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THIS WEEK

Basketball court dedication

Chuck Smith, UMSL's first men's basketball coach, will be honored when the new basketball court in the Mark Twain Gym is dedicated to him on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.

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The Current reviews this past year in news at UMSL and all the stories that made 2006 memorable.

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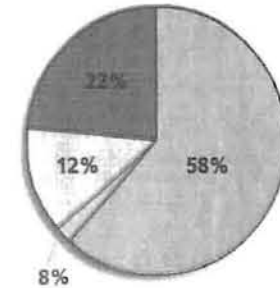
Insight into a unforgettable trip to the Holy Land with photos that give a glimpse into a country that seems worlds apart from our own.

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Web poll results:
How would you feel if UMSL stopped offering discounted Metro passes?



- It would be hard for me to afford to get to school.
- It would be unfortunate, but it wouldn't be a big problem.
- I don't use the Metro pass anyway.
- UMSL offers discounted Metro passes?

This week's question:
What do you think the UMSL nickname should be for the Identity Project?

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Coach Buchanan on leave pending OEO investigation

BY MELISSA S. HAYDEN
News Editor

Lee Buchanan, head coach of women's basketball, has been on paid administrative leave for a just over one month after allegations triggered an investigation from the Office of Equal Opportunity.

Buchanan, who has been coaching at UM-St. Louis since 2003, was placed on leave Dec. 12, 2006. This prompted Pat Dolan, director of Athletics, to cancel the women's basketball team's home game against Harris-Stowe that was scheduled for Dec. 19.

Both Dolan and Cynthia Wills,

administrative assistant of the Office of Equal Opportunity, directed all questions and concerns about the investigation to Bob Samples, director of university communications.

Samples said there was nothing new to report at this time about the investigation or the allegations. He also said information concerning the investigation and allegations would not be given out.

"Information would never be released on an employee's performance," Samples said. "We can only confirm people's statuses."

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File Photo: Matt Johnson • Photo Editor

Riverwomen Basketball Coach Lee Buchanan was placed on paid administrative leave Dec. 12 from the University. Assistant Coach Sheila Hering took over coaching duties for now.

System president leaves for greener pastures

BY PAUL HACKBARTH
Design Editor

The Board of Curators took the first step, last Thursday, in its search to replace UM President Elson Floyd, after he announced his resignation on Dec. 13.

Floyd will leave the UM system to become president at Washington State University. His annual salary of \$381,000 with the UM system will increase to \$600,000 at WSU.

The curators appointed themselves as the presidential search committee before entering a closed-door meeting on Thursday.

The search that found Floyd, according to Scott Charton, director of communications for the UM system, took nine months and cost \$102,000. He said no budget has been allotted for the search at this time.

Charton said the search process could take several months not only "because governing boards are searching for the right person," but also because several other top universities are currently seeking presidents.



Elson Floyd
UM President will leave for Washington State University

"There is competition for the best," Charton said.

While in the closed portion of their meeting, the BOC members interviewed three executive search firms to aid in the search process for a new president. The board heard presentations from Heidrick & Struggles of Chicago, Baker Parker of Atlanta and Greenwood & Associates of Miramar Beach, Fla.

Charton said no firm has been hired yet, and Floyd will continue to serve as UM president until he takes over at WSU on June 1. However, Don Walsworth said the curators could terminate Floyd's contract earlier.

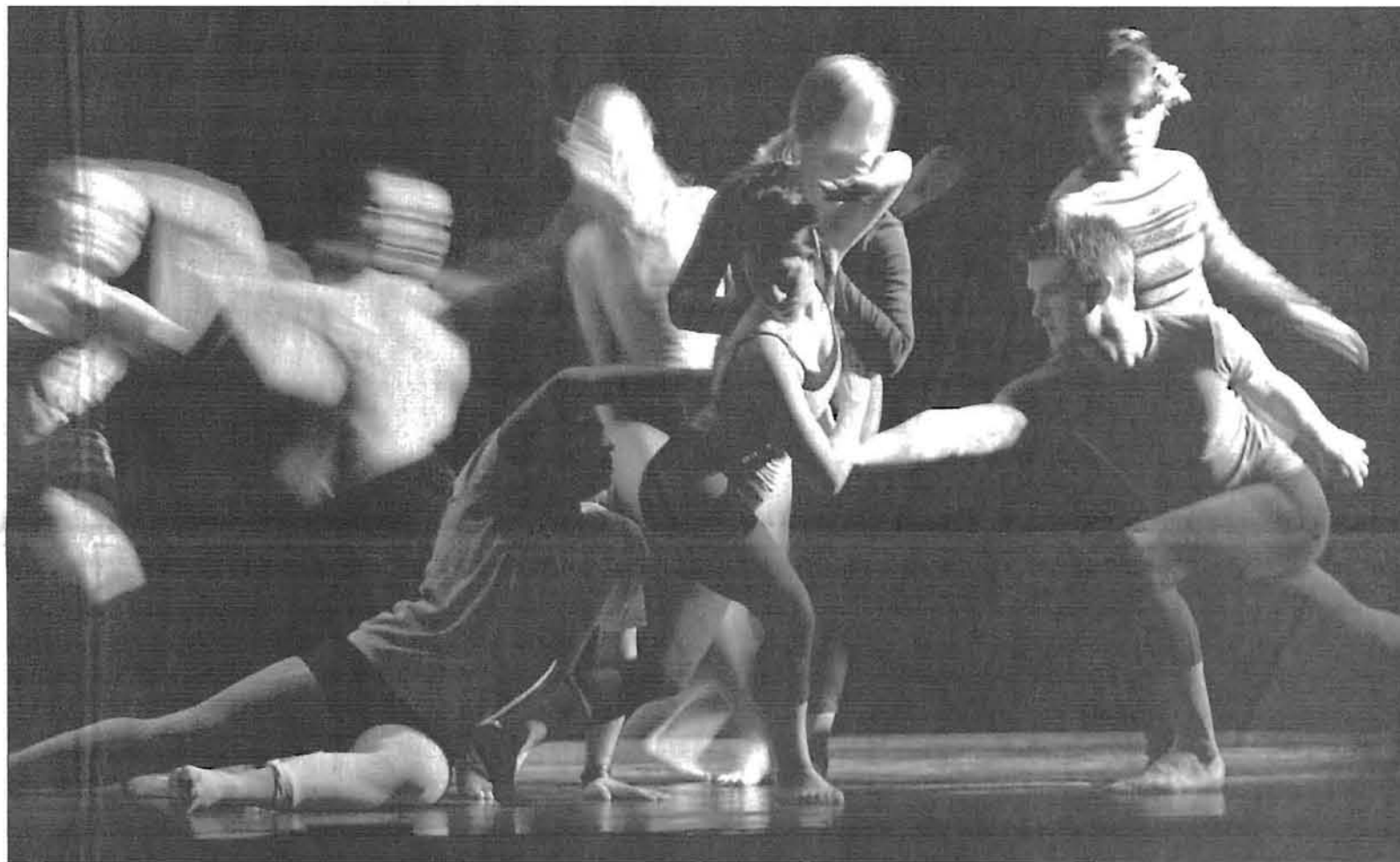
"When he will leave this position? I don't know. I know as long as he's in it, he's committed to serving the University," Chancellor Thomas George said.

When former UM President Manuel Pacheco retired in 2002, the search for Floyd began. Frank Moss, curators' professor in physics at UM-St. Louis, was on the faculty search committee when Floyd was a candidate.

Moss said his and another committee member's suggestion to "shelve the search" was ignored. "For me, [the experience] was unsatisfactory," he said.

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CELEBRATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Photos by: Carrie Fasiska • Associate Photo Editor

Members of the UM-St. Louis Performing Arts Dance Company perform an interperative dance on Monday during the Martin Luthr King Jr. Holiday Observance at the Touhill.

UMSL remembers MLK at annual event

BY AMY RECKTENWALD
Staff Writer



Guest Speaker Debbye Turner, reporter for The Early Show on CBS and 1990 Miss America, spoke on Monday, Jan. 15 during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance in the Touhill.

UM- St. Louis held celebrations for Martin Luther King Day commemorating Dr. King's wish for an equal America and his work towards the civil rights movement.

An observance of the holiday was held Monday Jan. 15 at the Touhill Performing Arts Center. The event was held in the Anheuser-Busch Theatre and began at 10 a.m.

The holiday has been observed for over 16 years at UM-St. Louis and approximately 550 people attended this year's festivities under the theme "Dr. King's Dream: Have we changed the perception socially, culturally, and psychologically?"

"I'm excited we had the downstairs auditorium filled. I thought we might have to open the second bal-

cony," Deborah Burris, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, said.

During the event Charles Pillar, head of the Dr. Martin Luther King Day Essay Contest selection committee, presented the essay contest's award winners. The participants to the contest were asked to address the year's theme question in a 1000-word essay.

The winners for first, second and third place, respectively, were Lavonda Staples, masters student, history, Todd Mannion, sophomore, business administration, and Ashland Tate, junior, undeclared.

Staples' winning essay concluded that King's dream "has splintered into 40 million individual realities."

See MLK OBSERVANCE, page 11

Hospital demolition prompts sorority to move out of house

BY JASON GRANGER
Associate News Editor

Members of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority had to pack up their belongings and move out of the sorority's house.

The Zeta house was located next to the old Normandy Hospital, which the University is prepping for a teardown in the coming semester. According to John Klein, director of Residential Life, this process would have led to a headache for the sorority members.

Klein said the sorority was given the option of staying in the house until May, but the members moved out of

the house to take residence in Oak Hall. "With the old hospital being torn down, the ladies thought it would be best to move before May," Klein said. "There would have been contractors around the whole time."

"The dust from taking the hospital down would have gone right into the Zeta house, it would have gotten everywhere," Klein said. "The noise would be near constant."

Zeta Tau Alpha vice president Audrey Shilharvey, sophomore, nursing, said most of the members understood why the move was necessary. She said they were ready to avoid the hassle of dealing with the teardown of the hospital.

"I think most of us understood why we had to move," Shilharvey said. "We didn't really argue with the decision."

Shilharvey said the Zeta Tau Alpha Housing Foundation suggested it would be best to move before May because students could settle in their new surroundings before school started back up again.

Shilharvey said the Zetas who live on campus will currently live in Oak Hall, but the organization is already searching for a new residence for the sorority.

"We've already started looking," Shilharvey said. "We definitely want to find something again, soon."

In other Greek Life news, members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity continue to rebuild their lives after the tragic fire that took the life of member Brian Schlittler.

According to fraternity member Nick Koechig, Student Government Association president, the rest of the members who lived in the house are living with other members of the fraternity who had their own off-campus housing. The fraternity's house had been located off campus on Natural Bridge Road.

"We had some guys who had houses in the area," Koechig said. He said the former house residents have been staying with them since the fire.

In other Greek housing news, Metro, which owns and operates MetroLink, denied rumors that it was looking to expand its land at UM-St. Louis and cause a move for the Delta Zeta sorority members from their house are false.

Diane Williams, communications specialist with Metro, said Metro has no current plans to expand at the University.

"I haven't heard anything about it, I don't know how that rumor started, but it is just a rumor," Williams said.

Klein said he had heard the rumors, and he said that same rumor has been going around for almost 10 years.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

STEALING UNDER \$500 • SOCIAL SCIENCE BUILDING

The Instructional Computing department reported sometime between 10 a.m. on Jan. 2 and 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 3, person(s) unknown stole a TV and VCR combination unit from Social Science Building room 208. The items' serial number was entered into the computer system as stolen, and the investigation is ongoing.

TRESPASSING • MILLENNIUM STUDENT CENTER

A 16-year-old juvenile was seen in the bookstore trying to conceal items. The employees reported the incident and the juvenile left the area. Officers located the identified suspect in the MSC. He was identified as a subject who was previously given a trespass warning and told not to return to the MSC. This juvenile was arrested for trespassing and transported to the station. The juvenile's parents were notified and when they arrived to pick the juvenile up, the juvenile ran away from them. The UM-St. Louis police later located the juvenile and took the juvenile to the Family Courts Detention building in Clayton to be released from there.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

BURGLARY-2ND DEGREE / PROPERTY DAMAGE / STEALING UNDER \$500 • UNIVERSITY MART

At about 11 p.m. the burglar alarm sounded at the U-Mart on South Campus. Officers found the front door glass and window broken out with large rocks. A merchandise rack and a trail of candy was found outside the building. The officers traced the candy trail toward Bellerive Drive. The detective did a follow-up investigation the next day and determined the juvenile involved in previous incidents was one of three individuals involved in this break-in. Two other adults and the juvenile were taken into custody and admitted their involvement. Some items related to this offense were recovered from the residence. The adults will face felony criminal charges for the burglary through the St. Louis County Courts. The juvenile will face a felony burglary charge through the St. Louis County Family Juvenile Courts. The adults were released pending the application of warrants and the courts released the juvenile back to the parents.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY • UNIVERSITY MEADOWS

The victim reported that a boyfriend/girlfriend dispute led to an altercation with several people, which eventually led to damage to his vehicle. The investigation is still ongoing.

STEALING OVER \$500 • SOCIAL SCIENCE BUILDING

Sometime during the day on Friday, Jan. 5, a laptop computer was stolen from room 449. The victim is an employee with Schillers Camera and Video and was doing work in the area with other construction workers from other companies. The laptop computer was left in the room during the day, and suspect(s) are unknown at this time. The laptop computer was entered into the computer system as stolen.

MONDAY, JAN. 8

ASSAULT-2ND DEGREE • MARILLAC DRIVE

The victim reported he was assaulted by getting hit in the head once by an unknown male juvenile suspect who ran from the area toward Bellerive Drive. The victim said the suspect did not say anything, and the attack seemed unprovoked. The victim did not request medical attention and appeared to suffer no permanent injuries. The victim and a witness reported the juvenile suspect was with a female subject who ran away after the assault. Because of a similar description of the suspect to previous offenses involving the juvenile, the police department interviewed this juvenile and determined he was again involved in this offense. The juvenile was arrested and transported to the St. Louis County Family Court in Clayton. The juvenile admitted his involvement in this offense. Charges through the St. Louis County Family Court are pending.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

STEALING OVER \$500 • COMPUTER CENTER BUILDING

A found wallet led to a discovery of two theft offenses. Two victims had their wallets stolen from their offices sometime during the afternoon hours on Monday, Jan. 8. The detective determined two separate identifications were located in a trash can in a hallway of the Social Science Building. One of the victims has an office in the Tower Building and the other, in the Research Building. Some of the items were returned to the owners while cash and other items are still missing. There are no suspects at this time.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

STEALING UNDER \$500 • MILLENNIUM STUDENT CENTER

The victim reported while she was using a computer on the third floor of the MSC, her purse was stolen. The victim said she had her purse on the floor near her from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. The victim further said she remembers two young persons, one male and one female, using the computers next to her, but she did not see them take her purse. Officers found her purse in a stairwell near the bridge. The only thing missing was about \$25. Building Operations employees stated they saw two young juveniles run away from this area just prior to the theft report. The victim was able to get most of her items back and therefore, decided not to prosecute this case any further.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

PROPERTY DAMAGE / ARREST • UNIVERSITY MEADOWS

A witness observed a vehicle strike the University Meadows gate, which caused damage. The driver was identified and arrested for property damage. The suspect was taken to the police station where he was processed and released from custody. Charges for property damage will be applied for through the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office.

