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Student Government Association Presidential Candidates will debate in the Summit Lounge Monday, April 16, at 1 p.m.



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Police Response

by Michelle McMurray
associate photo editor

UM-St. Louis Police Chief John Pickens has denied allegations that the police took almost 30 minutes to respond to a call placed after a handicapped student fell out of a wheelchair trying to open a locked door.

The call was placed after students Pat Hall, Carol Dugan, and Joan Hovland, who are handicapped, ran into difficulty trying to go through the J.C. Penny Building to get to their cars, which were located on the handicapped parking lot in Garage "C". They had left the Women's Center, where they were studying, at 10:28 on the night of March 26.

Hall also needed to gain entrance to leave her electric wheelchair to be recharged overnight. As Hall tried to open the door, she fell out of the chair, which then fell on top of her.

Dugan then called the UM-St. Louis police. She said she made a first phone call at 10:30 p.m. She claims she informed the dispatcher on duty about the accident due to the doors being locked, at which point Dugan alleges the dispatcher said, "It's not our problem. Call Student Affairs."



Dugan said she insisted that an officer respond to file a report.

"Hall didn't appear to be hurt at the time, but we wanted it on record in case there were complications later," she explained.

Around 11 p.m., Hovland called Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Lowe "Sandy" MacLean at home. "At that point we thought the police were not going to come so we called Sandy at home. Who else could we call at that time of night?" she said.

Hovland explained the situation to MacLean, and says he told them to call the police before they left the building the next time. She said that while talking on the phone with MacLean, two officers arrived on the scene.

MacLean confirms the conversation with the women that night. "They called about 11 p.m., complaining about the doors being locked and that as a result Hall fell, but that she appeared to be all right," he said.

"She said the police had refused to come over," but while MacLean was speaking with Hall, he said, she informed him the police arrived.

MacLean supposed that under the stress of the moment, the women got some misinformation from the police.



CONFLICTING STORIES: UM-St. Louis students Carol Dugan (left) and Pat Hall (top) claim that the police are slow to respond. Police Chief John Pickens (above) stands by his officers.

Slow For Handicapped

He added that as a result of the incident, within 48 hours the necessary adjustments were made and that the J.C. Penny Building is now open until midnight.

Chief Pickens maintains that the caller was hostile, stating merely that the doors were locked and asking how she was supposed to get into the parking lot. He said that according to the dispatcher, most of the conversation was about the doors being locked. He said the caller wanted to make a report about the doors being locked.

"The dispatcher advised her as far as a change in policy about the doors she would have to contact Sandy MacLean's office," related Pickens. "The caller stated they had a person who fell out of a chair and was injured. As the dispatcher tried to get the information on the location the caller said not to worry about it, that she would care of it herself."

The dispatcher then sent police to the scene to locate the victim Pickens said. According to the responding officers' log, the call came in at 10:30 p.m. and he arrived at 10:32. Two minutes' response time is normal, though Pickens explained that it might have taken a few minutes to locate them, since the women didn't give any information as to where they were."

Furthermore, said Pickens, "As far as accidental injuries or emergencies, we [the police] always respond."

Pickens said one of the problems is a lack of communication. "The issue of the doors being locked at the J.C. Penny Building has been addressed. The doors are now open until midnight. If someone would have communicated that to me it would have been taken care of."

"As far as helping anyone on this campus--disabled or otherwise--we don't have a problem with that," Pickens said. The department makes concessions for the handicapped. "If they can not find a parking space they can call us and we will find one for them," he said.

Pickens said he has never had a problem with response time from his officers. He said it is common in an

emergency situation for the caller to say it took longer than it really did. "I've had officers who called for assistance say the same thing," he said.

Anyone who makes an emergency call to police should first state the emergency, and then the location. "If we have to look for them there is going to be a delay," cautioned Pickens. The dispatcher can have a car en route and get the other details to the officer afterward.

Hall said she had been having trouble with her hip which is why she was using the electric chair. She said that since the fall she has been in pain, and that her doctor says she will have to have a previously planned operation sooner than expected.

The surgery is not a result of the accident.

MacLean said he is familiar with Hall, that she in fact worked in the Student Affairs office. "We are more than willing to make an assessment of this. I am willing to hire a physician," he offered. "If we have any responsibility in this case we are going to fulfill our responsibility."

Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, Larry Schlereth said he has no reason to doubt the police. He said he can't recall any incident that was at odds with what actually took place. "I'm not saying it could never happen, but the police are very comprehensive in their work. I have a great deal of confidence in the police department."

He added that if a disabled person needs to get into the building after 11:30 p.m. they should call the UM-St. Louis police.

The *Current* asked for permission to listen to the police tapes of incoming calls to hear the actual conversation of the two incidents before going to press. The request was denied.

Pickens said, "We have a ruling on that from our counsel. Those tapes are confidential, not for public access. It's governed under Missouri statute."

Pickens said all complaints that come in regarding police service, response time, calls or situations not handled correctly are investigated. "I get back to the complaining party with the results," he said. "There is nothing we try to keep hidden. We have to be accountable to the general public and the community."

let them in.

Dugan said, "In the pouring rain we went back over to the J.C. Penny Building and waited for 20 minutes until the police came." Dugan insists she told the dispatcher she needed to gain access to the handicapped parking lot.

But Chief Pickens claims the whole incident was again a matter of miscommunication. He said the call came at 10:53 p.m. and that the caller said she needed to get to the disabled lot. The caller said that MacLean had instructed her to call the police if the doors were locked.

At 11:07 p.m., a second call was made. This time, the dispatcher referred her to an officer. When the officer discovered she was handicapped he responded immediately.

The duties of the dispatcher are to receive all incoming calls and emergencies and to send officers to trouble spots. They also conduct record checks, license checks, and identification of parking tickets. The dispatchers maintain logs of equipment, and handle special key requests. They are trained on the job, and receive ongoing training at the police academy.

The police officers, who are trained for 632 hours at the police academy, have duties which include the protection of life and property, and responding to all emergencies. The police provide escort services, unlock vehicles, and take reports. They process crime scenes, provide investigations, and enforce parking restrictions.

Each day officers are assigned certain areas to patrol, or special temporary assignments.

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Pickens is also responsible for the transportation division and the auto shop.

UMSL Police: Just The Facts

by Michelle McMurray
associate photo editor

The UM-St. Louis police department is staffed with 17 officers, including Chief John Pickens, four dispatchers, four sergeants, and one detective.

The dispatchers make between seven and eight dollars an hour, while the regular officers make between nine and eleven dollars. Pickens is salaried at \$50,000 a year.

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Minimum Wage Not Boon To All

(CPS) —The April 1 increase in the federal minimum wage has put more money in the pockets of the 8.1 million students nationwide who work, but longer range effects and other factors may soon take the gains away, colleges warn.

After years of congressional haggling over how much, or whether, the minimum wage should be raised, the first of two increases took effect April 1, putting it at \$3.80 up from \$3.35. On April 1, 1991, it's set to rise again to \$4.25.

"We're happy we're getting a raise," said Eileen Regan, a work-study employee at Bard College in New York.

She had been waiting a long time. The federal minimum wage hadn't been raised since 1991.

