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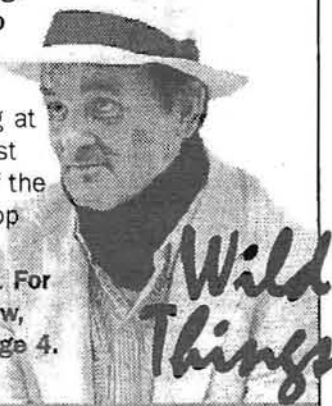
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Wild Things

News From All Over

Penn State prof Hecklen continues pot protest

STATE COLLEGE, Penn. (U-WIRE) — In the presence of University of Penn State Police Services, a candidate for governor, drug advocates and drug opposition, retired professor Julian Hecklen smoked another "joint" in front of University Gates Thursday. "The time has come for revolution. We are fortunate that this country has a political party to lead this revolution," Hecklen said during the protest. "That party is the Libertarian party, the party of freedom."

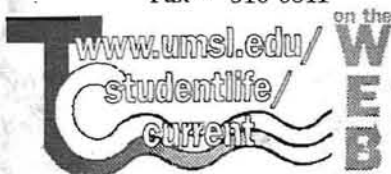
University police officers present at Thursday's protest did not confiscate any "joints" from the scene and did not comment on their actions. Beginning in January, Hecklen staged marijuana protests in order to be arrested, request a jury trial and be found not guilty, nullifying all marijuana laws.

Hecklen and four others were arrested during a protest in February, and his preliminary hearing was scheduled for last Wednesday. However, Hecklen failed to appear for his scheduled preliminary hearing. As a result, an arrest warrant was issued for Hecklen by District Justice Allen Sinclair Wednesday afternoon. Later that afternoon, Hecklen was arrested by State College Police Department officers and brought before District Justice Carmine Prestia. □

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When Hunger Hits Home



Stephanie Platt/ The Current

Varnoil White Jr., a fifth-grader at Clay Community Education Center, collects donations for Oxfam on campus as part of Hunger Awareness Week. St. Louis Partners Americorps brought the children.

Awariness Week brings hunger to U

BY BILL ROLFES
staff writer

UM-St. Louis students raised money and consciousness of the world's unequal food distribution as part of the third annual Hunger Awareness Week last week.

They collected donations of money and food for Oxfam America, and participated in events like the "Soup Line" on Wednesday and "Hunger Banquets" on Thursday.

Catholic students at Newman House, along with a number of other organizations, collected donations for Hunger Awareness Week, but they put more emphasis on the awareness part, said Betty Chitwood, assistant director of Newman House. She said last week was the most successful of the three Hunger Awareness Weeks the campus has had.

"I measure success in the people that want to grow from and experience the unequal distribution of food," Chitwood said. "If I got one person to expand their way of thinking, I'm happy."

Students from Newman House made soup and sold it for

\$2 in the Underground, Wednesday. Food Services let the students use its kitchen, and St. Louis Bread donated 50 soup bowls and 50 rolls.

The two banquets on Thursday, at noon and 5 p.m., were intended for increasing students' realization of poverty and famine, Chitwood said.

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-Betty Chitwood
Newman House

"They experience a deeper awareness of hunger and an unequal sharing of the distribution of not only food but money," Chitwood said. "It's something you just can't explain, you have to experience it."

The distribution of food at the banquet was supposed to represent the distribution of food throughout the world, Chitwood said. Fifteen percent of the crowd received First World food, 25 percent received Second World food and 60 percent had Third World food.

The atmosphere also represented the money distribution of the world, Chitwood said. First World participants ate on tables with white linens, candles and flowers, while Third World attendees ate on the floor around the tables.

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2 challenge Avery for presidency of SGA

BY DAVID BAUGHER
staff writer

Three candidates have filed applications to be the next president of the Student Government Association.

Todd Appel, an SGA representative and staff member of *The Current*, and Sharone Hopkins, the president of the University Program Board and the Associated Black Collegians are challenging incumbent SGA President Jim Avery for the post. Avery is running for his second term as head of the organization. According to Rick Blanton, interim director of Student Activities, the president will take office July 1. The deadline to register for a position on the SGA ballot passed Friday afternoon.

Two other SGA positions are also contested. Incumbent SGA vice-president Michael Rankins will be faced by business major Keith Harris, communications/public relations major Patrick Aaron Grove and accounting major Tom Albrecht.

There are six candidates running for SGA comptroller. Music major Benjamin Ash, accounting major Kimberly Muex, computer science and MIS major Paul D. Puricelli, education and psychology major Tonya Reed, secondary education/Spanish/English major Brian D. Reed and graduate education major Steven Wolfe are all vying for the post. The incumbent comptroller Neal Lewis did not file an application to run again.

Wolfe is also running as the sole candidate for an SGA representative-at-large spot. According to Avery, each academic unit is allocated a number of at-large slots



Jim Avery



Todd Appel



Sharone Hopkins

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Point

"We objected to the job in progress because we suspected that less than the prevailing wage was being paid."

-Michael O'Connell
Local 562

Contracts awarded to non-union bidders irk Local 562

BY MARY LINDSLEY
staff writer

Members of an area labor union objecting to the hiring of a non-union contractor for a campus project picketed the main entrance of the campus earlier this month.

Michael O'Connell, an assistant business manager with Pipefitters Local 562, said the informational picket that began on March 16 and which concluded last Wednesday was to "raise awareness" of the hiring of American Boiler Company,

a non-union contractor, to replace the cooling system in Woods Hall.

"We objected to the job in progress because we suspected that less than the prevailing wage was being paid," O'Connell said.

Dick Kellett, a business agent with Local 562, said that when lower-than prevailing wages are regularly paid by non-union contractors, it can have the overall effect of lowering the prevailing wage standard.

He also maintained that this practice can influence the quality

of the work being performed.

"The best, finest service costs money," Kellett said. "When jobs are given away on strictly a dollar basis, the work is affected."

Bob Samples, director of University Communications, in a statement released Friday, said that American Boiler was the lowest qualified bidder on the project.

"As a public institution, we enforce strict standards when soliciting bids and awarding projects," Samples said. "All of those standards were met in this case."

Those standards include a provision for paying the prevailing wage."

Samples added that while the UM-System does not enforce guidelines to encourage or prohibit the use of union labor, they are often hired for large-scale projects. "Ninety-eight percent of campus projects over \$300,000 have been awarded to union contractors," Samples said.

Kellett contended that in addition

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Counterpoint

"All of [our] standards were met. . . Those standards include a provision for paying the prevailing wage."

-Bob Samples
University Communications

Book Swap: SGA links U with national online textbook exchange

BY MARY LINDSLEY
staff writer

The Student Government Association is using a new online service in an effort to give students a new means of buying and selling textbooks.

Jim Avery, SGA President, said the new feature was added to the SGA Internet home page last week to connect students to BookSwap, an online textbook exchange service.

"It gets students more money for their books," Avery said. "Students are also going to pay less for their books."

BookSwap allows students to list textbooks that they wish to sell and to search a

The site: www.umsl.edu/studentlife/SGA/SGA.html

database for books that others have put up for sale. Students can contact potential buyers and sellers by e-mail. Avery said there is no charge to use the service.

Avery said that over 50 universities nationwide use BookSwap and that he had received "outstanding" feedback from discussions with students at the University of Wisconsin, which is linked with the service.

According to Avery, UM-St. Louis is the

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Task force to revise SGA constitution

BY DAVID BAUGHER
staff writer

Student Government Association President Jim Avery announced the formation of a task force last week to revise the SGA constitution.

"I wanted to let everybody know that I'm starting a task force on the constitution," Avery said. "I'm looking for individuals that are willing to help rewrite the constitution."

The announcement, made at Wednesday's SGA meeting, was followed by the defeat of a resolution by representative Steven Wolfe, which would have mandated the appointment of "a committee of no more than five people to revise the constitution and bylaws."

"We can't wait another year or we could have our student government fall to shambles," Wolfe said. "Let's get it done now so next year we can look at more student concerns than worry about our structure."

The resolution failed on a voice vote. After the meeting Wolfe said he was disappointed about the resolution's defeat.

"I'm glad we're doing a constitution, but he created that task force just so he could get his prestige, when I've been working for over two years to get (to the point) where I deserve the credit," Wolfe said.

Avery said the idea for a task force had

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Bulletin Board

Put it on the Board: The Current Events Bulletin Board is a service provided free of charge to all student organizations and University departments and divisions. Deadline for submissions to The Current Events Bulletin Board is 5 p.m. every Thursday before publication. Space consideration is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest all submissions be posted at least two weeks prior to the event. Send submissions to: Todd Appel, 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63121 or fax 516-6811. All listings use 516 prefixes unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, Mar. 23

- **Did Women Have a Renaissance? The Self-Image of the Creative Woman.** Yael Even, associate professor of art and art history, UM-St. Louis, and Deborah Aldrich Larson, associate professor of English, UM-St. Louis, discuss women artists and writers of the Renaissance. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- **Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students for Change Meeting** at 4 p.m. in 441 Stadler Hall. Contact: Ethel, 5013.
- **Biological Society Meeting** at 1:30 p.m. in Benton 115. Anyone is welcome. Contact: Biological Society, 6438.
- **Chemistry Colloquium "Cavity Motifs About Metal Ions"** by Andrew S. Borovik, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas, at 4 p.m. in 451 Benton Hall. Contact: 5311.

