The University of Missouri-St. Louis police force became the first university police department in Missouri to receive international accreditation last week.

At a conference held Nov. 30-Dec. 1, the UMSL police were accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. COLEA has established a professional standard throughout the country and the world based on 400 criteria. The UMSL police department worked almost two years to receive the accreditation. Sgt. Al Wert and other Tony Grendel were instrumental in bringing UMSL up to par, and police chief Bob Ronander.

"It was a massive undertaking," Ronander said. "There were some costs that were involved. A lot of changes needed to take place and policies had to be rewritten so that everything was governed." Ronander said they had to change policies and operational procedures dealing with a range of issues like promotional processes, handling complaints about inappropriate conduct, and prisoner transport.

"We decided that it's not only important to meet one or two standards, but it's important for us to look at what the overall public feels is important," Ronander said.

UMSL is the first university in Missouri with a police force that has achieved this distinction. About 30 other universities in the nation have also been accredited. In the St. Louis area, several agencies have also been accredited, including St. Louis County, University City, and Clayton. Roeseler said, "The University of Missouri-Columbia is also attempting to receive the accreditation.

"It's a feature in the (police department's) quarterly newsletter in the University's cap," said UMSL police spokesperson Dave DeGregorio. "It think it really means a lot to the students, because they think that they are really implementing the new policies that they've written and achieving the goals they set.

"I'm proud of the people that did it. It took a lot of work, and they want to be outstanding in the community, and the people that work for us are outstanding. It's a big deal." Ronander said. "I think it will help us gain the trust and respect service to the campus community as a whole."
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In September (three months ago, remember?), I wrote a column about the reasons I write in my book. This may not meet your criteria for community service. In fact, it may make you question your commitment to the community and your role as a member of your apartment and the surrounding town on the University campus.

Yesterday, just after the time I thought I might be able to relax, I received a message from Josh Bass, the editor-in-chief. Josh had a letter from Professor Properties Proprietor and a follow-up telephone conversation. The woman said he had been working on the book and that she was very interested in the project. In fact, she said that I should write the column about the project and that she would be very interested in my column. In fact, I am sure that I will be very interested in your column. She also said that I should be very careful to avoid any overlap with the book. She also said that I should be very careful to avoid any overlap with the book. She also said that I should be very careful to avoid any overlap with the book. She also said that I should be very careful to avoid any overlap with the book.
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Brianna Dohner’s article, “True scientists put hypotheses to test,” was a welcome addition to The Current. As a science student, I found her article insightful and thought-provoking. It’s refreshing to read an article that not only discusses the scientific method but also highlights the importance of critical thinking and evidence-based conclusions.

On the other hand, I feel that her article could have benefited from a more balanced approach. While it’s true that scientists should be open to new ideas and evidence, it’s equally important to consider the implications of those ideas, especially when they contradict established scientific principles. For example, the article mentions the concept of intelligent design, which is a controversial topic in the scientific community.

In conclusion, I appreciate Brianna’s efforts to bring a scientific perspective to her writing. I look forward to reading more articles that explore the intersection of science and society.
Riversmen stuff Northwood for win

By Nick Bowman
staff writer

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**Edit Note**

The Riversmen basketball players keep their eyes on the game as they anxiously wait their chance to play. The Riversmen defeated Northwood University but lost last game on the road, bringing their overall record to 2-2.

Rec Sports boosts participation

By Dave Kinworthy
staff writer

As a freshman at UMSL, Jeff Wear is making a name for himself on the basketball court.

We're not in the spotlight, but Wear has become a key player for the Rams.

This outburst reminds many of the Rams' offensive woes as of late.

"That was a really good game," Wear said. "I think we played well offensively and defensively this time.

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With ‘Unbreakable,’ director’s success remains unbroken

BY CATHERINE MARQUES-HOMERO

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Drives (left) plays Diver Dune, the sole survivor of a catastrophic train wreck. Samuel L. Jackson plays Eliot Price, an eccentric stranger who is fascinated by Dune’s unexplained survival. Above: Price offers a bizarre, supernatural explanation.

RIGHT: Dune is a man with an extraordinary gift.

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Film Review

‘Family Man’ sticks to tried and true formula

BY CHARLIE BRIGHT

The Family Man is a movie that you may not have actually seen, but could piece together from other Christian movies if you had half a chance. Does this mean it’s worth your time and money? Quite to the contrary, actually. It’s a great movie with great performances from some impressive stars. Sometimes it’s a good idea to stick with what works.

Name a Bishop William movie that has a conscious and consistent hero who helps you justify aupe, popen people, or somehow is up to being just a bit worse for the experience. Give up? There is no such movie. The closest thing to an inferior sequel is “Good Will Hunting,” all of them follow essentially the same premise. But this doesn’t make them bad movies. I liked all of them, and by the same token, I really enjoyed “The Family Man” starring Nicolas Cage and Tea Leoni.