Many students and labor groups nationwide, moreover, were getting impatient. For example, Bard announced it would raise work-study wages to \$3.80 just as members of a student ad hoc committee, angry that they were earning less than their counterparts on neighboring campuses, were preparing to demand a raise.

At many schools, however, campus officials are not sure they can pay the higher wages.

The problem is further complicated by federal proposals to make schools and students liable for Social Security taxes for the first time, and for making schools pay a greater percentage of work-study students' total wages.

"Individual institutions will have to either come up with more funds or cut jobs," warned Dallas Martin of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) in Washington, D.C.

At Bard, it means some of the schools' work-study students won't have jobs next year, comptroller Chuck Crimmins said. "We're going to try to find the money somewhere, but it's probably going to affect the students the most."

At Dakota State College in South Dakota, "it's going to be a real labor crunch," reported financial aid director Mark Lee.

would make them appear discriminatory and complicate their bookkeeping.

"It's better to just pay everybody minimum wage, period," said NSFAA head Martin.

Students who work off campus and fit the "training wage" specifications, however, may be stuck earning less.

A higher minimum wage isn't the only factor that could cut students' jobs.

Under the work-study, federal and sometimes state governments pay 75 percent of the money students earned. Schools themselves contribute 25 percent.

Now the Education Dept. has passed new regulations that will require schools to pay 30 percent of their work-study students' wages.

For instance, it means Dakota State will have to come up with \$1.14 per hour for its work-study workers—which campuses rely on as a subsidized source of cheap labor—instead of the current 84 cents per hour.

Colleges can expect no quick relief from the federal government, says NASFAA's Martin.

"As far as someone picking up the tab, institutions will find a way to cut costs rather than raise tuition," Dakota State's Lee promised.

And although still uncertain, a pro-

College Sex: Same Old Story

(CPS)—College women haven't changed their sexual habits much during the past 15 years, despite the threat of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, a survey conducted by Brown University professors found.

Just a week earlier, another study by two California professors charged that as many as a third of the nation's collegians had lied in order to have sex with someone.

The Brown study indicated that about the same number of college women—88 percent—said they were sexually active as in a survey done in 1975. About 21 percent of today's women said they'd had more than six sex partners, compared to 22 percent in 1975.

The results concerned the researchers to require student workers at public colleges to pay Social Security taxes—which would effectively reduce students' take-home pay by 7.65 percent—could end up costing students and colleges millions.

The tax plan is part of the budget President Bush submitted in January, which Congress is now considering.

Since 1939, all college students have been exempt from Social Security taxes on wages paid by the colleges they attend.

chers, who noted that kind of promiscuity doesn't bode well for women's survival during the age of AIDS.

They suggest "that public health campaigns have not had a substantial influence on the habits and behavior of these well-educated young adults," the researchers wrote in the study, which was published in the March 22 edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Fifteen to twenty percent of the women said they knew somebody with AIDS, but only half said they only occasionally worried about getting the disease.

Public education efforts about safe sex haven't been very effective, agreed a California State University-Sonoma student who didn't want to be named. "There's room for more advocacy," she said.

Nevertheless, women who had their partners use condoms increased from fourteen percent in 1975 to 41 percent in 1989.

Brown University researcher Stephen

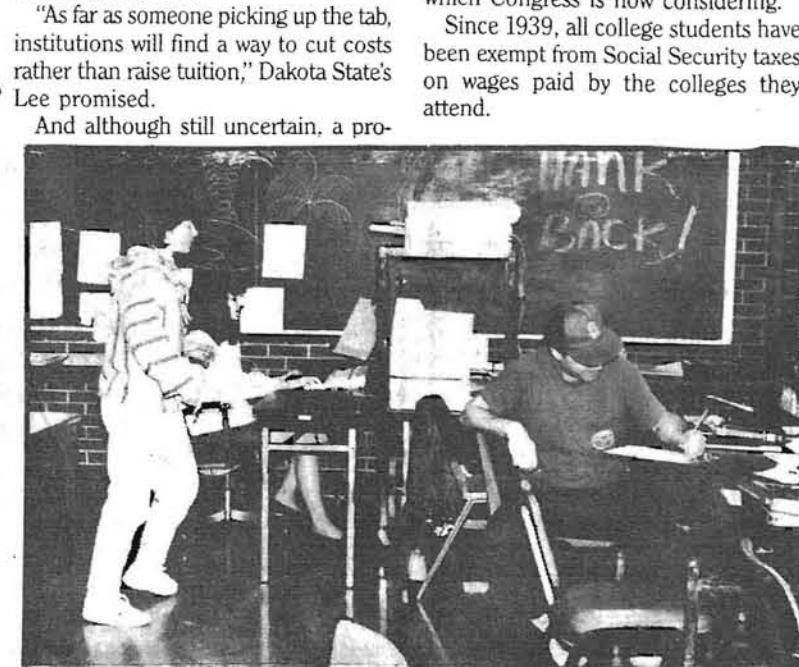
Zinner, who co-authored the survey with William McCormack of the State University of New York Health Sciences Center and Brown colleagues Dr. Barbara DeBuono, Maxine Daamen and Roger Williams, said that while the condom statistic is encouraging it still isn't comforting.

"If less than 50 percent of the women in this educated college group use condoms, one would have to wonder what the proportion is in other groups," he said.

"Students have to protect themselves even if they feel pressured by their partners," said Joanne Hellebrand of the American College Health Association.

In the wake of the campus sex life study released March 12 by professors at California State University-Northridge and the University of California-Los Angeles.

Results of the Brown study were based on questionnaires filled out by women who researchers describe only as attending the same large private university in the Northeast.



BIG BUCKS: Workers in the UM-St. Louis intramural office.(photo by Scott Brandt)

Kovach Named MCNA President

Thomas Kovach, ad salesman and former news editor of the *Current*, was elected to the office of President of the Missouri College Newspaper Association April 7 at the organization's annual Spring conference and awards banquet.

Kovach plans to boost the membership in the MCNA by convincing former members to once again become active.

"The MCNA members have tremendous ideas," Kovach said. "The executive board of the MCNA is making a commitment to listen to these schools."

Kovach started at the *Current* as the associate sports editor two years ago and worked his way up as sports editor and news editor.



WINNER: Outgoing MCNA President T.R. Hanrahan (left) passing the gavel to Current staff member Tom Kovach.

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•**Mammography Mobile.** St. Luke's Hospital will bring their Mobile Mammography Unit to campus from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This unit provides screening mammography to detect breast cancer in low-risk women. The fee is \$50, contact St. Luke's at 851-6062 for more information on appointment times and pre-test instructions.

Monday 16

•**Presidential Debate.** The Current will sponsor a debate involving the three candidates for President of Student Government Association. The debate will take place in the Summit at 12:30 p.m. For more information call x5174.

•**William Stallings,** a Monsanto Company chemist, will lecture on "Crystallographic Structure-Function Studies of Iron and Manganese Superoxide Dismutase" at 4 p.m. in Room R120 Research Wing. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. Call 553-6200.

Tuesday 17



•**Who Are The Homeless?** Dorothy Dailey will lecture on "Homelessness: It Could Be You" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 211 Clark Hall. The impact of homelessness in the 1980's and beyond will be examined. Call 553-5380.