Tuesday, Mar. 24

- **Positive Strategies for Healthy Relationships.** Ms. Jolene Understall of the Women's Self-Help Center will discuss the true meaning of a healthy relationship between two adults from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Women's Center 211/212 Clark Hall. Contact: The Women's Center, 5380.
- **Childhood Illness and Injury Prevention:** This program is designed specifically for the care and treatment of infants and children and will be held from 5:40 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. in 203 Mark Twain. This program is an overview of the skills and information necessary to be prepared for emergency situations. There is a \$5.00 fee. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.
- **Student Social Work Association Meeting** in the Lucas Hall Evening College Conference Room at 4 p.m. on the third floor. Contact: Barb Collaso, 5105.
- **Biological Society Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in Benton 115. Anyone is welcome. Contact: Biological Society, 6438.

- **1998 Trailblazer Ceremony** from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Summit Lounge followed by a reception. Contact: Office of Equal Opportunity, 5695.

- **Taize Prayer** from 12:25 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. in 75 J.C. Penney. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.
- **Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanities (S-VOSH)** will be giving a Trip presentation about their mission to Morelia, Mexico. The meeting will be held from 12:30 to 1:00 in 206 SCB. Contact: 5606.

Wednesday, Mar. 25

- The office of Multicultural Relations/Academic Affairs will have the **Student Dialogue Brown Bag Series IV** with UM-St. Louis Administration and Faculty from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 72 J.C. Penney. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

- **The Wild Bunch** part of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series at 8 p.m. in the U-Meadows Clubhouse. Free Admission with a UM-St. Louis ID. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Thursday, Mar. 26

- **The Wild Bunch** part of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series at 10 a.m. in the U-Center Lounge. Free Admission with a UM-St. Louis ID. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.
- **"The Political Economy of Economic and Monetary Union,"** is a seminar given by Jeffrey A. Frieden, Professor of Government, Harvard University. This event will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in 331 SSB. Contact: The Center for International Studies, 5798.

Friday, Mar. 27

- **Session 2 Introduction to Weight Training:** Learn how to use the Fitness Center and weight room to achieve the goals you desire. Fridays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building. Fee \$5.00. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

- **Multicultural Awareness Reception** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 78 J.C. Penney. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

- **English MFA students** will read from their work—fiction writers Julie Earhart, Lisa Ebert, and Dan Begley, and poets Spencer Hurst, Tamara Myers, and Kellie White. This event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Honors College. Contact: David Carkeet, 5781.

Saturday, Mar. 28

- **Multicultural Awareness Program** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Building. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

Monday, Mar. 30

- **"Visions of Gangs in St. Louis, 1990-97—A Slide Talk."** Scott Decker, professor of criminology and criminal justice at UM-St. Louis, will provide a pictorial examination of gangs and graffiti in St. Louis at 12 p.m. in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

- **Colloquium "Masculine Landscapes: Walt Whitman and Marsden Hartley"** given by Ruth Bohan, Chairperson of Art History and Ph.D. American Studies, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 203 Lucas Hall. Contact: Nan Sweet, 6383 or Deborah Bowman, 5581.

- **Coed Wallyball Tournament** at the Mark Twain Racquetball Courts. Register by March 25 in 203 Mark Twain. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

- **Library Research Assistance Clinic** begins today and runs Monday-Friday until April 10. Sign up at the TJL Reference Desk for help with research papers or projects. Contact: 5060.

- **Coed Wallyball Tournament** at the Mark Twain Racquetball Courts. Teams should consist of 2 men and 2 women. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Tuesday, Mar. 31

- **Taize Prayer** from 12:25 p.m. to 12:55

p.m. in 75 J.C. Penney. Contact: Roger Jespersen, 385-3000.

Wednesday, Apr. 1

- **A three week Sand Volleyball Tournament** Begins tonight. The games will be played on Wednesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

- **Birth Control and STDs.** Ms. Carin Onning of Planned Parenthood presents information about birth control options, the increase in STDs and how a woman can protect herself from contracting STDs from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Women's Center 211/212 Clark Hall. Contact: The Women's Center, 5380.

- **Ridicule** part of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series at 8 p.m. in the U-Meadows Clubhouse. Free Admission with a UM-St. Louis ID. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Thursday, Apr. 2

- **Ridicule** part of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen Film Series at 10 a.m. in the U-Center Lounge. Free Admission with a UM-St. Louis ID. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Monday, Apr. 6

- **Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students for Change Meeting** at 4 p.m. in 441 Stadler Hall. Contact: Ethel, 5013.

- **Institute for Women's and Gender Studies Colloquium/Brief Board Meeting "Relationships and Personal Change in the Women's Studies Classroom"**—Craig Malkin, Psychology Doctoral Candidate from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 1312 Tower. Contact: Nan Sweet, 6383 or Deborah Bowman, 5581.

- **Studio in St. Louis—Poetry Readings.** Nan Sweet, assistant professor of English and director of the Institute for Women's and Gender Studies, and Carol Niederlander, professor of English, St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, read some of their recent poems at 12 p.m. in 229 J.C. Penney. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

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Open sessions will be held this week for candidates for dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Student sessions for Ben Agger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas at Arlington will be from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. and 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. today in 206 Lucas. The session for faculty and staff will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in 331 SSB. Sessions for Burton Kaufman, director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, will be held on Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for faculty and staff; 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. and 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. for students. The first two meetings are in 200 Lucas, and the final meeting is in 206 Lucas. Call 5898 for details.

A conference on "Print Culture in the Electronic Age," will be held Thursday evening and all day Friday in Room 126 of the J.C. Penney Building. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are necessary. Call 5974 for more information.

Jazz percussionist Carl Allen will conduct workshops on Tuesday with the UM-St. Louis Jazz Band from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and the Afro-Cuban Ensemble from 4 to 6 p.m. Call Marvin Sparks Jr. at 6646 for further details.

Jeffrey A. Frieden, professor of government at Harvard University, will discuss "The Political Economy of Economic and Monetary Union," at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in 331 SSB. Call 5753 for more information.

Irish historian Dr. Nicholas Canny will give a series of lectures on the following dates and times: "Ireland in the Origins of the British Empire" at 4 p.m. on March 30 in Room 222 of the J.C. Penney Building; "The Poet Edmund Spenser and the Ideology of Colonization in Ireland" at 4 p.m. on March 31 in the Hawthorne Room of the J.C. Penney Building; "The Munster and Ulster Plantations: the Legacy of Colonization in Ireland" at 7 p.m. on April 1 in Room 126 of the J.C. Penney Building. Call 5753 for information and 5974 for reservations.

University-approved tax-deferred annuity vendors will be in the lobby of the J.C. Penney Building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Call 5806 for details.

Contact Mary Lindsay at 516-5174 to submit items for Newswire.

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depending on its size, with one representative for every 500 students. He said the positions are rarely filled.

"It's up to however many people want to run really," Avery said.

Candidates for the top three posts were given the option to affiliate as party slates, though they would still be elected separately.

Three groups of candidates, Hopkins, Harris, and Muex; Avery, Rankins, and Ash; and Appel and Brian D. Reed chose the option to affiliate in slates. Albrecht, Grove, Puricelli, Tonya Reed and Wolfe are running as independents.

Jason Brazeal, chair of the SGA

election committee, said preparations are proceeding smoothly for the elections, which are set for April 8 and 9.

"The ball is rolling," Brazeal said. "The advertisements are going. We've got the buildings all set up. We've got the booths and ballot boxes taken care of."

Brazeal noted, however, that lack of volunteer participation may hurt the effort. He encouraged anyone interested in manning voting booths to call the SGA office and volunteer their time.

"If [booths] are not going to be manned and somebody doesn't show up at one, obviously we're going to have to shut them down and we don't want to do that," Brazeal said. "It's just a matter of getting people in here to do it." □

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The Newman House received help with Hunger Awareness Week from different student organizations on campus, but an off-campus group chipped in as well. To aid in spreading awareness, 11 members from St. Louis Partners Americorps brought 11 fourth- and fifth-graders from Clay Community Education Center, in High Park.

The children made posters that they hung up in the University Center lobby, and they made and handed out flyers with facts about hunger in the St. Louis area. After lunch, which Food Services provided, the fourth- and fifth-graders collected donations for Oxfam, as part of the Newman House campaign.

Collecting money was the children's idea, said Janice Black, Americorps member and president of the UM-St. Louis Social Work Club. They asked some

Newman House members about Hunger Awareness Week and decided they would help out.

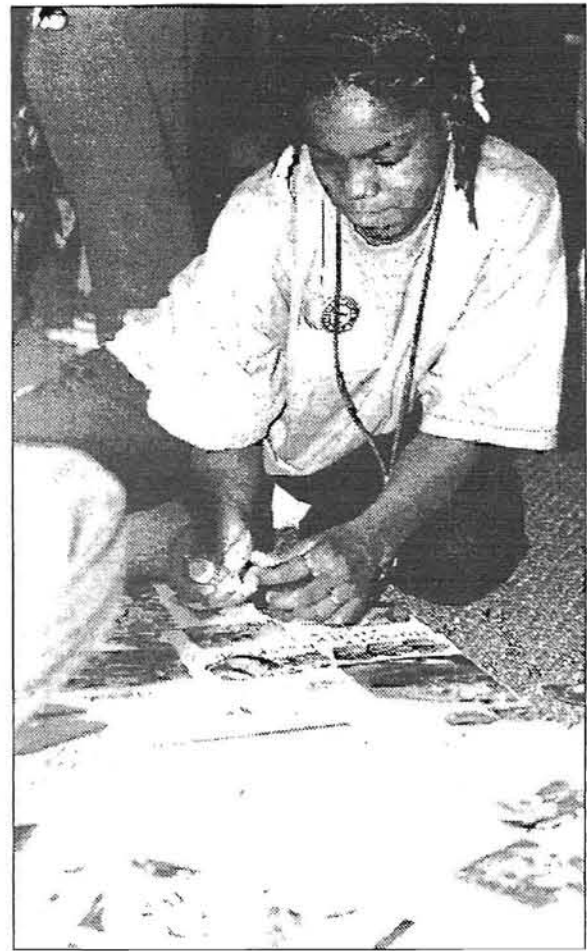
This all-day event was a community service project and educational field trip, Black said.

