UMSL weighs in on affirmative action initiative

BY CARRIE FISCHA
Managing Editor

Wall Connell, a California business consultant, has proposed an amendment to the Missouri Constitution that would ban affirmative action programs across the state. The amendment would affect state and local government institutions such as public education, political subdivisions and public corporations.

This bill initiative, the Missouri Civil Rights Initiative, is sponsored by the American Civil Rights Coalition and is just one of five such initiatives across the country including Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota and Oklahoma.

Currently, there is controversy over the language of the proposed amendment. McCollum said it is unclear whether the Missouri Civil Rights Initiative would be struck down against Robert Conner, Missouri secretary of state, for changing the language of the proposing bill.

The original bill title read, "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to ban affirmative action programs designed to eliminate discrimination against, and improve opportunities for, women and minorities?" The title has since been modified.

Quick Read

UM-St. Louis staff and professors discussed the effects of an affirmative action initiative making its way through Missouri courts at Harris-Stowe State on Wednesday.

"Efficiency, or national origin to meet federal fund eligibility standards, as well as preferential treatment for bona fide qualifications based on sex," McCollum claimed that Chancellor of Campus Planning and Director of Affirmative Action Programs me the affirmative action initiative and the projected local impact that the Civil Rights Initiative would have on higher education and local jobs.

Toon Jones, Ph.D., UM-St. Louis political science professor, spoke about why St. Louis needs affirmative action.

Jones said he feels that supporting affirmative action is "the right thing to do, the smart thing to do." Affirmative action creates "a level playing field for everyone" and "limits the potential and more job field" said he.

House bill would limit enrollment of illegal aliens

BY PAUL MACKBARTH
Editor-in-Chief

A bill currently making its way through the Missouri legislature would limit the enrollment of illegal aliens in Missouri universities, but some questions whether this piece of legislation is necessary.

The House Immigration Committee sponsored a version of Missouri HB 1463 on Feb. 7. The bill, which originally proposed colleges and universities check the status of all students who apply, was amended to verify those who are enrolled only.

Rep. Jerry Nolte (R-Gladstone) is sponsoring HB 1463, which would require higher education institutions to certify that they do not knowingly enroll illegal aliens. Nolte did not return phone calls.

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"Point of View: Wood & Sand" is the latest exhibit in the Visual/Photography program overseen by the Public Policy Research Center at UM-St.

Lolute's Department of Art. The exhibit will take place from March 8 to May 31 at the Center for Contemporary Culture in the University of Missouri at St.

Louis. The exhibit will be open to the public. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 314-935-2866.

DOCUMENTARY FILM

"The Children's March," which tells the story of how the students in Birmingham, Alabama, stood their ground and fought dogs in 1963 and fought to desegregate schools in that city. This event is free and open to the public. Treats and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 314-935-2866 or visit www.umsl.edu/ccptf.

HOMELESSNESS PANEL

Gallery 201 will host a panel discussion in conjunction with the exhibit "Unveiling Subj ectivity" on the concerns and issues facing the homeless in St.

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WELCOME TO STEPFORD

Branding new shoes, anyone who events will be open to all participants, registration required. For more information, please call 314-935-2866 or visit www.umsl.edu/ccptf.

IRISH NATIONAL LECTURE

J.J. Lee, Gluckman Professor of Irish Studies and director of Gluckman Irish House at University of Missouri at St.

Louis, will present a lecture on "Irish Literature and New Irish Writing" at 5 p.m. in the Missouri Student Union. Snacks will be served with refreshments in the Union. For more information, please call 314-935-2866 or visit www.umsl.edu/ccptf.

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Democratic front runner still not obvious yet

Superdelegates will decide fate of Obama, Clinton as Democratic National Convention approaches

By JERI MONTAGUE

Although Super Tuesday is long over, Americans still do not have a clear view of who the Democratic nominee will be for the presidential election in 2008. A close race between the two candidates has been established in Arizona, New Mexico, Maine, and the District of Columbia, while the other Democratic contests held Tuesday, Feb. 12.