STEALING OVER \$500 • SETON HALL

The victim reported that sometime during the past few weeks, while she was away on the holiday break, person(s) unknown forced open her residence door in Seton Hall, room 225, and stole her TV and DVD player. There are no suspects at this time.

Anyone having information concerning these or any other incidents should contact the campus police at 516-5155.



Adam D. Wiseman • Editor-in-Chief

Kerry Manderbach, senior, communication, looks at the inductees of the new Media Halls of Fame that is located on the first floor of the Mercantile Library. A special event was held this past Saturday to honor the newly established institution.

What's Current

Your weekly calendar of campus events

"What's Current" is a free service for all student organizations and campus departments. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all postings be submitted at least one week prior to the event. Email event listings to thecurrent@umsl.edu. All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

PPRC Photo Exhibit Opening

"Point-of-View: CASA," a photograph exhibit featuring work by children involved in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program will be on display at the Public Policy Research Center. An opening reception will be from noon to 1 p.m. in the PPRC, Room 362 SSB. The exhibit will be on display through May 4. For hours or more information call 5273.

Community Chorus Rehearsals

The Community Chorus will begin spring rehearsals at 7 p.m. in room 205 of the Music Building. The chorus performs choral music of all kinds under the direction of Robert Ray, professor of music at UM-St. Louis. The fee to join is \$25. Call 5948 for more information.

Psychology Colloquium

Ashley Guidroz, doctoral graduate student in industrial and organizational psychology at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, will discuss "Context effects on judgments in organizations: Getting the number's right" at 3 p.m. in 101 Benton Hall. For more information, call 5393.

Gallery FAB Art Exhibit Opening

Gallery FAB will open "Torn, Cut & Stitched," a book art exhibit by St. Louis artist M.J. Goerke. "Torn, Cut & Stitched" will run through Feb. 15. An opening reception will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan 25 in the gallery. Call 6967 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Mindfulness Meditation

"Mindfulness Meditation," a weekly meditation workshop will hold its first session from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. in 225 Millennium Student Center, the Student Success Center Conference Room. Orientations for new members will be held at noon on the days of the workshop. Please call Sharon Biegen or Jamie Linsin at University Health, Wellness and Counseling Services at 5711 for more information or to schedule a session.

Psychology Discussion

The Department of Psychology welcomes Zoe D. Peterson, clinical research postdoctoral fellow at the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., to discuss "A New Model of Women's Sexual 'Wantedness': Implications for Rape Acknowledgment" at 3:30 p.m. in 242 Benton Hall. For more information, call 5393.

St. Louis Symphony To Perform 'The Soldier's Tale'

Wayne Brady returns to the Touhill with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra to present Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale" in the Anheuser-Busch auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35, \$25 and \$15. Call 4949 to reserve tickets.



The new Chuck Smith Basketball Court at the Mark Twain Center will be dedicated at the Rivermen's and Riverwomen's basketball doubleheader game against Lewis University on Thursday, January 18 at 7pm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

College of Nursing Symposium

Carolyn A. Williams, professor of nursing at the University of Kentucky, will discuss issues in academic clinical nursing practice and new trends for strengthening education, from 11 a.m. to noon in Century Rooms A and B of the Millennium Student Center. Call 6849 for more information.

Psychologist To Discuss Child Trauma at Weinman Center

Matt Kliethermes, assistant research professor of psychology at UM-St. Louis, will discuss "Complex Trauma in Children and Adolescents" at 8:30 a.m. in the Kathy J. Weinman Advocacy Centre auditorium. Bring a breakfast. Juice and coffee will be provided. For more information, call 6798.

Basketball Doubleheader and Court Dedication

The new Chuck Smith Basketball Court at the Mark Twain Center will be dedicated at the Rivermen's and Riverwomen's basketball doubleheader game against Lewis University.

The women's game begins at 5:30 p.m. and the men's game will follow at 7:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the dedication ceremony will take place, honoring Chuck Smith, former men's basketball coach and director of athletics at UM-St. Louis.

Admission is free for UM-St. Louis students with I.D.. Call 5661 for more information.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Fiction, Poetry Reading by Fine Arts Students

Students in the Masters of Fine Arts program will read their fiction and poetry at 7:30 p.m. in Gallery 210.

The students include Seema Mukhi, Alison Carrick, Patti Jackson, Cynthia Webber and Maria Balogh, all graduating students in the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. A cash bar and snacks will be available. Call 6845 for more information.

Psychology Speaker To Visit

Stephanie Drzakowski, doctoral student in industrial and organizational psychology at Michigan State University in East Lansing, will discuss "Considering the contextualized person: A person-in-context approach to goal commitment" at 10:30 a.m. in 240 Benton Hall. Call 539 for more information.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Basketball Doubleheader

The men's and women's basketball teams will play University of Wisconsin-Parkside at the Mark Twain gymnasium. The women's game begins at 1 p.m. and the men's game starts at 3 p.m. Admission is free for UMSL students with identification. Call 5661 for more information.

'Lucia Di Lammermoor' Opera Performance at Touhill

Teatro Lirico d'Europa, touring theater company, will present Donizetti's opera "Lucia Di Lammermoor" (in its original Italian with English supertitles) at 8 p.m. in the Anheuser-Busch Hall at the Touhill Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$50, \$40 and \$35. Call 4949 to reserve tickets.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra To Perform at Touhill PAC

The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra featuring The Pied Pipers will perform "America's Hits on Parade" at 2 p.m. in the Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall at the Touhill. Tickets are \$30, \$25 and \$20. Call 4949 to reserve tickets.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Monday Noon Series

Concert pianist Orli Shaham will discuss her career, including the orchestras she has played with, at 12:15 p.m. in room 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center for the winter semester's first Monday Noon Series. For more information, call 5699.

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AFFILIATIONS



"The U" on the move to MSC

By MELISSA S. HAYDEN
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Plans to move studio for campus' student-run radio station, 101.9 The U, from a small office in the Research Building to the Millennium Student Center and a brand new studio are finally being realized.

The studio is currently under construction on the second floor of the MSC, in what was formerly a waiting area located in front of the Center for Student Success and the Office of Transfer Services. The studio walls have been built and a sign boasting of the future home of The U hangs in front of the site.

Plans for the new studio have been in the works since last July, just a few months after the station first went on the air, in April 2006.

"When you see the walls going up, it makes it more real," said Curt Coonrod, vice provost of Student Affairs. He said the location was chosen because it was "very visible, giving maximum exposure to the radio station."

"We've talked about it and talked

about it," Coonrod said. He said he was excited the studio was being built and he could finally see the results of "lots of hard work" and "a lot of patience."

Charles Granger, distinguished teacher professor of biology and adviser of The U, said he thought the process actually happened rather quickly. "I guess us older people have more patience," he said with a chuckle.

Coonrod said "hopefully" the station would be up and running early into this semester. "It certainly had a lot of support," he said.

"Everybody has been so cooperative," Granger said. "It has really been a partnership and an effort to the highest administrator."

Granger said the support comes from the way the station is going to "provide a sense of community" to the campus.

In agreement with Granger's view, Coonrod said the station will not only be useful for promoting awareness of the events and issues on campus, but he said it would be a great opportunity for students. He said it was important for students interested in this field to

"get some exposure and hands on experience."

Along with the new MSC studio, Granger said a small studio would go up at Oak Hall. He said the construction of that studio would begin after the current construction has been completed.

The U will begin broadcasting this year from the studio and continue to be run out of Granger's office, located in the Research Building. It will continue to air over speakers on the MSC bridge, and Granger said training would also take place in the studio in his office.

"We don't want to get over (to the MSC studio) until we're really ready," he said. "Then, we can go full speed ahead."

As far as this year's radio personalities, Granger said there are somewhere between 30 and 40 students applying for shows this semester. He said the talent of last year's DJs was "outstanding." He said it was "kind of hard to not listen" last year.

"People can do what they want to do," he said. "The creativity explodes when you do that."

Bel-Nor to install traffic cameras

By AMY RECKTENWALD
Staff Writer

Driving to campus on Natural Bridge Road will become safer this spring when "red-light cameras" are installed, according to Bel-Nor's chief of police Matt Lauer.

Lauer, who serves as both the Chief of Police for the Bel-Nor Police Department and the city's administrator, said the cameras' installation would begin this March. He said the cameras would be installed on existing state-owned traffic lights.

The lights slated to receive cameras are at the intersections of Natural Bridge Road and both Clearview and Arlmont Drives, near Woods Hall and the Bellerive Acres area.

American Traffic Solutions, Inc. an Arizona-based company with a location in Arnold, Mo., will install the cameras. According to the company's Web site at www.atsol.com, its imaging systems are "designed to

produce the highest prosecutable image rate of any competing system."

Some of the features of ATS' "Red Light Violation System" include having a "small, rugged all-weather package" and "Web-based violation video replay." This replay feature, according to the site, can be used for "court, police and traffic engineering purposes."

According to Jonathan Yordy, UM-St. Louis coordinator of public relations, the cameras will be triggered when the light turns red, and a car enters the intersection.

"It will increase safety and decrease people running red lights," Yordy said.

The cameras each will take a picture of the car that triggered them at the intersection, as well as that car's license plate. The camera will collect no other information, and the cameras have no ability of determining a speeding violation.

"Violators will be able to go

online and see the information about their violation," Lauer said.

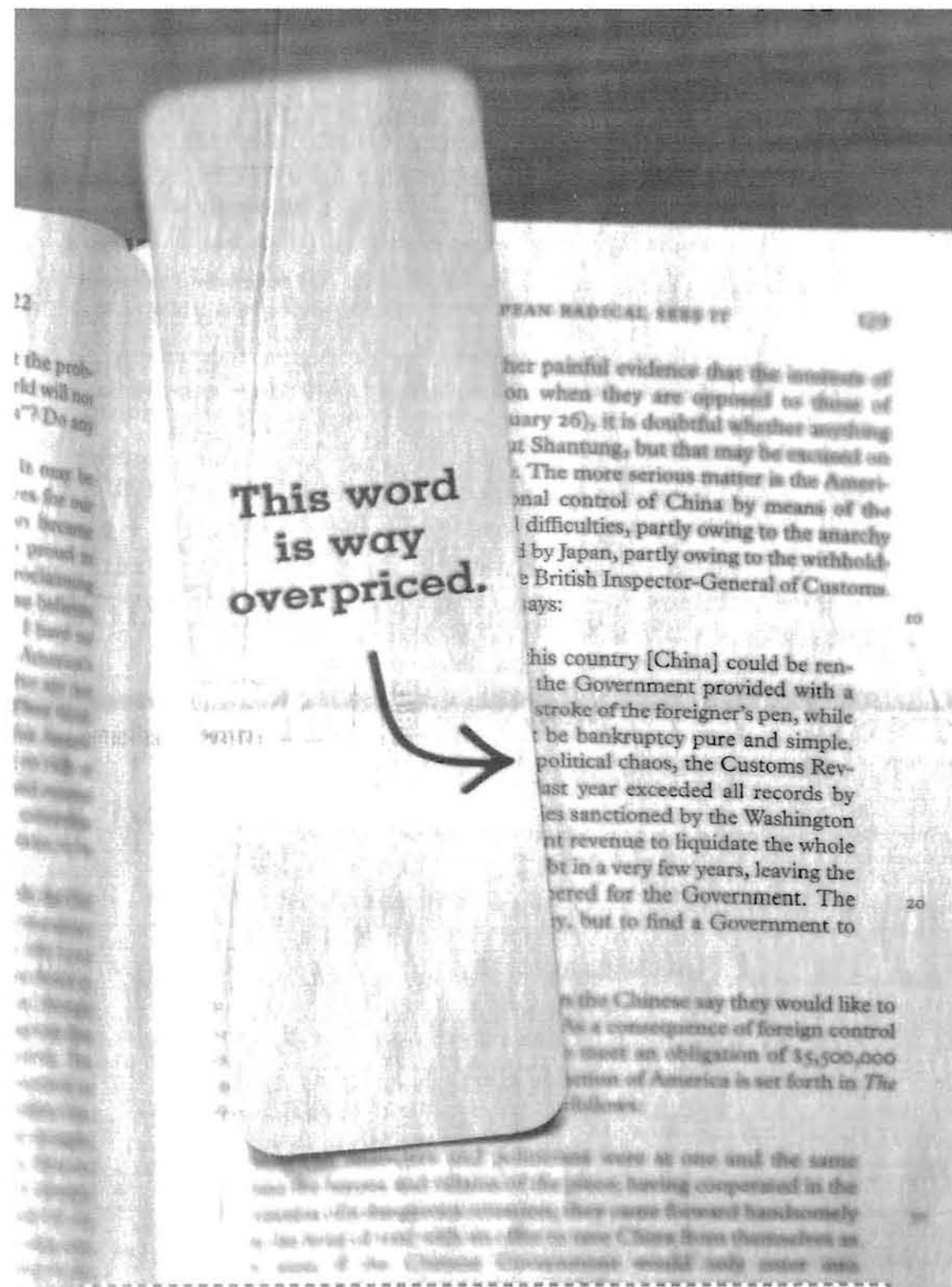
He said the traffic violation will be recorded to computer and it will be accessible to violators once they have received notification by mail of their violation. A password to access the information will be included in the notice.

No points will go on the violator's driving record as a result of being caught in a traffic violation by the cameras.

Lauer said the cities of Florissant, Hazelwood and Arnold already have some of these cameras installed. He said those cameras have been found to be successful in recording the running of red lights in those areas.

He said the lights are meant to be a permanent fixture at these intersections with no plans to ever be removed.

Yordy said the lights were supposed to be installed over the winter break, but the installation has been delayed until the spring.



This word is way overpriced.



Carrie Fasiska • Associate Photo Director

Sheila Hering, Assistant Coach, looks at the scoreboard as she talks to the UM-St. Louis Women's Basketball team. Hering has taken over coaching the women since Coach Buchanan was placed on administrative leave on December 12.

BUCHANAN, from page 1

The allegations, according to Curt Coonrod, vice provost of student affairs, were brought to the attention of leadership members in the Athletics Department and then, forwarded to him. "It was a collective decision that [the allegations were] worthy of an investigation," he said.

Coonrod said the OEO was in the process of completing its investigation.

"We would like for it to be finished as soon as possible, but we want it to be thorough," he said. "We want it to be a fair process for everyone."

Dolan said Sheila Hering would

continue as interim head coach of women's basketball while the investigation is being carried out. She said at this moment there are no plans of finding a replacement coach or replacing Hering as the interim head coach. "We're just on hold right now," she said.

Dolan said as far as she knew Buchanan's placement on leave has not had an effect on the team's performance. She said that Hering could give a better estimate of that, but Hering, due to an out-of-town game, was unable to be reached at this time. Buchanan was also unable to be

reached at this time.

Based on his salary of \$42,840 a year, according to the Missouri "Blue Book", Buchanan would be averaging \$3570 a month while on administrative leave.

Buchanan has been coaching collegiate basketball for 18 years, with 16 years as head coach. Before coming to UM-St. Louis, Buchanan served as associate head coach at Division I school Southern Mississippi. Prior to that, he worked at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky., and then at Francis Marion in Florence, S.C.

NEWS BRIEFS

New year brings changes to Board of Curators

Three new members joined the UM Board of Curators after taking their oaths of office on Jan. 11.

Governor Matt Blunt appointed Buford M. [Bo] Fraser of Columbia, Mo. and Judith Haggard and Warren K. Erdman, both of Kansas City, Mo. to the board last month. The appointment of each curator was for a six-year term that began Monday Jan. 1. The three new members took their oaths during a Board of Curators meeting in Columbia. The meeting began the hiring process for an executive recruitment firm to lead the search for the university's new president. The current president, Elson Floyd, announced his resignation on Dec. 13.