"What we were trying to do was to get the kids to learn how to do community service," Black said.

The children learned more than community service - in the afternoon they experimented with scientific projects in a biology lab.

Many people aided in the success of Hunger Awareness Week, Chirwood said. She invites everyone who helped out to the Newman House at 11 a.m. Wednesday, for an "appreciation and evaluation" meeting.

Collection canisters for canned goods will remain on campus all this week, and students can still donate money from their meal plans. Forms for meal plan donations are located at the Underground cash registers. □



Alexis Smith, a fifth-grader at Clay Community Education Center, creates posters for Hunger Awareness Week. Janice Black, social work major and president of the Student Social Work Association, said the activity helped "make students more aware of hunger issues."

Stephanie Platt/
The Current

UNION, from page 1

tion to paying the prevailing wage rate, union contractors employ workers with better training and who follow higher safety standards than non-union workers.

He said he hoped the pickets would play a role in the way future contracts are awarded.

"Our hopes are that what took place will have an effect on the next job, to make them aware of what they're missing," Kellett said.

Although a point system to evaluate bids is in development, Kellett said the process would need to have higher standards before the union is satisfied with it, citing a need for drug testing and training by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Kellett said there is a possibility of future, larger-scale projects at the University.

"We'll do what ever we have to do legally to get their attention," Kellett said. □

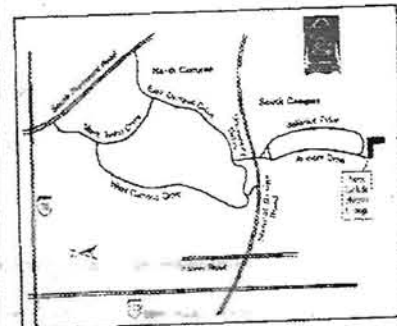
Casino Night '98

Friday, April 3rd



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OUR OPINION

Universities in no-win situation

The Issue:

Community colleges are requesting that their students be allowed to transfer junior level courses to the university level.

We Suggest:

The current arrangement of transferring 60 hours — general education requirements — should remain policy for community colleges.

So what do you think?

Let us hear from you on this or any issue in a letter to the editor.

UM has been put on notice: the community colleges are on the offensive. Administrators here call it mission creep; community college students would probably call it a good deal that makes sense; we call it bad news for UM-St. Louis.

Under a proposal currently being considered by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, students would be able to transfer junior level course work from community colleges to four-year, degree-granting institutions like UM-St. Louis.

Currently, community college students can transfer roughly 60 credit hours from a community college, though each school, division and department within the University can be slightly different. Sixty hours is approximately half of the 120 hours needed for a degree. To us, the current arrangement, called an articulation agreement, makes sense. Spend two years at a community college satisfying general education requirements. Spend two more years at UM-St. Louis satisfying requirements for the major.

But if the CBHE approves the new articulation agreement, students could begin taking courses that would count toward their major field of study before they leave the community college.

This creates a dichotomy of problematic scenarios. First, there's no guarantee that the rigor, nature and structure of the coursework at one institution will match that of the degree-granting university. It seems especially impractical, to say nothing of unethical, for the University to confer degrees to students it has not fully trained in a major field of study.

Second, there is the more obvious matter of financial equity. We will stop short of calling the community college initiative a blatant grab for money. But it is particularly illogical for community colleges, which derive their existence from the number of accessible, affordable (and generally public) degree-granting universities, to ask for the right to educate a student until the eleventh academic hour. Keeping a student for two more semesters at the community college level forces the University to grant degrees after as few as two semesters here, where it previously conferred degrees to students after four semesters — semesters that allowed the University to offset its expenses and maintain some degree of parity in costs associated with educating transfer students and the time they spend here.

The University faces a Hellenesque situation if the CBHE approves the articulation agreement: establish higher standards and risk driving away transfer students (which are UM-St. Louis' lifeblood) or accept the force-fed policy and ultimately jack up educational fees to compensate for the loss. These are not acceptable alternatives.

Community colleges should remember that they are only as strong and successful as the degree-granting university that picks up where they necessarily leave off. For good or ill, UM-St. Louis has demonstrated a willingness to cooperate with community institutions. Community colleges should consider such partnerships before they drive an irrevocable wedge between themselves and the rest of the academic community. □

Radio prostitutes air time on campus

Without companies to advertise, newspapers would not exist. Neither would television or radio stations. Sponsorship dollars are their life's blood, and some media organizations will do just about anything to keep it flowing.

Take the radio station that was on campus Thursday, Alice 104.1 FM. The only reason the radio station broadcast from the U Center lobby was that Today's Temporary, one of its sponsors, asked it to come along for the ride and create more publicity. Between on-air announcements, deejay Todd Meyers gave away Alice freebies and begged students to sign up with the temporary agency. The station made it clear that it was here to support Today's Temporary, and they just happened to be on the UM-St. Louis campus.

Alice management, like many other media organizations, proved it would bend over backward to ensure a future source of revenue from one of its sponsors. While this seems to be blatant money grubbing, the true irony of the situation was that there was a Hunger Awareness Week banquet going on upstairs from the U Center lounge-turned-media-brothel at the same time. Far be it from the radio station to publicize a good cause on campus. Sponsors pay more. □

Tobacco litigation is full of smoke

You've seen her. The attractive young athlete, youth and optimism and brilliance and potential oozing from every pore, smiling in her high school senior photo, days — the advertisement tells us — before an intoxicated motorist took her life.

Campaigns against drunk driving, of course, are not so fashionable these days. MADD and SADD are too ubiquitous to move people anymore. The crash test dummies aren't actors on public service announcements; they're an alternative band. Awareness of, and activism against, drunk driving has been supplanted by more fashionable afflictions: first drug abuse (from dope, to cocaine, to crack, now heroine), now smoking. They all share the commonality of being vices that no amount of public awareness or legal intervention or emotive billboards will obliterate. But the latter has the unique distinction of having conveniently become a vice that's not our fault: Smokers shouldn't pay for smoking; Philip Morris should pay for smoking. And who should they pay? Why, politicians, of course. (The "victims" are of no use save for trotting out at a press conference.)



DOUG HARRISON
editor in chief

This is truly an anomaly. Somebody dies in a drunk driving accident, we all but rush the jail house and string up the bastard. The junkie supporting a pajillion-dollar smack addiction? Three strikes, you're out. So why, then, are Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Liggett and the gang responsible for deaths related to a vice not so dissimilar from drinking or abusing drugs? That's easy, the attorneys general from thirty-some states say. (And here you must imagine some southern, self-righteous white guy intoning with an authorial, affected drawl) They mawket to aah nation's yuth.

So. St. Louis' own A-B and every other alcohol manufacturer does everything but trail the words "drink and these beautiful, bikini-clad women will take it all off for you and suddenly you will be young, tanned, ripped and virile" across the bottom of their TV ads. And who can dispute the very real, dangerously tantalizing, enigmatic appeal of fast foreign cars and thick gold jewelry and bumpin' tunes and Tommy Jeans that the drug-dealing subculture of society has on Awwmericuh's yuth.

But it's not just this unmanageable paradox inherent to the current tobacco litigation that threatens to undermine any remnant of cultural stability. It's the more costly effect our "name it and blame it" ideology — the same ideology driving political war on cigarettes — has and will have on our society. It's not such a hard concept: smokers are just as responsible for smoking as drinkers are for drunk driving and crack heads are for drug problems. But to admit as much would be to deflate several decades of 20th century self-importance, and such admittance would expose these shiftless theories that seek to diseasify drug addiction, to treat it just like cancer and heart disease, for the unmitigated frauds they are.

It does an unrivaled disservice to every family that has

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GUEST COMMENTARY

It's your turn

Don't you hate it when this happens? You are looking up a word in the dictionary only to get tossed back and forth between pages like an endless loop when all you want is a simple explanation of the word. Just the other day this happened to me. I looked up apathetic in the dictionary and it said SEE UM-ST. LOUIS CAMPUS LIFE. So I went and looked up UM-ST. LOUIS CAMPUS LIFE and it said SEE APATHETIC and in parenthesis it said "pathetic".

