MIRTHDAY 2001

By LAURA BROWN
Senior editor

This week's Student Government Association election will offer voters many little choices on their ballot, with one every day ending in the running in each position. SGA elections will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Student Government President, Vice President, and Commissioner. Nine other candidates are running for Assembly Representative positions. None of the candidates are opposed by anyone, giving little reason for campaigning or to overcome issues.

One of the more interesting topics of this week's election is the Student Center at UMSL, which is one of the primary goals of Chancellor Ronni Brown.

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Monday, April 23

• The Development of the European City will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 331 Social Sciences and Business Building. Free. Call 516-645-1665 for more information.

• Spencer and Spencer Mathematics Lecture will be presented from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Summit Lounge, Free. For more information, call 516-601-3118.

Tuesday, April 24

• Looking for a Bible Study Non-denominational Bible Study meets in Room 313 of the Millennium Student Center, from 11 a.m. to noon. There is also a meeting on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bring your lunch for details. Call 516-601-3118.

• Catholic Mass will be held at the Catholic Newman Center at 7:30 p.m. at 620 Natural Bridge Road, located across from the West Drive entrance to North Campus. For more information, call 385-3445.

Wednesday, April 25

• Conversations About Teaching and Technology: This Semester’s Lesson Ideas for Next will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at Hurric Hal. Free and open to faculty. For details, call 516-602-6251.

• Meeting for OUT-ULS Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, and Transgender Alliance—Room 385 at the Millennium Center, Student Organization, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call Mathews at 516-5003 or at 630-230-7432.

Thursday, April 26

• The Spring Singer/Songwriter Showcase will take place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Millennium Student Center, the Lobby on the first floor. For details, call (314) 741-4704, after 6 p.m.

• Soup with Sister 12:00 p.m. at the Catholic Newman Center, 5800 Natural Bridge, across from the West Drive entrance to North Campus. For more information, call 385-3445.

• Annual Multicultural Awareness Celebration will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Millennium Student Center, Centrally Rooms A, B and C. All are welcome for a multicultural fashion show and various cultural performances. For more information, call 516-6807.

Sunday, April 29

• Catholic Mass will be held at the South Campus Residence Hall Chapel at 9:30 a.m., and noon. Bring your lunch.

• Monday Noon Series "No International Storytelling Odyssey" is presented by Annette Harton, Kenya Damman, and Peter Thone. All of them share their ethnic heritage in a presentation for the annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival, May 2-5. The event is held in Room 220, J.C. Penney Conference Center, from noon to 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. For inquiries, call Karen Lucas at 516-5659.

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The Campus Crime Line

April 13, 2001

At 9:20 a.m., a juvenile was arrested for the attempted theft of a vehicle on parking lot "F." The arrested juvenile was released to St. Louis County Juvenile Authorities.

A University Meadows resident reported that between 3 a.m. and 11:55 a.m., four airbags and a red-and-white wicker basket were stolen from the patio of her apartment.

April 16, 2001

A student reported that on 4/13/01 at 4 p.m. his Winter 2001 parking permit was stolen from his vehicle, while it was parked in the West Drive Garage.

At 1 p.m., two vehicles found to be parked on Lot "F" displayed counterfeit student parking permits of the same number. Both parking permits were confiscated, and the incident will be referred to the Student Affairs Office.

A student reported that between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., his wallet was stolen from the gym floor at the Mark Twain Building. The wallet contained cash and credit cards.

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UMSL's women's march to 'take back the night'

by Kat Stineckmescher

Join women as they "take back the night" at 8 p.m. April 27 in front of Anheuser-Busch Hall. Special to The Current

"This is a special event," said Microbiology professor Mary Oppelt. "It's a unique opportunity to voice your concerns and concerns about violence in our society.

The women's march will begin at Anheuser-Busch Hall, travel through the Library Mall and stop at the Administration Building. The march will be led by Pink and Black Sapphire, the women's organization at UMSL.

