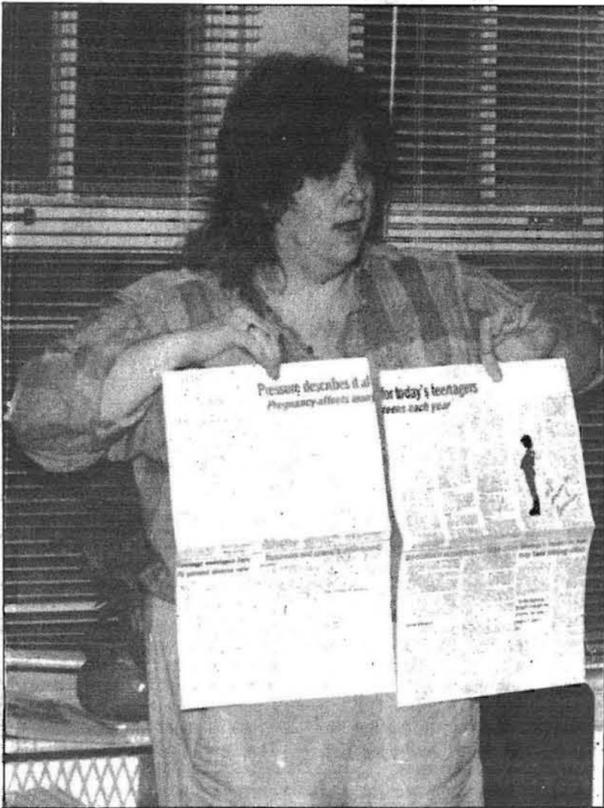


Attorney, Grad Student Duels U.S. Supreme Court



COURTING OPINION: Attorney Leslie Edwards holds copies of the pages removed from the Hazelwood East Spectrum. Their removal sparked the controversy leading to the landmark Supreme Court decision giving administrators absolute control over high school news content. Edwards, a graduate student at UM-St. Louis, spoke last week to the Political Science Academy about the court case.

The Hazelwood East censorship case was relived for the Political Science Academy this past week when attorney Leslie Edwards presented her perspectives on the landmark Supreme Court decision. Edwards represented the Hazelwood high school students before the Supreme Court in their suit against the high school. Edwards held the PSA meeting in rapt attention as she reviewed the facts, the cases path through the appeals process, and the final scene before the U.S. Supreme Court.

After lengthy discussion with the principal, other members of the papers staff, other students, faculty, staff and their former advisor, the Hazelwood students decided to contact the ACLU for legal action. The ACLU contacted the school board and was given the message that the school board had the absolute right to do anything they wanted because journalism was taught as a class and there was nothing they would agree to prevent this from ever happening again. The school board would do the same thing next semester, they would do the same thing next year.

The ACLU asked Edwards to file a law suit that August. Edwards and another attorney filed the law suit under section 1983 which alleges civil rights violations by violating the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Edwards' request for a jury trial was denied, leaving her to plead the case in a judge trial in

front of Judge Nangle in federal district court.

Edwards admits to having no hope of ever winning the trial before Judge Nangle and as an example she cited an incident where Judge Nangle was receiving deposition from a witness for the school district that also happened to be a member of a federal commission for judges retirement and compensation. Judge Nangle was invited to be a witness the next time hearings were held concerning salaries for district court judges by that witness. Nangle ruled in favor of the school district.

When the case finally appeared before the Supreme Court, Edwards recalled how the Supreme Court had refused to read the articles and seemed to be looking for the case when they decide it only seven days.

Edwards felt certain from past experience that the courts would probably rule against them so they engaged in a large publicity campaign to try and draw attention to the situation. Even this tactic was foiled when large demonstrations caused the Supreme Court building to be closed and all of their supporters were barred from attending the oral arguments.

"We argued that these papers were public forum, they discussed international politics, printed letters to the editor, they were distributed off campus making them in effect a public forum. The Supreme Court totally ignored this in their decision," Edwards said.

Physics Professor Says 'Stars Wars' Not Achievable

by Kevin Lacostelo
editor

Any kind of defensive system can be overwhelmed simply by advancing the attack system Dr. Carl Bender told the honors class and their invited guests. And Bender should know, he is a professor of Physics at Washington University, former professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and consultant in Theoretical Physics to Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Bender was the guest speaker in Dr. Joyce Mushaben's Honors 235 class on Tuesday, March 29. The class is better known as Quest For Security In The Nuclear Age, a Pierre Laclède Honors Course in Political Science subtitled Examination of Biological, Ethical, Technological and Strategic Dimensions of Nuclear Defense. Dr. Bender was invited to address the class after they had heard from Star Wars advocates.

"The problem with the ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missile) system is not with the rockets or with the warheads that the rockets carry — the problem is target acquisition. How will you be able to pinpoint each missile and where it is going to go? How can you tell the difference between an oncoming missile and an oncoming balloon? How could you have one rocket going to one missile and not have two rockets aimed at the same missile? Most important is vulnerability to attack. Any ABM system is going to be very delicate because it involves a lot of electronics. Therefore it will be very easy to attack. These are the real problems with any such system," Bender said.

"Another problem is computer software," Bender continued. "Ten million lines of code are needed to coordinate any such system. That's more code than is in the entire U.S. Tax Code—and you know how many loopholes there are in the tax code. The computers would have to function perfectly the first time because there is no way to test the system under real conditions. In addition to functioning perfectly, the computers would have to work constantly without interruption or failure of any hardware component."

On March 23, 1983, President Ronald Reagan said "I call upon the scientific community who gave us nuclear weapons to turn their talents to the cause of mankind and world peace and give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons obsolete." Thus was ushered in the Star Wars era of U.S. defense. Not long after this day, the Department of Defense convened several committees. The most important of these committees was the Defense Technology Study Team, known as the Fletcher Panel. The panel concluded that none of the problems that had to be solved to achieve the Reagan Star Wars system were yet solved. None of the problems could be met by existing technology; the technology had to be improved. So, the panel recommended more research.

In order to carry out this research, an official organization was formed: the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization headed by General Abrahamson. The group would handle all money going to Star Wars research projects and

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Monk: Colleges 'Must Value Contemplation'

by Francisco J. Pelaez
reporter

UM-St. Louis was recently privileged to enjoy the presence of the Rev. Basil Pennington, O.C.S.O., one of the current "heavyweights" of the Roman Catholic Church.

A Cistercian monk and expert in canon law, Father Pennington was legal adviser to the pope during the Second Vatican Council. Also, for years he was closely associated with the late Rev. Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O., and is now seen by many as Merton's successor.

He has been destined to Missouri,

from his monastery of origin in Massachusetts, to revitalize the Trappist abbey at Ava, in southern Missouri.

Dr. Van Reidhead, professor of anthropology, brought this outstanding spiritual writer and apostle of Christian faith to UM-St. Louis as part of the Alternative University series of talks launched this semester. Room 331 SSB was packed with concerned Christians from the whole St. Louis area.

After a moment of prayer, Pennington gave a historical sketch of the Cistercian monastic movement, from its origins under St. Bernard of

Clairvaux to its present dynamism with one or two monasteries per year being founded since the last Vatican Council, mostly in the Third World.

When asked about the relevance of monasticism to the university today, Pennington told the audience that "a university can be sold down the river to pragmatism, with an overemphasis on business, profit, the professions and science."

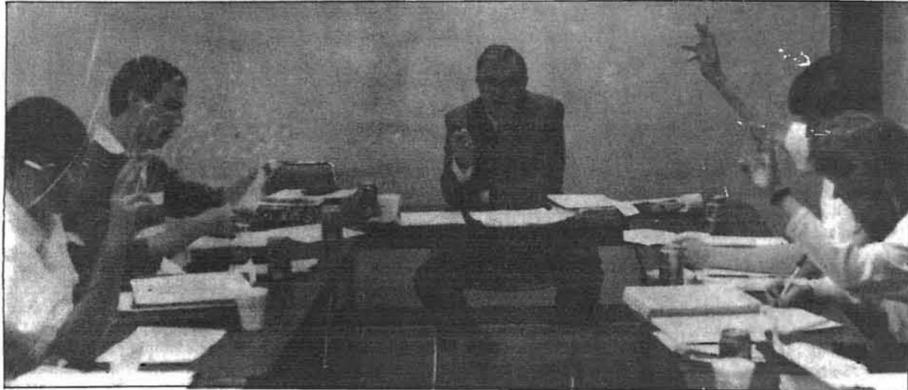
He added: "The university must value contemplation, the spirit. There should be more celebration of life: philosophy, the arts... God is worth our lives. And what we do with

our lives matters to Him. Contemplative space is needed on campuses."

He enjoined all to meditate 20 minutes twice a day, and he asked teachers to "see God in each of your students and worship Him."

There was a lively colloquium, with comments on the solitude in which students and teachers live on our campus. In a flash of insight, Dr. Hernan Torres, visiting professor of anthropology, pointed out that the faculty are given little chance to communicate with one another.

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FUNDS VOTED ON: Members of the Student Activities Budget Committee voting on the allocation of student activities fees at their meeting March 25. Pictured clockwise from center are: Bob Schmalfeld, director of U. Center; David Breimier, Susan Kenyon and Steve Daugherty, budget committee members; and Steve Bratcher, Student Association president.

Budget Committee Funds Student Groups

by John Kilgore
associate news editor

More than \$230,000 in student activity fees were allocated for the fiscal year 1988-89 by the Student Activity Budget Committee at their meeting March 25.

The fees are collected from students during registration at a rate of \$4.20 per credit hour.

Student organizations apply to the committee for funding each year and the committee of nine students decides how much money to allocate each organization.

The largest allocation was awarded again this year to the University Program Board. The \$65,000 awarded the board was, however, \$14,000 less than was allocated last year.

"We felt the Program Board was becoming bloated," said Steve Bratcher, student association president. "We felt they weren't using the students' money effectively."

"Most of the organizations got what they requested," he said.

Fourteen new student groups applied for funding this year. Twelve of the new groups received an average of \$500 for the year,

while two of the groups received no funding at all.

The two new groups not funded, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Zeta, were caught in a movement by committee members to deny funding to Greek organizations.

"Only a certain portion of the school is able to join these organizations," said committee member Lisa Henderson. "They don't represent the University and we feel we shouldn't fund them."

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Career Fair To Be Held On April 6

by Denise Butin
reporter

Are you looking for full-time, part-time or summer employment?

UM-St. Louis students and alumni can meet with area employers at the Ninth Annual Career Fair, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 6 in the Mark Twain gym

The career fair — which will include students with and without degrees, as well as alumni — is designed to bring together a variety of individuals and employers. About 1,000 participants are expected to attend the fair, sponsored by the Student Work Assignment Program (SWAP) and the Career Planning and Placement Office.

Admission is free; the fair will be operated on a walk-in basis, according to Margaret O'Connor, coordinator of placement services.

O'Connor said that interested students and alumni should just show up, with several copies of their resumes.

"We recommend that they dress

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Associate Professor of Economics Herb Werner

Wage Hike Would Cost Jobs

by Tony Laurent
reporter

Congress is now considering a bill that would raise the minimum wage, in four steps, to \$4.65 per hour from its current level of \$3.35 per hour.

The bill is being pushed by the Democrats, who control a majority in both the House and Senate. The bill has come under strong criticism from conservatives.

Opponents of the bill argue that increasing the minimum wage will lead to fewer jobs. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce predicts that 750,000 will be lost by 1990 if the bill is passed.

Proponents of the bill argue that heads of households who are minimum wage earners and who are unskilled need an increased income.

Currently, about 4.7 million workers earn the minimum wage. In 1982, 6.7 million workers earned minimum wage, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

According to FORTUNE magazine, one-third of the minimum wage earners are teenagers, and 59 percent are under 25 years old.

