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Student Government Association elections will be held Monday the 23rd and Tuesday the 24th. Get out and vote!



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SGA Presidential Candidates Go Head-To-Head

by K.C. Clarke reporter

Candidates for student body president had a chance to debate Monday, April 16, issues ranging from membership in the Associated Students of the University of Missouri [ASUM] to racism and homophobia on campus.

Two of the candidates, Jennifer Horan and Alla Pruzhansky, fielded questions from a panel comprised of CURRENT staff members.

A third candidate, Bryan Wyatt, and his running mate Tim Gartin were absent from the debate.

Pruzhansky's vice presidential candidate, Mark Grimes, was also absent. Candidates also discussed a requirement for mandatory attendance by student organizations at SGA meetings, raising student activity fees, dorms and parking.

Horan opened the debate questioning the validity of UM—St. Louis involvement with ASUM—a powerful lobby group which represents three UM campuses.

Horan suggested UM—St. Louis should look into other organizations that might do a better job than ASUM.

"What I think we ought to consider is perhaps forming our own little lobby group for our own campus," Horan said, "or joining an Inter-campus Student

Council which would involve all of the universities of the state of Missouri, instead of just ASUM."

Horan reasoned that since 40 percent of the voting electorate in Jefferson City was from St. Louis, it might be more effective for UM—St. Louis to sponsor its own lobby group.

Horan also touched on money as a reason for joining an inter-campus student council.

"In ASUM you have to pay money to be a member, and that would come out of your student activity fees," Horan said. "A lot of students feel that fees are big enough. That is one of the reasons the assembly voted down ASUM this year."

Pruzhansky stated any organization which best served the needs of the campus would be the one her administration supported.

"Any organization that intends to help this campus out, not just in name but in action, that will definitely do something for this campus, deserves to be a part of this campus," Pruzhansky said.

Both candidates challenged a requirement that student organizations attend SGA meetings or they would lose their funding.

Current SGA President, Terence Small, refused to penalize organizations that failed to attend the meetings.

Pruzhansky supported Small's lead, saying that student organizations should not be penalized. She also said that by not attending the meetings, the organizations were only hurting themselves.

"Basically my stand on SGA requirements to make mandatory meetings is that it's not right for the organizations or the people that are part of SGA," Pruzhansky said. "If an organization decides that it's not for them to go to SGA meetings, then at that time they're hurting themselves to miss out on information that could be quite important to them."

Horan said any changes in funding for organizations must be made by the Student Activities Budget Committee. [SABC]

"You can't take away the money given to students by students," Horan said. "There's nothing right about that, unless you make a change at the SABC level that says in order to get funding in the first place, you have to be a member of the student government or you have to go to meetings."

Both Pruzhansky and Horan addressed the issue of raising student activity fees. Horan said that in light of the new computer fee, students costs were high enough already.

Pruzhansky believes that increasing activity fees would do a lot to help out

all the organizations on campus. She said, however, that a survey should be taken to find out how students feel about increasing fees.

"That is a question that has to be put to a survey on this campus," Pruzhansky said. "I'm sure that most of the people on campus feel that it's definitely not the thing to do to raise the fees. If that's the standing opinion of the students ... I would not want to go against it."

Horan said student organizations are going to have to work more closely together in order to create unity.

"I think what we're going to have to do is make room, make space, and start working on programs together," Horan said. "This is a campus community, and there should be room for all of us."

Both Horan and Garufi, who have made the dissemination of information a major base for their platform, said that the key to combating racism and homophobia on campus is talking about the issues.

"If there's nothing that a college campus is all about," Garufi said, "it's people talking and exchanging ideas."

Pruzhansky, who had discussed some of the recent problems with the Lesbian/Gay Campus Organization (LGCO), suggested offering classes dealing with gay issues, or having gay groups come in to talk to classes in an effort to increase awareness.

The recent problems stem from the LGCO's pamphlets being torn down or defaced, according to the group's president, Larry Biring.

There was some disagreement among the candidates concerning perceptions of racism.

"As far as racism is concerned, you can't change somebody's mind if they're

brought up that way. The only thing you can do is introduce them to individuals who they thought were totally different and show them how similar they are, no matter who you are. These people are all people and they're human beings and they have to be treated that way," Pruzhansky said.

Horan challenged Pruzhansky's perception of change.