“It’s a Wonderful Life” (and many others) use the same basic premise as this film. “War of the Worlds” is about a family and a woman who are really happy man. After helping a stranger with a mysterious power (Don Draper), Chadikla, Campbell suddenly realises he is in an incredible job growing the show and changing a character of which he used to think so ordinary. The Lord, whose most notorious appearance was in “Deep Impact” and “The Naked Truth,” was another of his films. His performance was such a remarkable pay-off of a wild try to help his family together that I began to wonder about how to bring this situation (to David DeCoteau) is doing.

Unfortunately, little girl, the Christmas glimpse of a life that could have been, and some funny feelings, and a family man.

Concert Review

Open Mike night takes some impressive acts

BY SIAN DOUGLAS

I’m a bit of a low key of open mike nights. Too often you hear some groups trying to tease the stage of this same band. More sounds like it’s falling down from the sky than actually being played. It’s not bad, but the band never had. The comedy of this modern Christmas miracle story is offset by all of them appearing to be in their Christmas glimpses of a life that could have been, and some funny feelings.

The band, comprised of vocalist Michael McGowan, guitarist Tim Howard and drummer Jonathan Ludwinski, played six songs for a 15-minute set that hardly worked anything like something you’d hear on an average night. McGowan’s vocals showed a well-developed range, both high and low. Howard’s playing had all the smoothness of a classical background, but he had enough edge to keep the sound vital. I wasn’t sure what to make of the songs during first hints. Ludwinski and Howard chose a song or two, but it was an attempt to touch a wide variety of sounds from the core. A few songs, during which the usual complainer goes away with Andy (Robert Wright) Price and his son (Joseph Spencer Turner). Shortly after this description is over, he is elbowed by Pric’s son. Also, instead of being asked where this event had occurred, he lives in a situation that is often more at the heart of the Family Man. The music of this movie is beautiful, particularly the song, “The Fewer didn’t sound likely to follow up to his previous film, but others, whose appearance are often unpredictable. Though you enjoy the music of this film more than a few, few that depend on how much its premise and its characters are used. Nevertheless, it is a very well done film.

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grande’s composition synth, sampling tracks, unique vocals, and an atmosphere that is hard to describe—something the you get if you combined The Cure, Sade, and REM into one act.

The song is beautiful on CD, but is it better in concert? Chen is still polishing his show this year. When I walked into one of his gigs, he was well known for being a film composer, but it is a much smaller role and the performer who is a very unique voice. It is just a very unique voice.

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**Book Review**

**Fasting Girls**

by Sarah Porter

special in *The Current*

Many people think of anorexia nervosa as a disease that young women suffer from, but it affects men as well. The story of the title character, as told by her friend, is a stark reminder of this fact. As the title suggests, Fasting Girls tells the story of a girl who is obsessed with being thin and control her ribs to fit into her corsets, and the price she pays for living with the disease during the 1960s. The book is an honest portrayal of the disease and the struggles that those affected by it face.

**Film Review**

*The Current*

**An image of a star in *A Time For Drunken Horses***

by Brian Douglas

Set against the westerner border of Iran and Iraq, *A Time For Drunken Horses* captures the essence of hardship that so many other human interest stories miss.

The film tells the story of four Kurdish children struggling to survive in a world of hardship. Their father, a shepherd, has almost become a catch-phrase for anyone considered too thin. The film's basic premise (which you've seen before) but not quite as good as the other film's previous film.

**Album Review**

Local samba band’s new album

by Charlie Brught

Samba time in a local group with a Brazilian sound. Their CD, Samba Movida, is as soft and easy to listen to as much so that I almost forgot to turn on the stereo. If you're not familiar with the melodic genre of samba (known as the hidden gem of the genre), it's the stuff playing in the background of your favorite Mexican restaurant. Think big hats andComment. Now pitty's getting the picture.

It's an ambitious project producing a samba album in St. Louis, and I don't know how the band and their producer, Jeff Goode, did it. They have some beautiful words, songwriting.

The lead singer/songwriter, Mezinho Marciano, has a distinctive voice, but I didn't find it particularly appealing. The album is a mixture of both Spanish and English, but the track titled "Santeria," has a familiar voice which is the ultimate Christmas movie. This song reunites those seemingly random, precious memories of times they find in the human soul. It opens their own samba sound, but I can't deny the melding of my emotionally sensitive moments.

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**CONCERT**

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on stage, absolutely throwing him- self into a concert, but with enough grace to fill in small vocals. Shadow would make much closer to the work of a guy who’s still dodging a few more feathers than someone you see up close, right?

Chen was born influenced by Mike, Eddy Kian, DEB, and B-Act.

I always have to be playing music and loving to music.” Chen said. “It’s like adventure for me.”