This suggests that a majority of

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Order cap and gowns on April 5th.

SABC Decisions Beg For Appeals

It is the deepest cut of all: \$14,000 from the University Program Board budget. "We felt the Program Board was becoming bloated," said Stephen Bratcher, Student Association president, sometime student leader and never to be accused of protecting student interests.

Never mind the double feature video movies five days a week, the only entertainment on campus aside from video games and cards.

Forget Wednesday Noon Live; a live band each week is too extravagant for this campus.

Scratch the Summit Showcase—comedians who lighten the load and inject a little humor into the atmosphere each week.

And what will become of Mirthday? Without the significant UPB contributions, next year's event will have to scale down considerably. Oh well, it was good while it lasted.

Why has the SABC butchered an organization that offered so much to students? SABC members are supposed to be fellow students protecting and encouraging activities. Instead, they have acted like zealous administrators out to curtail services and contain budgets.

KWMU, FM 90.7, the best jazz show in St. Louis from a student radio station. A stepping stone to major broadcasting, reduced \$500. Way to go SABC; diminish the quality of student radio, knock 'em down a notch.

And to hell with the Greeks. \$0 for Delta Zeta, \$0 for Zeta Tau Alpha; discourage those social organizations. "They don't represent the University, and we feel we shouldn't fund them," said SABC member Lisa Henderson. Who do they represent Lisa? "Where does the University profit from the money raised?" For an answer to your question, Lisa, ask the recipients of Greek charity. They live in the St. Louis community and think that this university is run as a not-for-profit organization supported with tax dollars.

How ironic that the SABC should cease funding the Panhellenic council after their modest request for \$700 - \$175 less than they were granted last year - and then turn around and give \$1,500 to Midwest Model United Nations the first year they have sought recognition as a student organization for the explicit purpose of receiving SABC funding for their nonstop party at the Clarion Hotel once a year. How many SABC members have been to MMUN? How many SABC members are on the Panhellenic council?

Is there a connection between the number of present and past Political Science Academy officers on the SABC and the increase in the Academy's budget? Or is the PSA growing at such a fast clip that it needs twice as much money to sustain its existence? The close relationship between SABC membership and the PSA could tarnish the reputation of that fine organization. There is an appearance of favoritism in the \$1,075 increase for the PSA.

The appeals process and the Senate Student Affairs approval of the budget recommendations should equalize the excessive zeal and political machinations that appear to have clouded this year's appropriations.

We should be thankful that the CURRENT'S budget was increased by \$1,000. But the \$1,500 eliminated from our request was targeted for staff development, and there are plenty of people on campus who would probably agree with this proposal. Once again the SABC chose to cut when support would have been more appropriate.

Kevin Lacostelo



It's Not Too Late



Big Deal

by Kevin Kleine managing editor

Imagine yourself 20 years from now. Your child has come up to you and asked, "what did you do in college?" The only reply you have is "I went to class then left campus."

You then discover that you had no college experience whatsoever. It becomes a nightmare that haunts you for the rest of your life. What can you do to prevent this tragedy? The best solution is to get off your lazy ass and turn this campus into something to be proud of.

This topic may seem familiar to my column, but as long as apathy runs rampant on this campus I will find some way of criticizing the cause of the apathy; in this case it is mostly the students.

It's the same old story in the sports world. The team from South Dakota that the Rivermen Basketball Team played in the playoffs had more fans there than UMSL. That's a replay of what I've said before, so it's time to move onto another area.

There are so many activities taking place on this campus every week, that everyone should be able to find at least one thing that interests them.

But this is UMSL. We hold events where only three people show up to hear a guest speaker. I'm beginning to believe that most people I meet here are not the easy-going, typical college students I think they are. Instead they are snobbish, self cen-

tered and don't really give a shit about anything but getting a degree to get a job.

The only people who care about this campus are the Gays, Lesbians and feminists.

The Student Association doesn't care. When was the last time they tackled a real issue instead of playing "footsie" with the administration to further their pseudo-political positions and have at least one activity to put on a resume.

The administration is pretty apathetic too. They don't care about the students or what the image of this campus is like. If they did, they wouldn't cram assessment tests down the throats of students and they would make some attempt to pay the faculty a decent amount of money in order to keep the quality teachers here.

Right now, most readers are probably saying, "There's still no social life." Bzzzzzzzzzz! Wrong answer.

Try this novel idea: instead of rushing to get off campus, stay and actually meet people at some sort of activity. It's like students at this school have blinders on and only see the people they went to high school with when they walk across campus. It's not bad to hang out with friends from high school, but when it gets to the point where that's your whole life, you're in sad shape.

The worst thing is that the apathetic people make others on campus look like asses.

Maybe this will wake some of you up. Picture a scenario of a job interview immediately after graduation. The employer says, "I don't see any activities or organizations on your resume. You must be one of the UMSL assholes who didn't care about anything. I'm sorry, but we don't want to hire apathetic workers; try applying at the university."



Women's Studies Distinct, Open To All

Dear editor:

Here is my response to the editorial on Women's Studies that appeared in the Current last week:

1. Ignoring sexism will not make it go away. Only through awareness can we address and combat the problem of sexism—just as we have begun to do for racism, ageism, and all the other biases that were once tolerated in our society. If the

author knows someone who was unaware of sexism before Women's Studies and who learned about it through Women's Studies, this is a good example of the value of Women's Studies!

2. Women's Studies is not only for women—it is open to all. Many men have enrolled in Women's Studies courses and profited by the experience. I conducted a study of the impact of the Women's Studies

courses on this campus. The men who took Women's Studies courses showed more gains in self-esteem and career motivation than those who did not.

3. The climate of Women's Studies is distinct from other academic programs. Just as with women's colleges, Women's Studies programs offer more opportunities for women to take leadership roles and to come into their own. In our study

on the UM-St. Louis campus we found that Women's Studies increased women's self-esteem and career confidence. Rather than stigmatize women, as suggested in the editorial, Women's Studies provides a validating experience.

Jayne E. Stake Professor of Psychology

Women's Studies Ain't Ghettoized Here

Dear editor:

Student response to articles in the CURRENT must be at an all time low. Perhaps that is why the editors chose to run the column "Women's Studies: New Academic Ghetto?" on the editorial page, giving the misleading impression that this was the opinion of someone from UM-St. Louis. Obviously, the CURRENT staff knows little about Women's Studies and has not bothered to learn about it themselves, preferring instead to give space to the

opinions of someone who clearly is ignorant of even the most basic facts.

Women's Studies is thriving here and elsewhere because it provides an important educational experience not available in the "Great (White Male) Masters of the Western World" tradition. Women's Studies students—women and men alike—learn about how gender, race, and class affect their lives and how women as scholars and as subjects have influenced or been overlooked by history, psychology, English,

sociology, art, etc.

Women's Studies is here because its faculty and students are deeply dedicated to developing a body of knowledge that focuses on women's lives, roles, and contributions—and we are here to stay. There are over 500 programs at universities and colleges nationally. The UM-St. Louis Women's Studies Program is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. More than 600 students per year take Women's Studies courses on this campus and over 60 are earning a certificate. In addition, many

of our faculty are known nationally for their scholarship on women or within their own discipline.

In short, Women's Studies exists because students and faculty want it and because deans and administrators like Dean E.T. Jones, Vice Chancellor Touhill, and Chancellor Barnett recognize its contribution to a genuinely liberal arts education.

Is Women's Studies a ghetto? No, it just ain't so.

Suzanna Rose Director, Women's Studies

Women's Studies Encourage Discourse

Dear editor:

I would like to respond to the article "Women's Studies: New Academic Ghetto?" by Carol Iannone, professor of English, Iona College, New York.

First of all, I have problems with Iannone's unexplained statement, "Before the feminist era, gender was a term that governed certain (albeit, crucial) aspects of life; in the feminist era gender governs everything." I would argue that while feminism has encouraged us to be more aware of the implications of different treatment given to men and women, gender possibly plays less of a role than it did in "pre-feminist" times. For example, since the latest wave of feminism which began in the early 1970s, career opportunities and identities have drastically expanded for women. There are now women firefighters, police officers, women business executives, department heads, etc. Jobs are less likely these days, one hopes, to be gender based; i.e., men have more muscle mass, therefore men can do heavy types of work; or, men have demonstrated more leadership abilities than women, therefore men make the best executives, department heads, etc. The whole idea behind the

women's movement, feminism, and Women's Studies is to expand the scope of what women can do and not to relegate certain roles to women and certain roles to men.

Iannone goes on to state that, "Unlike genuine academic disciplines, Women's Studies has neither a distinctive methodology nor subject matter." I believe the aim of Women's Studies is to expand the scope of what women can do and to study what women have done in the past. In this way, women can claim an identity and historical perspective about themselves and the world in much the same way that the male student already sees himself reflected in history. The subject matter of Women's Studies is interdisciplinary, and the methodology is usually a critique of the Western tradition's devaluation of women.

This brings me to my second problem with Iannone's essay. She says that Women's Studies teaches its students that the Western tradition is not her tradition, that she is an outsider and a victim trapped in an "inauthentic life," and that she is taught to avoid male "hegemonic" discourse, to avoid "defining" and "naming." In my experience as a Women's Studies student, this is not true. Women's Studies showed me the need to define my own experi-

ence, to name it, not to have it defined or named for me. In my Women's Studies courses, we examined the "Western tradition" as to whether or not it included the viewpoints of women to the extent it included the viewpoints of men, whether it let women define who they were and what they wanted, or whether it proscribed certain limited roles to women and left them powerless. What we found is that the "Western tradition" generally left women powerless and without a voice. I would argue that women were not outside of the "Western tradition" but were, for the most part, ghettoized into strict roles which defined women, but which, for the most part, were not defined by it.

Iannone describes Women's Studies as a "channeling" of the mind and is grateful it wasn't around when she was an undergraduate. She says about her university experience, "I entered a special place in which race, sex, nationality, and background diminished next to the qualities of the mind needed to pursue the truth." I only wish academia was as unbiased and well-rounded as Iannone makes it out to be. Race, sex, and class do matter in terms of who and what gets taught and how it gets taught. Women's Studies seeks

to address this issue by raising questions pertinent to women that would probably otherwise not be dealt with by academia.

My last problem with Iannone's essay illustrates some of what I've been saying about women's invisibility in traditional academic discourse. I am referring to her exclusive use of the pronoun "he" in the first paragraph of her essay to define the "anyone" who some decades ago would have been treated with derision for proposing a distinct female tradition. This use of "he" perpetuates a stereotype that somehow in our language there is not room for, or that it is awkward to use the pronouns "he/she." Not to mention that it is simply not true that only males were in a position to think up or propose such an idea.

I hope that women and men do not intend to resist "this latest intellectual ghetto" as Iannone describes Women's Studies. I hope, instead, that we look forward to its incorporation into the "mainstream" of academic discourse and at the same time keep it a separate discipline in order to foster serious research about women and their position in society.

Linda Belford

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would oversee development of the initiative.

"Basically, Star Wars is not going to function without a lot of new computers that do not exist right now," Bender said. "At every level, Star Wars is hopeless. A whole new science is needed to make it work. The problem is this: When a missile is being launched, it has a boost stage for three minutes when it is very visible on a detector screen. After the booster comes the bus phase when it releases its warheads into a freefall orbit. It also releases a lot of garbage—aluminum foil, junk, anything to confuse a radar system. These warheads and this junk, called a threat cloud, move toward their target with tremendous accuracy, and come to the terminal phase of the flight which lasts about 40 seconds. Now the problem is, how to shoot this thing down somewhere so that it doesn't hit its target."

