Disbelief still reigns one year after 9/11

By Nicholas Richardson

As the one-year anniversary of the September 11 attacks approaches, the nation will be in a state of remembrance. For many, that fateful day will forever be a part of their past. For others, it will be a day of reflection and remembrance.

The horrific events that ended 2,629 lives from a year ago have been a source of strength for everyone in the nation, in different ways. Some were wounded and filled with humility, while others are simply and were.

"I looked at the TV and thought it was a joke," said Joseph M. Papno, sophomore. "This isn't real. That's all I kept saying. Then I asked whether the campus was open or closed, and I was like, 'Oh God, I'm on campus.'"

Academic Affairs and Student Life will be holding a memorial on Wednesday, September 11, at the Student Union so that the students who wish to pay their respects to the victims. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and end at 4:29 p.m.

There will be three key speakers who will be speaking: Constance Barber, President of the Student Association; Richard Mosier, sophomore, President of the Student Government Affairs, and University of Missouri, School of Social Work.

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"There is a lot of nervousness around campus," Hylton said. "I've had said department chairs to be very cautious with their expenditures."

Governor Bob Holden has cut the budget for the University of Missouri by $300 million during the past year, and the state, and the state's budget is how to slash departmental budgets and begin cutting early in the year.

The University of Missouri - St. Louis, which was one of the many law schools that cut programs to increase its budget, has said that it has cut the number for its future law school.

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A Beading and Jewelry Workshop will be held at Pattonville High School on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Sunday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The fee to enter is $30. Each class is limited to 10 participants. Those who participate will be sent a kit of supplies to bring to the workshop. To register, call 515-974-790.

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Mon 9 & Tue 10 International Honor Society

The Golden Key International Honor Society will be holding a membership drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the NRC. Come by to learn more about Golden Key.

Wed 11 University Communications

The campus community is invited to "One Year Later: The Parade of品niters," a faculty panel dis­ cussion that will be held in Century Room A of the NRC from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Participants include Martin Rutherford and Joyce Maedel, political sci­ ence; and Richard Rosenfeld, criminology and criminal justice.

Mon 16 Rec Sports

Rec Sports presents "A Night to Remember," a traditional kentucky Barn - 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday starting September 15. These classes are an introduction to basic karate techniques, kata forms, ground defense and partner drills in addi­ tion to physical conditioning. For more information visit Rec Sports at www.umsl.edu/services/recsport or call 314-5124.

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Rec Sports presents Women's Soft Defense from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the North Campus. Learn to become more aware of your surroundings so that you may avoid a potentially dan­ gerous situation. For more infor­ mation visit Rec Sports at www.umsl.edu/services/recsport or call 314-5124.

11 Student Activities

Learn more about current IT Topics and IT career paths. The MS Monitoring Club will hold its first meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the SGA Chamber NRC. Guest speaker Rick Beck from AnkorTech will speak about "Jobs in the Real World." Free food and drinks.

13 Mentoring Club

Free to Vet the career opportunities available to alumni. For more information visit Rec Sports at www.umsl.edu/services/recsport or call 314-5124.

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Victim reported that she had been sexu­ ally assaulted on the previous day by her ex-boyfriend and another Vi­ lla Apartments resident.

August 23 Victim reported that his vehicle was stolen on August 28. A witness identifying the responsi­ ble party left a note on the windshield of the victim's vehicle.

August 29 Victim reported that her parking per­ mit was stolen from her vehicle, which was parked in the Plaza West Garage on Wednesday, August 29. A witness identified the respon­ sible party left a note on the windshield.

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Victim reported that her ex-boyfriend and another Villa Apartments resident were at his residence on August 31.

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Victim reported that her parking permit was stolen from her vehicle, which was parked in the Plaza West Garage. The victim stated that he had the permit taped to the window of the vehicle.

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Dorm life: Tight spaces with new faces

by Kate Drolet

For some small rooms, late nights, a variety of cultures and Command M inspectors, dorm life can be a unique experience to some, where students can have an unforgettable, game-changing experience.

UM-St. Louis currently owns six residence halls for students to live in, and each hall has its own unique personality, adding something to the student's experience.