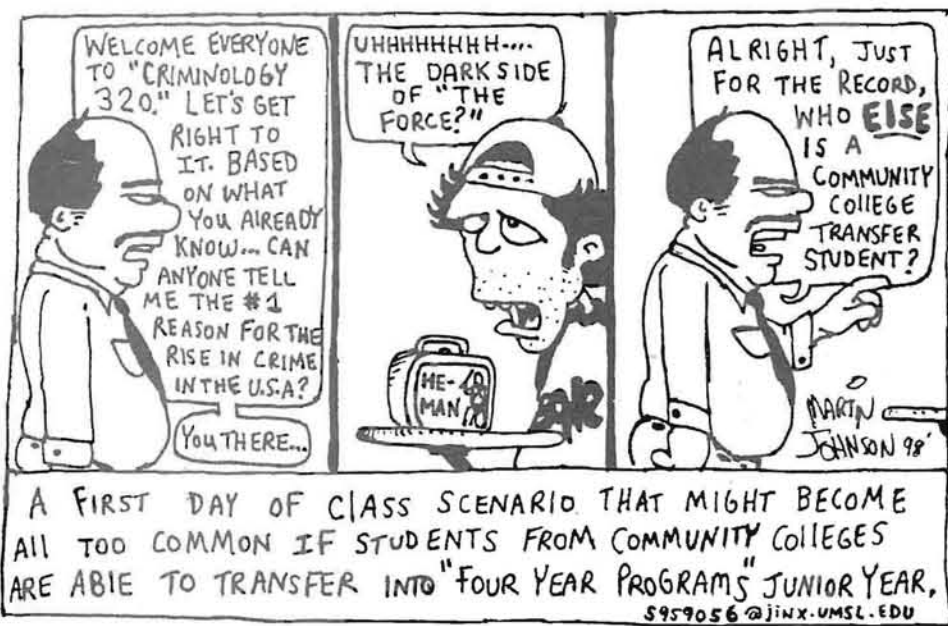
Although it ticked me off, it did bring up a valid point. But this is what UM-St. Louis is all about. It's a streetcar (commuter) school intended for those of us who would rather work and live with the family a few more years rather than living on or around campus and being involved on campus. Granted, there are exceptions, but for the most part this is true.

UM-St. Louis administrator's have made a success targeting this group. After all, UM-St. Louis is the largest university in St.

Louis based on student population figures. The problem I see is that I don't expect much change over the next 4 or 5 years with campus life unless we try to change this apathetic lifestyle. Sure there is a couple hundred students who are active everyday, but do you realize we have roughly 15,000 students here at school?

Well it's that time of year again when everyone is starting to plan his or her schedules for this summer and next fall. All the organizations on campus are in the process of selecting new leaders and high school students are picking where to go to college. UM-St. Louis is craving student leadership and because there are so few students involved YOU can make an immediate effect on this campus. It doesn't necessarily have to be with student government, but there are lots of student organizations who receive money from your tuition (student activities) money but they haven't necessarily done what you had in mind.

You can make a difference and that time is now. Do you it for your school, if not for yourself. After all, down the line when we all become old and successful and wish to share our stories and ideas with our alma mater, we don't want to come back for a scheduled seminar or meeting and have no one show up because the campus is still its old apathetic self. □



READER RESPONSE

Professor stresses the validity of Pro Sports Economics

In a recent commentary M. Ethel Myers questioned the academic content of a course entitled The Economics of Professional Sports. As the professor who will be teaching this course I would like to set the record straight. In particular, I would like to assure students, faculty and administrators that this will be a course with a rich academic content.

The course is not about sports per se, but rather about the application of economic analysis to sports industries. Thus students will investigate such topics as how firms operate in imperfectly competitive markets, how labor markets work under alternative institutional arrangements and how markets determine the valuation of firms. In addition, important issues of public policy such as the use of taxes to subsidize sports facilities and the role of sports teams in local economic development will be analyzed.

I would also point out that in the last several years numerous research articles on sports economics have appeared in well respected, mainstream economic journals. In addition, prestigious research institutes (e.g. Brookings, Heartland) have published books investigating various aspects of sports economics.

Students who are only interested in sports trivia need not apply. Students who are interested in understanding how economic analysis can be power-

fully applied to the seemingly complex sports business are welcome.

-Robert Sorensen

Student urges everyone to take SGA elections seriously

As a representative on the Student Government Association and a student senator on the University Senate for a number of years, I wholeheartedly agreed with last week's editorial "Guidelines for next SGA president." I hope that the student body will take these guidelines into consideration when voting for the next SGA president next month. The SGA needs a new constitution and bylaws that model democratic principles to the student body. Once a new constitution is ratified by the student body, the SGA will once again gain the student body's respect and will be better able to work towards the students concerns on this campus.

The next student body president needs to remember there are no quick fixes and that progress takes time. Take, for example, the new University Center. Student leaders worked for a number of years before the administration allowed students to

Wealthy enjoy the suite taste of beer

This weekend, the NCAA regional tournament graced St. Louis, and the Kiel Center, with its presence bringing along national attention, a sell-out crowd and a few strict rules that were not enforced during the regular season.

Fans could no longer enter the Kiel Center with any noise makers, cups with advertising on them or large banners or signs. Also, the Kiel could not light any signs advertising alcoholic beverages, announce upcoming events on the message board or display anything that had to do with professional sports.

Oh yeah... and no booze. The NCAA will not let the Kiel Center serve alcohol during the tournament. But for some reason the no alcohol rule does not apply to the well-to-do.

I guess it has always been an unwritten law that the wealthy are allowed, by some political power or another, to have more fun and experience more than the middle class and less fortunate. However, to enforce such a rule is kind of a slap in the face.

How could anybody get away with that kind of discrimination in the 1990s — an era where almost every action and word gets examined for political correctness under a very fine microscope? It's beyond me.

The NCAA rule book is over an inch thick, with more rules than a person can keep track of. Included is a rule that states no alcoholic beverages may be served at any NCAA event. I'm glad the Kiel Center didn't abide by this rule during the regular season, because that Bud Light I had at the last Billikens game I went to sure tasted good.

Now that St. Louis is hosting a major tournament, however, the NCAA is cutting college hoop fans off. It's Prohibition for the '90s — at least for ticket holders who have regular seats. The fans who are more fortunate and can afford to watch the games from a luxury suite can taste of the alcoholic nectar.

Instead of creating a completely dry arena, the NCAA allowed the Kiel Center to stock the refrigerators inside the suites, just as long as it was done before Wednesday, when the basketball players arrived. Supposedly, the rule is in place because many college students are under 21. The logic is understandable, but the rules should apply for everyone attending the game.

I'm not trying to be some beer-drinking college kid saying that we gotta fight for our right to party. Rather, the NCAA is inconsistent in its enforcement of rules, which is kind of a metaphor for society. While the suite ticket holders drink their beer, the NCAA says to regular ticket holders, "Let them eat cake." □



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column a generic offering



JILL BARRETT
staff columnist

I like to think it's graduate school that made me crazy, but I know better. More likely, it's piss-poor genetic material that's at fault. That and living in St. Louis (the Midwest, for God's sake). But forgive me my theories, because there is plenty of precedent. Graduate students go stark raving mad all the time. It's a very dangerous occupation. I've done research.

When I was in a graduate program in an out-of-state school, I was a research assistant, which basically meant I was a professor's slave. During one of my many long nights in the library, I ran across an article on a certain Stan Strelski. He was a graduate student at Stanford in the mathematics program and had been for 19 years when finally, one day he snapped and killed his advisor. Now, if being a mathematics student for 19 long years isn't a sign that something is amiss with the guy's psyche, I don't know what is.

I decided to bag my work and search to see how often this happened, because I must admit being on the edge myself. (You try researching victimology and victim's rights for weeks and see how content you feel.) I forget what I searched under (Murder and You: A Grad Student's Guide to Easy Oral Exams) but I was amazed at how many students had run into the same problems that Stan did. I took photocopies of all the articles I found and pasted them on the grad students' office walls. Subtle, huh? At least the professors stopped dropping by just to chat so damn often.

I did learn a lot in graduate school, but the one thing I did not learn was that I don't make a good graduate student, especially when I enter programs on academic subjects like History. What was I thinking? That I like History? Well, grad school took care of that in very short order. By the time I discovered, that while people love to read history, historians ruin it for everybody, I felt that I had already invested too much time and effort in the program.

It took me awhile to get over that feeling, but finally, in late January of this year, I decided to hell with it. I'm leaving. Of course, true to form, I couldn't have made this decision in say, December — before I paid for this semester. I'll finish out the semester, of course, in case I want to return to school when I'm retired or something.

I don't think that's going to happen. I had far too much fun burning textbooks and half-written papers for me to ever remember school fondly. I think I'll just have Grad School Casualty tattooed on my back and go find a freaking life. □

A Constructive

BY BECKY RICKARD
staff writer

While many UM-St. Louis students were involved with sun, surf and partying over spring break, a group of three students and two advisors from the Newman House, a campus ministry organization, chose to be involved in an alternative spring break, or rather, a Safe Spring Break. Dennis and Betty Chitwood, husband and wife director and assistant director of the Newman House, planned an excursion to Chavies, Ky. to help the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) build a house for a needy family.