"The solution is Star Wars, this enormous collection of systems that are all supposed to function together coherently—a constellation of orbiting stations carrying lasers, space trucks carrying rockets that are supposed to bang into these oncoming warheads, and ultraviolet lasers sitting on the ground that require an

amount of power equal to about half of the power already produced by power plants in the U.S. We are talking about particle beam weapons; we're talking about x-ray beam lasers on pop-up rockets; we're talking about the development of computer systems and software; about the development of computer algorithms and whole new computer languages that have to be developed, to say nothing of the computer codes," Bender explained.

"These computers are supposed to carry out battle management. It is the computer system that offers some of the greatest difficulties. The computers have to give us a rapid and reliable warning of an attack, of when the missiles have been launched. Then we have to determine the source of the attack, the likely targets of the attack, and the trajectory of the missiles. Then you have to separate the warheads from the junk; there may be ten thousand fake warheads for every real one. You have to coordinate the interception of every one of the missiles, either in the boost phase, the bus phase or the terminal phase. You have to control all the weapons simultaneously, and you have to evaluate the effectiveness of the



Dr. Carl Bender

shot. Just because you hit it, how do you know you've destroyed it? Remember, we're talking about shooting at a target over a distance of a thousand miles. If you're on top of the Empire State Building and you fire a laser beam at the St. Louis Arch, how do you know that you've disabled the tram inside?" Bender queried the class.

"There is an endless amount of weaponry being developed in relation to Star Wars," Bender said. "In order to criticize such a system, you have to make some assumptions: First, assume that you can see all the incoming missiles on radar. Second, assume all of our weapons have perfect aim and they hit their targets first shot. Third, assume our aim is instantaneous. Fourth, assume the mirrors are optically perfect, mirrors in space as large as football stadiums. Fifth, assume that our adversaries will remain static, that they will sit back and allow us to develop any new technology without developing any new technology of their own."

"In order for a rail gun to fire a three-pound projectile at sixty thousand miles per hour, it has to be connected to an energy source that can deliver one-half billion watts continuously. Union Electric produces about one-half billion watts for St. Louis. In order to fire this gun, you have put Union Electric in orbit next to this rail gun. This is not trivial. How do you connect this gun to a power source even if you could build it? It hasn't been built yet; it's still just on paper," Bender said.

"Assuming that the gun is firing one projectile per second, that

means that we are aiming the weapon, firing at the target, and aiming again, all in one second. And assuming we have identified all the warheads heading to the U.S.—Russia has about ten thousand and it takes about one-half hour for the warheads to travel to here—that gives us one-half hour to shoot down ten thousand warheads. We are able to fire 1,800 projectiles in one-half hour. That means that we have shot down about 20 percent of their warheads. This means that we need to have five of these rail guns, right?" he queried again.

"Wrong! Because the earth is round and turning under these things; geographic points are moving. We need to have fifty guns and fifty Union Electric plants in orbit. Because the target is thirty thousand miles away, it will take the projectile one-half hour to get there," Bender said.

"If our aim is fifty percent, we need twice as many stations. If our aim is ten percent, we need to increase the number of stations by the power of ten. Do you see the

fallacy of this approach?" Bender asked.

Dr. Bender spent the remainder of the class proving that the concepts embraced in Star Wars were beyond the grasp of our present technology. And unless a breakthrough was soon achieved, a breakthrough that allows physicists to alter the natural laws of the universe, it would be a long time before the world would see a shield capable of deflecting a nuclear attack from intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). Bender pointed out that Star Wars was not capable of detecting or deflecting a nuclear attack by submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) or from air-launched ballistic missiles (ALBMs). He also pointed out that technological improvements in nuclear warfare had reduced the size of nuclear warheads to the size of basketballs. "If we can't detect a bale of marijuana crossing our border, how are we going to detect a nuclear device hidden inside it?" he asked.

FAIR

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as they would for an interview," O'Connor said.

This year's fair is the first to

include full-time employment opportunities. Previous career fairs focused on part-time and summer jobs. More than 500 students met with 63 employers at last year's fair.

Employers present at the fair will be looking for a wide range of individuals to fill their job openings, O'Connor said.

At this time there are about 35 employers who have reserved tables at the fair. O'Connor said she anticipates that as many as 60 employers may be present on April 6.

The employers already registered for the career fair include: A.G. Edwards; Center Bank; ConTel; Hershey Chocolate Company; St. Louis city and county police departments, as well as the Illinois State Police; Missouri Department of Mental Health; Sigma Chemical Company; Six Flags; and several accounting firms.

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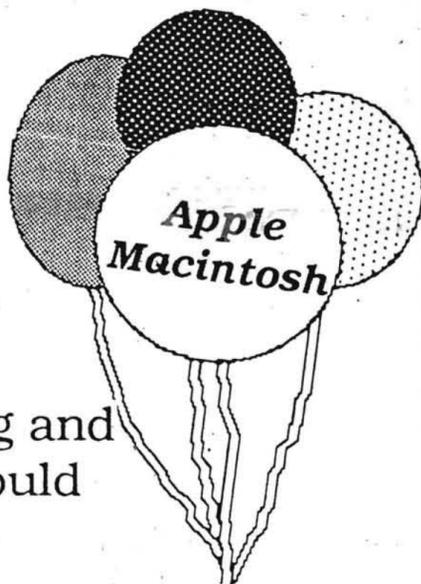
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WAGES

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minimum wage workers are not heads of households.

"There's no getting around the fact that jobs will be lost," said Dr. Herb Werner, associate professor of economics at UM-St. Louis. "The jobs that will be lost will be at the lowest skill level."

"The minimum wage is for workers who have no bargaining power," he continued. "The people who have (minimum wage) jobs will have to work harder (if the bill becomes law)."

Werner said they would be forced to work harder because employers will have the same amount of money to spend on labor but fewer labor hours available.

"The last time the minimum went up, McDonald's cut hours and rearranged schedules," he said.

As a result of higher minimum wages, the fast food industry has had trouble attracting workers, other experts have said. The reason behind this is due to the fact that workers are expected to do more work in less time.

The fast food industry is also suffering from the fact that there are fewer teen-agers now that the baby boomers have reached their twenties and early thirties. With fewer workers willing to work for minimum wage, experts say, employers have to pay more to attract employees.

Werner said he finds no justification to raise the minimum wage.

"I see no reason to raise the minimum wage," Werner said. "I think that three dollars per hour would be an appropriate minimum wage."

He said that this would create more jobs and therefore, unemployment would be less severe.

Critics of raising the minimum wage also say that it is a way of avoiding the real problem of training unskilled laborers. They say that increasing the income of unskilled workers discourages those workers from acquiring a skill, and that too many unskilled workers hurt the economy.

The minimum wage was conceived about 50 years ago and was made law in 1938 as part of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The original minimum wage was 25 cents an hour. Since then it has been raised 16 times.

It was last raised Jan. 1, 1981. Never before has the minimum wage remained unchanged for so long.

The U.S. government sets the poverty rate for a family of four at \$11,500. A worker who earns \$3.35 an hour and works 40 hours per week for 50 weeks a year earns \$6,700. At the proposed rate of \$4.65 an hour, the same worker would earn \$9,300 annually.

Disabled Awareness Week Set

UM-St. Louis will hold its eighth annual Disabled Awareness Week April 4-8.

A number of activities, which are intended to increase the public's awareness of the handicapped, will take place on the campus.

This year's activities will be highlighted by a demonstration of support dogs on Wednesday, April 6, from 10 am to 1 pm in the University Center Lounge. Support dogs are different from seeing eye dogs because they help the physically handicapped by performing various everyday activities such as opening doors and picking up objects.

Other activities include disability simulations, which will take place campus-wide on April 6, from 9 am to noon. This will be followed by the UM-St. Louis Wheelchair Campus Marathon. The race starts at 1 pm at the Thomas Jefferson Library parking lot.

A presentation of Meritorious Service Awards for those who have continually helped the handicapped will take place at noon on Friday, April 11, in Room 126 in the J.C. Penney Building.

For more information about these and other events, call Marilyn Ditto at 553-5211.

MONK

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Instead, they are forced to read papers to one another, substituting that for communication, Torres said.

It is a sign of our alienating society, Torres added, that the Holy Friday of Easter, one of the most sacred days of Christian tradition, is known here as April Fool.

To a question of whether there was room for yoga techniques in the monastic life, Pennington answered affirmatively, giving the example of Father Dechanet, author of "Christian Yoga in Ten Lessons," and asserting that there is room in the Church for the good things from any other tradition in the world.

the order was presently seeking permission to elect an abbess as its head. Therefore, he said, the next chief of the Cistercians might well be a woman.

When asked about the present monastic view of homosexuality, Pennington replied that regardless of a man's sexual nature, if he was able to lead a chaste life, there was no reason he could not be a monk. But, he continued, if the life of sexual continence was not for him, then, as the Bible clearly stated that it was not good for a man to be alone, he would be well advised to find another homosexual man and live with him.

Pennington entreated all to study the Bible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to practice "centering prayer," which is done as follows:

1. Be present, in faith and love, to God at the center.
2. Use a "love word" to remain focused on the Lord.
3. Whenever during the prayer a person becomes aware of anything in one's mind, use the love word to return to the Presence.

Pennington encouraged people to visit Assumption Abbey in Ava, Mo. Those interested in making reservations to stay at the Trappist guesthouse may call (417) 683-5110.

When asked how the Church conjugated St. Paul's violent condemnation of women with the present feminism and the wish of some women to enter the priesthood, Pennington stated that Paul's negative declarations on women should be viewed as something personal rather than as a direct utterance from God. And he added that whether women would indeed become priestesses in the near future was something for the Holy Spirit to decide.

He then informed the listeners that the Cistercian order had both men and women in the same order, not in two separate ones, and that

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Black Business Student Association	0	10,000	850
Chemistry Society	0	400	400
Chess Club	350	345	400
Classics Club	0	3,400	500
Current	22,500	25,000	23,500
Delta Sigma Pi	750	750	750
Delta Zeta Sorority	0	1,902	0
Disabled Student Union	2,200	4,000	3,000
Doctoral Students Organization	150	150	150
Evening College Council	5,000	12,100	5,000
Forensics	3,000	7,500	7,500
Greek Week	1,300	1,570	450
Horizons	11,000	16,300	10,000
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Investment Trust	0	470	185
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Literary Magazine	2,500	1,900	1,900
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National Optometry Students Association	0	5,500	450
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Pre-Law Club	0	345	345
Psi Chi	150	185	185
Psychology organization	150	195	195
Rho Nu	100	200	200
Spanish Club	0	520	200
Student Activity Budget Committee	8,200	8,250	8,250
Student Association	28,700	35,450	33,950
Student Missouri State Teachers Association	225	910	800
Student National Education Association	225	345	345
Student Optometric Association	1,200	1,400	1,400
Students in Support of Children	8,473	8,100	8,100
Student Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity	1,300	2,500	2,500
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FUNDING

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Unlike other student organizations, sororities and fraternities collect dues from their members in addition to gaining money from fund raising events.

"Where does the University profit from the money raised?" Henderson asked.

According to Sheila Johnson, president of Panhellenic Council, the governing body of the three campus sororities, the Greek organizations plan to appeal the decision to cut back their funding.

"It's not like we don't do anything for the University," she said. "We have a lot of people active on campus in the Student Association and the Student Senate."

"We offer students a true campus social life and we promote school spirit," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, campus sororities have been involved in charity fund-raisers for the St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf, the Lung and Heart Association and for the mentally ill.

Letters have been sent to all organizations that applied for funds

notifying them of the recommended allocation for 1988-89.

Organizations who wish to appeal their allocation may do so by (1) filling in the application that they have received; (2) returning the application to room 267 of the University Center by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6; and (3) at the time the application is returned: scheduling an appointment for a hearing.