Students are extremely close to each other, almost like brothers in arms; they have a goal and want to achieve it.

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Letters to the editor should be...

Leaving the baby: take the mother

Higher education is the foundation for the citizens of tomorrow. Any university that would close such a large portion of its classrooms is failing its students.

One, Bob Holden has cut his tech staff seven times for being in a "recession". "You Great Works!" you may chime. However, you could have seen much, there's a word lacking his self-congratulations; "found.

Holden has not cut funding to...
Reiter kicks and throws for UMSL

BY JOE CURTIS
Special to The Current

Most soccer coaches would never have a scenario like that of their players wanting the excuse of taking biking practice as an excuse for being late to practice but for senior midfielder Jim Reiter it is clickable.

It has been four years since Reiter has played on an organized soccer team because of his love for the game of baseball. He wanted to play soccer on a high school level, but instead I went to St. Charles Community College to develop his skills.

He didn’t have a soccer team, so I’m finally glad he didn’t,” said Reiter.

On 2001 UMSL-St. Louis base- ball was a seasoned player earning second team all-conference in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. His 295 batting average, 113 hits and 56 total walks earned a starting position and allowed him to find his way to the majors for the Rivermen in his junior year. By the time he was done, he was one of the most feared hitters in the GLVC.

Returning to soccer after a four-year layoff to start off a competitive college level is an extremely difficult task, but Reiter didn’t have it easy. I’m completely out of shape and really didn’t want to put in the work to get back to my form of all conference competitor,” Reiter said.

It’s obvious that Reiter definitely has a talent for the game of soccer and he will be a major asset to the UMSL Rivermen’s first two games.

“This has been tough on Reiter and my aunt Julie Reiter both happened and there would be no possible way to prepare and win the World Trade Center,” I stupidly said, 

So, when I read the 9/11 headlines and I keep repeating them and I’m still doing the things that we want to do. I don’t feel like I’m doing too much.

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The Big East Conference with Jim at Michigan State, he proved that he was the team that soccer will benefit him for the rest of his life. However, every time he goes to the field, he proves his worth.

I knew I had to do something quick to get Reiter back. I knew I had toKeyUp, I knew I had to do something fast. I knew that soccer was part of me, however, as I had just lost my public and the one Red Lion keeper he could have been.

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I’m almost certain that I’m not playing soccer. But I’m not feeling the same way, until Rodrigo Souza scored the goal for the Lions in the second period. The Lions were able to take the lead in the first period. The Lions took control of the game early, as early as Kevin Konig scored with 21:17 on the clock.

The Rivermen were able to silence the Lions in the remaining minutes of the first period. Rivermen goalie Adam Bresnahan had his second major save of the game in a close 3-1 victory over five minutes left in the period. A few minutes later, with over a minute left in the period, the Lions ended the games run.

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So the Lions take a shot with just over a minute remaining in the game. "This was a shot right out of a science fiction movie," said Reiter. The Lions answered with a goal right after the Rivermen’s, but was waved off by the officials.

The Rivermen will try to build on the momentum created during their game against the Lions. Reiter said, “I love to play against a new conference rival. It’s going to play against two teams, and we have to prove ourselves to them.”

We’re going to concentrate on Toronto, we’re coming off a loss, and the negative from this game, he said. ‘We’re going to get back to work and get better. We played some bad soccer the other day such as the Emory College game. You gotta take steps in this business. You can’t take laps.”

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**Movie Review**

**Nellyville, no doubt**

**By Michelle Flaxman**

"You better work, you title 'Kid Stays in the Picture'" in the words, Nelly's manager said. Nelly hopes that everyone can come to enjoy a good film. It's a good entertainment, an independent film with real stars.

"Taking place on the streets of Philly, Nelly plays "Proifik," the next big thing in the rap industry, who ends up in a twisted game of deception and betrayal." Nelly said. It's something Nelly expects great things. Nelly is a great performer. "Gabriel," the wife of Nelly's manager and although there are no other definite plot prospects yet, some things are in the works, Nelly's manager stated.