Freshman Joe Edmunson, senior accounting major, Ron Bock, sophomore English major Pat Herwig and Daniel Nolte accompanied the Chitwoods in the nine hour van ride from St. Louis to Chavies. Upon arriving at ASP's year round center in Chavies, the spring

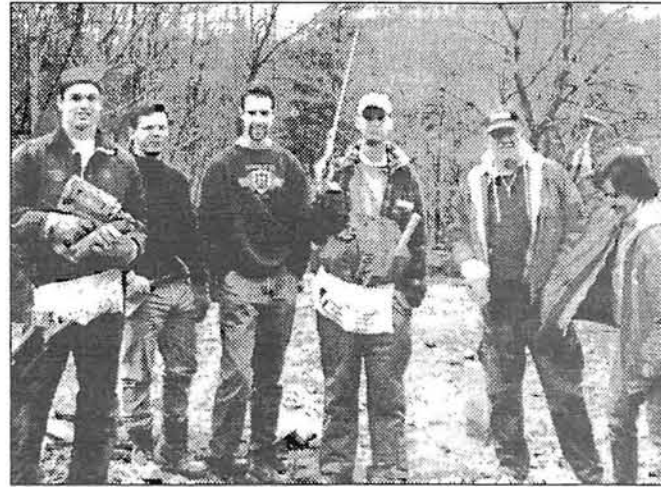
breakers found themselves staying in "very basic" dormitory style rooms with separate male and female bunk rooms.

The van ride to the construction site took over an hour and snow blanketed the ground sporadically during the week. However, the group didn't seem to notice.

"I got to make a lot of new friends and the people were very nice," Bock said. "It felt nice just being able to help somebody out."

"Something happens when you serve. But when you serve the needy, there's a real bonding experience," Dennis Chitwood said.

The goal of the project was to build a house for a needy family in this poverty



Members of the Newman House team from left, Pat Herwig, Ron Bock, Joe Edmunson, Daniel Nolte, Dennis and Betty Chitwood.

stricken area. In fact, professional carpenters were hired to oversee the construction.

Although the house was a charity project, each carpenter took meticulous care for precision, as if the house was his or her own.

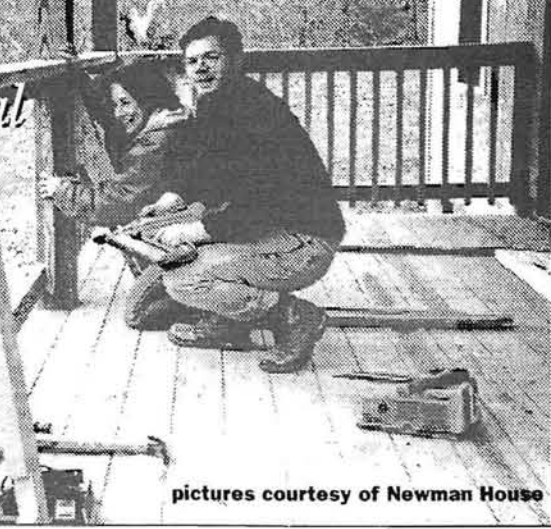
"I was impressed with the carpenters in that they were so professional," Dennis Chitwood said.

The volunteers' six hour work day consisted of constructing porches, crawling into a three by six foot puddle-laden installation duct, installing windows and roofing. After a long day of construction, the spring breakers would take an hour-long van ride back to the ASP Center and have a large dinner with volunteers from other communities, some with religious ties and others from various universities.

Although the food wasn't gourmet, the meals were a special time when the whole volunteer

Spring Break

These college students' annual week off was not fun in the sun — but it was rewarding.



pictures courtesy of Newman House

Betty Chitwood, left, and Ron Bock install spindles on the deck.

fleet could nourish their bodies and their friendships. A special bonding session was designed for the group after dinner.

"Every night we had the chance to share our experiences, our frustrations and successes," Betty Chitwood said.

"It made me realize what we actually did that day," Herwig said.

Work was the main emphasis of the trip, however, the group found time to visit a nearby beach and discovered hiking paths through the beautiful landscapes of Kentucky.

The trip was funded by Student Activities but won't be eligible for this funding next year. Rick Blanton, interim director of Student Activities, gave his support after probing into the impact the trip would lend to the University.

According to Dennis Chitwood, this is the first time the

University has funded a spring break trip of this nature and is hopeful that next year the students will plan the trip on their own and produce the funding.

"I would do it again because I really appreciate the program itself," Herwig added. "I enjoyed building a house for spring break instead of going to the beach, laying around and doing nothing. I actually accomplished something." □

Newman House Vitals

Location:

8200 Natural Bridge Road

Directors:

Dennis and Betty Chitwood

Weekly Mass

Sundays, 5 p.m.

Telephone:

385-3455

compiled by Stephanie Platt/staff photographer

What is your greatest accomplishment?

"Getting through three years of school while raising my son."

-Kara Weinstein
junior/social work



"Setting the conference record in the 100-yard dash and the long jump."

-Angela McShan
freshman/criminology



"I saved up enough money to spend three weeks in Brazil."

-Matthew Jones
junior/biology



"Being named to the Suburban South First Team All Defense in basketball."

-Robert Kirk
junior/mngt. and org. behvr.



"Slam dunking during the high school state playoffs."

-Jason Ganahl
junior/education



You read The Current and we'd like to thank you.

The Current's own features editor will be in the Underground at 12:30 tomorrow with free passes to My Giant and Mercury Rising. Find her and the passes are yours. This week's movies are brought to you by TCI Cable and its entertainment show, EQ, hosted by FM 101.1 The River's Ken Williams and Dave Doerre, on TCI Channel 3 and Charter Cable channel 8.



Pat Herwig, left, and Dennis Chitwood took their jobs seriously, but not that seriously.

There is a way of escape

Getting a degree does mean jumping through hoops, but knowing which hoops are for you may mean the difference between the four- and five- or six-year plan

Please Note

All Students:
120 hrs. to graduate; 45 above 100 level

If you want to graduate:
File for graduation one year in advance

If you want to go to grad school:
Tests like the GRE, LSAT, GMAT, MCAT must be taken a year in advance

In your senior year:
You must take the Academic Profile test; most departments have major field assessment tests as well

Always call the school of your major for more information.

BY AMY LOMBARDO
staff writer

Most students can remember their first time. Some can even recall their second and third time. The first time they ever declared a major.

This marks the beginning of the exciting journey that ends with walking down an aisle and being handed a degree from UM-St. Louis.

Once a student decides on a specific degree and is assigned an academic adviser, it becomes easier to focus and develop a schedule.

The area of interest usually falls within the categories of the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration and the School of Education. The requirements within these three broad departments can differ, as well as variances for those pursuing a minor or specialty emphasis.

All students must complete the general education requirements of UM-St. Louis in addition to specific degree requirements.

Most students know that a minimum of 120 semester hours is needed for a baccalaureate degree, with at least 45 of the hours being at or above the 100 level.

Juniors and seniors might want to note that a degree application form must be filed at least one year in advance of the expected graduation date. Teri Furlow, an academic adviser at UM-St. Louis, explains that this gives the student and the University at least two semesters to prepare and organize. Furlow notes that those who are planning to attend graduate school also need to look ahead.

"A lot of students don't realize that if they want to go to graduate school, they have to take their (Graduate Record Exam)'s one year in advance," Furlow said. Seniors perhaps feel the most pressure as

the winter melts away and commencement is around the corner. The soon-to-be-graduates partake in an academic profile exam, which assesses their general education, and a major/field assessment exam, which is specific to their chosen area of study.

Business majors have a unique major/field assessment exam during their last semester. It consists of a one-time non-credit lab taken in BA391, Strategic Management.

The scores of these evaluations are for UM-St. Louis records, and do not go on the students permanent transcripts.

Monica Farrell is an academic adviser for the School of Business. One of her responsibilities is the senior audit session.

"The semester before they graduate (the students) come in for a graduation review. We sit down with them one-on-one and go over what they have done and what they have left to do," Farrell said. "We try to get any paperwork taken care of then."

Farrell also recommended that students talk to career placement personnel after their review.

At least 24 of the last 30 hours of graded credit must be completed at UM-St. Louis. For most B.S. degrees in education, all 30 of the final hours of coursework must be in residence. The minimum overall grade point average a student must maintain is 2.0. Again, education majors vary by requiring a 2.5 cumulative GPA. In fact, the requirements for education majors differ not only from other majors, but within areas of emphasis as well. Paul Travers, UM-St. Louis Educational Studies director, illustrates this point.

"To be a teacher, the state requires different courses relevant to the major you're going to pursue," Travers said. "Often the number of hours will vary with the major." □

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Movie Review

Crossword Companion

(Wild) Things that go flop in the theater

Star-studded cast goes flat in convoluted plot lines, leaves viewer in a lurch

Wild Things
Rated R (sexual content, language, some violence)
Running Time: 113 minutes
Now Playing

(out of four)

Sometimes there are movies with trailers and previews that make it look good; sometimes, they show all of the good parts in the previews. *Wild Things* fits into this category without a doubt.

This atrocity called a movie showcased rotten acting, bad writing and even more horrendous acting. *Wild Things* is supposed to be a contemporary thriller that somehow lost the thriller aspect in production. It did not in any way, shape or form keep you on the edge of your seat; the only thing that kept you on the edge of your seat was your urge to leave the theater.

The cast includes, Denise Richards

(who somehow won another role, despite her pathetic performance in *Starship Troopers*, — the only thing going for her is her smile — proves sex does sell in America); Neve Campbell (who played her usual beat up, victimized role); Matt Dillon (who played his usual cocky, pretty-boy part); and Kevin Bacon (who was unusually horrible in his role of a police investigator). They gave performances of their lives, unfortunately for them it is not the positive press, Oscar winning type performance. I am still in shock over how terrible the acting was. To make a comparison, Jim Carrey in *The Cable Guy* looked like an acting genius next to this crew. In fact, Bill Murray who played a sleazy lawyer was incredible when compared to the other star-studded cast members.