Appeal hearings will be held on Friday, April 8, starting at 1:45 p.m. If necessary, other additional appeal hearings will be held on Friday, April 15.

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Thursday

• The Newman House will hold a Catholic mass in honor of **Good Friday at Noon** in the J.C. Penney Building.

• The UM-St. Louis Work Assignment Program (SWAP) and the Career Planning and Placement Office will sponsor a **Carrer Fair** held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Mark Twain Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, call 553-5111.

• **How To Intervene As A Friend And Recognize The Symptoms Of Chemical Dependency** will be the subject of discussion in the **Women's Center** from noon-1 p.m. Mona Asbed, Chief counselor at Normandy Osteopathic Hospitals, will be the speaker.

• **Graduating Seniors** can begin ordering caps and gowns from the University bookstore today during store hours.

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Monday

• The Continuing Education-Extension will offer a course on using Lotus on Mondays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Des Peres Computer Lab. For more information, call 553-5961.

• **DISABLED AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS TODAY!**

• **Science and Math Anxiety** will be the topic of a lecture sponsored by the **Women's Center** from noon-1 p.m. Sharon Biegen of the Counseling Service will be the guest speaker.

• The Riverwomen Softball Team will play Southwest Baptist College at 2:30 p.m. Then at 4p.m. The Riverwomen will face Southwest Missouri State University. Both games will be held at Riverman Field, and admission is free.

• In conjunction with **Disabled Awareness Week**, a demonstration of support dogs will take place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the University Center Lounge. At 1 p.m. in the Thomas Jefferson Parking Lot the **Wheelchair Campus Marathon** will take place. For more information on Disabled Awareness Week, call Marilyn Ditto at 553-5211.

• The **American Marketing Association (AMA)** will sponsor a presentation by Ken Goldman of **Specialty Advertising** at 11 a.m. in room 222 J.C. Penney.

• **Future Planning For Women**, a series of introductory life-planning workshops for women 30 years and older will be offered by the **Continuing Education-Extension** from 7-9 p.m. For more information, or to register, call 553-5961.

• **Gays and Lesbians Out in the World** will meet for a brown bag lunch from 1-3 p.m. in room 225 J.C. Penney.



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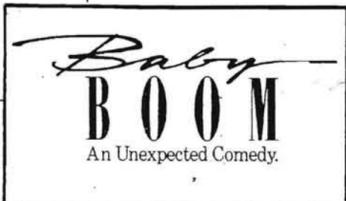
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Students Travel To Honduras To Help The Needy

by Christopher A. Duggan
features editor

"It feels good to apply the skills that we've acquired here to people who really need it," Mike Lachtrup said in regard to a trip that he and Mindy Yawitz made to Central America in January.

Lachtrup and Yawitz are both third year optometry students at UM-St. Louis. The trip in question was sponsored by an organization called Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH). They organize several trips like this one to areas where normal optometric care is not available. This trip was to Honduras.

"We went to a place in the mountains called Santa Rosa de Copan near the Guatemalan and El Salvadoran border," Yawitz said. "It's an agricultural community in which they grow coffee and tobacco."

Yawitz and Lachtrup said that they became involved through the Seattle chapter of VOSH. The organization has chapters all over the country.

"They put out a call for students to make a trip to Honduras," Lachtrup

said. "We volunteered and ended up going with 12 other people, although we were the only students."

Lachtrup said that the trip took about six months to prepare for. They brought along about 7,000 pairs of glasses, which had to be prepared. They had to be cleaned, the prescription had to be determined, and they had to be repackaged. The glasses were donated by labs, Lion's Clubs and other sources.

Medicine and equipment also had to be organized, and transportation had to be arranged.

"There was a lot of support here to get equipment together," Yawitz said.

In Honduras, the Rotary Club advertised the venture to the locals.

The VOSH group arrived at their destination on January 9. There they were provided with housing at a local hotel. They were also provided with interpreters. They had to travel out to Santa Rosa by bus and truck from there.

"It took two days to set up the clinic," Yawitz said. "When we got the clinic started up, it opened at 7:30 in the morning and closed at 5 in the evening. We got a half-hour for

lunch.

"In the morning, people would be lined up at the door. Once inside, they would go through a series of stations at which, among other things, we would determine what was wrong and then try to treat it. We ran the clinic for four days."

"It was an incredible experience because we saw a greater amount of pathology than you would under normal circumstances," Lachtrup said. "We had just a few minutes to make a decision in each case."

Lachtrup and Yawitz said that just being there was an interesting experience.

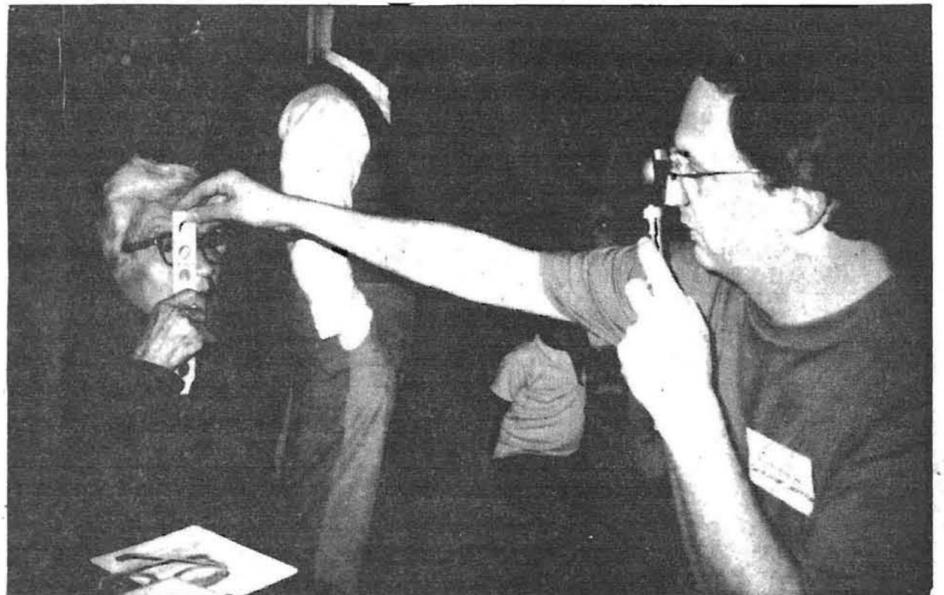
"It was in an area where few tourists tread," Yawitz said, "so we were an object of attention. They hadn't seen many people like us."

"It took a long time for each patient to get through the clinical process," Lachtrup said. "In the end, they were very appreciative."

Both Lachtrup and Yawitz said that they wanted to go on more of these trips in the future.

"Once you go on one trip, you want to go on more," Yawitz said.

"It's a good feeling to know that you're making a difference for people," Lachtrup said.



SEEING IS BELIEVING: Mike Lachtrup examines a patient at a temporary optometry clinic in Honduras.

'Switching Channels' Is Reynolds At His Best

by Eileen Pacino
movie reviewer

Director Ted Kotcheff and screenwriter Jonathan Reynolds have reincarnated the smash screwball hit of the 40's "His Girl Friday" in almost carbon copy form: full of the same frantic pacing, furiously funny dialogue and caustic interplay between its three principles.

If this tagteam match of Burt Reynolds, Kathleen Turner, and Christopher Reeve can't quite compare to the sophisticated, well-oiled machinery of Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell and Ralph Bellamy, it's not because they don't try hard; Reynolds is perfectly cast as the egomaniacal blowhard s.o.b. director of Chicago's cable news network SNN, John L. Sullivan IV - Sully for short - a man who doesn't make a pit stop without checking his monitors first and drives his crew of reporters like galley slaves to his drum beat quest for headlines.

The pressure cooker has finally blown Sully's top-notch anchor reporter and ex-wife Christy Coleran's (Turner) safety valve; and she slips away for a Canadian idyll during which she meets dreamboat Blaine Bingham (Reeves), an athletic equipment tycoon. Blaine is a blonde bozo bordering on dim bulb who is no match for Sully's conniving, cut-throat arts; and his vain and pretentious mannerisms (which Reeve hams to the hilt) give the audience no problem in rooting for Sully when he takes up the gauntlet in winning Christy back from the matrimonial clutches of the simpering silly.

Sully sabotages their pre-nuptial travel plans by booking every seat on New York-bound flights, then strikes a dubious deal of buying bicycles from Blaine if Christy will do one last interview with death row inmate Ike Roscoe (played by diminutive, terminal flower child of Laugh-In fame, Henry Gibson).

Roscoe has become a cause celebre after gunning down a policeman, who sold the drugs that ended the life of his son.

Christy does a tearful interview with Ike, which, when seen by the good citizens of Chicago, leads to outraged calls to the governor (Charles Kimbrough) for a pardon, threatening to derail the election plans of redneck Roy Ridnitz (Ned Beatty), the city's District Attorney who feels that frying in the electric chair for Roscoe will ensure his becoming the next governor. When he moves up the execution two hours and orders television coverage to short circuit the governor's planned 11th hour pardon, the stage is set for the zaniest Key Stone Kops escape and scoop of the year.

Screenwriter Reynolds remains true to all plot devices of "His Girl Friday," and the shenanigans are still good for sustained hilarity.

However, this is a consistently broad slapstick farce with plenty of

physical schtick, especially on Turner's part: she throws herself across the screen with vigorous abandon that belies the first trimester pregnancy she was carrying at the time. There is also a lot of mugging and eye rolling that will probably annoy some viewers.

But the keen kick in "Switching Channels" is the ruthlessly funny depiction of the press. Reporters camera people and anchors mill and thrash like sharks in a feeding frenzy in the execution room where one reporter claims, "You won't be able to see a thing," to which another replies, "I won't have to. I'm a writer."

"Switching Channels" impressed me as a much more effective satiric look at television and its personalities than "Broadcast News" and a real treat to see Burt back in a meaty comedy role. "Switching Channels" is a Tristar picture, rated PG for language.

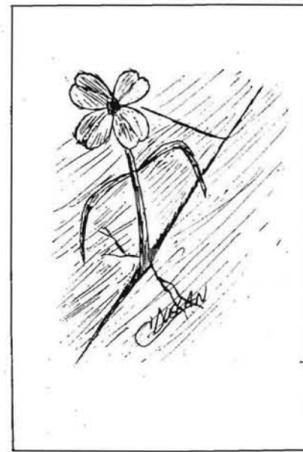


MORE NEWS: Christopher Reeve, Burt Reynolds and Kathleen Turner star in the comedy "Switching Channels."

The Current Creative Corner

by Sid Kamath
of the chemistry department

'The Pink Crocus'



This Pink little crocus taught me a real way of surviving in the complex world. And I would like to share this so called episode with all of you.

It was beautiful but doomed. A neat enclosure of lush grass gay flowers and a cheeky white wooden fence. But it was the area outside the boundary wall of the house, and thus illegal. Its destruction was certain, and inevitable. Mercifully I was not a witness to the actual act of desecration. But two weeks ago, when I took my usual route to the market, I saw the ruthless hand of the Corporation.

The entire area outside the boundary wall, as well as the side walk, had been dug up, and the little garden had totally vanished. Large mounds of upturned earth lay pile up, and a long deep trench had been dug, where once there had been the garden. The process of widening the road was surely justified, but I felt a real regret at the loss of the jaunty little enclosure.

The work proceeded at its usual never-in-hurry pace. The visits to the market became a nightmare, as one either walked through ankle deep mud or risked life and limb, by tempting a speeding cycle, scooter, car or truck, on the main highway. After a long time some brick work appeared on the sidewalk, and as the heavy unseasonal rain had created large puddles, and areas of slush, even on the road, I gingerly picked my way across the comparative safety of the brick pavement.