"Everybody tells me that there is no small town with a Nelly's. I hope people get lost in it of my way of making an appearance as an actor," Nelly said. Taking place on the streets of Philadelphia, Nelly plays "Proifik," the next big thing in the rap industry, who ends up in a twisted game of deception and betrayal. Nelly, with Kevin Goes Down, a directing drama from director Mike Sherwin, has fought his way from pretty-boy actor to studio producer. Then, after the end of the street hustler who owns the record label, 'The Kid Stays in the Picture." The film has been both, according to you interesting in how American moviemaking changed in the 1950s and after the end of the classic big studio era. Producer Robert Evans, the film's subject, was presented as a moviemaking entrepreneur.

"Through ups and downs in his life," the film powerfully explains and shows for the big picture. When comes across clearly in this film, the actor's performance was from his acting, although not always, his directing skills were apparent. He seemed to have control of a film. The director's visual technique to tell the story with emphasis on the visual techniques with scenes across. They seem to handle a task that is interwoven in the usual scope and is extraordinary," a fellow American. The film is not only a moviemaking entrepreneur, but sometimes it is the visual technique with scenes across. They seem to handle a task that is interwoven in the usual scope and is extraordinary, a fellow American. The film is not only a moviemaking entrepreneur, but sometimes it is the visual technique with scenes across.

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**The Kid Stays in the Picture**

**A look at the evolution of moviemaking**

**By Dierdre Everson**

**Restau rant Reviews**

**New restaurant and nightclub open in STL**

**By Micaiah Isbell**

Senior Writer

Saint Louis familiar with the downtown restaurant and bar might remember 2005 Loonie from when it was called "Bull Lounge," a southwestern style restaurant that occupied that building for several years. Others remember that shortly before closing, "Bull Lounge" opened their own club, "Bull in the Woods," a classic spot.

"We, the owners have closed "Bull Lounge,"

now that none "best" place of business is a classic bar, and a new restaurant, "The Pepper Lounge" and Emery. The owner mentions that it's a casual dining spot. Located downtown, Monday through Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday, they serve dinner from Wednesday night on. The owners are eclectic, featuring items such as sandwiches of - lot for evenings, and a few special, generally priced in the $3-10 range. The food is surprisingly good for the price, and the portions are large enough that you leave the restaurant feeling full and happy.

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"Whispers and Lies" takes excellent look at madness

When geriatric nurse Terry Pastore manages to transport her patient from her house to Miami, the reader is given a revealing insight into the thoughts and feelings of the patient. The story is told from the perspective of Terry, who is struggling to care for her brother and to manage her personal life. The text captures the intimate and often harsh realities of caring for a loved one with dementia.

The novel explores themes of memory, identity, and the loss of self. Terry's relationship with her brother, who has Alzheimer's disease, is a central element of the story. The reader is given a glimpse into the mind of a person losing their grip on reality, and the text highlights the emotional toll this takes on the caregiver.

The writing style is concise and direct, with a focus on action and dialogue. The reader is drawn into the narrative and becomes invested in the characters' journeys. Overall, "Whispers and Lies" is a powerful and thought-provoking exploration of the complexities of caregiving.

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**CD REVIEW**

**Beck's new album makes a sad, lonely listen**

MICHAEL L. SMITH
Senior Writer

The new album from beloved indie rock superstar Beck is a deeply personal and introspective work. "Sea Change" is a collection of songs that explore themes of loss, heartbreak, and redemption.

Beck is known for his eclectic sound and his ability to blend genres. On this album, he draws from a variety of influences, including folk, country, and blues. The result is a sonic landscape that is both intimate and expansive.

The album opens with "To Be Believed In," a song that sets the tone for the entire collection. The lyrics are poetic and evocative, and the music is haunting and soaring.

"Sea Change" is the sound of sadness, and, although we may find it a bit depressing, we can all appreciate the feeling of Beck's melancholy.

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**DIABLO II, from page 6**

Christian sections tend to hate games like this, but the point of the game is to kill the devil. (Diablo) so that you'll feel bad about yourself.

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**BOOK REVIEW**

**‘Serving Sara’ serves up mixed platter**

Catherine M. Sweeney
Managing-Editor

The new light comedy ‘Serving Sara’ features Matthew Perry in one of the funniest roles of his career. If you are a big fan of Perry’s work, you will enjoy this movie. However, while the comedy often falls flat, the movie is still very funny.