The sad part of this movie is that I can see the potential for a plot line. If done correctly, this plot could make for a tremendous movie. The problem is, they never really developed any of the characters, even the main ones. They gave you bits here and there, but nothing substantial. After they give you parts of each character, they expect you to get caught up in the "who conspired with who" idea.



Neve Campbell, left, as Suzie Toller and Denise Richards as Kelly Van Ryan star in the new movie *Wild Things*.

Unfortunately, your attention doesn't afford you that luxury and you are completely and utterly bored by that time. To state it simply: it was bad, real bad.

-Matthew Regensburger

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Concert Review

OLP makes bold return to St. Louis

Our Lady Peace
 March 17, 1998,
 Mississippi Nights

Our Lady Peace returned to St. Louis. This time not under the banner of Everclear but for a show of their own; and quite a show did they perform.

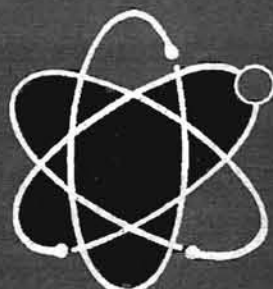
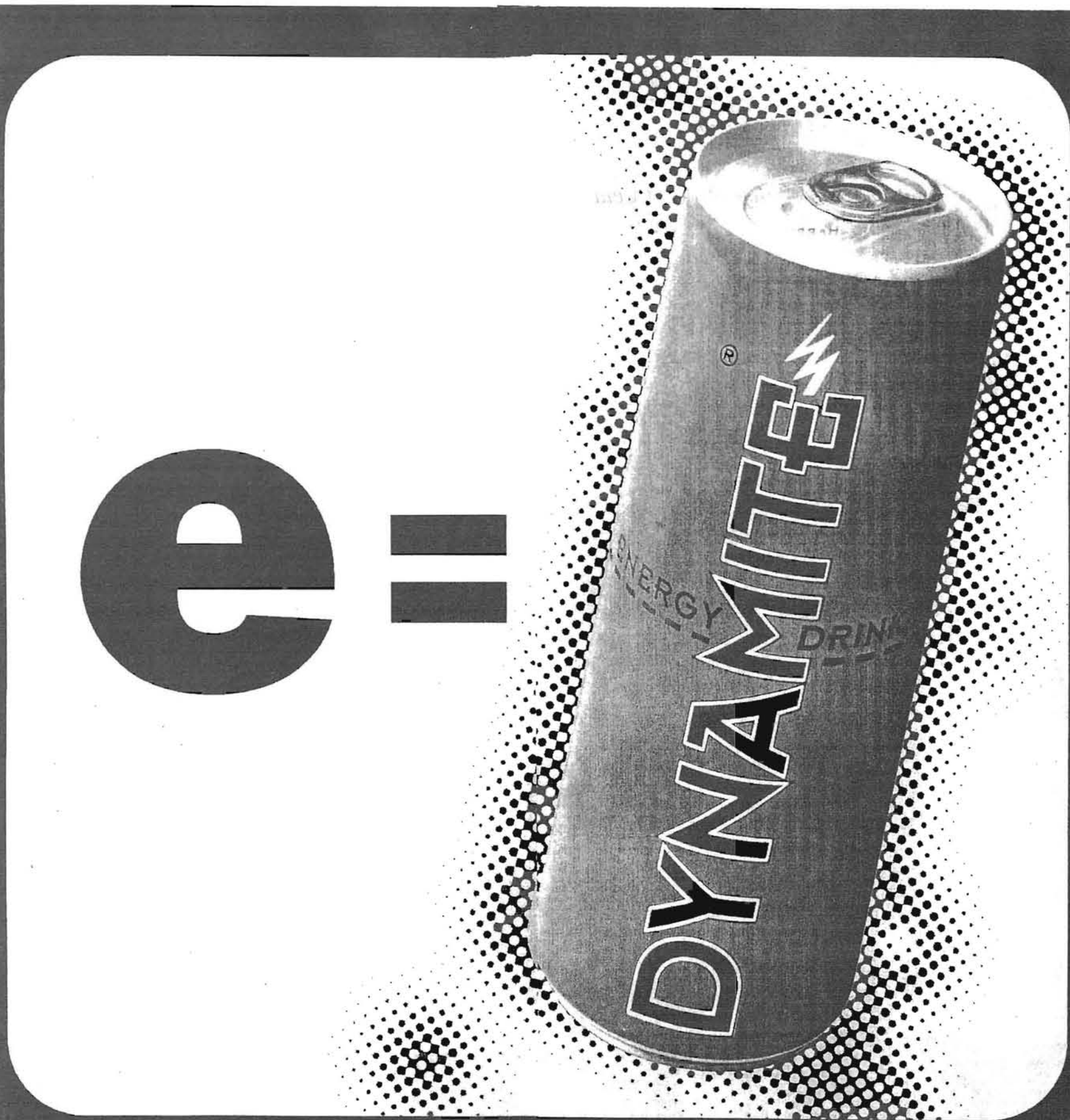
I don't know much about the opening band, Black Lab, other than they are from San Francisco, but I quickly found out they are an awesome new band. With their radio hit, "Wash it Away," they had Mississippi Nights rocking with excitement. The highlight of their set was when they stopped between songs to thank a few people and the crowd. They thanked the lady selling t-shirts because she was nice to them, and they thanked everyone for coming to the show, and they thanked Our Lady Peace for bringing them on the tour. Then the bassist stepped to the microphone and thanked "the girl" who had been holding up her middle finger the entire show. The lead singer then asked her if she was the left or right wing and replied, "I believe in anarchy." Then the singer paused for a second and said, "I used to believe in anarchy, a long time ago. I used to go to rock concerts and hold up my middle finger the entire show!" Then they played a few more stellar songs and let OLP take the stage.

Most of us have heard the songs "Superman's Dead" and the newer release, "Clumsy," but I didn't realize the group had such a fanatic following. The throngs of fans were crazed as OLP took the stage and started off with "Automatic Flowers." They ripped through many songs from their new record, *Clumsy*, and a few from their previous release, *Naveed*.

In the middle of their first set they played along with a projection movie of a man reading the poem, "Our Lady Peace" from which they took their name. They came back to end the emotionally and musically charged show to an uproar of applause and screaming from the audience.

With another fine performance, Our Lady Peace, grows and grows in popularity. They are definitely worth checking out.

-Travis Regensburger



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OFF THE WALL



KEN DUNKIN
sports editor

Cardinal baseball fans are the sentimental type. I know because I am going through the whole Vince Coleman fiasco and have found myself wanting him on the team really bad.

Vince Coleman was one of my favorite players when I was a kid. Vincent Van Gogh as I used to call him. I was heartbroken when the infamous tarp ran him down in 1985 knocking both Coleman and the Cards out. When the Cards didn't make a solid effort to sign him following the 1991 season I was devastated. And even worse he went to the hated Mets. This crushed me.

I followed the speedster for years. Even after he lost a step in his years with the Royals and Mariners. Last year he started the year with the Tigers — the worst team in the league — and was released for being a poor hitter. I thought he was finished. Batting 1-12 doesn't exactly get most people a second shot. For Coleman it would be more like a fifth shot for as many times as he has been thrown for dead.

Coleman worked hard and got himself into shape. But I think he is finished. He can't run, that was the only reason he was in the majors to begin with. Sure he has hit better in spring training than he has in years. But does one month explain five years of poor hitting and basic poor play?

Coleman is a nice oddity. People know the name and that is one reason he is in camp. He will draw more fans than someone like Wayne Kirby or Wes Chamberlin with whom he was competing for the 5 outfielder spots.

I hope he proves me wrong though. Willie McGee has done it. Played well past what everyone — including myself — thought he could. But like a broken-up relationship, one more time around with Coleman is going to do no one any good. Fixing them never works and the likelihood of him really adding to the team is doubtful. It's sad though. I would have liked to see him make one more go-around and maybe make the playoffs again. He was from the golden era of the 20-something baseball fans. He was our Lou Brock. He made things happen and the memories of him stealing 110 bases in '85 will stick with me forever. Every time he was on base he was off and running.

It would be great to link the present with the past. During Coleman's first go-around it was the Running Cardinals. Now the team has average speed but one hellacious batting lineup. Mark McGwire will hit almost as many home runs as all the Whiteyball teams did.

Bridging the past with today would be great. The tough part is, I just don't see it happening. For better or worse I think Coleman is out. □

Riverwomen sign Oakville soccer player

BY DAVE KINWORTHY
staff writer

The women's soccer team has recently signed midfielder Emily Karl from Oakville Senior High in South County.

Karl is a member of the Kolping Kicks club team and has impressed Head Coach Beth Goetz.

"She is a good play-maker," Goetz said. "She has decent speed, can attack and defend, and is a very versatile player who can play a couple positions."

Although Karl is just beginning her senior year of soccer at Oakville, Goetz noticed her when she saw her playing for the Kolping Kicks during the offseason.

According to Goetz, this signing is just the beginning of a good recruiting season.

"We have about 12 new players coming to the team with about 6 being freshmen and the others are junior college players," Goetz said. "We are looking for midfielders and front runners along with a new goal-keeper. We have such a strong program in St. Louis as far as soccer is concerned.

"It is very competitive with some good young coaches. We have some good recruiting options."

As far as knowing the time when recruiting will be done, Goetz is optimistic that it will be soon.