"First of all," said Horan, "I don't subscribe to the idea that once people have got their ideas formed in their heads, they can't be changed. It's definitely not the position student government should take. Student government should take an aggressive position. 8.9 percent of our population

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Close Call: TWA Avoids A Repeat Performance

by Thomas J. Kovach reporter and Brad Touchette reporter

A Trans World Airlines flight departing from St. Louis Lambert International Airport made an emergency landing around 5 p.m. Wednesday after two of its rear-tires on the right side blew after take-off.

Flight 403, an L10-11, carrying 184 passengers to Los Angeles and Honolulu, was taking off at 3:45 p.m. when a loud bang came from under the plane. Passengers said they felt a rumbling and shaking of the plane.

"As the plane was shaking we thought there was something wrong with the nose gear," said David Carpenter, a passenger who was returning to Los Angeles. "The pilot wasn't sure what the problem was, so he had to do a low fly-by. The pilot said the ground crew

couldn't tell and he would rather be safe than sorry and was going to land in St. Louis."

"When we first touched ground, it shook like it did when we first took-off. But we never felt like we were in any real danger," he added.

Passengers felt that the crew and pilots handled the situation very well. Most said that the crew did an excellent job of calming the passengers down. "It was an excellent landing," Carpenter said.

The passengers were then re-routed to another plane after a delay of an hour.

This is the third emergency landing by a TWA plane in a week at Lambert.

Unlike the crash on July 23, 1973 involving an Ozark Airliner, tragedy was avoided as the TWA aircraft landed without injuries.

The 1973 crash occurred one-eighth of a mile north of UM—St. Louis near Florissant Road, killing 38.

TWA, whose hub is in St. Louis, also owns Ozark's fleet of planes.



DEBATE: Jennifer Horan, left, and Alla Pruzhansky face off in the SGA Presidential Debate held April 16. See page 3 for the Current's endorsement for president. (photo by Fred Appel)

Universities Vy For Big Names, Bucks In Commencement Speakers

[CPS]—It's almost graduation time. For students, it is a time of saying good-bye to old friends and nervously stepping into the job market or on to the next college. For their schools, however, it is a time for racing to sign up the richest, most famous commencement speaker possible.

"The universities are all for it, it generates a lot of publicity for them," said John Palmer, president of the National Speakers Bureau, a Chicago-based agent for many prominent speakers.

"Schools get a big-name speaker for several purposes," he explained. "One is just to provide an interesting speaker for graduates and their parents. The other is to generate publicity."

In deciding whom to ask to speak, one Utah State University (USU) commencement committee member said schools keep an eye on both politics and money.

"The speaker should have the same politics as the university's administration, yet it should be a big enough name that it attract attention and bring in more donations to the university," said the committee member, who asked not to be named.

"That would make sense," said Priscilla Lewis of the Council for Aid to Education, a New York group that

tracks donations to schools.

"If you choose someone controversial, it can have a negative impact. For example, if you have a speaker that alumni find offensive, it might affect their contributions," Lewis said.

Things can go wrong along the way. USU, for one, originally had magazine publisher and corporate bon vivant Malcolm Forbes scheduled to speak at its commencement ceremonies. Forbes passed away in March. In his stead USU managed to sign up Nobel laureate Manfred Eigen, a West German chemist, whose reknown, while considerable in academic circles, doesn't match Forbes' in the corporate world of donating money to colleges.

Talking heads from television are among this year's most sought-after speakers. Palmer noted multiple campus offers for Sam Donaldson, Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather, adding that some of his other clients like Adm. William Crowe and former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick also are in demand.

Palmer maintained that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who had to cancel his last attempt at a campus tour because of student protests in the early 1980s, has been asked to speak at several schools this spring. "But everybody," Palmer added,

"wants (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev. It's a really big deal."

Rumors are flying that Gorbachev will speak at Brown University's commencement May 28. While NSB's Palmer confirmed the date, Brown officials refused to verify that Gorbachev would attend. The Associated Press reported April 6 that the Soviet will not go to Brown.

"Brown doesn't schedule outside speakers as such, and the university has no further comment," said spokesman Don Demaino.

Even though it would bring a lot of publicity to the university, most seniors don't seem upset that Gorbachev probably won't appear.

"The tradition at Brown is to have senior speakers," said senior Sondra Berger. "I like it that way. It's more representative of our class, and it's not just somebody preaching at us."