WINNERS: The staff of the Current took 10 awards at the annual Missouri College Newspaper Association banquet. Counter clockwise from the bottom they are: Fred Appel, Tom Kovach, Brad Touchette, Kiril Dickinson, Greg Albers, Laura Berardino, Mohammed Malik, Melissa Green, Kevin Kleine, David Barnes and Michelle McMurray.

Current Wins Ten Awards

The UM-St. Louis Current received 10 awards in nine categories at the annual Missouri College Newspaper Association awards banquet in Kansas City April 7.

The Current placed second in the best overall paper category with St. Louis University taking the top spot and the Maneater at UMC coming in third.

Individual awards were presented to

the following staff members:

Paul Thompson — first place, newswriting
Shawn Foppe — first place, newswriting; first place, indepth newswriting
Kevin Kleine — second place, editorial writing
Scott Brandt — third place Feature Photography
Scott Brandt — third place, Sports

photography
Stephen Hood — second place, Editorial Cartooning

In addition, the Current placed in other categories. The staff took third place in advertising design and second place in page one design.

The Current will host the MCNA Awards next year. Thomas Kovach, a staff member was elected to the presidency of the MCNA.

Talk About AIDS

AIDS Is Scary, But A Zit Is Real. Right?



Call 800-533-AIDS
Missouri Department of Health Hotline

Mike: When you put it like that, you make me feel like a jerk.

Mike: Because I know that AIDS is more important than a zit. But it just doesn't have to do with me.

Why not?

Mike: Because I don't know anyone with AIDS.

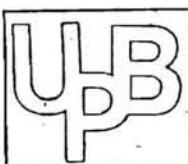
So, it's going to take a friend of yours dying of AIDS before it seems real?

Mike: You're making me sound like a jerk again. But, yeah, that's about it.

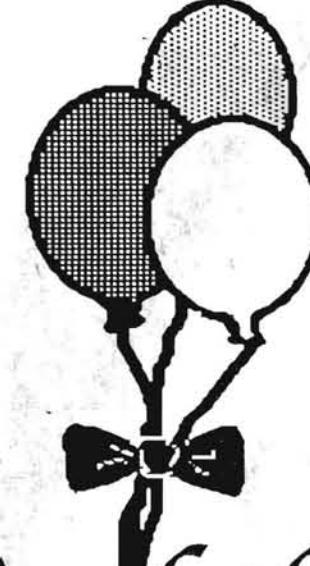
That's a heavy price. How will you feel after that?

Mike: Bad.

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University of Missouri-St. Louis

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Wednesday, April 18, 1990

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Applications are available in 267 University Center,
Application Deadline is April 13, 1990

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Success For Access

One might be lead to believe that the UM-St. Louis campus is handicapped accessible judging by all the ramps and electric doors, but sometimes the inventions designed to make the building more accessible turn out to make it more difficult for people with disabilities to gain entry.

At the last Student Government Association meeting, Carol Dugan, President of the Disabled Student Union, commented that many obstacles remain on campus. For instance, the concrete ramp behind Clark Hall is extremely difficult for people in wheelchairs to maneuver through in addition to its steep incline which is sometimes proves too difficult to climb for those without electric chairs. The worst part is that the administration wasted \$25,000 to build the ramp when Dugan says that one similar to the smaller ramp at the same entrance could have been made permanent for only a few hundred dollars and been more effective.

The administration recently has awakened to notice this problem. Chancellor Marguerite Barnett and Vice Chancellors Sandy MacLean, Laurence Schlereth and a few other administrators put themselves in the disabled students place when they toured the campus in wheelchairs.

It's encouraging to see the administrators making a conscious effort to meet the students needs. Too often it seems as if the requests and needs of students are ignored or tied up in the bureaucracy of the university. Dugan said that most of the buildings on campus have problems with accessibility. This should signal that more input than there exists currently is necessary from the disabled students to make the campus accessible to all students.

A Worthy Cause

St. Louisans will have an opportunity to show state legislators how they feel about the labeling of music today, April 12, at a rally held at St. Louis Union Station in opposition to Missouri House Bill 1406.

The state should not become the babysitter for the parents of the 90s. If parents are concerned about what their child listens to then they should take on the responsibility to inform themselves as to what might be "offensive." When the state is the one to decide what is considered "safe" to be read, watched or listened to, there lies a certain amount of danger in that.

Most of the people who propose bills that would censor music or books don't think of what could happen to the likes of Mark Twain and J. D. Salinger not to mention the constitutionality of limiting the free speech rights of the artists and writers.

Labeling music may even serve to defeat the purpose of the bill in the long run. Studies have shown that people are more likely to buy the labeled albums thinking that they contain material not found in the unlabeled versions. After all, isn't the spirit of the bill intended to protect our youth from the so-called "filth" that is being produced in the music industry.

Art, whether or not it fits one's personal taste, is to be judged by each individual on its own merits and/or flaws, not by a panel of government censors.

Notify your representatives and senators how you feel now before it becomes law. Can we really be free if we are not allowed to make our own choices?

Letters Policy

The Current welcomes letters to the editor. The writer's student number and phone number must accompany all letters. Non-students must also include their phone numbers. Letters should be no longer than two typed, double-spaced pages. No unsigned letters will be published, but the

author's name can be withheld by request.

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Columnist Covers Convention And Cowardice

Oblivion

by Shawn M. Foppe
managing editor

St. Louisans have spent the last several months arguing about domed stadiums, convention center expansion and minority participation. While everyone has been arguing these headline-grabbing subjects, the boats floated right down the M to New Orleans where more and more people are turning to for convention and tourism business.

St. Louis is going to have to do a lot more than just build a domed stadium and a larger convention center in order to attract large numbers of people to St. Louis on a regular basis. The entire metropolitan area is going to have to undergo a severe attitude adjustment.

Recently I had the opportunity to travel to New Orleans on business and I was dumbfounded. Here is a city that is similar to St. Louis in many ways. New Orleans has the Mississippi, St. Louis has the Mississippi; New Orleans is humid, St. Louis is humid; New Orleans has a concentrated french-catholic background, so does St. Louis. New Orleans has Riverwalk, St. Louis has Union Station; New Orleans has the French Quarter, St. Louis has the West End - well maybe they do have us beat there. But what our cajun neighbors have to offer that we severely lack is style and hospitality.

People from New Orleans by and large go out of their way to welcome visitors. If you even remotely appear to be a tourist, they ask you where you're from, shake your hand, introduce themselves and ask your name. If anyone from St. Louis was seen doing that, chances are the courts would consider having them committed to Malcolm

Bliss.

When a New Orleanian asks you how you are, they are genuinely interested. When someone from St. Louis asks you, they just want to hear, "I'm fine, how are you? Good."

Things are slightly slower-paced in New Orleans, however, a marketing executive for the New Orleans Times-Picayune remarked to a group of journalists that what the gentle cajuns preferred to do most was eat and talk about the next time they are going to eat. They still have street cars in New Orleans and there not just for tourists. The mass transit system operates efficiently. Bi-State is planning the Light Rail for St. Louis, but if they operate it the same way they operate their busses, we are in real trouble.