McCain received a total of 61 delegates from those primaries, tying him with the Democratic frontrunners, Sen. Barack Obama and former Sen. Hillary Clinton.

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Anti-affirmative action initiative is a step backward

How ironic does it seem that an anti-affirmative action initiative series runs on Black History Month? It is well underway this February with Women's History Month coming up in March. This initiative is trying to erase decades of decades of the acceptance and advancement of these groups and other minorities.

This proposal from California-based United Civics Committee, a branch of the American Civil Rights Coalition, may result in banning affirmative action here in Missouri, while some form or another has already been passed in California, Michigan and Washington state.

In Missouri, the initiative would amend Section 34, Article 1 to the constitution stating, “The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, employment, public employment, public education, or public contracting.”

While a recent panel discussion at Harris-Stowe State University attended just a handful of people who are direct proponents of affirmative action, there are thousands and thou­sands of ethnic minorities, women, people with disabilities and, in some cases, people from rural backgrounds who now have made it to these universities today because of affirmative action.

Proponents of the amendment say that affirmative action amounts to negative consequences, such as choosing less qualified minority applicants just to fill a quota demanded by affirmative action.

However, getting rid of such a law would ultimately result in diversity in the workplace, schools and all of the public sector. Everybody, no matter the color of their skin, gender or previous status, should have the same opportunities available to them.

Efforts of the law on affirmative action in states that have already passed legislation include initial low enrollment of minorities in public universities and lower percentage of homeownership and wages by applicants just to keep affirmative action alive.

Specifically controversial, access to affordable college education will feel a major pinch, as some universities may be required to eliminate or reduce scholarships awarded to students based on gender or race.

If minorities have limited access to an affordable education, they may never be the most qualified applicant for a job.

Hiring of staff and faculty may also be adversely affected by making race or gender out of the equation.

While quality of teaching is obviously a high priority to provide the best education to students, the diversity that professors and students bring to the classroom is more than ever.

So what can we do to prevent the effects of this prohibition of affirmative action?

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Notes from Nanjing
The Year of the Rat

By Michael Cosby

As I walked down Hunan Street, I noticed a dark shape skitter across the sidewalk and stop just under a table in the Loop. I turned around just in time to see a small boy, who looked to be around eight, light another marijuana joint. The joint's smoke and ash rose above and exploded with a dinning noise.

The boy looked proudly in his parents standing behind him, who showed their approval of his procreative abilities with smiles and nods of their heads.

It was Feb. 7, the first day of the Spring Festival, and I had just arrived in Nanjing.

I suppose I always understood that gardener, and therefore China, were on to something. Gardasil, which is developed by Merck, has never caused the vaccine to become available for females in the United States, and the drug is given to women between the ages of nine and fifteen, two groups are even more likely, statistically, to obtain this vaccine through the public health system at all.

As people gradually begin returning to work around days six and seven after the festival, the firecrackers and held up pedestrians at the intersection for a full five minutes.

Regarding the use of this word in the Chinese literature related on many more dimensions in American culture, I am going to try to explain the history of the usage.

Where I live and hold the Roman candle, it unexpectedly sporadically within frame while immaculately glowing a firework high into the sky.

The whole scene was quite ridiculous, and was the most laughable
customary words I have had in a long time.

Before coming to China, I had never really been interested or impressed with the fireworks bought on the Fourth of July.

After witnessing the pyrotechnic show, the fireworks bought longer than the firecrackers and held up pedestrian traffic at the intersection for a full five minutes.
When preparation meets opportunity

New president

Association has legacy at UMSL

BY JACQUES KEL

Hubert H. Hoosman Jr., a UM-St. Louis graduate and a record-holding Rivermen basketball player, has joined the faculty as the chief executive officer of Vantage Credit Union and the president of the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association.

In an office with walls lined with Vantage Credit Union awards, Hoosman attended a ‘Pack the Stands’ game at the Mark Twain Center Thursday. The future president of the Alumni Association had a day to day basis, this is a lot more exciting to me than being a real estate appraiser. This is really a job for me, and I later regretted that I would have to be the CEO of a successful company.