This new trio of members replaced three curators whose terms had expired: Angela M. Bennett of Kansas City, Mo., Thomas A. Atkins of Columbia, Mo. and Anne Ream of West Plains, Mo.

In addition to the losses and new members, Curator Don Walsworth was elected, unanimously, as the Board Chair, after his service as the Board of Curator's vice-chair.

His replacement will be the 2007 Board Vice Chair Cheryl D.S. Walker.

Walker and Walsworth will serve in their newly appointed offices for one-year terms that also began Jan. 1. They were appointed to the Board of Curators in 2003 by former Gov. Bob Holden, with terms that will expire in Jan. 2009.

The next Board of Curators meeting will be held Jan. 24 and 25 at UM-St. Louis.

U.S. Bank, under the parent

UMB Bank replaced as UMSL's banking vendor

company of U.S. Bancorp, has gained control of the UM-St. Louis banking vendor contract once in UMB Bank's hands.

The branch opened for business on Tuesday Jan. 16, and representatives were also available last week to answer questions and open new accounts. The U.S. Bank will occupy UMB Bank's previous location on the second floor of the Millennium Student Center, room 256.

A U.S. Bank ATM has been installed in the MSC and has been operational for approximately two weeks.

U.S. Bancorp is the sixth largest financial services holding company in the United States, and it holds \$217 billion in assets.

Use of the new U.S. Bank ATM for users of other banks will be the same \$2 fee as it was for using UMB's ATM formerly its location on the second floor of the MSC across from the bookstore.

In addition, there is a Bank of America ATM just outside of the SSB Tower, on the side facing Thomas Jefferson Library.

After the Student Government Association implemented changes last

Shuttle routes gets new stops for Spring

semester to the campus shuttle routes, two stops will return and a new one will be added this semester.

According to the UM-St. Louis Web site, stops will "resume serving the UMSL South MetroLink station and Normandy Hall for the spring semester."

A new stop will be added to former routes, allowing for pick up and drop

off on the Millennium Student Center's south side, near the ponds.

The Spring Semester 2007 shuttle schedule is currently available online and more information regarding the shuttle and its routes can be obtained by calling (314) 516-4190.

UMSL's doctoral programs get recognition

The doctoral programs of UM-St. Louis have received an 11th place ranking among other small research universities, according to a list released by the Academic Analytics' Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index.

The list was released last week and UM-St. Louis was placed in the category for research universities with under 15 doctoral programs.

According to Academic Analytics' Web site at www.academicanalytics.com, the Chester, Pa. based company collected information regarding "nearly 178,000 faculty members in close to 7,300 Ph.D. programs at 354 universities in the United States."

According to the Web site, the FSP analysis measures the "scholarly productivity of faculty using their publications, citations and financial and honorary awards won."

This program measurement was developed by Lawrence Martin, chief scientific consultant to Academic Analytics, and Anthony Olejniczak, scientific consultant to Academic Analytics.

UM-St. Louis and Washington University were the only two universities in Missouri that ranked on the list.

Washington University ranked seventh in the top 50 large research universities.

The rankings for the list and the latest FSP Index came from data gathered and analyzed from 2005.

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OUR OPINION

"If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all of the host of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well."

Martin Luther King Jr.



Doing our best is another way we honor Martin Luther King Jr.

Following advice from civil rights activist, we can continue to celebrate his dream by approaching every task as if it will be our best work

A new year possessing endless possibilities has come to us. It is a new year for optimistic thinking and living. We all have a stake in the future. And we all have a stake in how beautiful our future can be.

With positive thinking and hard work, we can make a change in our lives and the lives of others. Sure, we may not be where we wish to be (financially, physically, or spiritually). We must, however, arise and attempt to convene with our present circumstances and live to the fullest of our potential.

This is a part of the great ideology and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As we now know, he was more than a man of social reform. King was a man of spiritual and psychological reform. One can even go a

step further and say that he felt these two were connected. Our spirits affects our social behaviors and vice versa.

More importantly, we must remember that each feat of personal change or act of greatness begins within ourselves. Like the man who sweeps the streets, King believed everyone should be found doing one's best. It is not only an artistic approach to life. It is an optimistic approach to one's life work.

Simply put, it means doing your best or the best that can be done. Doing what you wish to do with greatness in mind is similar to mimicking Beethoven. Doing what you aspire to do with hard work and effort as fuel for your life's energy is similar to Shakespeare writing poetry. And finally doing all things (no matter how tremendous or minute) to its entirety is

similar to Michelangelo painting.

If possible, let us remember that all of our actions and all of the acts we engage in require effort and hard work and this can be attributed to inspiration from King. More importantly, let us remember this on the other 300 plus days outside of his birthday and Black History Month.

This can be our challenge for the new hour, day, month, year and decade. This challenge will ideally expand throughout our lives, where we can be found doing our best. As students, administrators, employees, neighbors and friends of UM-St. Louis, let us be the best. Let us be Michelangelo, Beethoven, Shakespeare and Dr. Martin Luther King by doing our best and giving our best effort in what we do in life.

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EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

May the force be with you, Mike Sherwin

When a person moves on from an organization that they have been a part of for many years, the feelings are mixed from both sides of the street.

On one side you have the organization that has stood on two feet for over 40 years, and on the other you have a dedicated student journalist that will continue to influence that organization years after he is gone.

Several years of *The Current* has passed under the watchful eye of Mike Sherwin. Photography, writing and design were all aspects that Mike started off with. He climbed the ranks all the way to the top and bringing with him a group of people that consider themselves lucky to have worked with him.

His awards for journalism have outshined many others that have worked for the *Current* and in 2005 the Missouri College Media Association named him Photojournalist of the Year.

This past semester I had the privilege to watch his excitement as *The Current* won second place for "Best in Show" at the Associated Collegiate Press convention. Arguably the highest award *The Current* has ever received.

It is not only his Journalistic integrity that will continue, but his love for the newspaper will continue to bleed into the hearts of the many



BY ADAM D. WISEMAN
Editor-in-Chief

new faces that are to come.

I must make it known that Mike has poured his guts into this newspaper. He has given his all to make sure that the readers get the product. He has worked for more than twenty-four hours straight during production.

Mike has taken the photos, written the stories, placed them on the pages, sent the paper to the printer, and the next morning put the papers in the racks.

He has done this more than several times because he loves *The Current*.

I am not sure how to fully explain this, but *The Current* becomes a child to some people. *The Current* is a child that needs to be nurtured and cared for. It needs to be fed and in some cases defended.

Mike has taught us how to do those things. His wealth of knowledge has made us stronger collectively.

The Current will continue without Mike Sherwin. In fact, a great leader always leaves when he knows the time is right, and when he knows that the organization will be fine without him.

I am sure that the readers will agree when I say that we will miss the wonderful photos, and the beautiful designs that you have given us over the years.

Thank you for your support, and thank you for raising the bar. We will not let you down, and we shall make you proud.

STAFF VIEWPOINT

Rumors are detrimental to UMSL

Rumors. They can do more than just confuse. They can throw a serious wrench into the works.

Rumors can start from overhearing a person running at the mouth, a misguided e-mail or misunderstandings. In any way, in any form, they are damaging.

Unfortunately, UM-St. Louis is a campus that is practically fueled by rumor.

At *The Current*, we are privy to pretty much every rumor that circulates on campus. Some, we can easily throw by the wayside, easy to dismiss because they are so ridiculous. Others, we have to take quite seriously, because if true, they would represent a major doctrinal shift in University policy.

However, a good majority of the rumors we investigate turn out to be patently false. More often than not, we are greeted with a blank stare and someone saying, "What are you talking about?"

We had cause to consider this recently when a rumor surfaced claiming that the sororities on campus were in for a world of hurt.

Recently, the Zeta Tau Alpha moved out of their house near the old Normandy Hospital as that building is due for demolition. The house will be demolished as well.

Somehow, a rumor was born, most likely out of this happening, that all the sororities were going to have to move out of their residences, because

MetroLink was looking to expand its land on South Campus.

After talking with the communications manager for MetroLink, *The Current* was able to ascertain that Metro has no plans now or in the near future for any of the sorority houses or the lands they occupy.

It is a pretty sure bet that if *The Current* was aware of the rumor, it had circulated far within the University's community. This is a rumor that has evidently been around for years, and every now and again rears its ugly head to throw panic into the Greek system.

According to the Director of Residential Life John Klein, the rumor has been around for 10 years, so it has some staying power.

It goes to show that rumors do little more than hurt people. All this amounts to is idle gossip. These are the types of rumors that one expects to hear flowing over picket fences, spouted by housewives.

The most annoying aspect of it is, there really is no need for it. But people with secrets, rumors and gossip feel such a desperate need to share it, that they do not stop to think if the information is actually true.

Here is a good rule of thumb: If the information comes from your best friend's roommate's boyfriend's study partner, it is probably going to turn out to be false, so let the rumor die. If it continues, all it will do is hurt people.



BY JASON GRANGER
Associate News Editor

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UNDERCURRENT

By Carrie Fasiska • Associate Photo Director

What is one thing you can't say 'No' to?



Leanica Adams
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"I can't say no to shopping"



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Freshman
Biology

"Cheesecake because cheesecake is the best dessert invented in the world. I want cheesecake at my wedding."



Paul Daniels
Freshman
Political Science

"I can't say no to a Bouncing Souls concert."



Angela Jackson
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"Going out with friends."



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Junior
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"A free trip to Los Angeles, it's where I belong."

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SCIENCE COLUMN

Do-it-yourself electricity

Will Ameren's talks of rate hikes for next year lead some people searching for alternate energy sources?

With high prices of gas and oil, and global warming looming, many people are thinking about alternative energy sources. If you lost your electricity in one, or more, of the area's last major power outages, you may be thinking about your own alternate energy sources.

For energy flexibility, electricity is still it. Electric cars and electric light rail make sense because you can make electricity in so many different ways. In addition to the common gas, coal and oil, electricity can be made with solar, wind, and even trash as energy sources. It is a very flexible power option.

You can even generate your own electricity yourself.

We usually think of big power plants when we think of generating electricity. But generating electricity can be a small scale affair. It does not

have to be centralized or on a large scale. You can even link smaller sources together.

One smaller scale electricity source is a home gas-powered generator. It will get your lights back on, but let's think more basic than that. If you like camping or hiking, you may have seen those little radio-flash light combinations that run without batteries. You turn a crank and the dynamo charges a battery, which powers the light and radio. Your muscles, your work just made that electricity.

Let's take a little fun look at electricity generation.

Electricity has been used as a power source for around 120 years. Early electricity generation often involved steam, sometimes generated by wood, just as steam power had been for years. Steam drove the turbines that generated the electricity.

Electricity is a general term for flow of electric charge. The power underlying this is the physical phenomenon known as electromagnetism. Here we are talking about electric current, the flow of electrons, measured in amps and electrical potential, measured in volts, and the electrical energy derived.

There are a number of ways to generate electricity. One of these is the turbine, which is how most commercial power is generated. In this system, a turbine, which is a rotating engine that draws energy from a fluid



BY CATHERINE MARQUIS-HOMEYER

Science Columnist

flow, is linked to an electrical generator. There are several kinds of turbines, such as steam powered, in which a fuel like coal converts water to steam that turns the turbine, or water powered, as in hydroelectric plants. Other turbines are wind turbines, that convert wind energy to power and hot gas

turbines, which use hot gas from burning fuels to turn the turbine engine. There are systems that use solar power to generate hot gas to move the turbine, a different system from the more-familiar solar photovoltaic, which directly converts solar

energy to electricity. Some systems use a combination.

Small electrical generators often use reciprocating engines, better known as piston engines, like the one in your car, or a small gas turbine like the one described above.

Let us go back to that small generator mentioned earlier, the hand cranked emergency radio and light. This little generator, like the kind that sometimes powers bicycle lights, is often called a dynamo. That is a misnomer and in fact, it is an alternator generating current. Besides the small piston engine-powered generators increasingly familiar to those who have suffered through the power outages, there were also larger versions of that hand or foot cranked alternator generators, for use in remote locations or emergency situations.

The cool thing about electricity is that there are so many ways to make it, high tech and low tech, in small batches or large ones, centralized and decentralized, and they all work for the same electrical uses. In Holland, small communities often invest in wind turbine technology to share the power, and cost, among all the residents. While these smaller electric generating technologies are sometimes expensive for individuals, resources can be pooled, and the expenses are largely upfront. A local building contractor with his own wind turbine, visible from Highway 170 at Page Ave., reportedly loves his green-power energy investment.

Maybe neighborhoods should band together and get their own wind turbines, rather than everyone one buying noisy gas-powered generators. Ameren UE, watch out!

READER COMMENTS FROM OUR ONLINE FORUMS

Buchanan on administrative leave

[The following comments are regarding the web-only article at thecurrentonline.com 'Coach Buchanan placed on administrative leave, pending investigation'.]

Comment one:

You guys have totally rocked about getting breaking news on the web this year. Big high fives to you all.

Just a question - why did you decide to include the coach's salary in the story?

I'm proud of you, guys!!! This is definitely of concern.

Comment two:

Another black eye for the program under the oversight of Pat Dolan. How much more obvious

does it have to be that the AD is incompetent and needs to be terminated?

Comment three:

wow, this is crazy. I always seemed to like the guy. Hope yall update online when more information is found.

Comment four:

As an alumnus and former Cheerleader and Dance Team member I have worked and witnessed Coach Buchanan's passion for the game of basketball. He, in my opinion is a great coach who, since 2003, has been devoted to bringing home Rivermen victories, one of which against Division 1 ranked SLU during an exhibition at the Scott Trade. Time and time again the athletic department has turned it's back on those who work day in and day out trying to shine a light on their department. First the head baseball

coach, then boys soccer, then the Cheerleaders, now the Girl's basketball coach. What's next? It's no wonder there is no school spirit.

As for the current staff. I must say, "job well done" on breaking news stories posted on the web. I do however, feel that it was unnecessary to publish the coach's salary. That is a private matter that may or may not have anything to do with the allegations.

Keep up the good work and I will keep reading.

Comment five:

His salary should be published since taxpayers and UMSL students pay it. Plus he is on admin leave so he is still getting paid for NOT WORKING and apparently he's been caught doing something seriously wrong.

Nice work here, Current.

Comment six:

I agree that the coach's salary should be listed. he is an employee of the state, and he is getting paid while he is on leave. that begs the question: what's he getting while he's not actually working.

Coach Brady Lawsuit

[The following comments are regarding the article 'UMSL loses appeal in Coach Brady case' in the Dec. 5 issue.]

Comment one:

Shame on the athletic department, and AD Dolan in particular. This stupid vendetta is going to cost the University a nice chunk of change. Perhaps it is time to review the job performance of the administrator(s) that directed this waste of money.

Comment two:

FIRE DOLAN NOW!

Comment three:

Pat Dolan must be fired! I guess the phrase 'Coaches are hired to be fired' came back to bite the university in the ass....It's time for a change. I'm glad someone stood up to her, it's a shame that so many coaches were lost who didn't stand up to her.

ASUM vs. Dodd

[The following comment is regarding the article 'ASUM attempts to expel Dodd from board' in the Dec. 5 issue.]

While I can understand (through personal experience) that David Dodd's manner may rub some people the wrong way, it is absurd to

remove him from the ASUM Board for simply sticking to his beliefs and refusing to cave to peer pressure.