But the thing New Orleanians offer that St. Louisans lack is a nonchalant acceptance of everyone. Nothing short of Saints' games and who makes the best etouffe' can rile them. Where else

could a governor pursue a stripper in a torrential love affair and still be re-elected to office. And where else is offered such a diversity; if you can walk down Bourbon Street in the French Quarter and not find what you are looking for, it hasn't been invented.

***Andy Rooneyism of the Week: Didja ever notice how people will defend your right to free speech as long as it is what they want to hear. Why do you think this? Could it be that they're zealous who believe the Constitution was left to them for interpretation. Or maybe, just maybe, they're worst than the world's biggest bigot because they proclaim their innocence. At least with the KKK or the KGB you know where you stand. Hmmm. What do you think? Any clues Dr. Sauter?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Weeding-Out' Unfair To Working Students

Dear Editor,

Not usually do I read a letter to the editor and feel strongly enough to respond, but after reading Toni Douaihy's response, she claims that "Mr. Currington's letter seems to be a plea for the indiscriminate granting of college degrees so that 'everyman' can reach career goals." Perhaps she should re-read the letter for more clarity.

Chris' letter stems from more than just "everyman's" desire to reach his (or her) career goals. We aren't just whining and complaining because life and

school aren't easy. His letter was written in hopes of making some of us realize that the system is far from perfect and could use, as all things can, some re-evaluation.

Perhaps Toni has never been "weeded-out." There are no words for the feeling that a person gets when he or she works 30 hours a week (while taking between 12 and 17 hours of classes) to pay for the cost of his or her career goals, only to be "weeded-out." It sounds to me like Ms. Douaihy has never had to do anything like this in her life. I do not ask for sympathy, and certainly do not ask for a freebie "A". I ask to be judged on the same principles of

learning that our educational system is supposedly based upon. How can any teacher who is truly dedicated to the principles of teaching and helping others learn base grades on the politics of grade rationing?

Toni, I received the same adequate secondary education that you did, but that makes me no better than anyone else on this campus or any other for that matter. And when you say that you may sound a bit elitist, you say more than a mouthful. I feel that I, as a high school graduate, belong on a university campus as much as you do. Working with students on their actual learning by no means requires the sacrifice of academic

standards.

Are you sure you're ready to tell the world you're better than everyone else? Do you feel that if you receive the same grades that I do you have been wronged judged as my equal? You say that those students who receive an 'A' as a gift will find themselves inadequately prepared for a career. Mayb e you need to re-evaluate your attitude, because with your narrow scope I think you may find yourself less well-rounded and learned than you could ever have believed.

Daphne Ellis

Working Students Deserve Equal Education

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the response made by a certain Toni P. Douaihy against the letter sent in by Christopher M. Currington. Just who the hell does this person think they are? Weeding out students by professors to decrease class size or to try and teach us by our mistakes is a major disgrace to America's educational system.

I do not personally know Toni, but I would wager a large sum of money on the idea that she does not have to attempt to pay her way through college. I say attempt because there are many

of us, including myself, who are scraping together every last penny we own in order to pay for school. This may mean working past midnight the night before a big exam, or scrambling to find a second part-time job when we really should be writing that term paper that is due in two days. Tell me Toni, how am I supposed to perform up to my potential when this is happening? As if this isn't hard enough, add to it a professor who believes in "weeding out" and school could easily turn into a thing of the past.

Toni, you said in your letter that your

views may "sound a bit elitist". That has to be the understatement of the year. In essence what you are saying is that only those who come from the "proper" social background and who have large amounts of money should attend college. You are also insinuating that a schools reputation is more important than providing an education for those who want one. Everyone who attempts to better themselves by going to school should have equal rights, no matter who they are and where they come from. It is not up to you or a professor to determine whether or not school is right for

them.

I wholeheartedly agree that professors should not hand out grades just because someone is struggling to afford school, but this is not the issue. There is a difference between being lenient and being fair. What Mr. Currington is talking about is when professors intentionally grade overly strict to reduce class size or to eliminate those students that the professors deem incompetent. If a professor is fair and impartial to all his/her students, the incompetent ones will show themselves. They do not need to be "weeded out".

David A. Ingraham

Chancellor Pledges To Address Disabled's Needs

Dear Editor:

On April 4, I had the opportunity to participate in a wheelchair race that had been organized by the Disabled Student Union as an activity of Disabled Student Awareness Week. I learned a great deal from the experience and want to thank the organizers of Disabil-

ed Awareness Week for their work on this event.

As a result of this experience, I have asked Administrative Services Division to take a number of immediate actions. First, I have asked that the cracks and potholes in the sidewalks be repaired.

This is an improvement within our existing budget that will prevent wheelchair users from getting stuck in cracks and crevices.

Second, I believe that a specified portion of the campus building fund should be set aside each year to provide

Administrators Support Handicapped

Dear Editor:

As members of the UM-St. Louis administrative staff, we would like to extend our congratulations and thanks to all who organized and/or participated in Disabled Awareness Week April 2-6. The combination of films, disabilities simulations, wheelchair races and wausau banquet helped make a definite impact on the entire campus.

All of the events were enlightening and worthwhile. For our part, we found the wheelchair race to be a real eye-opener. Chancellor Barnett challenged the administrative staff to participate in the wheelchair race. In a separate letter, she

will tell the community about changes she is recommending on the campus as a result of her own participation in the wheelchair event. All of us learned from the time we spent maneuvering across campus in wheelchairs. We applaud those who helped make us more aware of the needs of the disabled.

Implicit in any "awareness week" program is the need to go beyond just becoming more aware. Now, as UM-St. Louis administrators, we must follow Chancellor Barnett's lead and act upon what we have learned. We wish to pledge our support to the Disabled Student Union, and we want to assure the

entire campus community that in the weeks and months to come, we will be exploring the many ways in which we can continue to make our campus more accessible to the disabled.

Sincerely,
Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor for Student Affairs
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Students

Have Limited

by Laura Berardino
associate managing editor

What started off as a campus tour quickly turned into a grueling workout for two students last week. But for them the exhaustion and frustration were just experienced for a few hours. For others it is a permanent way of life.

Laura Paige, vice president of Student Government Association and Paul Matteucci, Student Representative to the Board of Curators began their escapade in the J.C. Penney building last Wednesday during Disabled Awareness Week. Light-hearted remarks were bantered back and forth about getting adjusted to being chair bound.

"Are they supposed to have a knob on both, or just this one?" asked Paige as she played with the brake handles.

"It's tricky when you go through doors," Marilyn Ditto, advisor to the Disabled Students Union explained as she tried to demonstrate opening a door.

"We'll just watch you," Matteucci said as Carol Dugan, president of the Disabled Students Union and tour guide wheeled onto an elevator.

"Ready?" Dugan asked as she pulled the emergency button in the elevator so the doors would stay open long enough for her protégés to enter.

Getting three wheelchairs onto one elevator was probably one of the easiest accomplishments of the tour. After the group exited the elevator they had to open doors leading to campus. Since the doors are not electronic, the students had to push hard on the door as they tried to wheel through.

"This is heavy," Paige commented.