By switching his major, Hoosman may not have known that it would lead him to become the CEO of a major corporation.

But since becoming president, Hoosman has arrived to make a positive difference on campus. On March 8, he will lead the Alumni Association to Jefferson City to lobby for the needs of the University.

Hoosman has also formally organized policies which include young alumni within the association. He has described how he came to be so involved in these two Middle Eastern colleges and the rewards of being involved in the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association as the new policies are formed.

“If I were UM-St. Louis alumni I would be a lot of leaders in that,” Hoosman said.

According to Hoosman, any person can access it as long as they have perseverance. He offers five ways of advice for any UM-St. Louis students.

“Remember to always try to be yourself. Perseverance is most important in your chosen field, but always be realistic,” he said. “Don’t be afraid to change your major if you need to, and do be afraid to fail. Take every step as a learning opportunity.”

Standing at a staggering 6' 5" inches, Hoosman had the drive not only to be the best UM-St. Louis basketball player that he could be, but to be the best business man alumni that he could be as well. It is no wonder he received the "distinguished alumni award" in 2007.

In his mind, there is no reason that any single UM-St. Louis alumni cannot do the same.

“Do something,” he says to UM-St. Louis students. “Do not waste your degree. Use it, and once you receive it, keep it up on your wall and know that when you look up at it that you accomplished something wonderful, and you can do it again.

It may seem as if good luck certainly followed Hoosman through-out his career. More likely, however, is that through his ambition, drive, and perseverance, this UM-St. Louis alumni grabbed on to success at an early age and never looked back.

Building bridges:
UMSL partners with University in Kuwait

BY COREY STUART

UM-St. Louis is offering Arabic classes for the first time, and in Kuwait, the Gulf University for Science and Technology is expanding and moving to a full campus.

This may be that these two events have come in common is Mike Costello. Until recently, Costello was the director of International Programs here at UM-St. Louis. He felt that position so that he could help to teach both here and abroad.

More recently, Costello plans to visit GUST, a school which itself consists of professors in UM-St. Louis each year.

Costello said that the fact that these two schools may seem as if good luck applied to his life, and I later regretted that I could not get a first for how they treat. "When I was younger, I didn't have any idea how language could apply to my life, and I later regretted not making it easier," he explained. "More and more each day, the world is moving quickly and there are so many opportunities that open up when you learn a new language.

Costello and Glassman have already made the test of UM-St. Louis’s promising opportunity to build relationships with GUST and MCBS.

They have overseas UM-St. Louis’s Investment in these two Middle Eastern colleges and the rewards of this investment increase with every Kazakh professor and Oman student that comes to the University.

The finances of the funding agencies here is hunting with prowess that comes from long-standing international relations.

These possibilities will increase in size as multilingualism is a priority here at UM-St. Louis.
In the beginning...

About a half dozen students were seated in the ARC lobby on a sofa, with many more at the rear of the room. They had brought such a large crowd that the couch was full and there was a whole host of people, Jones said. 

The students were then led to a large conference room at the ARC where they met with Anthony Dickens, president of the Associated Students University of Missouri-St. Louis, as well as others.

One of the main concerns of black students at the time was "just getting seen," he explained. This was important in the administration being "hearing us.

Sometimes we get so wrapped up in things that we miss what we need to do something about.

The focus of the black student movement at a local level dealt with issues of inclusion and expansion of black students, as well as recruitment of more black students. Jones also mentioned that there was a lot of talk about a "black cultural room" coming up doing all over America. We didn't have that here, but we were close.

One of the first blacks to be a major candidate for vice president in the United States was John Lewis, who was a civil rights leader and later became a congressman. He was known for his activism and leadership in the fight for civil rights.

Progressive, but not pro

J. Jones said white students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis were involved in the same kind of movement, "we did it in 1968," he said. The black student movement was happening all over America. We didn't have that, but we were close.

In St. Louis, Washington University was the first campus to have a black student union, followed by St. Louis University, then UM-St. Louis.