And then I saw them. Through the tiny space between the bricks, appearing at random, were tiny pink crocuses that I recognized from another time and world. Pushing their way through the darkness, finding the spaces between the crushing weight of heavy bricks, in search of light, sunshine and freedom, the crocuses were sheer poetry. Even more astounding was one that lay, apparently uprooted, attached to a small clump of earth. The root was exposed and only a

very little mud clung to the bulb, but the recent rains had given it the necessary impetus, and now the tiny frail flower attached to a slender fragile stem, lay on its side,

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crooked, but indomitable, even in the moment of its uprooting, valiantly blooming, a monument to the tremendous tenacity of life, its vitality and resilience.

As I stood watching the tiny pink flowers, they seemed to me like beacons of hope. In a world where today, countless human beings are caught up in a vortex of hate, violence and destruction, and where hundreds are daily removed by man and unkind fate from their homes and familiar surroundings, into a war-stricken, strife-torn and harsh environment, the crocuses seemed to bring a message of hope and of triumph, of victory, and of the continuity of life in the face of tremendous odds.

The Expectorator Mystery Unsolved



DON'T PANIC

by Christopher A. Duggan
features editor

Before I get started this week, I want to see if I can illicit some reaction to my "Current History" in the 600th issue.

I don't care what you do. Write in, call, or just stop me on campus sometime, but I need to know what people thought of that.

You see, I spent an entire Sunday researching it and about seven hours laying it out. So far, the only comments I've gotten have been on the order of "Yeah, it was okay."

Also, you may notice that I have a new photo. I like this one better than any of the ones I've had in the past. Thanks Scott.

I've put it off long enough; I supposed I should get going on my actual topic this week.

It's that time of year once again, baseball season. Well, it's close enough for me anyway. I love baseball. It's my favorite sport, not only to watch, but to play as well.

I have just a couple of problems with it on the professional level. No, I'm not going to complain about the fact that professional

baseball players often make about 200 times more money than any human being should, or the drug scandals that have rocked the sports world, or corked bats or anything like that.

I want to talk about spitting. Why is good spitting ability a prerequisite for a baseball player? It must be; they all do it constantly.

The cameras can't be on a single player for more than a couple of seconds without the guy letting fly (I don't mean that as a pun).

As one who has played in a few sports, I understand the function of spitting for athletes, but what other sport is there in which the players spit that much?



Imagine the reaction in the golf world if Jack Nicholas were lining up a drive and suddenly, unexplainedly spit on his caddy.

How about tennis players? Even John McEnroe would not go to the point of spitting on the court, although I can picture him going after the line judge.

This is not a topic that only people not deeply involved in athletics have delved into either. Joe "I've Been In This Game For 20 Years" Garagiola, has commented on this.

He said that he has only seen spitting in baseball used practically in two cases.

One was a catcher who used to spit on the batter's ankle to throw his concentration off. The other was a second baseman who would spit at an incoming runner during a double play to keep him from trying to take him out.

Other than that, it's pretty useless.

The other thing about baseball is the managers. Why do they feel they have to wear uniforms. No other managers or coaches in any other sport see the need to wear uniforms.

Imagine what Hockey would be like if the coaches wanted to wear uniforms, or football. How about basketball? It would look really stupid.

Well, where do I go from here? An ending would be nice. Okay, how about this one?

The coaches in baseball wear uniforms for the same reason that the referee who watches the videotapes in football games doesn't have to wear a striped shirt, to give people like me something to write about.

As for the reason baseball players spit so much, I hear that it can be cured with an operation now.

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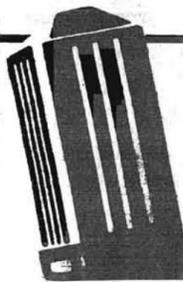
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Gopher Pilfers SLUM Periodicals

by Cretin Stein

Biermeister, no. 2 Boss Man and gonzo journalist

The culprit of the Thomas Jefferson Library thefts has been brought to justice.

It was recently discovered that the thief was a gopher that has inhabited the campus since the time when it was a golf course. The gopher was then known as a thief of golf balls operating from a base at the ninth hole. (now the Shitheads Association(SA) office) Golf carts and "how to" books on golf became a target of the gopher in the latter days of the course.

"In order to catch the pesky little varmint, we had to call in a specialist," said Joanie B. Rappin, director of covert library operations.

Carl, the assistant greenskeeper of Bushwood Country Club, was called in to exterminate the pest. Carl became famous when Bill Murray copied his exploits of gopher control for the movie "Caddyshack."

"I've started an extermination business on the side," said Carl. "I'm licensed to kill gophers by the government of the United Nations; a man free to kill gophers at will.

"To kill you must know your enemy, Carl said. In this case, my enemy is a varmint, and a varmint will never quit--ever. They're like the Viet Cong-- Varmint Cong. Whatcha gotta do is fall back with superior firepower and superior intelligence. And that's all she wrote."

Carl started his investigation in the Library.

"It seems the fuzzy little critter has a thing for journal articles,"



VARMINT PATROL: Carl from "Caddyshack" relentlessly hunts down the gopher accused of stealing periodicals from TJ Library. Carl linked the gopher with the office of Bratchman and Robin during his investigation. Bratchman denies being related to vermin.

Rappin said. Carl wanted to use a flame thrower on the gopher, but Rappin balked at the idea fearing that it would damage the carpet.

"We paid good money for that car-

pet," Rappin rattled. "If it were to be damaged, it would be my ass," she exclaimed.

Carl opted for simpler devices of a compound bow, pistol and a set of golf clubs.

"I really don't use the clubs to kill gophers," Carl said. "I think I could get in nine holes or so after I skewer the varmint with a poison tipped arrow. There's one hell of a fairway from the SOB Tower to the library; I hope they don't mind me playing through. That water hazzard by the science building's a bitch too."

The gopher was eventually cornered over by the 25 year-old temporary building, (formerly the Blue Metal Office Building)

Carl went in for the kill. "I smell varmint poontang," he observed. "And the only good varmint poontang is dead varmint poontang."

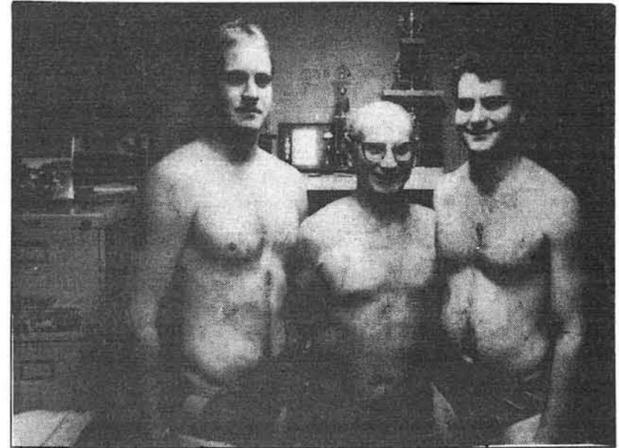
As Carl drew a bead on the gopher he offered an eulogy for it. "In the immortal words of Jean-Paul Sartre, 'au revoir gopher'."

Carl traced the gopher's steps back to the SA office of Bratchman and Robin, where all the missing journals were found stuffed in Bratchman's desk.

Bratchman denied any involvement in the incident, but SLUM officials will string him up by his thumbs anyway from noon til 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the remainder of the semester.

SLUM police chief Johnny Pickshinose, reported that Carl will be kept on the the SLUM payroll as Director of Covert Police Exterminations.

"I'm happy to be an Administrator," said Carl. "Now I can sit on my ass every day and give everyone the shaft. And to top it off I get to tell Stagnant reporters to kiss off--I mean, No comment."



WEIRD: These SLUM Students actually enjoyed the strip search received as part of the new parking laws.

Police Implement Strip Search Law

The SLUM police force has started a new policy of strip searching all people caught parking in the wrong spot.

"We have a parking problem on campus and we hope this new policy will keep everyone in line," Chief Johnny Pickshinose said. "We are looking for explosive devices with protruding tin foil and marital aids," Pickshinose said.

Students or faculty caught with the contraband will be paraded through the quadrangle in their underwear on the coldest day of the year.

Despite the controversy aroused by the new policy, some people of the campus community actually enjoy being searched.

Police say that they refuse to

arrest some of the offenders because of their efforts to get caught and searched.

"These sickos park sideways in the lots to be absolutely obvious," said one patrolman.

"We will have to ban the repeat offenders from campus or make them park on the south campus," said Chancellor Marguerita "Boss" Darnitt.

The university has about 2,000 parking spaces for its 30,000 students. A crane was considered to stack cars on top of each other, but was dismissed as impractical.

"The strip search policy is more cost effective and easier to implement," Darnitt said. "Besides, I wouldn't mind letting chief Pickshinose search me a couple times," she said.

Dioxin, Food Raises Stink

by Doug Christopher

frustrated writer of depraved children's books

Some startling new evidence has come to light in the Dioxin issue here at SLUM. Some individuals who wish to remain anonymous, mainly because our editor wouldn't want people to know that it was him, have discovered that Dioxin was not the only toxic substance found on campus.



SCRATCH AND SNIFF: For dioxin effect, scratch and sniff the above picture. Go ahead, no one knows what the stuff will do to you anyway.

Along with Dioxin, old food from the cafeteria was found in the risk management building. It has been estimated by the EPA (they probably guessed) that old food from the cafeteria has a half life of about 7,813,201 years.

That's not all (God, investigative reporting can be ruthless and unrelenting at times.)

The risk management building was not the only building that these substances were found in.

In an exclusive interview with the Stagnant Chancellor Darnitt said that when she took office there were about 20 rusty coffee cans in the corner of her office, along with about 150 styrofoam food containers.

"Of course I wondered what they were doing there," she said. "I just did not have the time to check it out. Now I'm glad I did."

At the beginning of this semester, the Chancellor called in a member of the Chemistry department faculty to look at the containers.

He said that there was probably something in them, and that they should be checked. The ball was rolling.

When it was discovered that the coffee cans contained traces of Dioxin, and that the styrofoam containers contained an uncountable number of uneaten and half eaten cheeseburgers, an investigation was launched.

The EPA was called in to remove the waste (the job is expected to be completed in 2015), and the rest of the campus was searched.

Similar stores of the substances



WHAT! Chancellor Marguerita "Boss" Darnitt conveys her displeasure at the discovery of old cafeteria food in her office.

were found in Woods Hall in 85 percent of the offices, of three of the five floors of the library and in the first 120 feet of the SOB tower.

"Of course it's serious," President "Quick Draw" McGraawww said at a recent press conference, "but it's not on my campus, so what do I care?"

He received a hail of applause from the audience, which we have found consisted mainly of his extended family.

We at the Stagnant will keep you informed on these events as they unfold. Until then, we're going to try to figure out what that glowing pile of glop is in the production room.

Robin Replaces Bratchman

by Larry O'Leary
editor in large

At sunrise last Saturday, eight ROTC cadet trainees followed by Shithead Association president Bratchman (AKA chuck monger) entered the offices of Marguerita "Boss" Darnitt and announced a coup. The answering machine politely took their message and refused to be intimidated by their M16 look alikes.

"I just want to be king," announced Bratchman to the anxious STAGNANT reporter standing on the lawn below. By this time, a crowd of pigeons had gathered on the roof of Darnitt's office. The cadet trainees responded by firing a volley through the ceiling to scare them off. It worked, the pigeons departed in a flurry of feathers just as Bratchman's shadow partner

arrived to take her place among the severely disinfranchised masses huddled around the bushes waiting for final news of the coup's success.

"We were hoping for a clear sign from Marge that she would allow the Bratchman a shot at the crown. He's wanted it for so long now, and you know in your heart he deserves it, he's worked so hard for it, couldn't you see the look in his eye every time he saw her walk by..." Robin continued.