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Thinkin’ Drinkin’

Can drinking alcohol actually have positive effects on the brain? New research seems to indicate that it can.

Researchers recently revealed the results of a nine-year study from the European Medical Institute in Rotterdam (the Netherlands), which indicates moderate drinking may actually reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

Over the last decade, research into the effects of alcohol has revealed some interesting health benefits for moderate drinkers. Alcohol has been found to increase cardiovascular system, such as helping to reduce blood clotting and slowing arteries and veins硬度.

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Although this research does illuminate new and interesting benefits for the moderate drinker, every culture has its own idea of what “moderate” is. If you are a person who goes on a binge every night and consumes more than five drinks per night, or if you only drink but get really drunk when you do, you probably will never see the benefits of alcohol in moderate amounts.

Henry drinkers would be wise to pay attention to a slew of previous research projects that have helped to illustrate the various negative effects of alcohol consumption in excess. In excess, alcohol can lead to reduced muscle functioning, liver damage, heart failure and liver cancer, and can increase a greatly increased risk of accidental death, so at the brain goes, heavy drinking has been linked to difficulties in memory and reasoning ability.

Even though the fields of research seems to suggest that our good friend alcohol is good to have around, the old adage also remains true: you can have too much of a good thing.

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The findings of Breteler and her colleagues are derived from observations over a six-year period of over 1,900 individuals, who were aged 55 and older and showed no signs of dementia. The participants were divided into groups based on their drinking: non-drinkers, non-drinkers to moderate drinkers (1-3 drinks per day) to heavy drinkers (4+ per day).

Over the course of the study about 4 percent of the initial group developed some kind of dementia. When the results were all tallied and assessed statistically, Breteler and her colleagues found that risk for dementia was about 4 percent for non-drinkers and heavy drinkers, but only about 3.5 percent for moderate drinkers.

Once these results were further analyzed to take into account the lifestyle choices of the participants, e.g. smoking, exercise, blood pressure, the results were all tallied and examined statistically, Breteler and her colleagues found that moderate drinkers had about 55 percent less chance of developing age-related dementia than individuals from the other groups.

The Rotterdam group’s results are supported by additional research from the University of Bordeaux in France. The French team lead by epidemiologist Jean-Marc Gueguen found that wine drinkers in France over the age of 65 have a similarly reduced risk of dementia. In addition, Gueguen’s study showed that not only wine, but beer and hard liquors as well, may have similar positive effects on the body.

Previous research has already illustrated the positive effects of Japan on the cardiovascular system, such as helping to reduce blood clotting and slowing arteries and veins hardness. Researchers from both teams were hypothesizing that many cases of dementia may be related to difficulties with the patients’ circulatory systems and that alcohol’s positive effects on brain function may be related to its positive effects on blood vessels.

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The original show actually featured more photos than the nineteen in the PPRC. Tucker said that she had to reduce the size of the exhibit.

"We have nine zones and we couldn’t show them properly," Tucker said. "The gallery was on a tight bud- get, and we had to have some way to make a show, but we are not being charged for the space, but people don’t give themselves the freedom to see lunch, from people eating together like a non-alcoholic version. The two restaurants, California Pizza Kitchen, Spire's and Zara's, are each working on the same idea. The photo cafe has been "trapped" in the body.

The photo range from a wine glass to a set table, from crowds to people walking around a restaurant," Tucker said. "Every photo has its own hand-writing.

Besides the exhibit itself on September 8 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm, lunch will be provided in a park upon the St. Louis food scene, California Pizza Kitchen, Spire's and Zara's, and France. "We will be joining the cultural scene and attract new people in the PPRC, on which we cooperated the Missouri Restaurant Association to invite restaurants over, and from there," Tucker said. "We can literally have lunch.

Tucker hopes that people will enjoy the variety of the photos presented.

"It's a variety of so many photos walking on the same subject, but Tucker said. "It's important to see the lunch scene, and the photograph just doesn't have to be a "leisure day.""
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Siemens ‘lackone’ thing,' trip to the NCAA tournament

BY HEAK BURNS

Sports Editor

Forward Lindsey Siemens had a shining year in 2001, possibly one of the finest individual seasons in U-M-St. Louis women’s soccer in many years. Scoring 17 goals and matching 7 assists for 31 total points, Siemens was the catalyst for the Riverwomen offense.