From what I've seen of Dodd, he is one of the few students who will consistently question and challenge administrators and student government peers (particularly those from Columbia) to protect the interests and money of all UMSL students.

ASUM has become a complete joke. When good people like David Dodd are thrown out for simply doing their job, it demonstrates that ASUM is not fulfilling its mission. UMSL students would be wise to vote to return the ASUM fee to UMSL students and to stop financing Columbia's, Kansas City's, and Rolla's efforts to remove elected UMSL representatives.me

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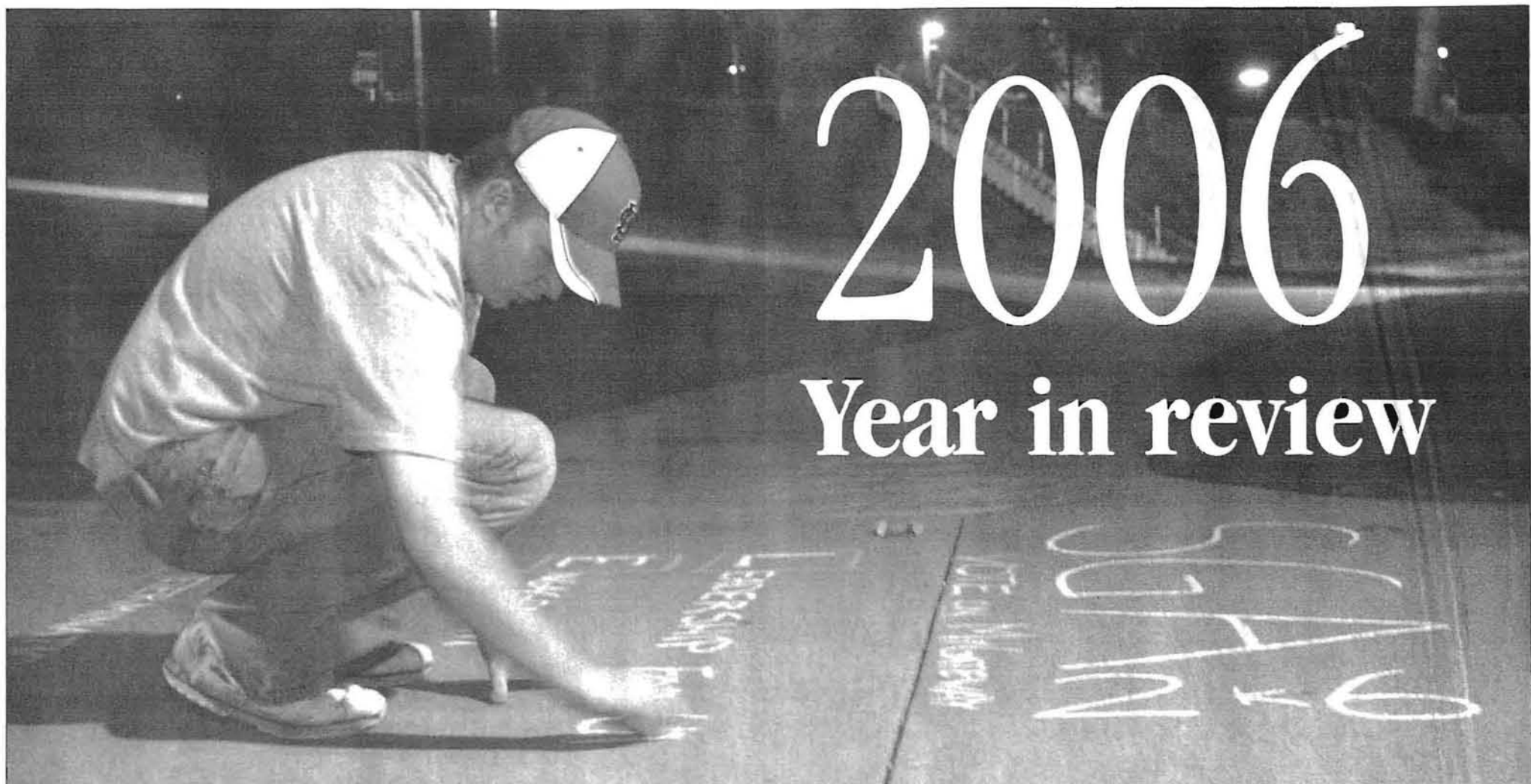
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TOP 10
Stories of 2006
at UM-St. Louis

1. The fire at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house that killed student Brian Schlittler ended the year on a somber note.
2. Baseball players arrested and charged in thefts from Dick's Sporting Goods grabbed the attention of more than sports fans.
3. Oak Hall floods, not once, not twice, but three times in the fall.
4. The sale of MOHELA created a stir about how much of the money would go toward renovating Benton and Stadler Halls.
5. The Metro pass program faces uncertainty, but a compromise where students pay \$45 per semester is reached.
6. SGA attempts to reroute the shuttle buses, but missing color placards and failure of drivers to follow the new routes cause mixed reactions.
7. Confusion over when student curator Maria Curtis' term limits ends with her keeping her position.
8. SGA elections allow current president Nick Koechig to run unopposed after candidate Muhammed LaMottee is disqualified.
9. Express Scripts construction progresses, meaning the baseball field will be moved to South Campus.
10. Student fee increases, including three in March and the recent increase in the student activity fee in November means students will pay more this year.

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The Current takes a look back at the stories that made headlines in 2006

By PAUL HACKBARTH
Design Editor

2006 was a year of ... For the campus community, that sentence could be finished a dozen different ways as UM-St. Louis had its fair share of headlines in 2006. Now, in 2007, *The Current* takes a look back at the newsworthy events of 2006.

The year started with uncertainty for student curator Maria Curtis (now Maria Kerford after her marriage to UM-St. Louis alumnus Alexander Kerford last year) as her status of student representative to the UM Board of Curators was questioned because of ambiguous language in a Missouri revised statute. In the end, she kept her position and still serves as student curator. January also brought Mexican food lovers La Cantina Loca to the Pilot House and 65 Vashon High School students got an early taste of college life.

The first mention of a doubtful future for the MetroLink pass program made headlines in February. A power failure on Feb. 8 gave students a snow day to enjoy, but the biggest news that month came with the arrests of three baseball players involved in thefts from Dick's Sporting Goods. Gov. Matt Blunt announced plans to sell MOHELA, and UM-St. Louis mourned the death of Marcus Allen, the University's first black professor. In sports, the Riverwomen basketball team reached the GLVC tournament but lost to Northern Kentucky in the first round.

March roared in like a lion, as columnist Dan Savage visited the campus and the search for a permanent dean in the Nursing College began. Talk surfaced of money from the MOHELA sale going toward renovations to Benton-Stadler Hall, but how much would UM-St. Louis get?

SGA elections dominated news in April, as did Student Court's ruling to disqualify potential presidential candidate Muhammed LaMotte. Nick Koechig, Thomas Helton and Shanna Carpenter of the LEAD slate won SGA president, vice president and comptroller, respectively. For Helton, winning vice president was not the biggest news, but the UM-St. Louis showdown softball game between students and faculty/administrators.

"A lot of people think of changes and improvements to UMSL externally, more money, new buildings, more students, but internally there

are improvements to be made and I think this was one of them," Helton said. "And the students slaughtered the staff/admin 37-13." Juliann Sebastian became the next dean of the College of Nursing in April. Reel Big Fish rocked Mirthday, while on April 3, "The U" student-run radio station broadcasted for the first time on 101.9 FM.

April showers normally bring May flowers, but May brought student organizations' budget allocations from the SABC. Rep. William "Lacy" Clay's criticism of the Iraq War and President Bush at spring commencement created a stir. Construction of the Express Scripts headquarters moved along, which graduate student Daniel Cohen said was the highlight of 2006. "It was just neat seeing the progress made and the building going up," he said. Progress also meant the baseball field would have to be moved to South Campus, but where would the observatory go?

“ Perhaps no single event seemed to have entertained the campus quite as much as the outrageous follies of the PRIZM drag show.

— Michael Rankins, PRIZM member

In June, charges were filed against 16 baseball players in the Dick's Sporting Goods theft case, but it was not all bad news for the baseball team as the Oakland A's drafted Josh Morgan, Rivermen pitcher and outfielder. The Honors College lost professor Dennis Bohnenkamp June 1.

The storms of July left students living on campus without power, which graduate student Jan Mayer said she remembers most about 2006. The storms also caused \$750,000 in damages. Repairs to the Mark Twain gymnasium would not be finished until October.

A new redesign to *The Current* was unveiled in August, as were the new Pepsi machines. August also marked the opening of Oak Hall, "the first residential facility that we have actually built ourselves. It's a real jewel and raises our on-campus housing capacity to about 1,500," said Chancellor Thomas George. Oak Hall also flooded for the first time that month, and it would flood two more times by the end of September.

Another highlight for George was when "the undergraduate International Business College reached its highest yet national rank of 8th by U.S. News & World Report ... their faculty deserve a lot of credit," he said. A woman was struck by a MetroLink train at the UM-St. Louis North Station, and the Center for Student Success started the Early Alert System to catch students before failing.

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(ABOVE) Sean Hanebery, senior, business administration, and Cadence Rippeto, junior, communication, walk by the crowd at last year's homecoming soccer games in October. Hanebery and Rippeto were named homecoming king and queen.

(RIGHT) Professional drag queen Dieta Pepsi hugs Curt Coonrod, vice provost of Student Affairs, at PRIZM's third annual drag show in October.



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(ABOVE) DJ Ashland Tate, junior, undeclared, performs his radio show for 'The U', student-run radio station that debuted on 101.9 FM in April.

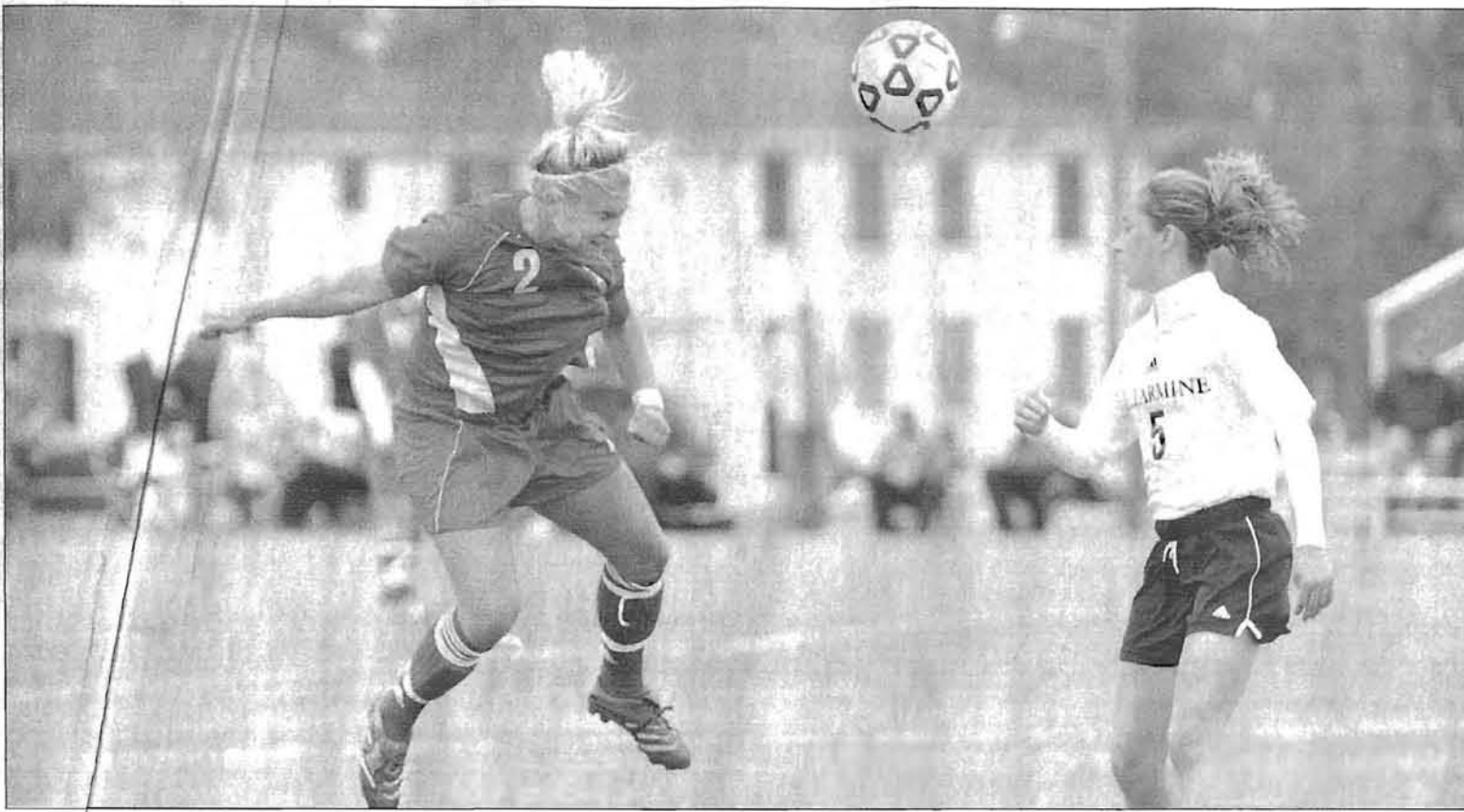


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(LEFT) Elizabeth Waclawlik, junior, nursing, vacuums water from room 605 in Oak Hall on South Campus in August. The new residential hall flooded three times last fall.



File Photo: Cadence Rippeto • Staff Photographer



File Photo: Mike Sherwin • Managing Editor

Christan Wasniewski, midfielder for the women's soccer team, heads a ball in the GLVC tournament against Bellarmine in October.

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September promised UM-St. Louis an \$18-million check from the MOHELA sale for Benton-Stadler Hall renovations. Two Waynes visited campus, comedian Wayne Brady and former Senator Wayne Goode, a founding father of the campus. SGA announced shuttle route changes, and soccer coach Beth Goetz picked up her 100th career win.

The month of October was a roller coaster of ups and downs. The men's and women's soccer teams reached the GLVC playoffs, but both teams lost in the first round.

Homecoming at the Chase Park Plaza drew another record crowd with 870 tickets sold, and Sean Haneberry and Cadence Rippetto were named king and queen. Pop singer Nick Lachey performed at the Touhill, the newspaper card readers came in, as did the sushi bar in the Nosh. PRIZM hosted its third annual drag show.