Shortly before the sun got too hot

SA Coup Fails



PRECOUP DRILLS Just a few of the over 100 cadet trainees that took part in an attempted coup of Woodhead Hall last Saturday morning. Followed into battle by Shithead Association president and would be king Bratchman, the trainees had a good time and earned excellent marks for their technique. Captain "Bullets for Breakfast" Boyle and Major "Line 'em up" Klink said they had hand picked these cadets for the coup attempt at the request of an unnamed source who planned and financed the action from a stronghold in Normandy somewhere.

for standing around outside, campus police Chief Johnny Pickshinose showed up and offered the cadet trainees a premium shift with the SLUM cops if they would just pick up their spent shell casings from the carpet in Darnitt's office. With that offer in mind, the trainees lobbed twenty or so grenades down the commode on the fifth floor of Woodhead Hall and completely des-

troyed all the carpets in the whole building.

"These stains ain't never gonna come out," moaned Morris the janitor of Woodhead Hall.

"You'll never serve on my force you ungrateful little hellions,"

see COUP other page

Eye Students Defect From U of Misery

(SOUTH CAMPUS)--The revolutionary government of the South Campus declared its independence from the university today.

Forces of the Eye School used those machines that blow air into your eye at the eye doctor's office to stage the takeover in Marillac hall.

"It was horrible," one catatonic professor said. "They burst into my office and puffed air into my eye. I was blinking helplessly for minutes."

"They were ruthless," exclaimed one still blinking administrator. "They treated us like early childhood education majors."

The Eye revolutionaries claim that they should be separate from

the university due to the great distance that separates the two campuses. False ads were placed in the Stagnant advertising free food for SLUM cops at Mickey D's. The trick worked and Every single SLUM policeman was at Mickey D's wolfing down burgers when the coup struck at noon Wednesday.

Chancellor Darnitt threatened to send the police in and make them use their pistols until one patrolman replied, "I thought they (the pistols) were just for show."

Negotiations for the release of the education and nursing majors held captive will begin on Monday. All south campus classes are canceled until further notice.

INSIDE



There's nothing inside, you moron! Unless of course you can peel the paper apart inbetween the front and back pages.



DORKS: Governor John Asscoff receives an honorary degree from University of Misery President C. Petor "Quickdraw" McGraawww. Asscoff was awarded a Master of Reactionary Politics in a ceremony attended by a crowd of seven people. McGraawww was incapable of any comments during the ceremony due to hysterical guffaws.

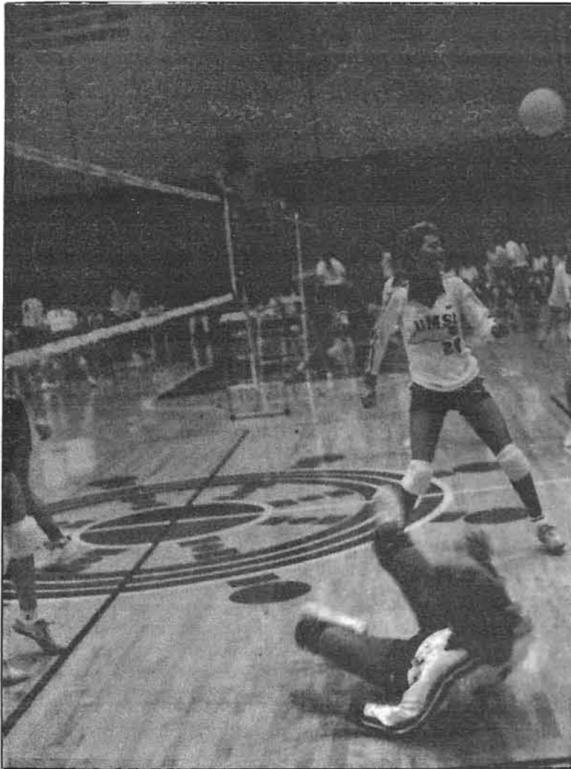
"He's so pathetic," Quickdraw later commented of Asscoff. "He didn't even realize that I put shaving cream in his hat until it was too late."

SPORTS CORNER



OUCH: Boatpeople base stealing champion Willie Makit is paralyzed in pain after being struck in the crotch by a 90 mph fastball. Makit has been in this same position for three days following the accident.

"I told him to wear a cup," Head Coach Brady Bunch said. "He thought he could be a tough guy though. We expect him back in practice as soon as his voice drops a few octaves," Bunch said.



DECKED: An altercation broke out between team mates of the Boatpeople volleyball team last Saturday as Sue Strikeher punched out C. Emily "Butch" Play.

"She grabbed my ass," exclaimed Strikeher. "I'll punch her again if she gets funny," she said. Strikeher's attack is attributed to her case of Homophobia, the fear of the number one, which is the number on Play's jersey.

Pave The Lake Now

The Dioxin U. Pave the Lake committee announced today that its plan to put a five story parking garage in place of Bugg Lake had found wide spread acceptance at both the administrative and student levels. Construction on the new parking facility is scheduled to begin as soon as they can finish the new science wing under construction in the same area since the dawn of time.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Vice Chancellor of Construction and good friend of Chancellor Darnitt said "The garage will be constructed with a duck motif all along the walls so that every time you pass you will be reminded of the cute little aquatic creatures that dwelled there before John Perry had his way with the grounds keepers."

Library Ghost Comes Clean

by Doug Christopher
features editor of the Twilight Zone

His existence is shrouded in mystery. Few have come into contact with him, but none understand him. Well, I was lucky enough to get an interview with the elusive spectre that inhabits the basement of TJ library.

How did I do this, you might ask? Well, it was entirely by accident. One night, I was working late at the Current when I heard someone knocking on the door.

This sounds a little like "The Raven" up to this point, doesn't it? When I looked outside, there was nobody there. I saw on the floor an envelope that looked as if it had just been slid under the door.

Inside was a note that said, "Want the hottest story of your career? Come to the basement of TJ at midnight tonight."

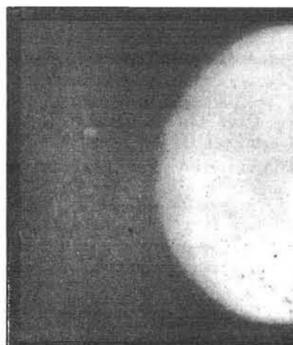
How could I resist? Later, in the basement, I waited for my contact. I thought that maybe it was a "Deep Throat," like in "All The President's Men," who wanted to give me all kinds of incriminating facts about the administration here.

I was wrong. Precisely at midnight, my notebook opened slowly, and the words appeared, "Okay, start asking questions."

Not being one to hesitate or panic (very much anyway), I wrote, "What the hell is going on here?"

"Simple," was the reply. "I am the ghost that everyone's been lying about."

By this time, my journalistic instincts were beginning to kick in, and I forgot that I was talking to anyone out of the ordinary. The conversation on paper began to fall into



interview form. It went something like this:

Q: Who exactly are you?
A: In scientific terms, I'm a poltergeist. I make noises, I knock things off shelves, I'm a pain in the ass, but no one ever sees me.

As for my identity. I was a student once here. Like most students, I couldn't bring myself to keep quiet in the library. I just talked and talked, just to piss people off.

COUP from other page

Pickshinose bellowed while shaking his fist at the defiant Bratchman supporters.

Moments later a shadowy figure emerged from a window in BelRidge and sprinted cross the street, reportedly on the way to Darnitt's house just a few hundred yards from Woodhead Hall.

About noon, Bratchman gave a long litany of demands that made it

seem like he wanted more than just to be king for a day.

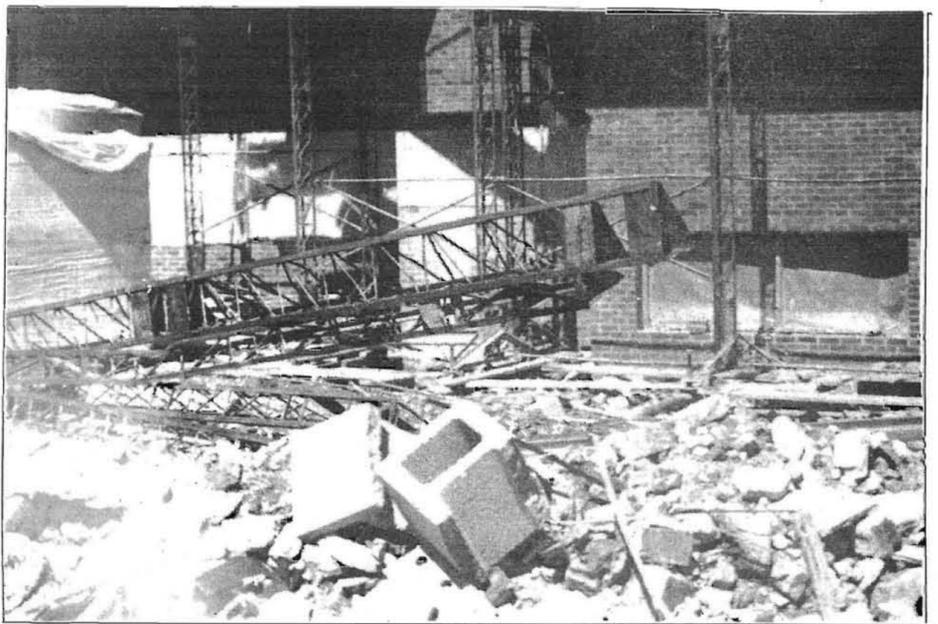
"I want it all," he hollered from his perch in Darnitt's favorite office

chair. "I want to be president too!" a cadet later quoted Bratchman as mumbling into his warm beer.

"Just to set the record straight, I voted for Jesse in the primary, and there is no way I could ever support a Republican like Bratchman," Robin chimed in to the STAGNANT reporter.

Around quitting time the cadet trainees packed it in and left the Bratchman to ponder his naval. When the SLUM cops arrived to pick the shell casing off the carpet, Bratchman reportedly struck a deal for leniency and was whisked off in foreign auto. Robin politely accepted the crown in his absence and announced her plans to seek the vice-presidency with Jesse.

A fitting end to a day of concern.



BOMBED OUT. This is a view of the inside of Woodhead Hall on Sunday after the attempted coup. The grenades down the commodes did most of the damage. When asked why they put the grenades down, the cadets replied "Bratchman had eaten a sack of White Castles Friday night and drank a whole bunch of beer with his egg breakfast on Saturday so we were just making sure none of it got trapped in the tubes after he left the restroom this morning. Besides, it really stank up there. We couldn't tell if it was the old cafeteria food in Darnitt's office or flatulence from the Bratchman so we didn't take any chances. That stuff can be deadly you know and we were just looking for an opportunity to try our plumbers tricks."

SLUM Renamed Dioxin U

by Jon Dorin
reporter at risk

After much ballyhooing and guffaws, the Coordinating Bored of Educating unanimously decided to rename SLUM to Dioxin U. Sheena Ailing, Mukmuk of Educating, was forced to break the news to Chancellor Darnitt. To which Darnitt

replied "Just think, I get to be the first Chancellor of a university named after a toxic waste product." Ailing was thrilled too. "We thought a little about giving this distinction to Columbia, but since Columbia was nice enough to ship all this shit to SLUM - oops, I mean Dioxin U., - well, we just knew where the distinction belonged. After all, they were

dumb enough to accept the stuff, so they can wear the moniker."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandman said the new name will have a positive effect on his recruitment and retention program. "I forsee the day when every car in town will have a little sticker in the window proclaiming that they are students at Dioxin U. I've taken the

liberty of ordering thousands of glow in the dark stickers with our new 50 gallon drum logo. I expect to see the first ones out today. I've reserved the first one for Chancellor Darnitt so that when she takes her messages to the community everyone will know its her car and get out of the way."