The threesome continued on to the main campus. Bumps and cracks in the sidewalks made their progress slow.

"Don't let the chair get going too fast. Once it is going fast, you should be able to stop it with the gloves," Dugan advised as the trio descended a hill leading to the parking lot. Gloves were provided.

ed to prevent hands from being burned from the friction made when trying to stop the wheels. "Or set the brake before you start."

Matteucci and Paige slowly descended the hill, trying to keep the chair on the uneven pavement. Once Matteucci came to an abrupt halt in the grass.

The group had come down this way so Dugan could show them the Handicapped Parking lot. "It's not labeled yet and it's not striped yet, but this is it," Dugan said pointing to the lot that sits between Clark Hall and garages C and D.

Dugan expressed a concern for handicapped students who had to wheel over the gravel rocks could fall or further hinder any spinal problems. She stated that Dave Phillippe, assistant vice chancellor of administrative services, said that pouring concrete in that area wouldn't be a problem.

But Larry Schlereth, vice chancellor of administrative services, has different ideas about the lot. "The gravel lot is a construction area. It was never intended for that purpose [handicapped lot]. It will be gone in the summer."

"Many many handicapped students have told me that that is preferable [the parking lot] because it is closer. They think that it is their lot," Matteucci said.

The official handicapped parking lot is located in the bottom of garage D. "When it became clear that the lot by the library was not going to be available, we looked at three sights. One of them was the top of garage C. But that was not perfect solution," Schlereth said.

Because the top of garage C is not covered, snow removal can be a problem not only for the students but the university as well. "We don't like to salt the top structure because it causes them to rust away. Next winter we'll try cinders," Schlereth said.

What does a disabled person do in bad weather? "You come in early and take forever to get to class. They'll [maintenance] do things like clear the

sidewalk and push the snow in front of the ramps, especially by Stadler," Dugan explained.

Rain is a whole other problem. Wheels lose their traction. Students who have standard manual chairs can pay a comparatively large sum of money to have an umbrella holder or brave the weather. "I'm lucky to have a power chair. I can carry an umbrella," Dugan said.

After visiting the parking lot, Dugan decided to show her protégés Clark Hall. But in order to get there they had to climb a hill. After about thirty feet of pushing Matteucci complained, "I'm exhausted. This is miserable and we have not progressed that far."

Many may have the misconception that people who are bound to wheelchairs develop their upper body much the same way a blind person increases his/her other senses. "Some of us are on medication that prevents us from building our muscles so we are as weak as blah," Dugan explained. She stated that the new upper body weight machine in Mark Twain may help some though.

After resting numerous times, the trio made it to the base of Clark Hall. They had to make a decision as to which ramp to take. Currently, there is a wooden ramp at the back door and an intricate ramp at the side door.

"The problem is if you get that far after the hill, are you going to go through those doors which are downhill and use an elevator or are you going to climb this ramp?" Dugan pointed out that most people choose the wooden ramp.

The Disabled Students Union has been pushing the administration to replace the wooden ramp with a permanent concrete ramp. By law the university doesn't have to do this because only one handicapped accessible entrance has to be installed in each building. Schlereth, however, has decided to replace the wooden ramp with a con-

crete slab.

The simple ramp has another advantage over the \$25,000 switch back ramp - it's easier to maneuver. Many students have problems on the turns.

As Dugan continued her tour, the students were constantly amazed at the difficulties that faced them. Things one wouldn't normally think twice like stepping over a bump can be a major problem to someone who is in a wheelchair.

Another problem could be electronic doors that are out of order, like the ones at the Research Wing.

What is maintenance's policy on response time when something becomes inoperable? Schlereth, who is in charge of physical plant problems, explained that problems are classified as they are reported. "Emergency problems are addressed immediately."

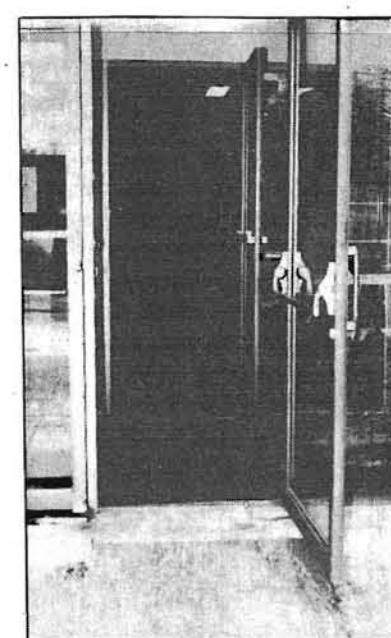
Occasionally technology has its drawbacks. "Even if we determine it's an

emergency, we may not have a part for a door or have we might have to call an outside specialist to repair it," Schlereth explained.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 4, Chancellor Marguerite Barnett and members of the administrative staff also took to wheelchairs for the race. They experienced some of the same difficulties.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Sandy MacLean summed up the groups feelings about the race. "I take pride in being in good physical condition. It took all I had to get up those ramps and open doors. Stuff that you and I would never think about like a crack that's an inch wide in the sidewalk can be a real menace to someone in a wheelchair. From this experience, I've developed a deeper appreciation for their problem, their mobility."

Access



READY SET GO: Below, Chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett leads campus administrators in a wheelchair race around the campus. (Photo By Brad Touchette)

FOLLOW THE LEADER: Carol Dugan, president of the Disabled Students' Union, leads Student Representative to the Board of Curators, Paul Matteucci around campus on a wheelchair simulation. **TOP:** A door left open by the custodians for the handicapped. (Photos by Scott Brandt)



Bingham Brings Era To Art Museum

by Shawn Foppe
managing editor

An exhibit by one of Missouri's most accomplished artists brings new life to century old paintings and portraits. *George Caleb Bingham*, a special exhibition at the St. Louis Art Museum is an extensive collection by one of the most prominent artists of the mid 19th century.

The exhibit which continues through May 13, shows the progression of the Democratic spirit that swept the nation in the late 1800's.

Bingham, unlike many others, succeeded at catching the essence of the era. His genre of paintings are a testimonial to people who made up the heart of the nation - trappers, pioneers,

townspeople, politicians and families.

Starting out as a portrait artist, Bingham creates bold strokes in capturing the stoicism that was reflected from our forefather's religious backgrounds.

Among the portraits displayed in the exhibition are three of James Sidney Rollins. Rollins was Bingham's mentor, father figure, booster and confidant throughout his life.

Rollins was a prominent Missouri attorney. He owned land in Columbia, MO. The third portrait of Rollins was completed in 1871 and was commissioned by the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri. Rollins is considered to be the father of the University of Missouri.

Rollins political awareness and involvement were instrumental in causing the state legislature to form the University of Missouri. It was no accident, however, that the University was founded in Columbia; Rollins owned land there.

The portrait shows Rollins in his elder years. As a statesman, Rollins became a state legislator and Congressman, although his affiliation with the aristocratic Whig party caused him to lose many elections. In the background of the portrait lies the University of Missouri.

In 1885, Bingham began to paint pictures that showed the democratic expansion which paralleled western expansion. Several of Bingham's most famous paintings in this genre, *Fur Traders descending the Missouri, The Jolly Flatboatmen and Jolly Flatboatmen in Port* are displayed in the exhibition.