"Perhaps no single event seemed to have entertained the campus quite as much as the outrageous follies of the PRIZM drag show," said PRIZM member Michael Rankins. "I will certainly never forget the 2006 show, the latest in a line of success stories that demonstrate that student leaders, using student funds, truly can bring top of the line entertainment to the

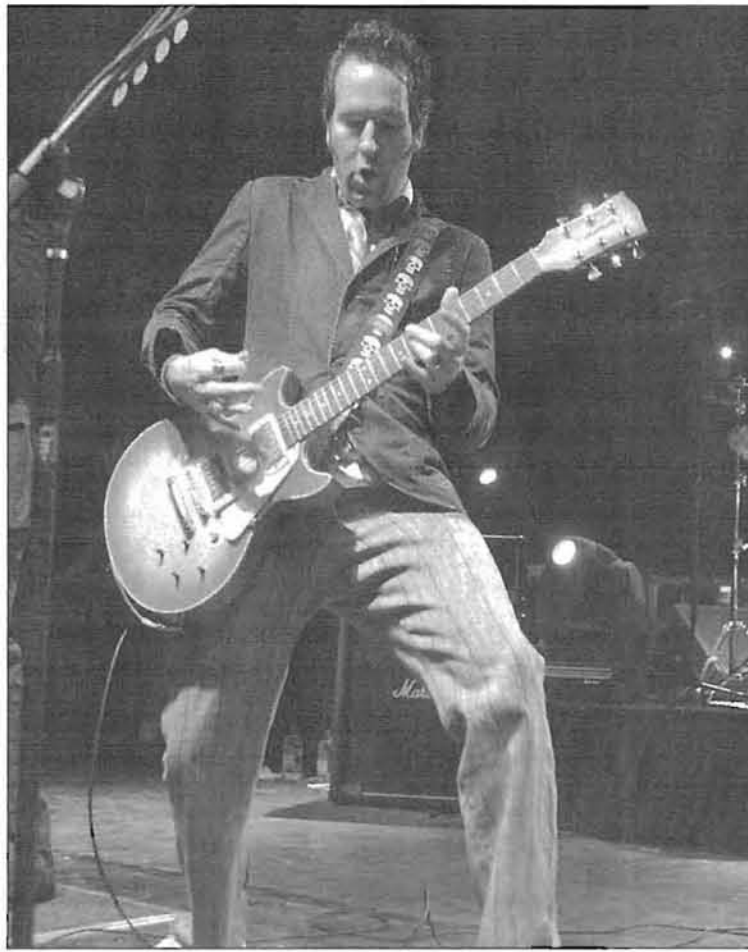
whole of the campus community."

October also marked a time of mourning as UM-St. Louis lost custodian Rufki Dullovi and student Heather Brandow, both killed in car crashes.

Voters highlighted national news in November, but at UM-St. Louis, the SGA assembly had its own vote to approve an increase in the student activity fee. Kathy Griffin headlined the Touhill, which also announced that the performing arts center would break even that year.

The year ended with a campus tragedy, as student Brian Schlittler died in a fire at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house. "It showed that things can change over night," said Koechig, fellow fraternity brother. Parts of campus lost power in the December ice storm, and the University lost its appeal in baseball coach Jim Brady's age discrimination case. In the last weeks of 2006, UM President Elson Floyd announced he was leaving for Washington State University, and basketball coach Lee Buchanan was placed on administrative leave.

What will 2007 bring? Look forward to the opening of Express Scripts, a new UM system president, and who knows what else?



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Aaron Barrett of Reel Big Fish performs on the main stage during Mirthday last April.

FLOYD, from page 1

Moss said he worried about how long any of the candidates would stay as president since previous positions each of them held were for short times.

"I think of lot of them were pursuing their own career and just another thing to put on their vita," Moss said.

"Of the four candidates, Elson Floyd was, perhaps, the most desirable," Moss said. "No question about it, the man is well-spoken and knew how to answer every question, but he also knew how to deflect questions."

However, Floyd seemed promising to the other committee members, according to Moss, because of his history of raising external funding.

Another former committee member, Lois Pierce, director of the School of Social Work, said the search was an exciting time for the campus. "We had a chance to bring in somebody with new ideas and energy to the University," she said.

Floyd caught many people off guard when he announced he was leaving the UM system for Washington.

"A lot of us were surprised," George said. "I wasn't expecting him to retire in Missouri, but I would've thought he'd be here longer."

"Average tenures for presidencies and chancellorships run somewhere between four to six years," George said.

Maria Kerford, student representative to the BOC, said Floyd has "a lot of strong ties" with Washington State. According to her, he felt leaving was just right for him to do.

WSU approached Floyd in November, after the university's pres-

ident V. Lane Rawlins announced he would retire this summer.

"President Floyd and his wife, Carmento, flew to Washington State on Dec. 12 for what they thought would be a job interview," Charton said, "but the offer was extended and the WSU Board of Regents asked that President Floyd and Mrs. Floyd attend a public meeting the next day, at which the hiring was to be announced."

During his three-year tenure, Floyd's accomplishments at UM-St. Louis included recommending George as the UM-St. Louis chancellor and helping to get the campus three funding-gap adjustments.

George also said Floyd thinks outside of the box to solve funding issues. "Landing Express Scripts here on campus is out of the box," he said.

Kerford's favorite memory of Floyd was when she met him during his first month as new system president.

The meeting took place during the search for UM-St. Louis' chancellor in 2003.

Kerford said she and a couple of other students found out Floyd was going to be at a conference. According to Kerford, the SGA president at the time, Sam Andemariam, "asked me to meet him to get another student on the chancellor search committee."

"We were introduced and [Floyd] said, 'How about we put you on the chancellor search committee?'" she said. "He was very willing to listen to what students would like to see happen."

Kerford said Missouri is going to miss Floyd. "He's almost larger than life," she said.

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AT THE TOUHILL

Harlem Gospel Choir commemorates MLK's birthday



Courtesy www.touhill.org

The Harlem Gospel Choir performed at the Touhill PAC Sunday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The choir consists of at least 40 active singers from Harlem, New York.

By MYRON McNEILL

Opinions Editor

A group or choir cannot sing with U2, Yolanda Adams, Lyle Lovette, Diana Ross, Donna Summer and hosts of other top-notch acts and not perform well.

Surely entertaining and very inclusive are the acts of the Harlem Gospel Choir to any audience. The choir which consists of 40 or more members who are active singers around Harlem in New York travels with a small cast of nine singers, one drummer and a keyboardist.

Founder and creator Alvin Bailey came up with the group in 1986 while attending a celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The choir sings modern and contemporary gospel songs. Many of the songs are reminiscent of the sounds of gospel greats like Shirley Caesar, Rev. James Cleveland, and the Mighty Clouds of Joy.

Performing at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on Sunday, this small ensemble entertained and thrilled the

audience in honor of Dr. King.

The Harlem Gospel Choir members opened their performance as its members came on stage wearing black clothing with orange highlights. The men's pants were black and their outer seams were orange. Most of the women's dresses, blouses and skirts were all black and they were accessorized with orange vests and head wraps.

The stage was not decorated and primarily empty except for the nine microphones, two keyboards and drums which were both on two separate platforms adjacent to each other.

This welcoming and intimate set up was very inviting and the audience unwound to songs like "I Believe I Can Fly" (a song by R. Kelly), "Bless the Lord With Me" and "Jesus in Me Loves Jesus in You."

The songs were sung with the audience in mind. Many of the songs required the audience's participation. One of these was the song "How Excellent is Thy Name" when the lead would command the audience to stand up and clap along and dance in the same manner as the choir.

The choir had no director. Therefore the lead singer would usually command the other members during a song.

The singers often fed off of the synergy they received from the audience. Many of the songs were full of inspiration and the audience would often join in with excitement.

"Oh Happy Day" was a song that really brought the audience (which was not sold out) to stand up.

The high point of the event came when the choir sang "Celebration." One of the lead singers asked, the audience "who is celebrating something?" In response audience members celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and Jesus were allowed to join the choir on stage and help sing "Celebration."

The stage was full as many people came from the balcony and lower level to get on stage. Choir members would hand the microphone to different people on stage as they sang. Many were shy while others were ecstatic and full of joy for the opportunity to go on stage.

The event ended in excitement with the choir bowing out and thanking the audience for support.

A&E ON CAMPUS

Jan. 16 - May 4:

"Point-Of-View: CASA" a photograph exhibit featuring work by children involved in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program at Public Policy Research Center gallery.



Jan. 17:

"Stravinsky's: The Soldier's Tale" featuring Wayne Brady, David Robertson and St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at Touhill PAC

Jan. 20:

"Lucia Di Lammermoor" opera presented by Teatro Lirico d'Europa at the Touhill

Jan. 21:

"America's Hits on Parade" performed by the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra and the Pied Pipers, directed by Bill Tole featuring Nancy Knorr at the Touhill

Jan. 25 - Feb. 28:

"Creative Spirits" a joint exhibition of select works by faculty and students from UM-St. Louis and St. Louis Community College at Gallery Visio.

Jan. 25 - March 24

Spring exhibit of sculptural installations by Bill Smith at Gallery 210.

Jan. 26:

Jazz Trumpeter Chris Botti performs at the Touhill

TOP iTunes

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Saving the best films for last: Late-opening films overlooked gems made last year a good year for movies

By CATE MARQUIS

A&E Editor

With the exception of some 2005 films that appeared on local screens early in the year, high-quality films were few in early 2006.

These exceptions included the award-winning South African drama "Tsotsi," Terrence Malick's lush and moving "The New World," and Johnny Depp's striking turn as a decadent Restoration era poet in "The Libertine."

This dearth of good entertaining movies as well as the meatier stuff persisted into early fall as many critics speculated that 2006 may be one of the worst years for films. Things turned around however with the release of Martin Scorsese's gangster-themed exploration of what-if in good and evil "The Departed." This movie reached many critics' best films list.

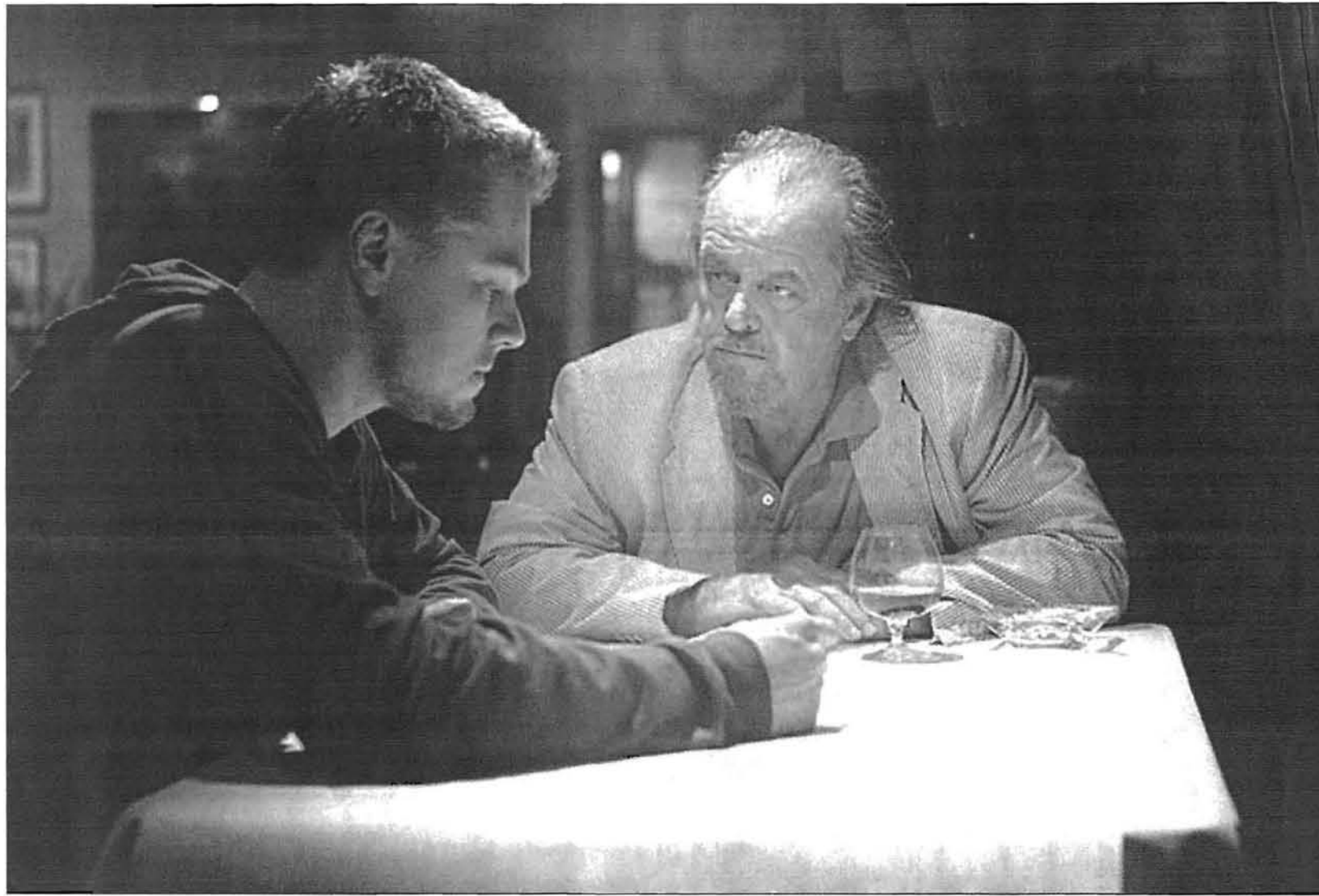
Below are my picks for the 10 best films of 2006 plus some other recommended 2006 films that are available at the theater or as a rental. Some of my top 10 opened elsewhere to qualify for Oscars but will open here in January or February.

The Departed - Scorsese's complex film is violent and cinematically stylish and filled with plot double backs. A Boston-set gangster-themed tale of two men, both twins and mirror opposites, a policeman infiltrating the underworld and an underworld underling infiltrating the police is typical Martin Scorsese.

Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon sport matching blond buzz cuts and clothes so the audience is sometimes left wondering who is chasing who in this twisting edge-of-your-seat thriller. Jack Nicholson gets a lot of attention for his psycho Irish gangster with an Italian name but Mark Wahlberg's outrageous relentless cop is a sparkling performance.

Blood Diamond - Breath-taking action, sweeping photographic vistas and first-rate acting all with a socially meaningful story, this film delivers on many levels. It blends elements from classic films such as "Casablanca" and "King Solomon's Mines." Leonardo DiCaprio and Djimon Hounsou are terrific as a South African mercenary and an escaped slave miner who embark on a pan-African quest for a huge diamond.

An Inconvenient Truth - Al Gore's global warming film is not all

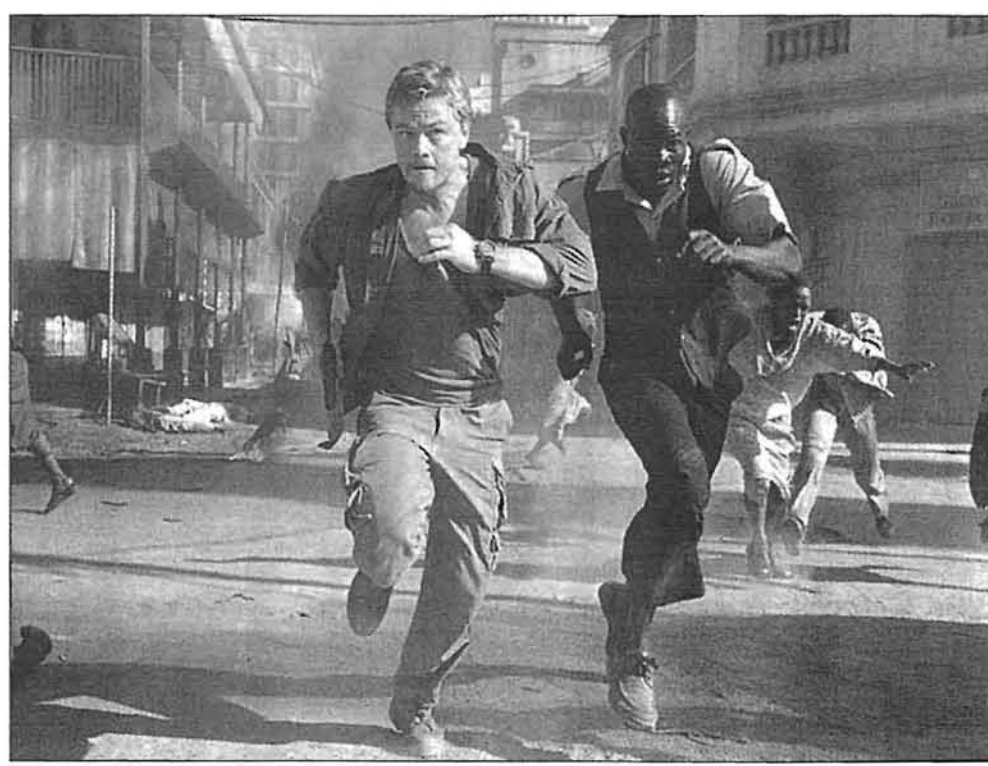


about Al. This was one of the most successful and important documentaries of the year. This compelling eye-opening and even sometimes funny documentary is recommended viewing for everyone, especially skeptics.