Condom Testing On Campus

by Idlyut Savant
reporter ordinaire

It was announced today that a new research grant had been awarded to SLUM -oops, Dioxin U.. \$100,000 has been designated to provide on-going research into the strength of condoms sold on-campus. The grant money will be spread out among the Biology Department, the Women's Center and the Political Science Department. The Political Science Department was chosen for the task because politicians are so good at screwing people left and right and if there is one way of really testing the strength of condoms it's screwing left and right.

"Does the department that test the most condoms get the most money?" asked Cool Ranger of the Biology Department.

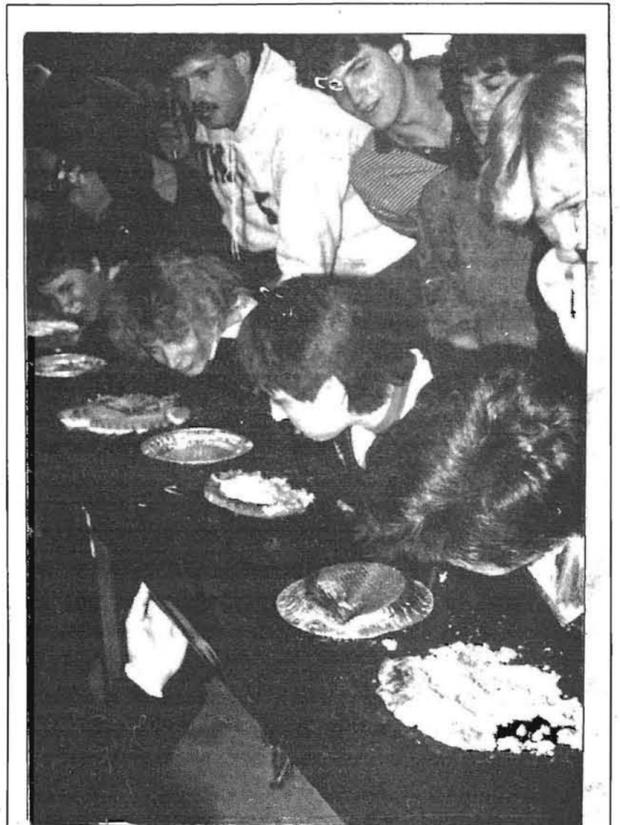
"Well, if it's sheet dancing that you want, shirley will give testimonial to the strenght of our condoms, interrupted Luth R. Enn, in an obvious attempt to steal some of the much sought after grant money.

"This sounds like a project for our graduate students and research assistants," said Poli Sci top gun

Professor Doctor Lance U. Alot. "If there is a problem with the strength of condoms, our students will find it first." This is the sexiest bunch I've ever seen," he said. "The other day I was getting in the elevator up the tower and on the floor was a used condom with the Political Science logo on it. I knew right away that word of the research grant had leaked, but our condom hadn't, it still had a full load. No sign of slippage there."

A spokesman for the Women's Center declined to comment on their involvement in obtaining the grant. But it is widely believed that the Women's Center was instrumental in persuading the condom manufacturer to offer the grant and supply the products complete with departmental logos, a unique ribbed design, the reservoir tips and special spermicidal lubricant.

Speaking without attribution, the Women's Center spokesman said they wanted everybody to have some clean safe sex. "After all, you only go around in this life once, so why not try a few on to see who fits best."



SLOBs: SLUM students were perplexed when all of the silverware in the cafeteria turned up missing. SLUM Police Chief Johnny Pickshinose believes that aliens from Uranus have stolen the knives, forks and spoons to use as tinkertoys for their offspring.

Little Known SLUM Facts



by Cretin Stein
Biermeister, gonzo journalist and general all-around shit disturber

BITCH, BITCH, BITCH! That's all I ever do. I really don't care about apathy; it's all a facade to the public so I can sit here and have a place to make fun of people.

Actually, I'm not even a student here. I've been imported. It's kind of like what Webster University does with their basketball team.

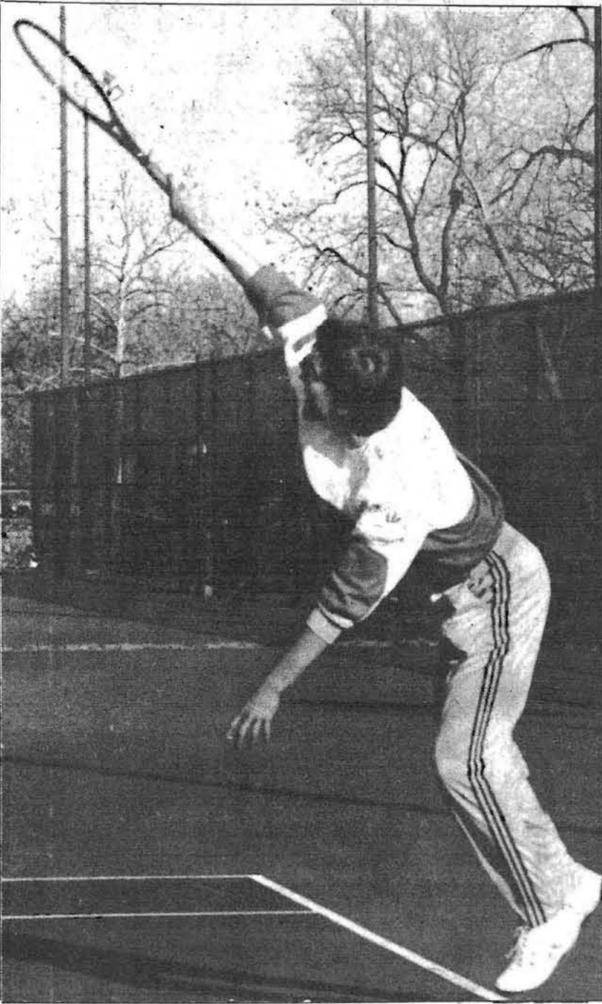
I think activity fees should be \$800 per student so we can all have full-

ride scholarships like the SLUM Boatpeople basketball team. The Boatpeople were sailing along nicely until a record crowd of two people showed up at a game and gave the team a collective heart attack.

Few people realize how well the capitalist system thrives here in the SLUM. Chancellor Marguerita "Boss" Darnitt receives a 50% commission for every dollar brought into the University of Misery. That's \$50,000 for the genetic engineering department and \$50,000 for Darnitt. She has been given absolute power to control the budget and store dioxin by C. Petor "Quickdraw" McGraaaww. These are little-known facts of the every day operation of SLUM. Now you know that your tuition dollars are hard at work padding the pockets of key people on campus. That's the way it should be.

Next week I'll let all the students know what the Stagnant staff does with their money. You'll really be pissed then.

Men's Tennis Team Breaks the Ice



Rene Rowe

MEN'S TENNIS: Riverman tennis player Scott Pollard reaches high for a ball in a recent tennis match.

by Pam Watz
sports editor

The men's tennis team captured their first victory of the season against Division I opponent Western

Strong performers were displayed by Brad Compton, Scott Stauffer and Dave Neptune in singles. But, Brent Jones caught fire in what proved to be the match of his life.

"Brent was the complete player," beamed head coach Jeff Zoellner. "His rhythm and timing all came together. It's usually Compton that puts a performance of this caliber together, but Brent was totally 'zoning.'"

Scott Stauffer proved he could be a consistent player as well by downing his opponent 6-3, 7-5. Neptune won his first match of the year with an impressive 6-2, 6-4 win over Muhammad Lukman.

"Dave's game has been improving in leaps and bounds," said Zoellner.

In the doubles competition, Compton and first year player, Scott Pollard have been getting stronger, both with a 2-2 record against tough opponents.

"That's the remarkable thing about this team," said Zoellner. "Our record (1-4) may not be impressive, but the players are making rapid progress in their overall games. This may be attributed to the stiff competition and the dedication of the players."

"I like the feel of this year's squad," continued Zoellner. "They work very hard, compliment one another and all pull for each other. This is the type of team that could peak during the conference tournament and surprise a lot of teams."

The team will travel to Kansas City this weekend and compete against Northwest Missouri State, University of Missouri-Kansas City, William Jewell and Central Missouri State.

"We will do well on this trip," Zoellner said. "I can see us coming away with three wins and a lot of confidence going into the rest of conference play."

Riverwomen Try to Improve on its Current Two Match Winning Streak

by Nancy Tao
reporter

The women's tennis team faced some tough competition last weekend as they hit the road to meet William Jewell, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Missouri Western and Central Missouri State.

The Riverwomen met victory against Missouri Western and Central Missouri State leaving them with a 2-2 record for the weekend and an overall record of 3-4 midway through their season.

Coach Pam Steinmetz said, "I knew we would have some close competition this road trip because the four schools we played were all close in ability to our team."

Although the team did well in their singles playing efforts, both of

their loses were due to not being able to win two of their three doubles matches.

"We are going to emphasize our doubles play in our upcoming practices," said Steinmetz.

Singles players, senior Nancy Tao, junior Rita Henry, sophomore Jennifer Horton and senior Sandy Heiman played strong against all their opponents and came home with personal records of 3-1.

Junior Nancy Sedej, the team's number one player, met stiff competition last weekend managing only a single victory against Central Missouri State.

"Nancy deserves more credit than her record will probably show this year," said Tao. "Playing in the number one position against a lot of these schools who are able to recruit

some of the very best players in Missouri and throughout the country by offering scholarships is really hard. You need to be a strong player both physically and mentally. She is definitely an asset to our team."

On the other end of the team, Heiman, who has played on the women's softball team has done an outstanding job for the team this season. Heiman, who had little experience with the game of tennis before joining the team, has worked hard at her strokes and is becoming a very consistent base-line player. She teamed with doubles partner, junior Jean Marquart to beat Missouri Western 6-2 and 6-1 and clinch a victory for the team.

The Riverwomen will take on Principia College at 3 p.m. on April 6 at UM-St. Louis.

St. Louis Cardinals Should Wear Styrofoam During Spring Training

Tom Duggan
UMR Correspondent

In answer to the inevitable question, "who is this guy?", I serve as sports editor to this school's sister campus down in the Ozarks. Some people spend their spring break in Daytona Beach or Padre Island. I'm spending mine here at UM-St. Louis helping my brother (the features editor) with this fine publication.

Last year about this time, I wrote a column about the alarming number of off-season and pre-season injuries on the beloved St. Louis Cardinals. My suggestions included issuing protective pads to the players, packing them in styrofoam, or finding a special coach to teach them all how to walk without

falling down.

I was joking.

But this season, some of these suggestions are starting to sound pretty good. The Cardinals have had a nearly record number of pre-season injuries and it's getting very difficult to joke about it anymore. Among the casualties are pitching ace John Tudor and back-up first baseman Mike Laga.

Laga's injury is particularly heartbreaking. Laga has been a minor league player for the past seven years, with only a few brief stints in the majors. But this year, with the Cardinals' loss of Jack Clark at first base, Laga seemed a shoe-in for the back-up job behind the newly acquired Bob Horner.

Laga met the challenge by ripping up the exhibition season until last week when he separated his shoulder while making a play in an exhibition game. Hopefully, he will be able to return from this injury and take the spot he's waited so long to get.

The loss of John Tudor is particularly serious in light of the Cardinals' lack of offensive punch in spring training. If this trend continues, Tudor's absence in the early season could make the difference in whether the Cardinals are contenders at mid-season.

Unfortunately, the list doesn't end there. And it could get worse before it gets better. Spring training isn't even over yet.

UM-St. Louis Rivermen Begin Battle for the MIAA South Division Crown

by Grant Peters
reporter

The baseball Rivermen, who returned from Florida sporting tans and a 2-2-1 record, hoped to get rolling before the MIAA conference south division play reopens on April 2.

