a 30-foot easement, Bodensteiner said.

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...for the committees, the position was intended to strengthen the role of the faculty in campus governance and eliminate the ambiguity of having faculty opinions represented by two groups. Sethroth said that under the existing system, there is sometimes confusion about who the Faculty Council or the Senate speaks for the faculty.

The proposal went before the Senate in September. It was subsequently discussed and revised before being presented to the Board on March 23.

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The Current

New editor in chief promises ‘year of growth’ for paper

BY MARY LINDSEY
senior editor

The Current’s next editor says the upcoming school year will be “year of growth” for the newspaper.

Josh Renaud, a sophomore requiring in communications and journalism, writing certificate, was elected to the position as editor in chief by Current staff members on March 8. The University Senate Publications Committee officially approved him on March 21.

Renaud said he hopes to build upon what he considers to be a groundbreaking year for the paper.

“This year was kind of a proving year that we were able to do a lot of things for the first time, and we were able to do a lot of things really well,” Renaud said. “My plan for the next year is to take what we did this year... and continue doing well and trying to improve on it.”

Renaud said two of his goals are to increase distribution of the paper and expand The Current's website to include content not found in the print edition. He said he also plans to further a more interactive relationship between The Current and readers.

“I want to start hosting more events, to create a newspaper and our audiences,” Renaud said. “My goal is doing that is to get feedback and more comments from the people we’re serving, to get a better understanding of what they expect from the newspaper.”

The editor-elect also says he intends to create a challenging work environment for staff members.

“One of my goals is to try to push everybody further than we’ve been before—no matter what department they’re in—to do a little bit more, to try something new,” Renaud said. “The people that we’re working with here have something to offer, and I think that the audience will see the results of that.”

Renaud joined The Current staff as a news assistant in October of 1998. He became both the production manager and the web-editor last May. His tenure as editor in chief will begin May 16.

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Board approves Arts Center contract, garage demolition

**BY BENJAMIN ISRAEL**

It's a done deal now, Garage "B" will come down and the Performing Arts Center will go up.

On March 23, the Board of Trustees of the University of Missouri unanimously and without public comment approved a $41.4 million contract with KCI Construction Company to build the Performing Arts Center where Garage "B" now stands, just east of the Southeastern Bell Communications Center near the UMSL North MetroLink station. Chancellor Brandy Talbot thanked the curators for "all the support we've had over the years."

On March 24, Capt. James Smalley of the Campus Police announced that Garage "B" would be closed at 3:45 April 1 to prepare for its demolition.

Sara Duross, director of Campus Planning and Construction, said demolition won't start until at least late April.

According to documents presented to the Board of Curators, KCI is scheduled to complete the 128,108-square-foot facility by September 2002. The site is under original ownership. Duross said one concern was that the University would not be able to entice contractors to cut away the dirt that will be excavated from the site and instead focus on the footprints on campus for the site, he said.

In addition, he said, competition for the contract was fierce. He said that the facility, designed by the internationally known firm of LMN, started with Gehry Partners, will be "one of the most exciting buildings in St. Louis" and "a signature building, the kind of building that any campus would want to have in their name."

There to build the center have been under fire from faculty members. Some say the money would be better spent on teaching, while others say the center is too close to the leading approach to Lambert St. Louis International Airport and will be too visible to need a fence.

Garage "B" is, the other hand, is invisible to come down, Smalley said. "We haven't even used it since the fall of last year, but it's been released to a downtown."

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The fourth administrator, Betty Darandari, director of TIAA-CREF International, said demolition won't begin until after July 4, 2000. "All of the decisions have been made, but we need to make sure that we don't have any problems with the demolition," she said.

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