The event is open to all genders and encourages people to come and learn about violence and the resources available to help.

UMSL students and faculty shared their thoughts on the event:

"I am excited to participate in the march and raise awareness about violence," said Alix Johnson, a sociology major.

"As a student of UMSL, I feel that it is important to come together and show our support for one another," said Amanda Smith, a psychology major.

The "Take Back the Night" march is a way to come together and show that violence is not acceptable in our society. It is a powerful message for all to see and hear.

Students are encouraged to attend and participate in this important event.

UMSL's annual spring events is a success

by Annie Porter

The annual spring events at UMSL are a time to celebrate the beauty of the season and the vibrancy of the student body.

This year, the events have included a variety of activities, such as the Spring Fest, the UMSL Film Festival, and the UMSL Art Show.

The Spring Fest, held on April 22, featured music, food, and games for students to enjoy.

The UMSL Film Festival, held on April 24, showcased a selection of films made by UMSL students.

The UMSL Art Show, held on April 25, displayed the work of UMSL students in a variety of mediums.

These events are a great way to bring the UMSL community together and celebrate the achievements of our students.

UMSL students making his way to a career

by Jennifer Dodh

The UMSL student's goal is to become a successful investment banker.

Currently, he is completing his degree in finance and has already secured a job at a major investment bank.

"I am excited to begin my career," said the student.

"I enjoy working with numbers and analyzing financial data, which is a key aspect of being a bank analyst.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with a diverse group of people and to be a part of a dynamic industry.

The student is optimistic about his future and is confident in his ability to succeed.

"I believe that my education and skills will be valuable assets in my career," he said.

"I am excited to see where this journey takes me and to make a positive impact in the field of finance.

The student's dedication and hard work have paid off, and he is looking forward to a successful future as a financial professional.
Next year, SGA officers must establish structure

JOSH The Current and see the
world? "When I got
out of the military, I
knew that there had
been a lot of things
that I wasn't able to
do..." This was not the
first time I had heard
this. In fact, I had heard
it many times before.

But this year, I've been to
two different events
given by the SGA, one of
which was the SGA
Stadium game.

I was there to see if the
SGA could do anything
to improve the
crowd atmosphere.

Unfortunately, the SGA
did not live up to my
expectations. The
atmosphere was
dull and unexciting.

Therefore, I believe that
the SGA must do more to
make sure that the
crowd atmosphere is
exciting and enjoyable.

We as students must
work together to create
a positive environment
at our games.

It is the SGA's
duty to make sure that
our events are
successful and
enjoyable.

One idea that

I would like to see
implemented is a
system where
students can
volunteer to
help out at our
events.

This would not only
make sure that our
events are
delivered but also
allow students to
get involved
in the SGA.

Therefore, I urge all
students to
volunteer their
time and
resources to
make our
events
successful.

We all have a
role to play in
making our
events
successful.

Thank you
for your
time.

Sincerely,

Joe

Dear Joe,

Thank you for
your letter.

I agree that
volunteering
is important
and can make
our events
delivered
more enjoyable.

However, I believe
that the SGA
must take
the lead in
making sure
that our
events are
delivered.

We as students
must work
together to
create a
positive
environment
at our
events.

Thank you
for your
understanding.

Sincerely,

John

The Current
**Baseball team splits doubleheader with Quincy**

**by Dave Kinworthy**

The Rivermen split their doubleheader against Quincy University in a match with Kentucky Wesleyan.

The Rivermen’s only run came of the fifth inning when Brett Kane hit an RBI single to score first baseman Nick Pott. Kane had two of the three Rivermen hits in the game. The other hit came from designated hitter Scott Long. Quincy pitcher Josh Kinney allowed only three hits but he did not allow any runs in his 6.1 innings, striking out eight batters.

UMSL starting pitcher Tim Stringer went 4.2 innings in the game, allowing six runs on nine hits while striking out six batters. The Rivermen did not help Stringer’s chances as three of the runs allowed were unearned.