The Soviet embassy in Washington, D.C., would not comment.

President Bush, on the other hand, will speak at graduation ceremonies at the universities of South Carolina and Texas at Austin, as well as at Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

Texas A&I, in fact, hit pay dirt in the commencement competition when it also got U.S. Secretary of Education

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Small Fires Student Court Justices

by Brad Touchette reporter

Terence Small, president of Student Government Association (SGA) asked for the resignation of the student court on Monday.

"I've had enough," Small told the SGA assembly members at their meeting April 16.

Chief Justice of the Student Court Fiaz Mohammad turned in his resignation Monday night. No other court justices have resigned, but Laura Paige, SGA vice president, said she thought that Lisa Henderson, another court justice, would resign soon.

Page said that they hadn't heard from Henderson all day, and assumes that she has decided to withdraw from her position.

According to the SGA by-laws, the student court is charged with settling parking ticket appeals. According to Small, however, the court hasn't been able to reach quorum in the past month to proceed with business.

Quorum is the number of people needed in order to conduct official business. The student court needs a minimum of three out of five justices in order to meet quorum.

Small told the SGA representatives that some students have had tickets in appeal since late January, and the lack of action taken by the court on appealed tickets is threatening some students' graduation dates.

Small cited leadership as the core of the problem. "The problem was that [the student court members] weren't communicating with each other. I don't want to point a finger at one particular person, but Fiaz [Mohammad] seemed to be the crux of the problem."

"He'd set up meetings for quorum and not show up himself," Small said. "I'm sure he had other commitments and he wasn't just skipping out, but when you're too busy, you're too busy. And he should have just stepped down if he didn't have the time instead of letting it get as out of hand as it has."

Court Justice Chris Daniel said that they only have "one more batch [of tickets] to get through." Daniel couldn't comment on the specific number of tickets, and he said he couldn't get more specific because he didn't know himself how many were in the "batch".

Daniel also said it would only take "a

day or two more to catch up," but they haven't set a date yet to complete their work.

He had no comment when asked why the court justices had such a hard time in getting three of them together for quorum, but he did say he didn't think Henderson was going to relinquish her position.

Mark Grimes, who, according to Small, was one the hardest working justices of the group, blamed the slow results on the huge deficit of tickets they started off with. He didn't give any specifics on how many tickets were involved, though.

"I don't have any idea how many tickets are left, or how long it will take to finish," said Grimes. "I couldn't even give you a ballpark figure. But I can tell

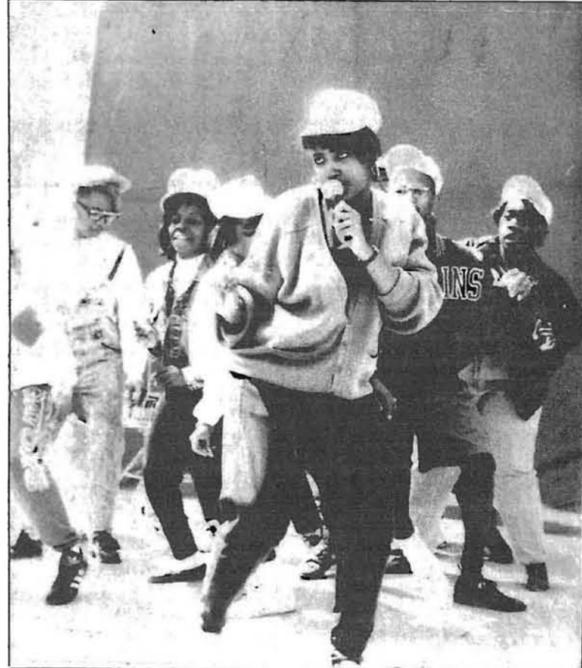
you I will make every effort to put 100 percent into resolving all the appeals."

Grimes, who is also Alla Pruzhansky's running mate in the Student Government elections, said the reason for the justices' difficulties were due to a lack of communication. He didn't elaborate on the circumstances surrounding the justices' crossed signals.

Pruzhansky, who was chief justice of the student court last year, said a batch is not a predetermined number and there could be anywhere from 100 to 500 tickets in a batch.

"I decided to tell the justices to either get their act together or get out." Small told the SGA assembly. "I was catching too much heat for something I wasn't doing."