They did just that by taking consecutive double-headers from Southern Indiana on March 24 and St. Mary's (MN) on March 26.

The opener of the Southern Indiana twin hill, a 4-2 Rivermen victory, was highlighted by junior right-hander Tom Caruso's nine-strikeout, complete game win, and the continued slugging of senior designated hitter Mike Coffee.

After a shaky second inning in which Southern Indiana scored two runs with two outs and the bases empty, Caruso fanned the side in the third, shifting the momentum toward the Rivermen and paving the way for his first victory of the season.

Half-way through the Rivermen's third inning, Coffee hit his third home run, a two run, opposite field blast that gave the Rivermen the lead, 3-2.

"I hit the ball where it was pitched on the outside of the plate for an opposite field home run," Coffee said. "I knew I had to wait for an

inside pitch."

In the nightcap, Riverman starter Paul Niggemeier lasted only two pitches due to an arm injury, but senior Ken Allman and freshman Gary Kampmeier shut out Southern Indiana on four hits in a 9-0 win. Junior outfielder Jeff Thieme doubled and drove in three runs while Coffee knocked in two runs on two triples.

UM-St. Louis made it four victories in a row by winning 10-6 and 11-8 over St. Mary's. Redshirt freshman Craig Porter made his collegiate debut on the mound and responded with an impressive complete game victory in the opener. He gave up six runs on seven hits, struck out five and walked only two over seven innings.

Coach Jim Brady seemed optimistic. "I was very pleased with his performance," said Brady. "The key for him will be his strikeout to walk ratio and innings pitched to walk ratio. One game doesn't make a season, but I'm happy with what I've seen."

Senior first baseman Dan Kiely and sophomore catcher Pat Mulvaney supported Porter with three run homers in the 10-6 win.

Senior hurler Kevin Blanton, senior outfielder/first baseman Joe Kuster and junior pitcher/first baseman Rob Forbes combined to

doom the helpless Redmen, 11-8, in the second game.

Blanton recorded his first victory against one defeat and Kuster and Forbes contributed offensively with home runs.

On March 27, the Rivermen traveled to Columbia to take on the red-hot Missouri Tigers. Red-hot proved to be an understatement as Missouri pounded the Rivermen 13-2 and 13-0, to extend their winning streak to ten games.

The Rivermen had a March 29 home double-header with Northeast Missouri State, but it was rained out. UM-St. Louis will play nationally ranked Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (7-3, 14th in the Collegiate baseball Division II poll) at home today.

"We're looking upon the SIU-Edwardsville game as being just as important as a league game," Brady said.

On April 2, the Rivermen will open the MIAA conference season against the University of Missouri-Rolla, the team held responsible for knocking the Rivermen out of the play-offs a year ago.

"We're not going to take Rolla lightly," Brady said. "They are very capable and they were the ones most responsible for our downfall last year."

Practice Makes Perfect: Coffee



Mike Coffee (21)

by Pam Watz
sports editor

"He never played high school baseball and he is hitting .429 this season," said head baseball coach Jim Brady. "He has had 15 RBIs this spring and in the last five games, he has hit over .700."

Standing at 6'1", senior outfielder Mike Coffee feels that he has accomplished more than he thought he could during his baseball career at UM-St. Louis.

"I was a wrestler in high school (Ft. Zumwalt) but I got tired of it and tired of trying to keep my weight down to the 138 and 145 pound weight class," said the 180 pound baseball player.

Coffee won state titles in the United States Wrestling Federation at the ages of 11 and 13 after beginning wrestling when he was ten. Yet, it was not until 1982 when Coffee became really interested in playing baseball.

"When I was a senior in high school and the St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series, that's when I decided to play baseball," Coffee said.

Although Coffee had played some baseball through little league, he never approached the sport in a competitive manner until the summer after high school.

"I went to the batting cages everyday to practice my hitting and it didn't come easy," Coffee said. "I've had to work for everything and that means year around practice."

Coffee tried out for the Rivermen baseball team in the fall of 1983. Jim Brady, the head baseball coach at that time, cut Coffee and told him that he had a lot of potential, but not enough experience. He also added that it would be hard for Coffee to ever

make the team.

During the summer of 1984, Coffee played baseball for the St. Charles Spartens, in the East Missouri Baseball Association.

When baseball tryouts came around for the next season, Coffee was hitting the ball extremely well and Dix pulled him aside and told him how remarkable he had improved.

"He also told me that I had the ability and quality that it takes to play on this ball club," said Coffee.

The season proved to be a learning season for Coffee. He was only up at bat three times, and that was when the team had a big lead. Coffee had two hits.

Coffee continued to practice over the summer as he played for the St. Charles Spartens again and the Catholic Youth Council League (CYC), the Mets. Coffee hit over .400 for the CYC.

By the 1986 spring season, Coffee felt like he had to improve his game by hitting the ball better. He started the season 0-11. The new head coach, Jim Brady, kept putting Coffee in the game thinking that he would eventually pull through—and he did as he hit seven out of his thirteen times at bat. Coffee's overall record for that season was 7-24.

During that summer, Coffee played for the St. Charles Mariner's (previously the Spartens) for half the season before injuring his right arm. "I overthrew a ball," Coffee said. He did not play a lot, but since then, he has exercised his arm to be stronger and it is almost completely recovered.

By the second week of the 1987 spring season, Coffee had a chance to prove himself as Brady put him in the starting line-up. Coffee hit the ball well and hard and over a few weeks, he had earned himself a starting position.

Coffee had a .422 batting average and .672 slugging average. The junior also not only hit his first college career home run, but added three more to give him a total of four that season.

Another of Coffee's accomplishments that season was winning the MIAA Batting Title.

Still practicing to be the best baseball player he could be, Coffee played for the St. Charles Mariner's and KMOX Radio Metro Collegians League during the summer.

"The biggest disappointment was my poor showing in the Metro League," said Coffee. "I felt like I didn't perform my best because I was too spread out on my batting

stance."

This past fall, Coffee was unable to play baseball because of a change in the NCAA rules. The rules stated that a player must be taking at least 12 hours college coursework to play ball and Coffee only had nine. Being too anxious to begin the spring season, Coffee started out with a 1-11 record this year. Since then, he has relaxed himself and has gotten back in the groove. Presently, Coffee has a .429 batting average and has hit three home runs.

"A home run is a great feeling, but after I get back to the dug out, I have to concentrate for the next time I am up to bat," said Coffee.

When the Rivermen traveled to Florida for spring break and spring training, the team played four games. In the first two games, Coffee struck out four times and disappointed himself.

"The worst thing a hitter can do is strike out," said Coffee. "I feel really bad and know that it is my own fault for swinging at the wrong pitch or knowing that I am not relaxed."

In the third game against American International, Coffee was 0-3 with one strike out before hitting a grand slam home run to bring UM-St. Louis ahead 10-7.

"I must have hit that ball over 450 feet," exclaimed Coffee. "That's the farthest I've ever hit a ball."

Another outstanding game for the senior was in the final game against Adelphi (Garden City, New York), when he hit a triple with the bases loaded to cut the opponents lead 7-8. Then, in the bottom of the ninth and two outs with the count at 2-1, Coffee was thrown a curve ball and hit a home run into right field to tie the game at 10-10. The game had to be called because of a time limit.

Coffee's third homerun came against Southern Indiana. "I hit the ball where it was pitched on the outside of the plate for an opposite field home run," said Coffee. In the second game against Southern Indiana, Coffee hit two triples against right hander pitchers and had four RBIs.

"Nothing in life is easy," Coffee said. "I believe that if you work hard enough, you can accomplish anything."

Probably the thing that would make the senior the happiest is to hit a grand slam home run in the last game of the season before graduating from UM-St. Louis.

"Hitting is 80 percent mental," Coffee said. "An individual must have a good swing and strength, as well as enough sense to use his head to think."



Rene Rowe

BASEBALL: Jerry Norton slides head first into first base against Southern Indiana University.

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Wench, Here is a non-greek message to you. Love always, The Churl.

Dear Lisa, all my relatives think you're great and look forward to seeing you again. I'm looking "Hesitantly" forward to Easter and meeting yours. Thanks again for all the wonderful moments spent together. I'm looking forward to many more. Me.

Chick Magnet: I guess you owe me two apologies. Now, one for your error in calling Bork and the other in your poor performance at coral courts. Too bad the oil didn't help. Better luck next time. Rob.

Dear Lisa, Thank you for all the fun times we spent together over Spring Break: Hacienda, Harpos, dinner with your mom and dad, dinner at Pasta House, the zoo, and the movies, especially "She's Having a Baby". All yours, Me.

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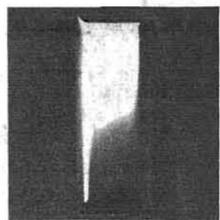
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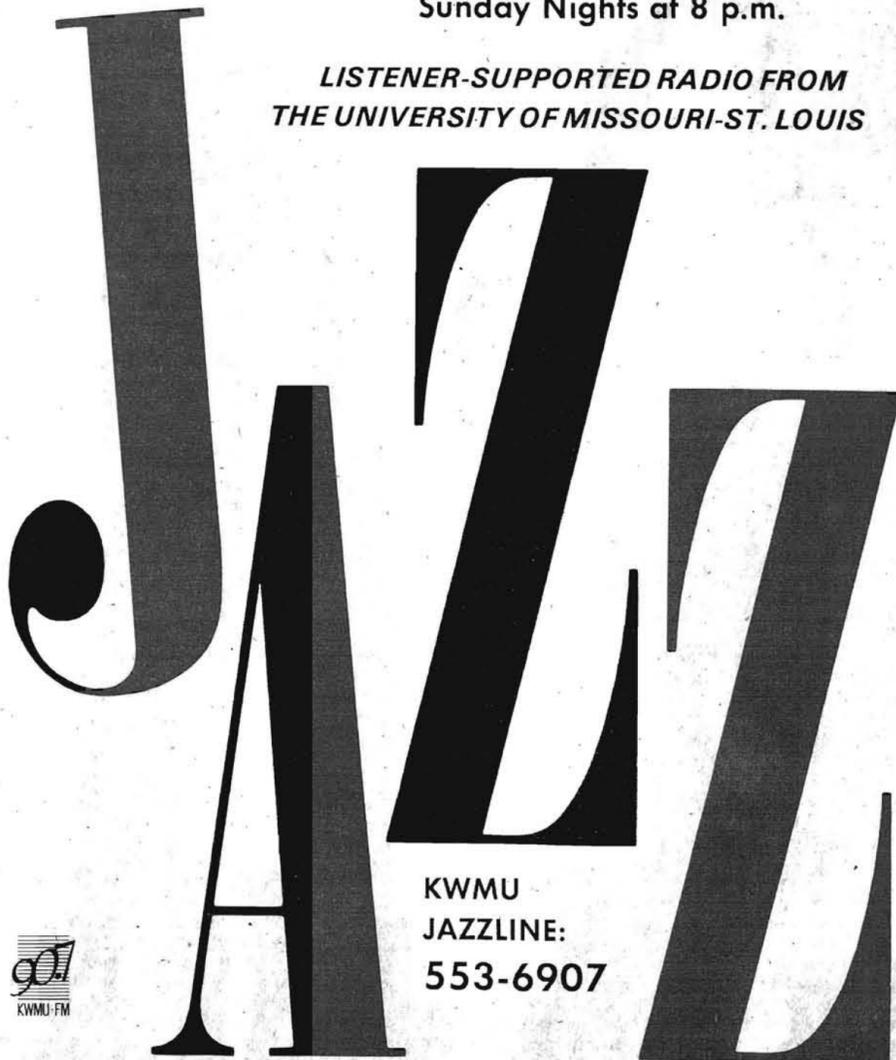
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