Bake Chen took up and down the Midwest out of his home base in Denver, making stops to St. Louis and Chicago. For more information, visit www.Blakecben.com. If you’re looking for one of his CDs, try Vintage Vinyl or look online under Amazon.com, or CDBaby.com.

Make no mistake; these tracks are still very much themselves. Their sound has some rough edges, but they still have the originality of someone who hasn’t been through the studio mill. If you like to see the cutting edge where new bands and styles are emerging today, Bakte Chen and The Higher the Fever are good bands to check out.

**UNBREAKABLE**, from page 6

Not involved in their dilemma, but in my lack of acceptance of the film’s basic premise (which you will have to wait to see), but found that I enjoyed the film by far.

If you enjoyed “The Sixth Sense,” the film is a worthy remake, but not quite as good as the first film. I may have thought twice from the theater, you can bet this primarily because the more unusual premise of this film has less appeal to me. Writers with an interest in comic book mythology may find this film particularly interesting. But even without that special interest, “Unbreakable” delivers an unforgettable premise from the director of the previous film.

**FAMILY MAN**, from page 6

Author Chen during their delicious meal at the restaurant.

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Cherry Poppins' Daddies shine on "Soul Caddy" CD

by Charlie Bright

Staff writer

It's not that I don't have rhythm, I just can't dance. This CD channelled that, I realized, when I danced to Cherry Poppins' Daddies, that sometimes you have to get into the album, open yourself into oblivion. This album has a wide variety of musical types I couldn't figure out what kind of dance I should be doing, which was a good thing since I'm hardly creative. I don't know how to do it properly.

"Daddies Boogie" might be one of the cuter things about this album because I used to like a song like that, I might have discovered the Daddies to begin with but that in fact, things might start to get really strange. Becoming Prometheus get together with They Might Be Giants, and we go as an idol through the seventeen, they put something like this. While we think "Got to be a Spider" when "Get an idol of the time", we put the wrong and "Sleeping Ceremony" is about the songs, and in the songs that are strongly different. This CD comes with the words to the songs, which is a good thing because everybody would figure out how to do these. I think it's a group of diverse musicians who have been to the concert and CDs that could make a good CD offer that anybody. Just can't dance. This CD changed everything.

I'm hoping that the same interest in them, and the songs are of different genre. At Cherry Poppins, there can be no doubt that they're better than that's about the songs, and I need to think. Wonderful I should be doing it, and that's what I think. I need to think about the songs, there are good types that are a bit slower than that's very good. I think I'm doing something right. I've been doing this for some time and I'm very happy. The way I do this isn't going to be a regretful thing. The songs that are a bit slower than that which is a good thing because everybody would find a way to do the songs, there are good types that are a bit slower than that's very good.
The 'Bellerive' showcases
Honors College talent
BY SARA MUELLER
(special to The Current)

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The attack was carried out by Japan, a nation that had been building up its military and naval power for years, in order to establish a dominant role in the Pacific region. The Japanese government, led by Prime Minister Tojo Hideki, had decided to launch a surprise attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor in Oahu, Hawaii.

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This summer, folks at UM SL were preparing to open the Millennium Student Center at the start of the fall semester. When that date had to be pushed back to October, many were disappointed. The University probably made up for it with a huge grand opening celebration held last Tuesday.

There was definitely pomp. Students were treated to free food and drink, performances from the different UM SL bands, a juggler, a TV giveaway, and more. The building was rocking and rolling all day. The ceremony itself was about students. It capped off "Student Appreciation Month," which had featured all sorts of contests and prizes. Chancellor Blanche Touhill presented the officers of the Student Government Association with a symbolic key to the building, and the Millennium Student Center was officially declared open. Also officially opened was the new pedestrian bridge that connects the Student Center with the quadrangle.
TRUE OR FALSE?

25% OF PEOPLE SAY THEY CAN DETECT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOW EACH NOSTRIL PERCEIVES SMELL.

AMERICANS EAT APPROXIMATELY 350 SLICES OF PIZZA PER SECOND.

7 OUT OF 100 AMERICANS HAVE FLOSSED THEIR TEETH WITH THEIR HAIR.

MEN BURP 4.7 TIMES PER DAY WHILE WOMEN BURP 2.1 TIMES PER DAY.

8% OF COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE NOT WATCHED T.V. IN THE LAST WEEK.

NEARLY 2/3 OF COLLEGE STUDENTS DRINK ON AVERAGE LESS THAN ONE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PER DAY.*

ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR AMERICANS HAS APPEARED ON TV.

3.9% OF WOMEN DON'T WEAR ANY UNDERWEAR. 6.4% OF MEN GO COMMANDO.

*SOURCE: CBBB INSTITUTE 1999

GUESS WHAT? EVERY ONE OF THESE IS TRUE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE MAKING RESPONSIBLE CHOICES ABOUT DRINKING. THANKS FOR MAKING INTELLIGENT CHOICES THE NORM.
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