Notes On a Scandal - A chilling psychological drama about an older teacher (Judi Dench) with a disdainful wit who befriends then exploits her advantage with younger teacher (Cate Blanchett) caught in a scandal. Great acting and a clever plot make this one a must-see.

Pan's Labyrinth - This visually striking emotionally powerful Spanish language film from the director of "Hell Boy" is well worth reading subtitles. A gripping action drama about rebel resistance at the end of the Spanish Civil War is blended with a fairy-tale fantasy centering on a young girl with a vivid imagination.

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(ABOVE) Leonardo DiCaprio and Jack Nicholson star in the gangster-themed film, 'The Departed.' DiCaprio plays William Costigan, an undercover cop who infiltrates the mob.

(LEFT) Leonardo DiCaprio plays Danny Archer, an ex-mercenary from Zimbabwe, and Djimon Hounsou who stars as Solomon Vandy, a Mende fisherman find themselves on the same quest in the film, 'Blood Diamond.'

STAFF VIEWPOINT

The year 2006 marked the beginning of rock 'n' roll's midlife crisis

Rock 'n' roll is about explosion. It is about dipping the fuse in gasoline and refusing to let go of the dynamite. It is about having a complete and utter disregard for the past present and future and consequently living in a perpetual state of existentialist crises.

The aging process of every generation of music is similar to doggy years. Multiply how long a band has been out by seven and you get an idea of much longer they will last.

As the indie rock genre tucked its sixth full year under its belt it underwent what many white-collar semi-elderly men buying decked out Corvettes and motorcycles refer to as a "midlife crisis." In essence this generation of rock 'n' roll is in its seventh year.

Signs of this mid-life crisis are

already in effect. Bands are beginning to experiment with the genre's boundaries are becoming blurred and band wagons are forming.

Take for instance The Raconteurs' "Broken Boy Soldiers" released last year. Jack White is pushing back the borders that constrict the White Stripes by collaborating with the likes of Patrick Keeler formerly of the Greenhorns and Brendon Benson.

This expansion reiterates the buildup of the early foundation known as garage rock that ruled the radio in 2000. As a result "Broken Boy Soldiers" is by far one of the best albums to hit the shelves in 2006.

Another sign the rock 'n' roll genre is hitting its mid-life crisis is the crossbred genre. Take for instance TV On



By ZACH MEYER

Music Critic

The Radio's latest album "Return to Cookie Mountain."

With a combination of bass heavy beats, synthesizers, distorted guitars and poetic lyrics the rock element is merged

with the electro-rhythmic without the terrible popcorn rhyming schemes that plagued albums by other rock-rap artists such as Dee Dee Ramone's solo album.

The fact is hip hop and rock are finally finding a convergence that if maintained could be the key to both genres' dominance over the overtly patriotic-country and the self-demising ghetto rap that dominate radio play.

Perhaps the greatest feat in rock of 2006 goes to the Red Hot Chili Peppers for recording a double disk album that a) was not a mish-mash of B-Sides and "different" versions of old songs and b) did not suck.

This feat which goes by the name of "Stadium Arcadium" is by far the band's most ambitious project and proves rock is evolving into a more

capable, more mature creature. "Stadium Arcadium" is not the same brat-funk type album like "One Hot Minute." The band has grown without turning into boring old men such as Paul McCartney or The Who.

Just as the mid-life crisis man's desire to exceed beyond his physical capability can lead to injury and self humiliation, rock is prone to the same danger. For this reason the public ear must be scrupulous when listening. That is unless you actually want the coked-out hair metal to return.

In all honesty the world seems to have taken all of the Motley Crue that it can handle. Do the world a favor and make sure national rock stars are responsibly doing their job of ensuring the longevity of rock 'n' roll.

TOP TEN FILMS, from page 8

It blurs the lines between the two worlds until you are not sure which is real.

Perfume: The Story Of A Murderer - A magical disturbing visually-lush mystery-thriller about a murderous disturbed young man with a gift for making great perfumes is one of the most creative breath-takingly cinemagraphic lushly beautiful films of the year. This is from the director of "Run Lola Run."

Queen - Helen Mirren's Queen Elizabeth II unlike Kirsten Dunst's Marie Antoinette keeps her head and realizes the support of the people limits the power of monarchy. Mirren is remarkable in a personal look at the monarchy and her interactions with then-new Prime Minister Tony Blair in the days after the death of Princess Diana. A well-written script and thought provoking exploration of the role of the monarch.

United 93 - British director Paul Greengrass made a remarkable 9/11 film by focusing on the heroic efforts of passengers on United Airlines Flight 93. Greengrass stays close to the source material and employs people or relatives of people involved in the actual event. The result is powerful and dignified.

Lives Of Others - This German-language thriller and audience favorite at the St. Louis International Film Festival is scheduled to return in March. Powerful acting and an engrossing story about the secret police in East Germany shortly before the fall of the Berlin Wall make this worth watching.

Letters From Iwo Jima - Best seen paired with its companion piece Clint Eastwood's "Flags of Our Fathers" this is actually the superior film of the pair. It is a human and personal telling of the WWII battle for Iwo Jima but told from viewpoint of ordinary Japanese soldiers.



Helen Mirren portrays Queen Elizabeth II in 'The Queen.'

Other Best Films of 2006

Outstanding Narrative Films:

- Children Of Men
- Little Miss Sunshine
- Painted Veil
- Fast Food Nation
- Dreamgirls
- Stranger Than Fiction
- Bobby

Outstanding Documentaries:

- Deliver Us From Evil
- FBI Vs. John Lennon
- Who Killed the Electric Car
- Why We Fight
- Can Mr. Smith Get to Washington Anymore
- Iraq For Sale

Outstanding Foreign-Language Films:

- Volver
- House of Sand
- Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas)
- Only Human
- Mountain Patrol: Kekexili
- Sophie Scholl
- Go For Zucker

Best Indie, Overlooked or Creative Films:

- 10 Items Or Less
- Science of Sleep
- The King
- Sweet Land
- Expiration Date
- Driving Lessons
- CSA: Confederate States Of America
- Friends With Money
- Lonesome Jim
- A Scanner Darkly
- Quinceanera
- District B13 Renaissance

A&E AROUND TOWN

Local filmmakers get their chance

Local filmmakers get their chance to see their work on the big screen, too.

Cinema St. Louis, the organization that puts on the annual St. Louis International Film Festival, is accepting submissions through May 31 for the summer's St. Louis Filmmaker's Showcase 2007.

The Showcase presents local films of any genre, short and feature length, animated or live action, from July 21-26.

More information is available from Cinema St. Louis at www.cinemastlouis.org.

St. Louis artists get their chance, too

The campus' Gallery 210 is now seeking entries for its "Exposure 10" exhibit, which runs from July 27 to Sept. 15. Entry is open to all St. Louis area artists 18 and older, in any media, with no entry fee. A maximum of 10 pieces can be submitted and the deadline is March 2. For more information, contact Gallery 210 at UM-St. Louis.

Critics annual film awards announced

The St. Louis Gateway Film Critics Association, a professional association of St. Louis area film critics, announced its annual winners for the best films of 2006.

"Blood Diamond" was named Best Picture but Martin Scorsese took Best Director for "The

Departed." Best Screenplay went to "The Queen," "The Painted Veil" took Best Cinematography, and "Pirates of the Caribbean" took Best Special Effects.

"Little Miss Sunshine" was named Best Comedy or Musical, "Cars" was named Best Animated or Children's Film, Best Foreign-language Film was "Pan's Labyrinth," and "An Inconvenient Truth" was Best Documentary.

The Best Actor award went to Forest Whitaker for "Last King of Scotland" Helen Mirren won Best Actress for "The Queen."

The Best Supporting Actor award went to Djimon Hounsou for "Blood Diamond" and Jennifer Hudson was Best Supporting Actress in "Dreamgirls."

The award for Best Overlooked Film went to "Running With Scissors" and the Most Original, Innovative or Creative Film went to "United 93."

Student tickets half-off at Sheldon Concert Hall

"Cabaret in the Savoy" at the Sheldon Concert Hall, launched last year, continues with Spencer Day, singer/songwriter and pianist extraordinaire, on Jan. 18-21.

In March, "Cabaret in the Savoy" welcomes Tony nominated actress Marin Mazzie who brings her one woman show, "Yes, It's Today."

For the Spencer Day concert, the Cabaret series is offering half-off tickets to students. For more information on Spencer Day or the Cabaret series, go to www.sheldon-concerthall.org/cabaretseries.asp

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SPORTS



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Jennifer Dewell, senior, forward, gets defensive during the game against Indianapolis on Jan 8. The game ended in a loss but the women only trailed Indianapolis 61-69.

Riverwomen battle inconsistency in new year

BY LAGUAN FUSE
Sports Editor

The UM-St. Louis women's basketball team started 2007 with a 57-55 win over Quincy on Jan. 4, thanks to a game-winning jumper by Courtney Watts.

After that, the team has struggled to find success, losing two home games to SIUE and Indianapolis and then two road games against Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky.

This dropped the Riverwomen's season record to 4-9 (1-6 GLVC) with

half of the regular season remaining.

"I think every team has a slump," said Coach Shelia Hering. "We're just having ours right now."

The Riverwomen are eighth in the GLVC in shooting percentage, shooting .425 from the field, and are currently 13th in the GLVC in scoring.

The team has managed to make it to the line and is currently fourth in the GLVC with a free throw percentage of .772. The Riverwomen are third in the GLVC in defensive rebounding and 11th in offensive rebounding.

UM-St. Louis ranks second in the conference in blocked shots with 57. A big part of that is due to Jennifer

Martin, who leads the conference with a total of 40 blocked shots.

Defensively, the Riverwomen have managed to close the gap in games, but the team's offense has been unable to produce results.

"I think we're a great defensive team," Hering said. "I think we're a fantastic defensive team. We're just struggling to put it in the hole a little bit."

Martin leads the Riverwomen with 157 points and 93 total rebounds. Martin is currently 18th in the GLVC in scoring and is sixth in rebounding. She has 16 assists and 58 turnovers in 371 minutes played.

Taylor Gagliano has scored 149 points and has pulled down 45 rebounds in 335 minutes played this season. Gagliano is 24th in the GLVC in scoring and is 12th in 3-point percentage with .381. Gagliano is shooting 16-42 from behind the arc.

Watts leads the Riverwomen with 435 minutes played and has scored 118 points. Watts has a total of 16 steals so far this season and leads the team with 42 assists.

Watts is 14th in the GLVC in assists and seventh in minutes played. She is second on the team with 55 turnovers.

Jennifer Dewell averages 25 min-

utes per game and 7.1 points per game. She is shooting .375 from the field and .818 from the line. Dewell has pulled down 33 rebounds and has five blocks so far this season.

Nichole Helfrich has grabbed 58 rebounds this season and has scored 87 points in 213 minutes played. Helfrich has 10 assists, 10 steals, and is currently 13th in the GLVC with 10 blocks this season. She is shooting .850 from the line.

Leslie Ricker is 28-62 from the field and is 1-1 from behind the arc.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



David Ward

Ward is a junior forward from Maryland Heights.

He led the Rivermen in scoring during the team's 68-53 loss to Northern Kentucky in Highland Heights, Ky.

Ward compiled 12 points in just 24 minutes of play, including going 6-6 at the free throw line.

The 6'6" forward also helped out on the defensive end, grabbing three rebounds and adding a steal to his season totals.

The Rivermen's next game is against the Lewis Flyers at home.

SPORTS BRIEF

New basketball court to be dedicated

The Chuck Smith court dedication has been rescheduled due to last semester's winter ice storm. The ceremony will be held Thursday, Jan. 18. Smith was UM-St. Louis' first men's basketball coach. He started the program in 1966 and was coach for 13 years. Smith has an overall record of 171-143.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball

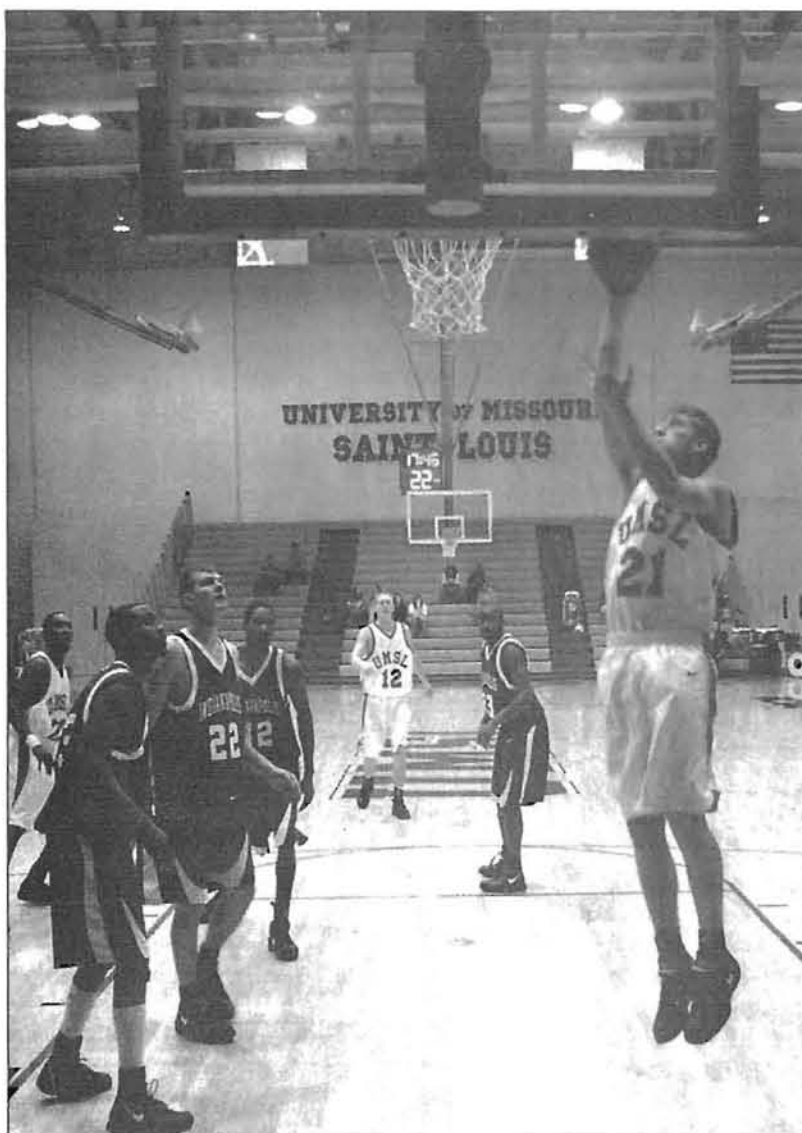
Jan. 18 vs. Lewis 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 vs. Wisconsin-Parkside 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Jan. 18 vs. Lewis 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 vs. Wisconsin-Parkside 1 p.m.