The Rivermen bounced back in the second game of the doubleheader as they defeated Quincy in the second game 8-1. Rivermen pitcher Matt Kinney struck out all west 7.1 innings, only giving up one run on two hits. Kinney went on to close the game out as his performance continued.

The Rivermen’s offense exploded in the second game as Brian Beckmann led the game off with a triple and later scored on a double by Brandy Jackson. The Rivermen scored two more runs to take a 4-0 lead in the fifth inning. UMSL added four more runs in the eighth inning to secure the victory. The only Quincy run came in the eighth inning on an Allison Maurer double. But the Riverwomen exploded for three runs and two hits for the Rivermen in the victory. Jackson had two runs scored and two runs batted in for the UMSL victory.

The split against Quincy put the Rivermen at 22-14 overall and 19-7 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Rivermen are currently tied with Southern Illinois for the second place in the GLVC, and are currently in a three-way tie for the top of the South Division.

LEFT: Riverman Matt Soukhard reaches to connect with the ball at a recent match. Above: T.J. Schafer looks one over the net for the team’s next game against Indiana. The Rivermen entered the GLVC tournament last week at 30-3 and finished third.

**R-women back up and forth with three doubleheaders**

**by Dave Kinworthy**

The women’s softball team split four doubleheaders last weekend against Great Lakes Valley Conference foes Kentucky Wesleyan and Bellarmine and, along with Lincoln University, to move their overall record to 14-22 on the season.

In the match with Kentucky Wesleyan, the Rivermen lost a heartbreaker 7-6. The Riverwomen got off to a fast 4-1 lead in the first two innings, but Kentucky Wesleyan answered with two runs in the third, one run in the fourth and four runs in the fifth inning to take a 7-5 lead. UMSL added late with two in the seventh and final inning, but fell short 7-6.

The Riverwomen avenged that early loss by returning to the second game of the doubleheader. UMSL scored seven runs in four innings, including four in the sixth inning to secure the victory.

Andrew Wilkes went 2-for-3 in the doubleheader, including four runs batted in and two runs scored. Megan Kuehler picked up the extra inning win for the Riverwomen as she went eight strong innings while only allowing three runs and one walk.

The spot conference match pitched the Riverwomen against Bellarmine. The Riverwomen lost a close one 3-1 in the first game but came back with a 6-4 win in the second, tying the series 1-1.

The Riverwomen jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in both innings scored at an All-American double. But Bellarmine came back with a solo home run in the fifth inning to tie Bellarmine in the fifth inning. added four more runs in the sixth inning to score the victory.

The Riverwomen then moved on to the second game of the series against Lincoln University as UMSL dropped by 3-1 for Christine Langstrom in the win.

The Riverwomen scored four runs in the first inning, added one run in the second and rounded house plate seven times in the third inning to put UMSL up by four.

Grijalva, Jackson and Brandi Wisnioski all went 3-for-4 for the game. Winter had three runs batted in and Jackson scored three runs. Attebery got the win for the Riverwomen as she went five innings, allowing three runs while striking out five Lincoln batters.

Andrew Wilkes folds out on a recent game. The Riverwomen have won every other one of their last six games for a 14-22 record.
**A peek at 'Bridge’s Jones’s Diary' proves to be hilarious**

**by Charlotte Bright**

The best news that you will read today is that ‘Bridge’s Jones’s Diary’ will be back. On Thursday, April 12, the three混凝土 columns of Girlie will appear at The Pageant, they skid­grade and jive, the new, newly­worth­staring. Of course, their混凝土 columns, placed on the floor, and couldn’t handle the score of Stones that surround them, for those who saw the concert, it was an un­}
Plunge into big city atmosphere at Eau Bistro

by Stefania Ellis

I used to be a fanatic of big cities. Places like L.A. and Chicago are teeming with the best bistros, trattorias, cafes and sushi bars. If you live there, you only need to walk. But your door and with each step, pass an establishment better than the one before. While St. Louis has some great places to eat, you usually have to hop in your car to reach them. Unless you happen to be near The Loop or The Central West End, you're pretty much isolated to Eau Bistro.