I Want My MTV



RAPPIN: Students had the chance to make their own music video at the Mirthday celebration on campus. Rollerblades demonstrations, artists drawing caricatures, and Bar-B-Q were some of the other attractions. (photo by Scott Brandt)

Debate From page 1

is a minority population. It's one of the largest, if not the largest number of minority students in the state."

Horan stressed that it is the role of student government to talk to minority groups and bring them into student government so they can have a voice. "That is how you increase understanding and awareness," she said.

The major question of having dormitories on campus was raised, with both candidates agreeing that financing them would be difficult.

Because the University of Missouri Board of Curators have ruled that dorms, like parking, have to be self-supporting, the cost per year for a student to live in a dorm would exceed \$5000.

"Basically, UM—St. Louis has been priced out of the market," Horan said. Both candidates said it would be difficult to change the parking situation.

"Unless someone or an organization would like to donate the money towards more or updated parking, it's basically a dead issue," Pruzhansky said.

Horan said that there was talk of a possible new parking structure behind the Social Science Building, but no official plans have been made.

But Garufi said a recent meeting with Vice-Chancellor of Administrative Ser-

vices Larry Schlereth may improve the parking situation. He said Schlereth is considering reinstating the shuttle service between the north and south campuses.

"I believe Mr. Schlereth's opinion or his stance is that due to the popularity of the program, he is going to reinstate it. And I think he said he has identified funds to do that with."

Pruzhansky also supported the shuttle program.

The debate ended with each candidate urging the student body to get out and vote.

"The election means nothing if you don't get a lot of people to turn out," Garufi said. "When students turn out that says something about the whole campus. It says that we do have a student body that's concerned."

"If you don't put anything into this university, you don't get anything out of it," Pruzhansky said. "That's why all of us are up here today, because we're willing to put something into this university."

Students will be able to vote for their candidate Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24 at polling places around campus. A UM—St. Louis identification card is required.

Speakers From page 1

Lauro Cavazos to appear with Bush.

A&I President Manuel Ibanez said he wrote a letter to Cavazos, who grew up in Kingsville, asking if he or Bush would speak at the ceremony. Cavazos reportedly convinced Bush, also from Texas, to speak. The secretary later decided that he would like to attend as well.

Kingsville has formed two committees — one to promote the university and another to promote the city — to prepare for the president's visit.

"It's very exciting, not just for the campus, but also for the community. We will be putting our best foot forward," said Mary Sherwood, Texas A&I's assistant director of public affairs.

While it may be a great publicity event for the area, student's friends and families may be left out in the cold. For security reasons, the ceremony most likely will be held in a gym that seats only 4,000 people. While only 300 students are graduating, newpeople and other students who might like to attend.

"It's very likely that some people who want to attend won't be able to," Sherwood said.

Last year's graduation at Boston University, which featured Bush and French President Francois Mitterrand, had more of the atmosphere that surrounds the Super Bowl rather than an academic event. Because of the huge crowds expected — about 30,000 attended — each senior was allotted four tickets. Some enterprising students scalped their tickets for as much as \$100.

Florida State University students filed a class-action suit against FSU April

2 to prevent the same thing from happening there. Even though there is no big-name speaker signed for the ceremony, the 3,500 seniors will receive four guest tickets each, and some are scalping their free tickets for \$60.

"A public institution of higher learning should not be allowed to create a black market for resale of tickets for admission to a public meeting held ostensibly for the purpose of honoring its new graduates," says the suit, which was filed in Leon County Circuit Court by seven students.

"It's for safety purposes only," said Susan Sheppard of FSU's ticket committee. "Last spring there was about 4,000 people sitting in the aisles, and there would have been no way to get out in case of an emergency."

Wesleyan University, on the other hand, holds its ceremonies on a big grassy field, and anybody who wants to attend may. This year, Archbishop Desmond Tutu will be the featured speaker.

While getting a speaker has become big business — costing anywhere from \$2,000 to \$20,000 depending on the popularity of the speaker — few administrators readily admit they want to attract attention to their school.

"I don't get a sense that it is a competition," William Holder, who was part of the committee to bring Tutu to Wesleyan. "Each university wants to get somebody who can make the event memorable and meaningful."

A&I, however, isn't bashful about trying to draw attention to the university. "We certainly hope this will attract potential students," Sherwood said.



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The Best Choice

The staff of the *Current* has chosen to support Alla Pruzhansky as President of Student Government Association.