"I hope to have recruiting done in a couple of weeks," Goetz said. □

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-Beth Goetz
head coach
women's soccer team

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-Charlie Kennedy
head softball coach

Early losses galvanize softball team's play

Riverwomen defeat No. 9 Central Missouri State, go 2-2 in tournament

BY JOE HARRIS
staff writer

The Riverwomen softball team rebounded from a mediocre trip to the southeast by going 2-2 in the Missouri Southern tournament on March 13 and 14.

The 2-2 record is commendable considering two of the teams in the tournament are ranked in the top ten in Division II.

"I think the tough schedule we played in the beginning of the year helped us a lot in this tournament," Riverwomen head coach Charlie Kennedy said.

The tough opening came during spring break, when the Riverwomen went 3-6 on a trip that took the team to Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. The women played nine games in eight days.

Though the women may have taken their lumps on the trip, it seems to have paid off for the Riverwomen. After dropping the opening game of the Missouri Southern tournament 3-1 to Central Oklahoma, the Riverwomen stunned Central Missouri State with a 9-7 victory. Going into the game, Central Missouri State was ranked ninth in the country.

"To go into the tournament and knock off a top 10 team, that shows you what our tough schedule has done for us," Kennedy said.

The Riverwomen went on to split the next two games, losing to tenth ranked Augustana 8-0 and beating Oklahoma Panhandle 6-4. The 2-2 record puts the ladies at 5-8 overall heading into Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

Though the Riverwomen have already faced tough

competition, Kennedy doesn't see any light at the end of the tunnel in GLVC play.

"Southern Indiana is 15-8 already," Kennedy said. "they've already beaten Wisconsin-Parkside, who's one of the top teams. Lewis is going to be tough. You can't overlook anybody."

The women have set lofty goals for themselves this year. They look to finish in the top three in the GLVC (improving from last year's finish at sixth overall), they hope to be more consistent, have a winning record and reach the NCAA tournament.

To reach these goals, the Riverwomen need contributions from everybody. The team has already gotten some early contributions from several players.

Freshman Megan Kuebler leads the pitching staff with a 3-2 record. She already has four complete games and one shutout under her belt.

Jani Bonenberger, a transfer from Western Illinois, has posted a .321 batting average, and is tied for second on the club with five RBIs.

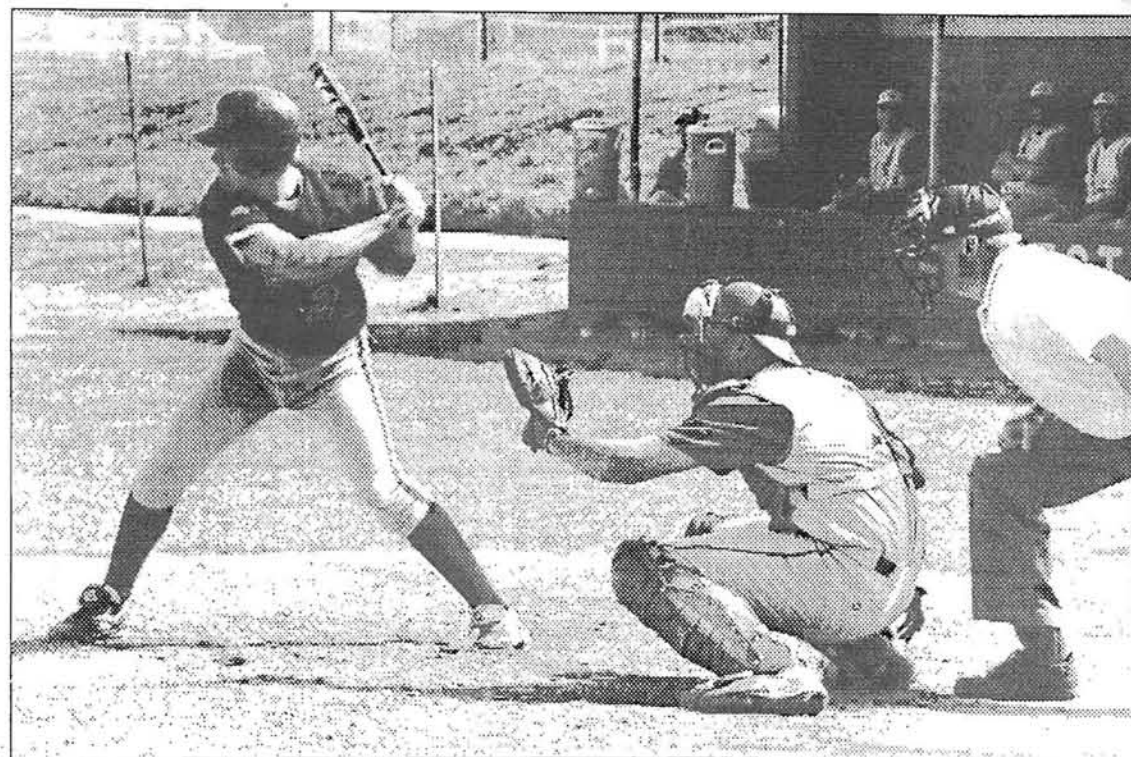
Andrea Sezurko had a home run and four RBIs in one game. She leads the Riverwomen with seven total RBIs.

Another freshman, Andrea Wirkus from Parkway South, leads the team with a .353 batting average.

Jeanee Buda, who started the season as a backup catcher, has recently played a strong second base and has a .316 batting average to go with it.

These players look to lead the Riverwomen into GLVC play. The Riverwomen's next home game is a doubleheader at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday against GLVC rival SIU-Edwardsville. □

Rivermen rained out



File photo

Former UM-St. Louis baseball player Dan Chinnici takes his batting stance in a game against SIU-Edwardsville last year. The

BY KEN DUNKIN
staff writer

With five games canceled due to the weather the Rivermen baseball team has been forced to keep its play inside.

Last Wednesday it was rain that knocked out the game against Westminster. Over the weekend it was snow. The team has postponed five games because of weather problems so far. The men are hoping to get in some games soon.

"It is tough. We can't control the weather

Rivermen didn't have any at bats last week as all of their games were cancelled due to inclement weather.

though," Rivermen head coach Jim Brady said. "We just have to stay fresh and eventually it will clear up."

The team will have the schedule packed when the weather does finally clear. It is likely that many of the lost games will be rescheduled.

"We would just like to be able to play," Brady said. "This team is like a brand new car. I want to take it out and show it off. Because of the weather I can't."

The ball club is currently 9-3 and is heading into several non-conference games this week. Then the team will face several tough Great Lakes Valley Conference teams. □

Sports Analysis

Blues should return Brett Hull's loyalty with contract

As the St. Louis Blues begins its stretch run into the playoffs, one thing remains uncertain about the team's future — will this franchise under Larry Pleau sign its superstar Brett Hull?

This question should have an obvious answer, but the problem with this is not the money that a typical professional athlete wants, rather it lies in the extras that Hull, the former 50/50 member, wants.

Brett Hull has demanded a "no-trade" clause if the Blues are to resign him. He has indicated that it is not about the money. All he wants to do is have the option to approve or decline a trade with any team that the Blues may shop him around to.

This cannot be that large of a problem for the Blues. Hull is their current leading goal scorer this season and he is also tied with Geoff Courtnall for the lead in overall points.

Hull has proven over the years that he is one of the elite goal scorers in the National Hockey League. He has shown his loyalty to the team as it went through its Mike Keenan era and even during the rebuilding years after losing so many top draft picks in

the Scott Stevens hearing.

Hull has seen players like Scott Stevens, Doug Gilmour and even his good friend Wayne Gretzky, come and go from the organization. Throughout all of this, he has remained patient with St. Louis and now only demands a "no-trade" clause in his contract.

The Blues are lucky that such a superstar like the Golden Brett still wants to play here. The team has shown no real shot at winning the Stanley Cup, although the play has improved dramatically from last year. Hull could go to another team that has a legitimate shot at winning the cup, but he remains loyal instead.

Hull is playing for the love of the game and that is one quality that is hard to find in a professional athlete in today's world.

The Blues, in the long run, will only benefit by giving this All-Star a "no-trade" clause. Hull has shown his dedication and persistence through all the turmoil that the Blues have gone through and he should be rewarded.

-Dave Kinworthy

Golf coach resigns job at high school

COMPILED BY STAFF WRITERS

The UM-St. Louis men's golf coach has resigned his position as a driver's education instructor at Pattonville High School.

Coach James Niederkorn, who did not return repeated phone calls, has agreed to leave his post at the high school at the end of this academic year, according to district officials. They said Niederkorn is currently on paid leave and will receive the remainder of his salary: \$18,548.

Officials would not comment on the nature or cause of Niederkorn's resignation, saying only the agreement was reached after an internal investigation.

Maryland Heights assistant police chief Tom O'Connor confirmed that his department was investigating allegations by 15-year-old Chris Ruth, a student at Pattonville, that a driver's education teacher at the

school assaulted at student.

O'Connor gave this account of the investigation's findings: at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 35, a Pattonville teacher in his car pulled along side another car of students; the man reached in and grabbed one of the students after the student made a rude gesture to another group of students that the man had mistakenly thought was directed at him.

O'Connor said there have been no arrests made or charges filed.

"We have talked to all of the witnesses, including the alleged perpetrator," O'Connor said. "We have turned the case over to the prosecutor. The prosecutor will decide whether or not to pursue the case."