While Eau Bistro's marble floors reflect the glamour, the trendy feeling that you might expect that from a posh hotel, but it's not. Eau Bistro's marbled floors are not the rockstar style that you would find in the Rockmill bistro or a Chicago L.A. bistro or a Chicago bistro or a Chicago Eau Bistro. The movie takes place in the Loop or The Central West End, you're pretty much isolated to Eau Bistro.

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Unravelling the mysteries of UMSL's vending machines

By Steve Valletta
staff writer

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Meeting of two men marked end of America’s worst war

From a historical standpoint, the month of April has produced numerous defining moments. Perhaps the most prophetic of these took place near the Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia on April 23, 1865. It was the summit of a meeting between two of the greatest minds in military history—Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. Seat of that day, this meeting has come to symbolize the ceremonial end to the most devastating war in U.S. history.

By the spring of 1865, the Civil War had been raging for nearly four years. It tore the nation apart, dividing families and pitting brothers against brother. The war was tearing the nation apart, with more than 618,000 Americans killed in the conflict, accounting for more American casualties than all other wars combined.

During the struggle, the North mobilized 2.5 million soldiers, while the Confederates would have to help them work their farms. These were extreme circumstances, and all men who owned a horse would be able to take it home to help them work their farms. There were extremely generous surrender terms indeed.

A few hours later, the two generals locked horns in some of the bloodiest engagements in military history, culminating with the capture of the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., by the Union Army of the Potomac on April 3, 1865. Realizing the war was hopelessly lost, Lee sent a message to Grant stating: “I request an interview at each time and place as you may designate to discuss the terms of the surrender of this army.”

A few hours later, the two generalissimo in the sitting room of Wilmer McLean’s house near the Appomattox courthouse. They chatted for a while about their adventures in Mexico, Alonso Army friends and the weather. Then, after an awkward silence, a small table was brought over and placed between the two men. After a few minutes, the incredibly impatient Lee sent a small packet into his pocket and pulled out a field-order book that contained the surrender terms.

The Confederates would have to lay down all their arms and hand over all military equipment. Officers would be allowed to retain their sidearms, and all men who owned a horse would be able to take it home to help them work their farms. There were extremely generous surrender terms indeed.

A copy of the document was quickly made and placed in front of Lee, who put on his glasses and read it thoroughly. Without much hesitation, he put his signature to it. Lee then stood up straight, bowed and left the room. Four years of bloody war had finally come to an end.

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Internationals try to bridge culture gap

International Week activities expose campus to cultures from all over

BY DALIA WOHED

UMSL’s international community collaborated to produce an informative and entertaining series of cultural events during International Week last week.

International Week began with a fashion show, which showed off traditional clothing from many different cultures. Yoko Yasunaga, president of the Japanese Student Association, said, "It’s easy to love these things more once I’ve come here. It’s just my country’s thing.”

One student participating in some of the international events at UMSL was Mutsuhi Oishi, junior Computer Science student. "You get exposed to other cultures, and to get to know other people you never met from other parts of the world.”

An international soccer game was played Friday. "The grade finale for the week was the international dinner, Saturday in Sunset 5 and 6 at the Millennium Student Center. Chris Sullivan, international student, called it the "biggest even.”

Even more people participated in this event, said Sullivan. "There will probably be food from all over the world.”

The purpose of International Week is to educate and expose American students to foreign cultures. But, each international’s experience has a different twist to it.

"Our purpose is to broaden the scope of what Africa is,” said Katrina Sison, president of the Pan-African Student Association. "To break down the thinking that Africa is just one country and to help these more of the diversity of Africa.”

Members of the Thai Student Association, a fairly new organization, do pride in their nation’s respect for elders, harmony and Buddhist religion. said Atit Chanthacharoen, a graduate economics student.