In reaching the decision, several factors figured into the process, including how the candidates handled themselves at the debate. Pruzhansky will represent the larger percentage of the



Alla Pruzhansky

general student population and will keep an open mind toward involving the campus in the Associated Students Of the University of Missouri (ASUM), a lobbying group that presents student views to the legislature in Jefferson City. Both candidates stressed that communication with the students is essential to running an effective student government, but Pruzhansky seems to have the edge when it comes to responding to the needs of students.

Pruzhansky's plans for SGA will be contingent on the goals the organization sets for itself, but the staff feels that her goals will mesh well with those of the assembly. Outgoing president Terence Small found out the hard way that a stubborn stand on issues in the assembly will reap little rewards. The president of SGA must be accountable to the assembly, otherwise that office is out of check. Pruzhansky was a stickler for abiding by the SGA Bylaws all year, so if she follows her own lead there should be a good checks and balances system in SGA for the first time in quite a while.

Pruzhansky's vice-presidential partner, Mark Grimes, will add the minority representation sorely needed on this campus.

Grimes' list of activities far outweighs those of his competitors, which should make him quite an effective leader. Both candidates are dedicated to this campus and should prove excellent leaders

Election Advise

Inside View

by Kevin Kleine editor

The staff of the *Current* had tough time choosing between Jennifer Horan and Alla Pruzhansky for SGA President. Although Horan did not win the vote of the staff, she is not to be taken lightly. This race will be close. If Pruzhansky wins the election, she should not fail to place Horan high in the SGA. Both women could be a valuable asset to each other in the coming year.

Unfortunately, Bryan Wyatt will only end up in the "also ran" category. A slipshod campaign from the onset was his downfall. His absence from the presidential debate was like throwing a bucket of water of the small spark of a campaign he had going. I hate to see

elections like this where one person is blown away by the other candidates.

This years campaign ran rather smooth as compared to last year's race though. Accusations flew from all sides about fraud, cheating and various minor incidents that gave the SGA election process a black eye.

The assembly tried to change the process, but was naive in its methods. So we're stuck with the same flawed system, but it is by far a better system than the one of mail-in ballots proposed earlier in the year.

I suggested in a column last year that the election process should use computer-scored cards to count the ballots. It would work like the machines used to grade the multiple choice tests given in the large lecture classes. If a student number turned up more than once, all ballots with that number would be void. It would also separate the candidates better and make for a less confusing ballot.



Shawn M. Foppe #4990 COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

All The Vice Chancellor's Men Police Silent About Campus Incidents

Oblivion

by Shawn M. Foppe managing editor

It was the stuff great spy novels are made of; there were secret meetings involving confidential sources. The buzz in the newsroom was electric, everyone knew that something was up. There were phone calls to the University's legal counsel trying to gain access to police records without letting anyone know which records were really needed and why.

For the most part, the police chief played it close to the cuff and directed all calls to his boss - vice chancellor Larry (Schlereth). For his part, the vice chancellor played ignorant of university policies governing access to police records. Very peculiar for some one a heart beat away from the chancellor.

Late night meetings (actually 10 a.m.) with the Current's local attorney and long distance calls to political advisors in Washington D.C. added to the melodrama. Strategies were planned. A temporary restraining order naming the chancellor, the police chief, and certain members of the Board of Curators and UM-St. Louis administration was sought - those records would not disappear so easily with high level members of the university facing contempt charges from a court of law.

Then the big break came through. The energy swept through the newsroom like a tornado in April. The word came down - student affairs vice chancellor Sandy MacLean could verify

the events, the records would not be needed.

You would have thought the *Current* was trying to catch the chancellor in a compromising liaison or better yet tie Eva Louise Fraser's financial investments to crack houses in north St. Louis. None of this, however, was true. What the *Current* was investigating were handicapped student's accusations that the UM - St. Louis Police department was not responding to calls for assistance.

The accusations involved an incident where a student fell off her three wheeler (a type of wheelchair) while trying to enter the J.C. Penney Building on her way to her vehicle. It was late at night and the police department was called for assistance. The dispatcher told the caller that the incident was not the police department's problem and to call Student Affairs (mind you the time was after 10 p.m.)