“Siemens said, “We didn’t quite go as far as we had hoped, but we really came together at the end and played well as a team. I think that’s going to carry over to this year. When we advanced to the Conference tournament, when we beat St. John’s and I really enjoyed the girls, it was a lot of fun.”

Riverwomen Head Coach Barb Goetz said that Siemens will definitely be an integral part of the Riverwomen squad in the 2002 season.

“She’s obviously one of our most experienced players, coming back as a sophomore and one of our true standouts,” Siemens said. “She’s got a lot of speed, handles the ball well at her feet and knows how to get it done.”

Siemens has her head set in the right place, knowing that she’s got a lot of young talent and once we get going, it’s going to be an exhilarating ride.

Paas; “I’m ready to go all out. I’ve worked on my weaknesses. I’m a senior and one of our true leaders, knows how to get it done.”

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen put on a stunning show, finishing the season just short of making it to competition with a 20-6-1 record this year and that sort of thing and making the trip to the NCAA tournament.

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Riverwomen forward Lindsey Siemens, right, stretches with her teammates during one of the team’s daily practices.

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Nonpoint stirs crowd at UMB's second stage

BY HANK BURNS
Sports Editor

Diversity is one aspect of music that many touring bands lack. But, for the 2002 Spring Liquid Min Tour, diversity is what all of the bands and artists featured on the tour feature bands of all genres—hip-hop, metal, rock—including the metal band Nonpoint, a second stage band from Fort Lauderdale, CA. The tour came to the UMB Pavilion in St. Louis on Sunday, Sept. 1 and featured Jay-Z, 311, Nappy Roots, N.E.R.D., and Hoobastank. The tour also featured smaller bands and artists such as Ubie Kevel, Blackchines, Bortokio and Nonpoint.

For Nonpoint, whose influence comes from a wide array of styles, the opportunity to play in front of diverse audiences is definitely a unique and challenging experience.

"When you're out on the road like this and it's all mixed up and people are coming or people don't know who you are, it's a little bit more of a challenge when you go out there because you have to prove yourself a little bit more because they've never seen you before or don't know the songs," Nonpoint guitarist Andrew Goldman said. "It's harder to get into stuff when you've never heard it. So it's a little more challenging for us, but it definitely helps us, because playing in front of people who've never seen us is just going to build up our fan base,"

In promotion of their new album, Development, Nonpoint played on the tour's second stage for a crowd of several hundred fans. The band played several tracks from their new album including their latest single, "Circles," a track where an ever-pumping bass duels with non metal guitar blasts. The single, which has gained exposure on major radio stations across the country, including KMTV locally, airs a metal sound. However, other tracks played from the band's latest album during their tour set, such as the title track "Development," are influenced by acoustic hip-hop beats and straight rock.

"We all listen to different music at different times and when you write music, a lot of the time now I feel I'm not influenced so much by a certain genre," Goldman said. "When I first started getting into music, there were bands that I loved like Metallica—stuff that was from the rest of it times to... Now, it's more of what you're around, like your daily environment and the mood you're in. I think that influences the music that we write."

Those influences did seem to battle each other during the band's first set on the band played rock tracks that fully exhibited lead singer Elias Soriano's strong vocals and rock tracks displaying Goldman's ability to drive the point home with the all-important riff. In several festival crowd-rocketing metal tracks, bassist KB added to the variety of sound, providing a deep and booming bass.

Nonpoint hopes their appearance on a major tour, such as the Liquid Min Tour, will add to the success of the band.

"For those shows, when people don't really know who you are and you walk out there and they're kind of cold," Goldman said. "You play the first show and they don't move. they don't get that into it, but toward the end of the show we get the pit going and everybody's jumping up and down. That's like the biggest benefit of what we're doing right now."

Nonpoint's latest album, "Developement," was released on June 25, and the band is planning a behind-the-scenes look at the band. Nonpoint also has an official website, www.nonpoint.com, which contains tour dates, information on their latest album and contact information.

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