Bingham catches the small details of

life in the imposing pictures. He, like many other artists, spent a great deal of time sketching character studies for his paintings. A large collection of his studies resides next to the most important paintings.

Many of the sketches were obtained by the people of Missouri during the Bicentennial. Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond, then governor of Missouri, led the effort by Missourians to gather these sketches. Bond also serves as audio tour guide for the exhibit. His narration, available on an audiotape, is an excellent and fitting choice for the exhibit.

Although the exhibit is extensive, it is too mammoth for the reaches of the Art Museum. Several of the portraits and paintings look like they were hung just because Bingham painted them.

Often there is no rhyme or reason of Michael Edward Shapiro's placing of paintings within the exhibit. Shapiro is the chief curator for The St. Louis Art Museum.

A special treat in the exhibit is a lifesize reproduction of a porch used in *The County Election*, one of three paintings in which Bingham collectively investigates the political processes demonstrated during the mid 1800's.

With just minor exhibit problems, the Bingham show remains an important exhibition of one of Missouri's most talented sons and should not be missed. The Bingham exhibit is free to the public on Tuesdays between 1:30 and 8:30 p.m.

THE OLD WEST: The art of Missouri Artist George Caleb Bingham will be on display in the St. Louis Art Museum til May 13.



Night Owl Doesn't Give A Hoot For Morning

Elvis Hotline

by Greg Albers
columnist

snicker.

Why do they laugh? I'm a victim of my own genetic structure. I was born a night person. It's in my blood.

I've tried to be a morning person, I really have. I set my alarm for 6:30 every morning. But then, every morning I end up hitting the snooze alarm at least half a dozen times. I've worked it down to a science.

It's on the other side of the room. When the alarm goes off, my right foot hits the floor. I balance myself and reach for the clock with my right hand, then recoil back to bed. I can do it in less than a second and not even wake up.

A lot of times, when I finally do wake up several hours later, I have no recollection of ever hitting the snooze. It's like I do it by instinct. I'm not thinking and I'm still kind of unconscious, but my brain does know that more sleep would be *really* nice, and that the way to do it is to turn off the damn alarm.

An often overlooked advantage of using the snooze is that when you get back in bed, you usually dream until it goes off again. Then when it does go off again, you usually remember the dream. So I like to refer to the snooze as the Dream Bar.

The fact that I'm a night person causes a lot of conflict in my life. It's a morning person's world. And all morning people think I'm lazy.

When I graduate from college (in about ten years or so) and go out into the real world, I'll have to conform to regular business hours. I'll have to force myself to get up in the morning and kiss my cherished Dream Bar goodbye.

But, in the back of my mind and in my soul, I'll still be a closet night person. And I'll be waiting patiently for the day that myself and others like me rise up and take over.

Schools, businesses, banks and government offices will be vacant until midafternoon. Prime time TV will start around midnight. Life would be more laid-back and anyone caught waking up before noon will be imprisoned. It would be Utopia.

Moore Makes 'Crazy People' A Success

by Brad Touchette
reporter

Mental illness as of late has become an idea used in many, if not too many, movies. Its use in the movie industry is now almost as widespread as the "guy gets the girl" routine.

There have been movies that have successfully pulled this idea off, such as "Leathal Weapon I," "The Dream Team," and the Nightmare on Elm Street series. These movies had us cheering "More!"

Others have failed miserably with the same idea. Movies like "Loose Cannons," most every "slasher" movie, and any of the "Rambo" sequels left most of us screaming "NO More!"

Naturally, anyone who's seen these movies would have reservations about seeing a movie simply called "Crazy People."

But hold on to that ticket stub, movie buffs. This one is not to be judged by its cover... er, I mean title. This movie is not hysterically funny, ridiculously stupid, or a blood bath that revolves

around some deranged Vietnam veteran who hates things that breathe.

No sir, this is a light-hearted, funny movie that does deliver. It involves an advertising executive named Emory (Dudley Moore) who suffers a nervous breakdown and feels an overwhelming need to tell the truth.

He starts making ads that come out and tell the plain truth about the product. In one ad, the headline says "METAMUCIL," and right below it he writes, "Use it or you'll get cancer and die."

Many famous brand names have their ads altered by Emory, and much to the alarm of his partner Stephen (Paul Reiser), he has to be committed to Bennington Sanitarium.

While they're gone enrolling Emory in Ga Ga 101, his altered ads are accidentally printed in national magazines. These ads, to everyone's surprise, are raging successes.

While Emory is in the nut house, he meets Kathy (Daryl Hannah), who is afraid of just about everything but men.

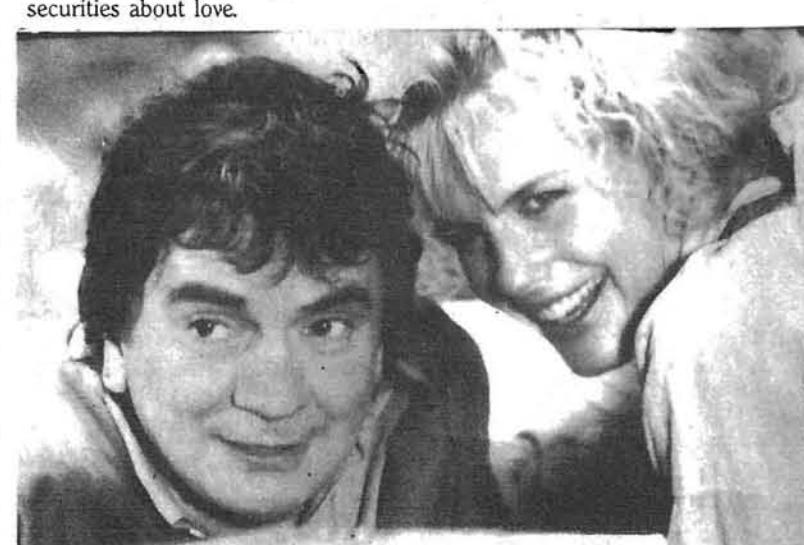
Emory also meets a host of looneys

who end up helping him write more ads. These characters are entertaining and endearing.

But the best work is done on the chemistry between Moore and Hannah.

These two share some very tender scenes that play on every person's insecurities about love.

The movie has a nice storybook ending that will leave you with a smile on your face (stay until after all the credits for a little surprise!) and I recommend seeing this movie if you want some good laughs and end up with a warm feeling inside. ~



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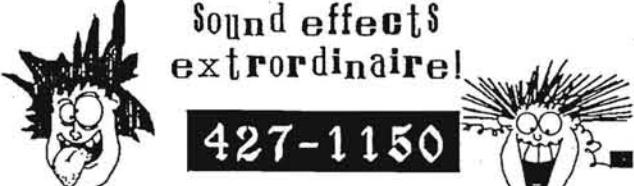
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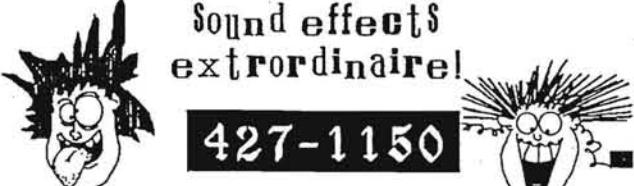
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SPORTS

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Rivermen Waiver, Yet Still Remain Strong

by Greg Albers
reporter

After padding their offensive stats against weaker teams for several weeks, it was time for the UM-St. Louis baseball team to test their skills against some better competition. The Rivermen played ten games in a seven day stretch, and the results were mixed. The team won six and lost four, to advance their record to 19-8. Despite some disappointing losses, Brady's Bunch is still ranked among the top 20 teams in Division II, as they have been since the first week of the season. And their record in the MIAA stands at 5-2.