The caller phoned MacLean at home. He told her to phone the police for assistance and that he would look into the problem immediately. She called the police back and they grudgingly assisted - 30 minutes later. This fact is denied by Chief Pickens of the UM-St. Louis Police department, but he has offered no evidence to the contrary, including taped conversations involving the UM-St. Louis police dispatcher, and none seems forthcoming.

Pickens was eventually ordered to cooperate with the *Current* although his assistance was in the way of an official story which seems to differ with the story of several witnesses and the vice chancellor for student affairs.

Now I know this seems like a hatchet

job on the police; just another case of Foppe bad-mouthing the university. But the opposite couldn't be truer. The university and the police department were given ample time on several occasions to produce evidence to clear up discrepancies, but have instead chosen to treat the records as if they were national secrets.

Come on. What happens on this campus that the police department is really needed. Year after year students cry out that the police are just high priced meter maids, and year after year Pickens or Schlereth claim the police are needed to protect the campus. But who are they waiting to protect, obviously not the injured or the handicapped.

I guess that's what Pickens doesn't want you to find out about. Just like I'm sure he doesn't want you to find out about the time a woman called in for assistance involving a sexual assault and was told to call back in the morning.

Is this what they meant by creating a hostile environment?

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The world has suffered a great loss in our war against AIDS. Last week, 18-year old Ryan White silently passed away after a five year battle against the disease.

Ryan was a hemophiliac who caught the AIDS virus while receiving a blood transfusion. During his battle with the virus, he gained national notoriety appearing on all the big talk shows, on national news broadcasts, and on Nightline with Ted Koppel. Ryan also became friends with international stars like Madonna, Elton John and Michael Jackson.

Ryan leaves behind a large legacy, his battle to attend public school enlightened the nation and cleared the way for other children with AIDS to attend school. His willingness to appear in public to talk about AIDS and his eminent death gave the entire world a new perspective on death from one so young but so insightful.

Death from AIDS is never easy to accept, but when a young person dies from the disease, the death takes on an air of tragedy. We do not mourn the fact that Ryan is no longer with us, for we know that he is at peace and has gone on to meet his maker; what we mourn is the loss of someone who had so much to give. Who knows what great art the world will never see; who knows what wondrous technical feats will never be realized; who knows what miraculous scientific accomplishments will never gain fruition all because of the death of one so young.

When Ryan passed earth's "slippery bounds," a nation stopped to mourn. Michael Jackson comforted Ryan's mother, Elton John and Phil Donahue served as pall bearers, and Elton John sang a song dedicated to Ryan about a bird dreaming to be free, for the first time ever, a representative from the office of the President of the United States - Barbara Bush - attended the funeral of an AIDS victim, and the funeral was carried live on CNN.

Ryan's death once again focused the nation on the ravages of AIDS and how desperate the situation is. In the end, Ryan's death gave us his greatest legacy of all - Hope.

May his legacy live long.

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Candidate: Enforce Rules, Stamp Out Apathy

Dear Editor,

The Student General Assembly has failed in its duty to represent the student body. The restructuring should begin with enforcement of current rules on meeting attendance, the enactment of new rules and leadership to eliminate apathy among the representatives, and if they do not begin properly representing their constituency they should be removed from interfering with those

who do.

The SGA has failed to live up to its potential and is in desperate need of action. One of the few things the SGA has accomplished in the past is the allocation of funds, and even that has been spotty, for example, the administration before the present ran a deficit which is supposed to be impossible and illegal. Currently the entire student court has been asked to resign because they allowed three months worth of unsolved

ticket appeals to pile up. The main reason for this situation is the impermissible apathy that is prevalent even in student government, topped off by a sense of helplessness that comes from the wasting of people's time at ineffectual meetings. The only reps that do show up for the meetings are either in a tirade about something or are there to collect money. The meetings have been plagued with unending bickering and infighting, including attempts to im-

peach the president. A rep explained most member's attitudes by sharing her own. "I only show up so that we continue to get funding, which we end up spending on pizza and drinks at a few parties." To make matters worse, they have to spend the money even if they have to waste it because if they don't, they will receive less the next year.

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A Few More Words About 'Weeding-Out'

Dear Editor,

It seems that some people have been quite aroused by my letter concerning "weeding out." I apologize to the person who responded if I angered them in any way. But, she said some things about my letter that I did not even hint at or mention. To support my opinion of why we need to educate students we have at this university, I have cited some interesting studies.