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Nathan Whittaker, Sophomore, jumps up to make a shot during the game against Indianapolis on Jan 8.

SHORT FUSE

The time has come for Brett Favre to retire

I really wanted him to come back for another year. I knew the league would not be the same without him. I would like to thank him for coming back even though some people said it was time to throw in the towel, he came back. Now, Mr. Brett Favre, it is time to go home.

Do not get me wrong, I still think Favre is one of the greatest quarterbacks to have on a roster, but maybe it really is time to retire and start the countdown to that Hall of Fame induction. Favre's stats at the end of the season are not too bad, but they are not too good, either.

Last season, Favre ended with 3,881 passing yards and I really believed that this year he could pass 4,000 yards like he did back in 2004 when he led the Packers to a 10-6 record. I guess I must have spent too much time watching sports movies where the old veteran still has another great year in him, because this was not the year I expected.

Instead of winning a division title like in 2004, the Packers ended the season 8-



BY LAGUAN FUSE
Sports Editor

8. Favre did not throw over 4,000 yards. He threw four more yards than he did last year. A team made the playoffs with an 8-8 record, but unfortunately it was the Giants.

If Favre does decide to play another year in the NFL, he should look into leaving Green Bay. Yeah right, like that would happen. I think the Rams would

probably win the Super Bowl again before Favre would leave the Packers. Even as his team has been struggling, Favre has been right there. Now I think it is time to go home and go fishing or something.

I was really excited to see Favre win on New Year's Eve, in what may be the last game of his career. But for some reason I doubt Chicago put 100 percent into the game. The Bears did not just go out there and take a loss, but how hard do you really have to play when your team already has homefield advantage and a first round bye in the playoffs? Not hard at all.

If Favre does come back next season to play for the Packers, I still will be a fan. If he retires, I will remember him as one of my favorite athletes of all time. Last year, I said I wanted him to come back for one more year and he did. After seeing him play, I can say as a fan that I am happy for the memories, but Brett, you can go home now.

Coach Pilz: Rivermen not in a slump

BY LAGUAN FUSE
Sports Editor

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team has lost five consecutive conference games, but their head coach believes there is still time to turn things around and make it into the GLVC tournament in March. The Rivermen are 5-9 (1-6 GLVC) at the halfway mark for the season.

"I wouldn't say that we're in a slump," said Head Coach Chris Pilz. "Unfortunately, we've had to play some good teams. We had to play three conference games in six days. We've lost to five teams that have been ranked in the top 25. We've played good people. Unfortunately we've come up on the wrong side."

UM-St. Louis is 11th in the GLVC in scoring and 13th in shooting percentage, shooting .432 from the field. The Rivermen are sixth in the GLVC in free throw percentage shooting .735 from the line.

"A big deal with our offense is we've got to get to the free throw line," said Pilz, referring to the 64-59 loss to Indianapolis. "We've shot seven free throws in our home gymnasium. That's an indictment on us not being very strong with the basketball around the basket."

"You've got to be able to go in there and finish or get fouled at the hoop. And we've not been able to finish or get fouled at the hoop, and that's nobody's fault but

our own," Pilz said.

The Rivermen are currently sixth in the GLVC in 3-point percentage, shooting .381 from behind the arc. The team is also fifth in offensive rebounding and seventh in defensive rebounding.

Brett Ledbetter currently leads the Rivermen in total minutes played with 469, an average of 33.5 per game, and in total points scored with 242, an average of 17.3 per game. He is currently ranked third in the GLVC in scoring and second in minutes played. Ledbetter has a total of 43 rebounds and 29 assists. Ledbetter is currently 13th in the GLVC in free-throw percentage with .800 and is 7th in 3-pointers made, with 32.

Troy Slaten leads the Rivermen in 3-pointers with 35 made baskets. Slaten is second in the GLVC in 3-pointers made. Slaten has pulled down a total 38 rebounds and has scored 176 points this season. Slaten is currently 19th in the GLVC in scoring. He is shooting 25-30 from the free-throw line and 56-133 from the field.

David Ward has a shooting percentage of 481 and leads the team in offensive rebounds with 33. He is currently eighth in the GLVC for offensive rebounds. Ward currently has a total of 138 points for the season, averaging 9.9 points per game and a total of 68 rebounds. Ward also has 10 assists so far this season.

Stanley Boateng currently has 105 points this season and is currently ninth in the GLVC with 22 steals. He is shooting

.425 from the field and .500 from behind the arc. He is currently in fifth for 3-point percentage in the GLVC. Boateng has grabbed 26 rebounds so far and has 30 assists.

Octavious Hawkins leads the Rivermen with 106 total rebounds and 51 assists. Hawkins is currently third in the GLVC in total rebounds and is tied for 12th in assists. Hawkins averages 29.1 minutes per game and 7.5 points per game. Hawkins also leads the Rivermen with 44 turnovers and 41 personal fouls.

Nathan Whittaker has played 395 minutes so far this season and has scored 81 points. Whittaker has pulled down 42 rebounds and has 24 assists so far this season.

Paul DeChellis has scored 57 points and has 56 rebounds in 246 minutes played this season. He is currently 15th in the GLVC in offensive rebounds with 23. DeChellis is shooting 13-15 from the free-throw line.

Cody Kliethermes has 41 points this season and is 7-9 from behind the arc. He has grabbed a total of 20 rebounds and is 12-13 from the line.

Ty Adams has pulled down 27 rebounds so far this season and has scored 33 points.

Adam Fear averages 4.8 minutes per game and has scored six points with six rebounds so far this season.

The next home game for the Rivermen will be Thursday when they host Lewis at 7:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building.

STATS CORNER

MEN'S BASKETBALL

GLVC standings:

| Team | Overall | W | L |
|-------------------|---------|-----|---|
| West Division | | | |
| Southern Indiana | 16 | 2 | 2 |
| Quincy | 14 | 2 | 4 |
| Drury | 11 | 5 | 5 |
| SIUE | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| Rockhurst | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| UM-Rolla | 6 | 9 | 9 |
| UM-St. Louis | 5 | 9 | 9 |
| East Division | | | |
| UW-Parkside | 13 | 5 | 5 |
| Northern Kentucky | 11 | 4 | 6 |
| Indianapolis | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Saint Joseph's | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Kentucky Wesleyan | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Lewis | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Bellarmine | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Men's leaders: | | | |
| Brett Ledbetter | 17.3 | PPG | |
| Troy Slaten | 14.3 | PPG | |
| David Ward | 9.9 | PPG | |

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GLVC standings:

| Team | W | L |
|-------------------|------|-----|
| West Division | | |
| SIUE | 12 | 3 |
| Southern Indiana | 11 | 4 |
| Drury | 11 | 5 |
| Quincy | 10 | 5 |
| UM-Rolla | 8 | 7 |
| Rockhurst | 7 | 8 |
| UM-St. Louis | 4 | 9 |
| East Division | | |
| Lewis | 13 | 2 |
| Kentucky Wesleyan | 12 | 3 |
| Bellarmine | 11 | 4 |
| UW-Parkside | 11 | 4 |
| Northern Kentucky | 9 | 5 |
| Indianapolis | 9 | 5 |
| Saint Joseph's | 4 | 10 |
| Women's leaders: | | |
| Jennifer Martin | 12.1 | PPG |
| Taylor Gagliano | 11.5 | PPG |
| Courtney Watts | 9.1 | PPG |

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Box Scores:

| Date | W | L | F |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|
| January 8 | 1 | 2 | F |
| Indianapolis (W) | 26 | 43 | 69 |
| UM-St. Louis | 12 | 49 | 61 |
| January 11 | 1 | 2 | F |
| UM-St. Louis | 33 | 16 | 49 |
| Bellarmine (W) | 35 | 32 | 67 |
| January 13 | 1 | 2 | F |
| UM-St. Louis | 19 | 25 | 44 |
| Northern Kentucky (W) | 30 | 37 | 67 |

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Box Scores:

| Date | W | L | F |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|
| January 8 | 1 | 2 | F |
| Indianapolis (W) | 28 | 36 | 64 |
| UM-St. Louis | 28 | 31 | 59 |
| January 11 | 1 | 2 | F |
| UM-St. Louis | 33 | 20 | 53 |
| Bellarmine (W) | 38 | 35 | 73 |
| January 13 | 1 | 2 | F |
| UM-St. Louis | 32 | 21 | 53 |
| Northern Kentucky (W) | 36 | 32 | 68 |

WOMEN'S B-BALL, from page 10

She has 71 total rebounds this season and averages 28.6 minutes per game. She has 29 assists and 10 steals so far this season.

Kristi White is shooting .565 from the field and has a total of 63 points this season. She also has 19 assists and 19 turnovers this season.

White has eight offensive rebounds and 22 defensive rebounds so far this season.

Megan Alberts has 33 rebounds and 50 points in 176 minutes played this season. She is shooting .407 from the field and has 11 assists.

Lindsey Ransome is 11-19 from

the field and 4-8 from behind the arc. She has three assists and eight rebounds in 60 minutes played.

Amanda Miller is shooting .409 from the field and has seven assists so far this season. Miller has pulled down six offensive rebounds and 26 defensive rebounds.

Alisa Ndorongo is a perfect 4-4 from the field and is 4-6 from the line. She has scored 12 points and has four rebounds in 24 minutes played.

Kelley Mitchell is a perfect 4-4 from the line and has eight total rebounds so far this season.

Lacey Shalenko is a perfect 2-2 from the line and has played 11 minutes this season.

UM-St. Louis has three upcoming home games against Lewis, Wisconsin-Parkside and Oakland City. Lewis is riding a seven-game winning streak and is the number one team in the East GLVC standings.

"We expect to play great basketball," Hering said. "In fact, if we get on the same page and we come out and put a complete game together, we are going to be a fun team to watch."

MLK OBSERVANCE, from page 1

The Master of Ceremonies was Lynn Beckwith, E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor urban education, and Debbye Turner, Miss America 1990, was the guest speaker for the event.

Turner began her speech by singing We've Come This Far By Faith, she invited the audience to join in with the song in her speech, she said King lived and died for a living faith.

"Faith is hope with flesh put on it," Turner said. "Hope is what you think about, dream about."

A play was also performed during the celebration, the St. Louis Black Repertory Company performed "No Man's Land: A Chapter in the Lives of Dred and Harriet Scott." The play portrayed a glimpse

into the lives of Dred and Harriet Scott of the famed historical Dred C. Scott case where an enslaved Scott sued his owner for keeping him as a slave illegally.

When the play concluded Beckwith said that even though Scott lost the case, it played an important part in the country's history because it prompted many of the changes that came, including the Emancipation Proclamation.

While the event took place, a children's program was also being held for children with ages from five to 12 years. The events included age appropriate activities including stories and coloring projects.

Matthew Davis, assistant professor of educational leadership and policies, conducted the children's program. 39 children participated in the program during Davis's second

year running it.

Burris said she felt the event went well, and she said she was pleased with Turner's message on faith. "When you don't see a lot of progress, it's easy to get discouraged," she said.

According to Burris, the holiday was best spent in reflection of the values that King stood for and to spend time with family. She said she hoped "people remember and don't forget" King and the holiday.

"For us, it's a day on, working towards this issue of Dr. King's dream," Pillar said. "We're working towards that point."

Sponsors for the event included the OEO, the African American Alumni Association, the Division of Educational Leadership and Policies Studies and the Office of Multicultural Relations.

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Shops lined the streets in a market in Old Jerusalem. The store had everything from hummus and pita bread to silk and rugs, with plenty of religious souvenirs in between.

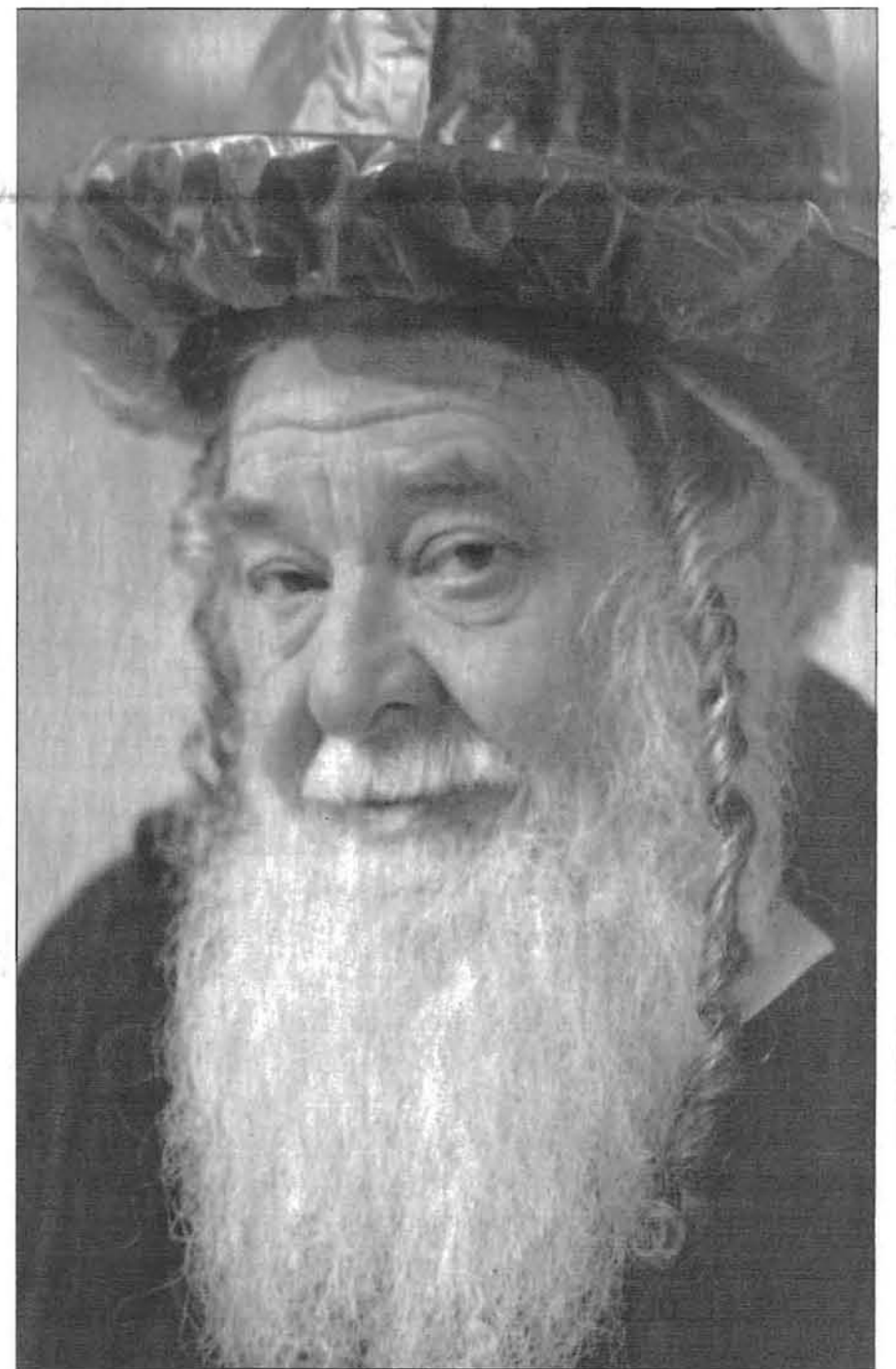
ISRAEL



An Israeli soldier stands guard outside the gates of Old Jerusalem.