After rolling over the competition in the previous weeks, the challenge of playing teams closer to their level was, at times, something of a problem for the team. The problem was compounded by the fact that, due to rainouts and postponements, the club hadn't played in almost a week and was somewhat rusty. However, the week did have its share of highlights for the Rivermen.

"It was a perplexing, frustrating and exciting week for us," said head coach Jim Brady. "We've been pretty inconsistent the past few games. We're not doing the things we did before the layoff, yet we're still winning."

The week started with a doubleheader against Southeast Missouri on April 1. The Rivermen hung tough against their conference foe, sending the first game into extra innings tied at 8 apiece. But the visitors scored five times in the top



MUSGRAVE MUSCLE: Riverman Mike Musgrave slugs the ball in a recent UM-St. Louis baseball game. Musgrave is third on the team with a batting average of .409. (Photo by Scott Brandt)

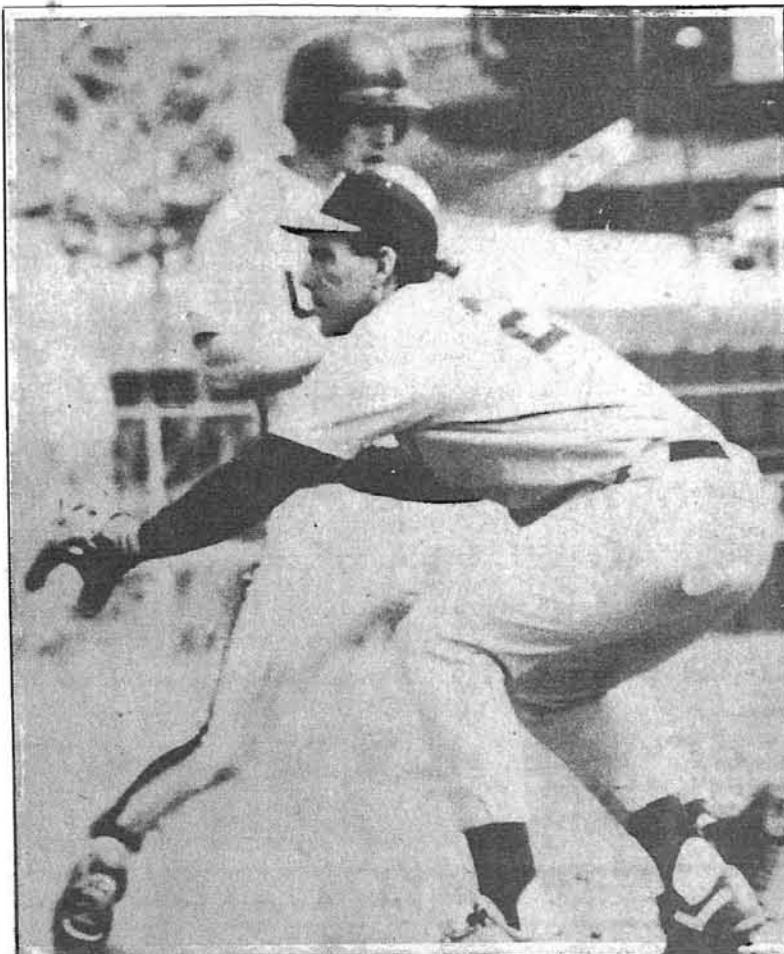
of the ninth and won 13-8. The nightcap was suspended with the score 5-5 in the top of the seventh and will be completed later in the season.

Later in the week, the Rivermen traveled to Lincoln for another twinbill. After winning the first game 8-6, it was time for more late inning heroics in the

second game. With the score tied at six, Bill Diel hit a solo home run in the top of the eighth to provide the winning margin.

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader with Rolla, Brady's Bunch staged a big come from behind rally to

win the game in their last at bat. It was the kind of win the Rivermen are becoming known for. At one point, they trailed by as many as ten runs, but they kept battling back. Entering the last of the seventh, the team trailed 13-7. But the hitters came through in the clutch and handed Rolla a tough defeat. The biggest hit of all came off the bat of Craig Porter, who has been producing



SAFE!: A UM-St. Louis player avoids the pickoff attempt. As a team, the Rivermen have 64 stolen bases.

runs at a record clip. His two run home run capped the rally and sealed the victory.

The team went on to sweep the twinbill, only to be swept by Central Missouri in another doubleheader the following day.

The offense has slowed down a bit in the last week, but Brady isn't worried. "You can't expect them to do it all year. Guys are going to cool off. That's part of baseball. You just hope too many guys don't cool off."

Governor Receives Jersey



TOP: UM-St. Louis baseball coach Jim Brady hands Governor John Ashcroft an honorary Riverman jersey to help kickoff the Show-Me games at Busch Stadium April 8. ABOVE: Outfielder Warren Dey (number 5) watches as Ashcroft tries on the shirt. LEFT: Ready for action, Ascroft is taking some practice swings. (Photos by Jeff Kuchno)

Tennis Team Triumphs

Despite Injuries To Top Three, Riverwomen Stand At 5-2

by Renee Schopp
reporter

Three of the top UM-St. Louis women's tennis players experienced injuries in the past week.

Peggy FitzGibbon, the number 1 women's singles and doubles tennis player, was injured in the April 3 match against Principia College. FitzGibbon, who in the past had had surgery on her knee, was reaching for a backhand when she hurt the knee again.

FitzGibbon was unable to finish the match and it is not known when she will be able to return to playing.

With FitzGibbon's individual 4-1 record for the season so far, head coach Pam Steinmetz said that if she isn't able to continue, it may hurt the team.

Nancy Sedej, the number two singles and doubles player, has also suffered an injury - a knee sprain. She was unable to compete in the April 7 matches against Missouri Western and Culver Stockton, but is expected to be ready to play by the weekend.

However, in the April 3 match against Principia, Sedej was successful, winning her match in three sets. Steinmetz said Sedej had a tough competitor to overcome and beat an experienced player. "She played a very smart match," Steinmetz said.

Jennifer Dickherber was the third member of the tennis team to suffer an injury, this time it was a serious abrasion on her leg. It happened during her match against Missouri Western on the morning of April 7. She was unable to play in the afternoon match against Culver Stockton.

Dickherber is still undefeated in doubles and singles.

Steinmetz said this season's team is very deep. She said there is not a big difference between the players which helps at the numbers four, five, and six levels, because they are evenly matched.



TENNIS: Karen Kren, of the UM-St. Louis women's tennis squad, practicing in the Mark Twain Building. Because of the recent injuries, Kren is now in the number 6 place.