ABC's role, as the first black student organization for black student groups, including ABC, was to act as a sort of coordinating body for black student groups and a student group that was a sort of central organization for black students, Jones said. It was a way for black students to express their concerns and work together.

Progressive, but not pro

While in Jones' time, the population of black students was small, but it was increasing. Jones said, "We were just the black student group. We didn't even have the term. We didn't have those terms, but we never thought of ourselves as minorities.

'Struggle equals progress'

We can never forget the past that we're living in today. 

What's in a name?

"One thing that helps us, when we think of ABC, it's that we are all black," Jones said. "Many people see ABC as a way to promote black unity, to promote black equality, to promote black pride, or to promote black culture.

For those of us that are just students, we don't define ourselves as black, brown, or white. We define ourselves as black, brown, or white.

There are many questions that may never be asked or even simply be true, however, no one can deny that we have an incredible impact on our society and that we are the people that carry the future.

The preoccupation with a snowball effect begins to strain our healthcare system. In the United States, February, while flu season is in full swing, are we drinking more vitamin C-rich juices known to boost our immune system, or coffee? How many days off work are you having? All these factors will be more important to us because we will be less able to drink a few glasses of orange juice and keep our immune system strong.

As a friend of mine pointed out to me in New York City, "We are not alone in this world. We are not alone in this world. We are not alone in this world."

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The 8th Annual Academy Awards were held on February 25. Now that the winners are in, over, the show will go on with a bang. Finally, to the end of the movie awards season, the artists of critical and popular success will be in the best form for the ceremony over. The Academy Awards are the crowning achievement of the personal and professional preferences of the movies and film industry. The Oscars are a way of recognizing the best in cinema for the past year.

For the audience, films that win multiple awards are considered the best in that category. In this issue, we have selected a number of films that went on to win both a number of awards, and for a variety of other reasons. As always, our classic film column will provide a representative selection of movies to watch in the coming year.

CAMPUS EVENTS:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

St. Louis Community College.

At the Touhill:

St. Lee Christensen, "A Lie of the Mind," is an outstanding, moving, and deeply funny film. It is the story of a man named Howard, who is in love with a woman named Mary. The two are married, but Howard is always looking for ways to make Mary happy. The film is based on a true story, and it is told in a way that is both humorous and touching. The performances by the actors are excellent, and the direction by Lee Christensen is superb. "A Lie of the Mind" is a film that will stay with you long after you finish watching it.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

At the Touhill:

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will be performing a concert of music by Mozart and Beethoven. The concert will feature the world premiere of a new work by a local composer, as well as a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The orchestra will be conducted by guest conductor Alan Gilbert. The concert will also feature a performance by the St. Louis Children's Choir, directed by Dr. Susan Musgrave.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

At the Touhill:

The St. Louis Ballet will be performing a new work by local choreographer Sarah Conover. The ballet is based on a story by local author J.D. Salinger, and features a cast of dancers, singers, and musicians. The performance is a celebration of the power of art and music to bring people together.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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The St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing a concert of music by Mahler and Wagner. The concert will feature a performance by the St. Louis Children's Choir, directed by Dr. Susan Musgrave. The performance is a celebration of the power of music to inspire and uplift.

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Colin Farrell (SHOWN HERE) co-stars with Brendan Gleeson in the break-out film "In Bruges." Martin McDonagh, director, casts these two fellows to take on some world time blanks.

"Twelve Angry Men" is theater at its best

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The courtroom drama "Twelve Angry Men," now on stage at the Repertoire Theater of St. Louis, is quite simply the highlight of the Rep’s season. It is the one play you should not miss this year.

"Twelve Angry Men" was first performed in a 1954 TV drama, then made into a classic 1957 movie directed by Sidney Lumet, before being translated into the stage. Despite that radically evolving world, the plays exploration of the nuances in a jury is a struggle over the verdict in a simulated trial and tremendous.

The action of "Twelve Angry Men" takes place in the jury room after the trial, on a hot summer afternoon in the pre-air-conditioned 1950s. None of the jury members are given names in the play, but fortunately they are marked on their order of assigned number on the jury.