Spices for sale in a market in Jerusalem.



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Exploring the Holy Land

Despite near constant violence, hope exists for peace

With the media inundated with news from the Middle East about war and conflict, there is one constant for those of us that live on this side of the world: we live on this side of the world, and we are far away from the violence we see on a regular basis coming from the Middle East.

This is something that we as Americans must understand. We might think we live in fear of imminent attack, like another September 11, but on the other side of the world it is an everyday reality.

This winter break I spent a little over eight days in Israel. I traveled through Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and I swam in the Dead Sea. I was taken to a Jewish settlement inside the West Bank and was at the border with Jordan and Syria while touring the Golan Heights.

We toured the Security Fence that was built in order to keep suicide bombers that come from the Palestinian territories out of Israel.

While I was in Israel, I felt surprisingly safe. Every store and coffee shop had a guard and the security on the planes was second to none. There were armed Israeli Defense Force soldiers walking the streets and plenty of Hummers with M60's on top patrolling the many borders of Israel.

So, the many people that proclaimed that I should "wear a bullet-proof vest" were wrong. I needed Tums more than I needed something



By ADAM D. WISEMAN
Editor-in-Chief

to stop bullets.

The trip was interesting to me, because it felt like I was on two different vacations.

The first was the historical and religious trip. Going to the Western Wall, seeing the Dome of the Rock, and walking through the Holy Sepulcher was a fantastic experience. Retracing the steps that Jesus took near the Sea of Galilee and walking through the fortress of Masada that overlooks the Dead Sea are things that everyone should experience.

The city of Jerusalem was as magnificent as it was described to me prior to visiting. The heritage of so many people and so many religions smashed together in a city no bigger than St.

Louis.

The second trip was the Israel of today. The conflict that encompasses so much of Israel is impossible to ignore while being over there. Opinions fly in the wind, and every one is willing to share what they think.

The fact is, its enemies surround Israel and it has had to make a strong military in order to survive. The military is compulsory, so every Israeli serves (including women) in the army from the ages of 18 to 21, and then continues as a reservist until they are discharged.

Israel has had to build a barrier to separate its society from another. This is a pain in the side for the government of Israel and it has received recent criticism from former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

Although the trip to Israel has given me more insight to the conflicts of the region and especially from the Israeli side, one thing keeps coming to my mind as I reflect.

I went to Israel having a concept of what the problems and conflicts were, and I have returned with more knowledge and understanding of all sides.

I also returned with hope that one day the Middle East will be a place of peace. I hope that one day the Security Fence will come down, and I hope that someday some of you will take the opportunity to travel to the Middle East and experience the history, food and culture as I did.

(ABOVE) A Hasidic Jewish man wears a rain cover on his hat while visiting the Western Wall for prayer.



(RIGHT) An Israeli Flag sits atop the ancient ruins of Masada. The Dead Sea is below in the valley, and on the furthest shore, the country of Jordan.

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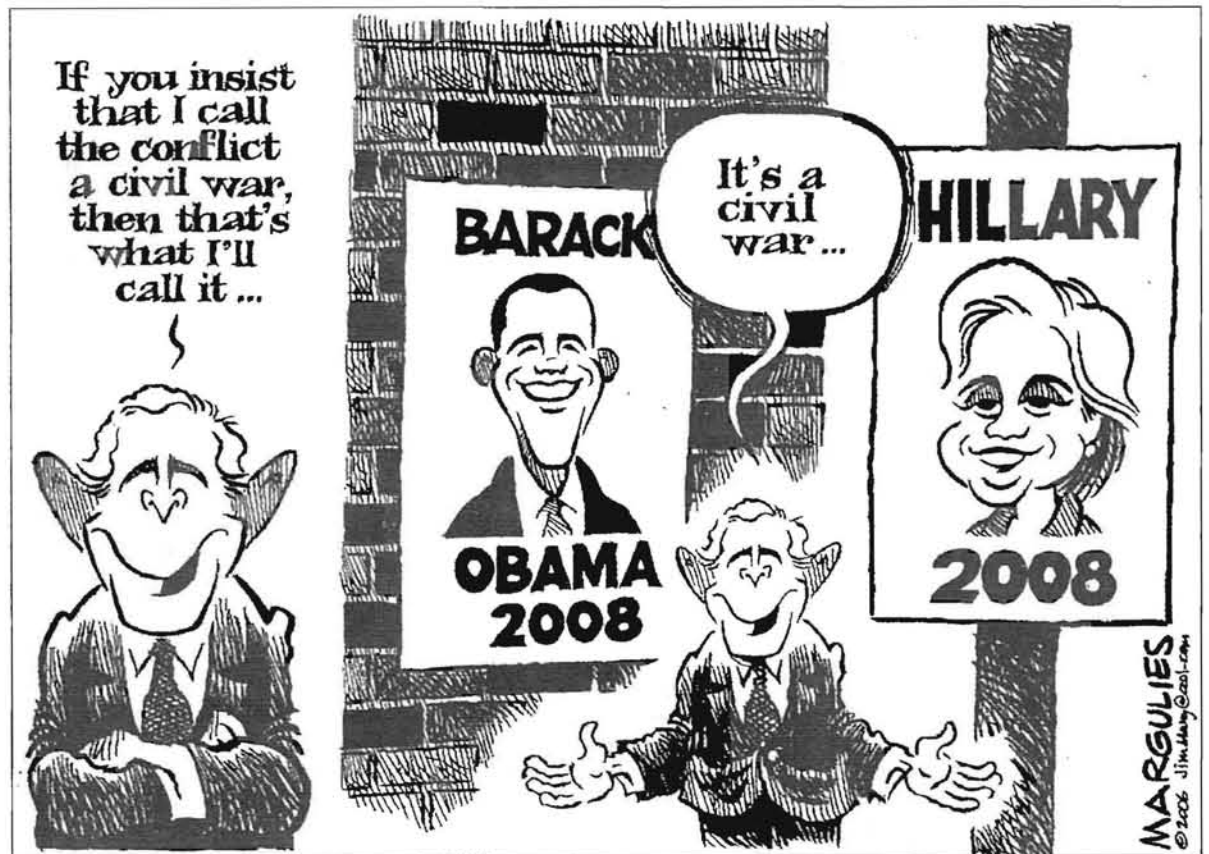


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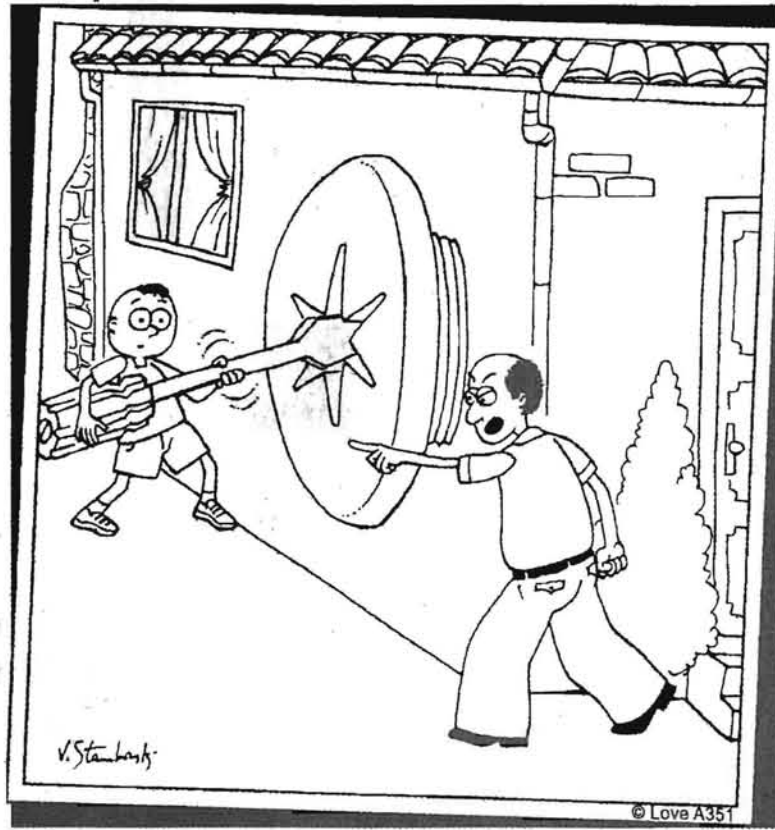


"Sconeborough" is drawn by Current cartoonist Elizabeth Gearheart.

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"Jimmy, what are you doing? The whole house will fall apart!"



MAXIMO PREDICTS

Horoscopes for Jan. 16 - Jan. 21

Aries
March 21-April 19

You didn't get fat over the holidays you moron, you're pregnant. Yes, even you Arian males, have fun with that giving birth deal through your man parts. In addition, you should know you were all cows before you got yourselves knocked up. Moo.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

When I read the Campus Crimeline this week I thought for sure that trail of candy the police found was going to lead straight to you and your giant butt. Go find yourself a nice pasture and barn along with Aries. Moo, moo.

Gemini
May 21-June 21

I think I was on crack for the last two weeks when I wrote your prediction. If so, it still hasn't worn off, ha ha Sarlacc Pit. Brad Pitt, Angelina JoliPittington, pitted prunes; this prediction is really the pits.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

I dropped that bagel I gave you on the floor. Ha ha, you ate floor bagel. I even broke the five-second rule and everything. Just for that, I moo at you, too.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22

So tell me, how are the tin man and scarecrow, you giant scaredy cat lion guy, huh? Huh? What did you do with them. I bet one day we'll find the bodies hidden in a ditch off the side of a road made of yellow bricks and they'll be all clawed up and chewed on.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

I don't care, I think you're stupid, why am I pointing to myself? I guess it isn't crack, I'm just stupid. Don't get too happy, you are, too. And that guy in the corner of your Spanish class.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Hmm ... I'm pretty sure that turkey you're having for lunch has turned bad, since it was wrapped up in a baggie plainly labeled "Thanksgiving leftovers." The fact that the baggie was also dated Nov. 1998 also helped tip me off.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

I'm thinking Aries has post holiday gift for you. Oh, you won't get it just yet. Wait a little less than nine months and it should be arriving on your doorstep.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Yeah, stop it ... in bed.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

All I can do is picture some pants that have too short of legs with little yellow pieces of corn printed all over them. Corn Capris.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

I'm going to start adding the words "with your mom in bed" to the ends of my fortunes. Although, it won't make them funny, it will just make them true for me.

Pisces
Feb. 19 - March 20

I'm file-ting oh so fine and dandy today, how about you?

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ACROSS

1 Interior designer's concern
6 Dine
9 Sheriff's weapon
12 Hum endlessly
13 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
14 Zoo favorite
15 Instruct
16 9-Across container
18 Fall, for one
20 Nurse
21 Toward the stern
23 Ghost's shout
24 Hot rum drink
25 Owner's document
27 Pizzazz
29 Venus' sister
31 One of the gang
35 Impel
37 Days gone by
38 Heterogeneous
41 Indivisible
43 Scepter topper
44 Always
45 Mecca pilgrims
47 Expensive seafood choice
49 Acid-alcohol

DOWN

1 Bug spray
2 Prior to
3 Sled
4 Fairy-tale starter
5 Clinic doings, for short
6 Fishy group
7 Follower of 4-Down
8 One of the gang
9 Designed to restrict entrance
10 Overturn
11 Dweeblike
17 Inclement
19 Up to now
21 Billboards
22 Retainer
24 Father's Day gift
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mentary immunizer
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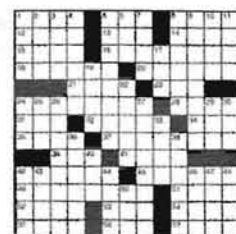
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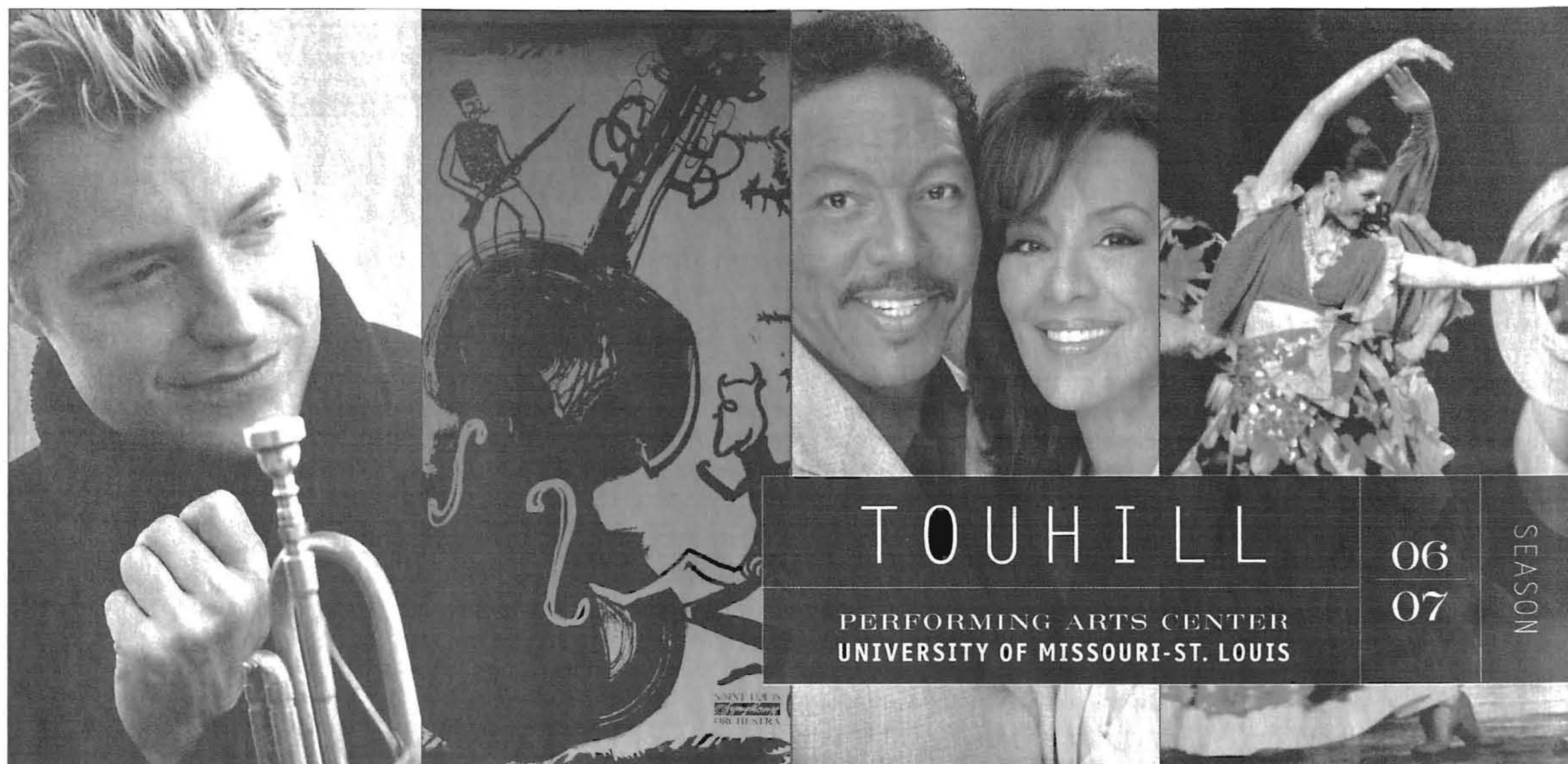
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