Third degree assault carries only a fine, no jail time.

"Nobody ever gets arrested for third degree assault," O'Connor said. □

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Jacqueline Klump 65	Ted Seebeck 49	Sarah Zimmerman 59

* source: University Senate, office of the president; winners in bold

Correction

In Issue 916, in the front page story "When Love Hurts," the program should have been attributed to the sponsorship of the Office of Student Activities, not the University Program Board; attendance was estimated at about 100. It was substantially larger.

-the editor

LETTERS, from page 4

vote and approve it in 1995. The next president may be an alumnus or alumna of this university before any action started in his or her term becomes policy. However, he or she will most likely be living in the St. Louis area and will benefit from the better image of the University in the area.

The next president must under-

stand how the University works. He or she must remember that the SGA cannot get much done by itself. For many issues, the SGA has to work with the University Senate through its committees. The next president must make sure that the student senators participate in the Senate, especially on their assigned committees where the real work of the Senate is done.

I hope that student who care

about the future image of UM-St. Louis in the St. Louis community will responsibly consider who they will vote for SGA president on April 8 and 9. For those students who will not vote, I hope that the responsible students will elect an SGA president that will represent all UM-St. Louis students fairly and help improve the University's image in the St. Louis community.

-Steven M. Wolfe

REVISE, from page 1

nothing to do with Wolfe but was necessary for the SGA to operate more smoothly. "It's just something I saw that was needed," Avery said.

Avery cited events from the February SGA meeting as one of the reasons for the move. It included a controversy over whether the SGA bylaws required that the assembly approve the Student Allocation Budget Committee members. At that meeting Avery announced that he had discovered that part of the SGA constitution was invalid because it had not been approved by administration officials.

"Hopefully this new constitution will alleviate those problems in the future," Avery said.

Wolfe also cited the previous meeting as a factor in his resolution, which noted that the SGA "is not really sure what constitution it is following" and that its bylaws "have not been updated recently to conform to the present operations of the organization."

Avery said he had already selected some members for the task force but would not release any names since the list was not yet final. He estimated the committee would be made up of about five people and said its revisions would be mailed to SGA members, possibly by the April SGA meeting. Avery and Rick Blanton, interim director of Student Activities, said that any revision of the constitution would have to be approved by both the Assembly and the student body as a whole during the next general election. □

SWAP, from page 1

first university in the area to use the exchange. He said he plans to encourage other local universities to use BookSwap as well, thus expanding the pool of buyers and sellers.

Avery also said he hoped that giving students a different way of buying and selling textbooks would ultimately lead to changes in the way the University Bookstore does business.

"Maybe it will force the Bookstore to be a little bit more competitive . . . and buy books back for a few more dollars," Avery said.

Gloria Schultz, director of auxiliary services, said she feels the bookstore's current policies are reasonable.

"We're very lenient, very student-oriented, very customer-oriented," Schultz said. "We realize how much students have to pay, and we're sympathetic toward that."

She noted that when students sell textbooks back to the bookstore, they are paid 50 percent of the book's current selling price, even if the price of the book has increased since the original purchase. She also said the price of textbooks is set by the publisher.

While Schultz encourages students to buy or sell textbooks on their own, she cautioned against the possible disadvantages of using an online service, such as buying an edition that is no longer in use.

"It could happen on a book swap that students pay a better price, but then they get to class and they're stuck with [an outdated textbook]," Schultz said. She added that while the bookstore will refund the full price of a textbook for up to two weeks after the start of classes, students may be unable to get a refund for a book purchased through an exchange.

Although Avery has not outlined a specific process to evaluate the service, he said he planned to use it himself to sell his textbooks at the end of the semester. Students may access BookSwap on the SGA home page at www.umsl.edu/studentlife/SGA/SGA.html. □

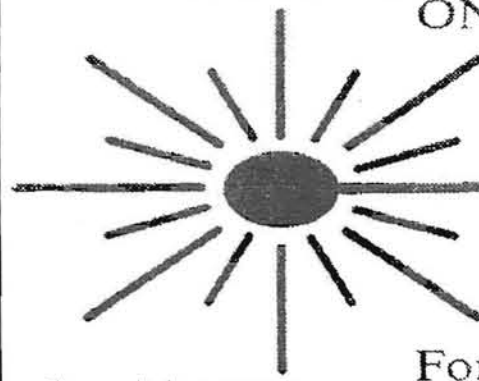
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MoDOT to begin redesign of interchange at University entrance this week

Ramps to replace dangerous belt of cloverleaves currently at Florissant Road

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The Missouri Department of Transportation plans to begin construction work this week on the intersection of I-70 with Florissant Rd.

Sam Darandari, UM-St. Louis' associate director of engineering and planning, met with the Department of Transportation on Thursday to discuss plans for modifying the intersection to make it safer.

Darandari said the severity of the curves and the poor design of the slope of the ramps make the intersection dangerous. She said it is important that something be done to make the intersection safer.

The plan discussed Thursday involved eliminating the four circu-

lar belts that make up the cloverleaf of the intersection, replacing them with ramps that make less drastic turns to form a diamond-shaped pattern.

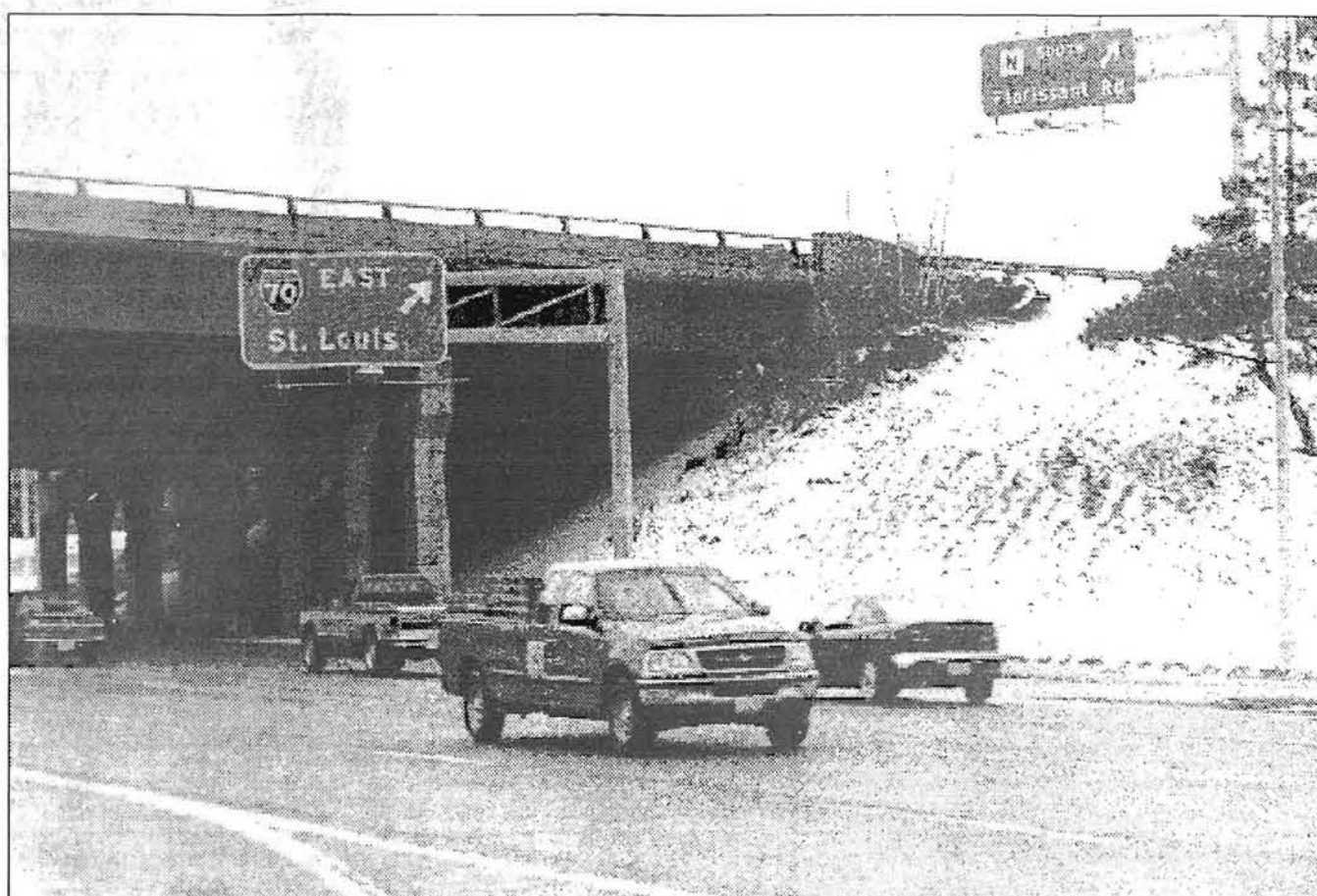
"It will be a lot safer," Darandari said.

The new ramps will have traffic signals for additional safety. Darandari said all this means the intersection will be made less dangerous without drastically modifying the highway.

According to the Department of Transportation, "That work should be completed this summer," Darandari said.

Darandari said there has also been some very preliminary discussion of changing the entire intersection around 2000.

"It's still just a dream," Darandari said. □



The eastbound cloverleaf for the ramp to I-70 from southbound Florissant Road. This and other cloverleaf belts at the intersection will be replaced with ramps over the next several months. Completion is planned for this summer.

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