UM-St. Louis Women's Tennis

UM-St. Louis SINGLES

1. S. VanMierlo
2. J. Johnson
3. A. Poole
4. J. Horton
5. S. Hahn
6. C. Tomlinson

DOUBLES

1. S. VanMierlo
2. A. Poole
3. S. Hahn

FINAL MATCH SCORE

UM-St. Louis 7
Culver Stockton 2

Culver Stockton	Score
Stacy Knoop	0-6, 2-6
Jana Larkin	4-6, 7-6, 7-6
Traci Smrkova	3-6, 6-2, 6-2
Denise Daniel	6-4, 6-2
Heather Koch	6-1, 6-2
Tina Tomlinson	7-5, 6-2

S. Knoop	8-0
J. Larkin	8-2
T. Smrkova	8-2
H. Koch	8-4
D. Daniel	8-4
T. Tomlinson	8-4

UNLV Proves That Being Bad Is Sometimes The Best

Roo's Roost

by Mike Van Roo
contributing sports writer

With the NCAA basketball tournament over for another year, it was almost unpoetic justice to see UNLV romp to the title over Duke 103-73.

UNLV's considerably easy rout capped off another brilliant season in one of sport's best known and recognized events in an unclimatic but almost expected way.

The Running Rebels rode roughshod over the Blue Devils like Grant running through the South with token opposition.

It was as if men were playing against boys that night. UNLV lead from start to finish in the biggest romp in a NCAA

title game ever. The 103 points scored also marked the highest total for a winning team in a championship final.

The game was billed as the "good" (Duke) versus the "bad" (UNLV). In this case, it was better to be bad than good. Or in some slang terms, bad is good.

Duke touts a squeaky-clean program where all their basketball players have graduated under the tutelage of head coach Mike Krzyzewski.

And UNLV...well, being situated in "Sin City U.S.A." hasn't exactly made them out to be replacements for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The Rebs under the "influence" of Jerry Tarkanian have more-than-once caught the suspecting eye of the NCAA's governing board of rules and ethics overseers.

Even now after the ink has dried on the Rebels convincing victory, the NCAA is undergoing another investigation of the school.

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"The Running Rebels rode roughshod over the Blue Devils like Grant running through the South with token opposition."

Johnson, "That's one of the things we've used the whole year to get motivated. Then if the NCAA comes in to investigate us, we'll have Coach Tark put the trophy right in front of him."

Take that Mizzou and Illinois! I wonder if they could learn a lesson from Johnson's comments? Those two schools now are undergoing their own investigations by the NCAA. And maybe that kind of scepter hanging over them helped propel them to, in Illinois' case, some early season successes, and in Mizzou's case, a whole season of success except the last handful of games.

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college basketball team in the country to start out the 1990s.

They even beat the proverbial "Sports Illustrated" jinx of being on the cover of the magazine and usually suffering some sort of bad luck or humiliation in the arena of sport in which they endeavor (SI picked them as the Number 1 basketball team in the country for the 1989-90 season way back last fall).

So while the "Sodom and Gomorrah" everyday events of Las Vegas go on around them, the Rebs can proudly claim the national crown. But hopefully as time will soon tell, the champion banner won't be tainted with an

asterisk next to it if some NCAA ruling or sanction would come spinning off on the form of a bad luck number off a roulette wheel.

So sucking on a towel might become the newest fad for coaches to imitate although Jerry Tarkanian does it because of a gum ailment. I don't think he'll be teased about his teething anymore.

After the tournament, one commentator mentioned that you certainly couldn't compare SAT scores between the players of Duke and UNLV, which could easily be interpreted as a stereotypical remark. But then again, you certainly couldn't compare the score of the basketball game that night between the players of both those schools.

So hail to the champions from UNLV! Hopefully the glitter of the title won't soon rust away in the form of some NCAA penalties.

And Duke, well they join the ranks

with other four-time losers, e.g., Minnesota Vikings, Denver Broncos.

I think next time they throw a party, Duke should stay home. I'm afraid they've just become another unlucky bridesmaid fumbling the brides bouquet.

But alas, the Blue Devils do get to go home \$2 million dollars richer for their participation in the tournament, with maybe only their egos bruised a bit.

So say what want, or think what you will about UNLV and their sometimes scrupulous off-the-court practices. They showed the whole world of college basketball that night that they were the rightful champions. So respect them until a new champion comes along next year.

For better or worse, the "extra baggage" in the form of possible NCAA restraints being hauled along side them with the winning trophy will hopefully turn out to be empty.

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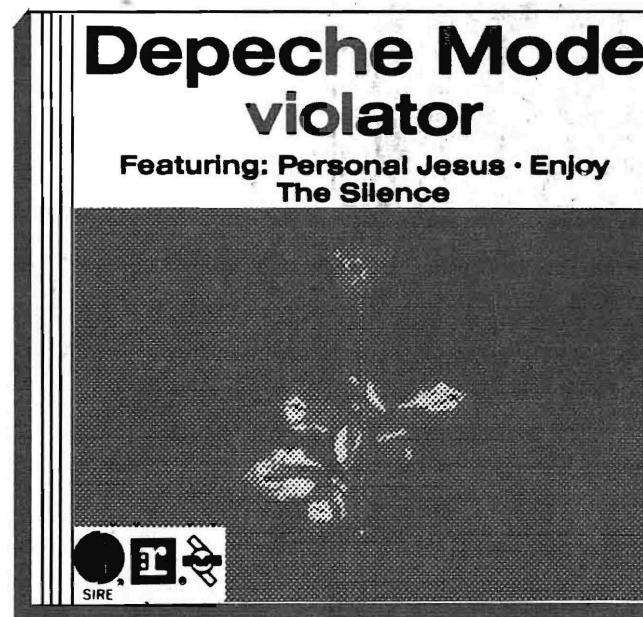


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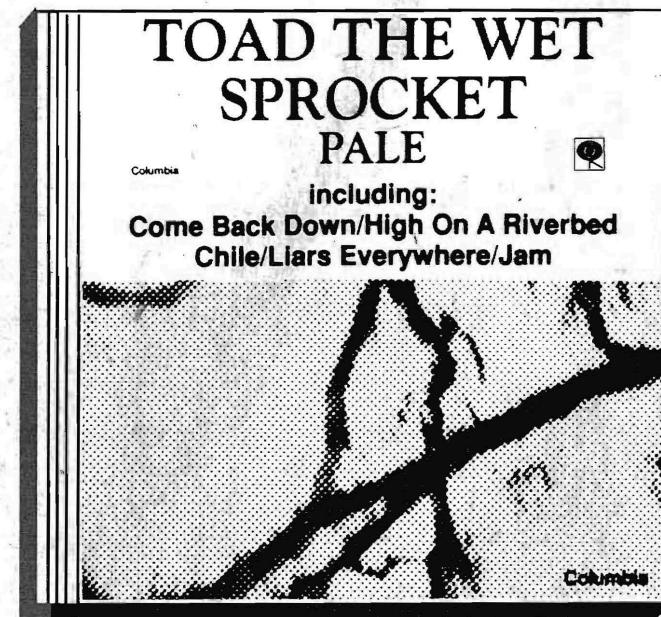


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