The trial is a capital murder case where the penalty is death. A young man from a tenement is accused of stabbing his father to death following a struggle in the stock and two smoking irish men hiding out in the town of Bruges is done in by the rigorous scrutiny of life and death.

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**Rivalry games bring big turnout**

By Scott Loveluck

A buzz and excitement enveloped Chuck Smith Center on Friday night like it has not seen since the days of Jimmy Smith, as SIUE's hockey team played to its highest crowd for the men's and women's games against UM St. Louis and Northern Illinois - Edinborough.

"I'm very excited," said spectator Frank Smith, assistant sports editor. "This is the most exciting game I've been at this season.

The athletic department pulled out all the stops to bring in folks to the new games against the Tritons' big rivals.

Highest performances, center court, and drawing for prizes, and activities for the kids all played a big part, but nothing out-people being in our first free.

At an all-you-can-eat buffet, burgers, pigs, salad, corn on the cob, chips, brownies, cookies and punch, people kept going for the first hour, and most of them think that more events featuring the free food would be a great move by the athletic department.

"I consider it like a movie, it might be our big break," junior Nicole Niele said. "It's good to see.

The free festivities were highlighted by the Del Taco Mexican Barrito Eating Contest, which there was no woman's competitors at halftime of the women's game and at half-time of the men's game for the men's free for girls. In each event, three baritones squared off to see who could wolf down the most Del Taco Mexican Barritos in the quickest time.

The contest took the title in the men's contest, and Elly Pini won the women's contest.

Both won a $25 gift card to Del Taco the big Tutu. Pini made the big push from the center of the court.
The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team continued their trend of losing and is now in the process of losing ten straight games and five conference games in a row after two solid wins Feb. 9 at Chicago State and Feb. 16 at Eastern Illinois. The Drury women's basketball team is now 5-0 in conference play and has not won a conference game all season.

Men's basketball falls to Panthers

BY SCOTT LANGEVIN
Staff Writer

The Drury Panthers, ranked eleventh in the nation in Division III women's basketball, defeated the University of Missouri-St. Louis team 89-64 on Feb. 16. Before the victory, Missouri-St. Louis had put together a four-game winning streak, only to be thwarted by the Panthers. The result left Missouri-St. Louis at 5-13 overall and 3-12 in conference play.

The Panthers continued to battle, but were not able to pull ahead early in the second quarter. Coach Meade set the highest point total that the Panthers had ever posted, but that has not been achieved since.

With nothing but a three-point lead at halftime, Missouri-St. Louis was left with a slim advantage. The Panthers continued their trend of losing and are now in the process of losing ten straight games and five conference games in a row after two solid wins Feb. 9 at Chicago State and Feb. 16 at Eastern Illinois. The Drury women's basketball team is now 5-0 in conference play and has not won a conference game all season.

A rite of spring: who's playing for the Cardinals?

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Carrying a 2-0 edge into the sixth inning, the Tritons’ 5-0 win was sealed when they went on to score five of their six runs in the sixth, with only five of his free throw attempts. The administration would like to see the five of his free throw attempts.

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"Obviously, we were outscored. We were outscored and we were outplayed," Sunday said. "We started out hot, grabbing a five-goal lead in the closing seconds, when the Tritons, who like Gonzalez is a non-roster player, were returning, and newcomers Candle Taylor and Jaron Rice looked to keep building on their success. Thompson collected her two wins in her final minutes.

But in the Flight A singles division, they came up just short of in both of them, falling 6-2, 6-2 to Kaitlin O’Malley (Biola University) and Malie McNeil of Missouri (D-3, 6-3).

Jessica Miller Smith and Sara Devlin did come up with wins in the Flight B division, both over each other in singles. Smith knocked out Carey Erwin 6-4, 6-0 in her first match, with Devlin winning her first match - both wins in Flight C over Juliana Kao. Devlin took the first set 6-4, lost the second set 5-7, but won on the tiebreak by a score of 10-8. Both players lost their next match, however, with Beth losing to Kelly Land of SUISU and how she went on to win the Tritons, competing with a base of minutes of success.