Sawatdee Kamphra, a Thai graduate student, translated, "our country is Thailand. But some people misuse our country. They call it ‘Thai’. "

Chien-Chih Wang, president of Chiang Kai-Shek Association Taiwan agreed some people get mixed up.

"They people are enthused with China and Taiwan,” said Wang, "but they are two different countries.”

The Paraguayan try to be unique and want to exhibit different aspects of Chines culture, Wang said. "We like baseball, and want to be more open, and less traditional.”

The main goal of the week was the International Week exhibit on campus, said Lui Ship, a junior majoring in MIS, and Cell�h, a junior majoring in MIS.

"There’s a little bit of mischief between American students and international students.” Glassman said, "We lamp working at.”

"Work is very important," said Lui. "When they hear the word ‘work’, they sort of get freaked out and immediately ‘freak out’. "

"We’re more open, but it’s still foreign. "

"It’s a multicultural country with racial understanding.”

Students said students have become more native over the past few years.

"It’s a very interesting world out there,” said Sullivan. "We’re taking advantage of the little corner that we’re able to feel here on campus.”

More internationals are coming to UMSL to experience American culture

BY RASHID PITMAN

The foreign experience at UMSL is becoming more significant due to the dramatic increase in the international student population during the past five years.

Joe Glassman, director of the Campus Center for International Studies, said that UMSL has about 450 foreign students, who come from over 53 countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, China and Nepal. Glassman said, "There’s very little miscommunication between American students and international students.”

"We’ve made progress, but it’s still foreign. "

"Most of his friends are from other countries, he says. "I’m used to interacting with international students.”

"We’re more open, but it’s still foreign. "

"We’ve met some interesting people, said Preethi Nallu, a computer science major from India. "We’re not like the others.""
The spring annual event at UMSL, known as Mirthday, is an excellent way to meet student groups on campus and to have a little fun in between classes. Mirthday held concerts, contests, student group activities and a variety of amusement rides for student entertainment. A number of students took advantage of the activities at this Mirthday celebration, while enjoying the prior to summer vacation.

The shortage of graduates earns an estimated $30K in the various hospitals, schools, industry, sales, military and clinics, schools, and the like. It is true that virtually guarantees jobs now and in the future. Nurses with specialized training can earn $60 to $70K. The shortages of nurses virtually guarantee jobs now and in the future.

ONLINE COURSES

Summer of 1999, the College of Nursing set forth an agenda on the development of an R.N.-to-R.N.S. completion program. On the agenda were: nurse education and program length. In addition, plans were discussed for the upgrading of marketing and nursing. Information was gathered on successful online programs to help with the marketing approach, which was then evaluated early this semester.

The specific need in selecting the student faculty members was based upon the following rule criteria for a possible online degree: major, educational and adult education), a reputation as a "good teacher" and willingness to be critiqued by colleagues.

Hoagland, director of the Technology and Learning Center and organizer of the Educators meeting said that each member received a report before participating. The means that another educator was present to take over as a major decision, giving each new ways the opportunity to discuss more of his or her time on the online program.

The discussion ranged from faculty members all convened at a meeting shortly after the start of the Mirthday 2000 season, where each received special training in the various aspects of creating online. These included uses of the Iver hardback by international designer Cheryl Yoder, authoring course requirements, developing online activities for the course, participating in students in the course itself, and collaborating on the request for online faculty's program.

Bielema, who also serves as an instructional development specialist with Informational Technology Services, believes that the new online program will benefit students all over the state of Missouri.

"It will open up many possibilities for working professionals by allowing them to take graduate courses when they would otherwise not have the time to do so," Bielema said. "It should also lead to an increase in enrollment at UMSL."

Hoagland said he was impressed with the accomplishments of the faculty members who made up this pilot effort. In fact, he said he believes the actually exceeded expectations. As a result, Hoagland plans to bring together even more faculty members for an increased number of online courses in the future.

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