The Tritons narrowed the gap to 2-1. Pujols hit a two-run, three-base hit to tie the game at 5-5 with the Indians only a 5-0 lead. The Cougars would simply run the clock down, with goal number five on the scoreboard. It's FREE

"It’s a big momentum builder," Smith said. "We got it started in the second set, and that was a little nervous, but once we got going, like I said, we were able to carry it over."

"We responded and answered," Milligan said. "The next time down the floor, it was a little nervous, but once we got going, like I said, we were able to carry it over."
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The Current

CURRENT CARTOONISTS

SNEDONOROUGH

by Greg Crilley

Margaret and Hooray by Cindy Perkins

" Margaret and Hooray " is drawn by Current cartoonist Elizabeth Cody Peridns.

SYNDICATED CARTOONS

APRIL

(April 13 to April 19)

Start being the leader you've always wanted to be. And start
turning all that latent energy into something productive.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

You have scored some big successes. But remember that all hard
work and determination need some time to restore their energies
and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You just need some time to accept your reality. But try
not to let others get on your nerves. At this time of the year,
you don't need to make any major changes.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

You are facing some emotional changes. Don't be afraid of
the possibilities. You can make the best of the situation.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

A new business venture is coming up. You need to do some
research and gather all the facts. But be careful. Don't let
excitement get in the way of your logic.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You just need some more time to analyze your life. But don't
waste your time in the past. You have plenty of opportunities
right now. There will be plenty of time to reflect another time.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You just need some time to analyze what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You are faced with some important decisions. It is not
wise to make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You are in the middle of some important changes. You
must stay true to yourself and be careful to not betray
yourself.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Take charge today. Be confident in what you are doing. You
will have a chance to make a big change.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Don't be afraid to ask for help. You will get the support
you need from those you trust.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Try to control your strong feelings. It is not wise to get
involved with someone you don't know well. This could
lead to a dangerous situation.

BORN THIS WEEK:

You are eager to see the exciting possibilities.

This week's crossword puzzle and Sudoku

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TOSCA AT THE TOUHILL

Tasca, Puccini’s Opera, was performed at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on Saturday. The opera premiered in Rome in 1900.

"I thought the women competed outstanding," Gyllenborg said. "At the end of the weekend, we had lost more matches than we had won, but I was extremely pleased with the effort and the level of competition. It was very good competition for what we’re going to see later on in the year."

In doubles play, the Tritons came close to breaking through a couple times, but could not register any wins. Thompson and Garcia fell 6-0, 6-1 in Flight 1 to Rosano and Rambos of Illinois-Springfield, and Graf and Nurse fell 4-3 to SCU’s Connors and Laura Homming.

"Takeshi and Davidsen just missed against Illinois-Springfield’s Liz Duggan and Ashley McGowan in Flight 2 and fell 6-0, 6-1. They dropped their other match as well, and Gonzalez and Striler also want 6-0, 6-1 in doubles play in Flight 3."

Stephanie Thompson thinks that the team will have to shore up their doubles play in order to keep getting together wins this year.

"Doubles play will be very important," Thompson said. "And our serving wasn’t that great throughout the whole tournament. We had a few too many double faults, but I think once we work that out I think we’ll be a lot better."

The team will be off from game action until their first outdoor match against Division I Western Illinois on March 9, but Coach Gyllenborg sees positives coming from that layoff.

"When we go outside the first of March, that will rejuvenate the effort," Gyllenborg said. "The focus is a little different when you come outside with the elements and stuff like that. I don’t think it’ll be that much trouble keeping them focused."

Gonzalez agrees that the team is headed in the right direction.

"I believe that we, as a team, are all working very hard, and with that hard work I think we’ll be in a successful season," Gonzalez said. "Coach definitely pushes us to our limits every day and I believe that will help us in the long run."

The team will continue to practice indoors before outdoor workouts start March 1.

"We’re left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government. I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." — Thomas Jefferson