1. In this weeks issue of *Newsweek*, April 9, 1990, there is presented some alarming surveys about our nation's high school students. Out of 13 industrialized countries included in the survey, on the Chemistry achievement tests, Hong Kong scored number one while the United States was right there at number 11. On the Physics test, Hong Kong again was number one. Where was the United States? At number nine. And finally, the biology section. Singapore was number one, and, hold on to your hats, the United States was number 13. Pretty impressive, I must say.

2. O.K. How about some statistics on

college students. In the same issue of *Newsweek*, it says, and I paraphrase: American Students are fleeing from math and science courses in droves. By the third grade, half of the students don't want to take anymore science or math. Fewer than half ever take a science course after the tenth grade, and only percent pursue studies in calculus, unlike those 12 percent of Japanese students who pursue calculus classes. College students who major in engineering is nine times higher in Japan than in the United States. Foreign Nationals now receive over half of the Ph.D.'s awarded in this country concerning engineering (*Newsweek*, April 9, 1990, pg. 53).

3. I was talking to some people who support my letter and they brought me into contact with some other information. In the *American Scientist* for September/October 1989, there is a whole imprint titled "A Profile of Undergraduates in the Sciences," written by Kenneth Green. In it, he cites many alarming trends:

More than half of the students who pursue degrees change to nonscience programs. (including myself).

*For women, their interest in the sciences has declined 2/5 in the period from 1966-1988. This is discouraging when we are trying to encourage everyone to obtain a higher degree of education.

*From this, there is a tremendous loss of talented and able-minded people.

*Science is a key resource for the future and weeding out is not preparing us to meet this challenge (pgs. 475-480).

When reading Ms. Douaihy's letter, she made it sound as if those who are white, have money, and attend private schools are the ones who are eligible to receive a degree. I was not and I am not pleading for the indiscriminate granting of degrees and no where in my previous letter did I mention anything about honors. It is in our Nation's best interest that we educate even those who did not have the "proper cultural and educational facilities." Ms. Douaihy needs to scan her letter for clarity. Please listen to what you say. Being "elitists" gets you

nowhere, and it is not getting us anywhere as a nation.

Finally, I also agree that we should not hand out A's, but neither should we give D's or F's to those who try and do learn something. We should not lower standards, but we should not raise them so high as to discourage students from pursuing science careers or change their majors. Take a look at your classmates. They are not all rich, white, Americans. They are people - people working to better themselves and make something happen.

Please listen to what I say. Read the surveys and the articles. If we pay attention to what our country is doing, then maybe we can become number one. This cannot happen until everyone pulls together and stops being elitists. Our educational system is one mistake we can learn by.

America...Open Your Eyes,
Chris Currington (again)

P.S. A country is only as educated as its least educated person. (B.H.)

Bugg Lake: Relax, Take A Second Look

by Barry Kepp student

"Hey it's spring!"
"Spring fever! Outdoor, man, that's where it's at!"
"Awright, settle down, now, and listen."
"O-kay."

We at UM-St. Louis are among the privileged few of St. Louis and we don't even know it.

"Oh, yeah?"
Yeah.

No, I don't mean the fact that we have both the opportunity and the means to afford an education—a luxury available to neither the lower-middle-class work slave nor the homeless poor. And yet we regard it more often as a hassle than a privilege.

And I don't mean the unparalleled good fortune that we enjoy in the fact that most of the prime parking spaces are two hundred miles from the nearest sign of civilization which allows us to catch up on the much needed exercise everyone's talking about. (But don't feel too privileged; after all, this isn't the only university with this arrangement. At the University of Milwaukee.)

The blessing I'm talking about is a subtler benefit of life on the UM-St. Louis campus, and one that's far more distinctive than the two cited above. We are blessed to be attending one of the only universities in St. Louis—and indeed in the Midwest, the U.S., even the world—graced by a lake. And the special hidden benefits that it gives us take some of the edge off the harsh tribulation of even the parking-space trek. (That's the one where Spock lands one of the shuttles in a No-Landing zone on Henabdit II. No, wait, that's in "Back to the Future II." Wait a minute...)

"Oh, comme on! Get serious. You got me to read this far just for a lake? Big deal. I'm late for class—Later, dude."

I know. Big deal, a lake. But check it out: Now that spring is here, stop by the lake for a couple of minutes in between classes. Stand on the newly built wooden dock, or have a seat on one of the hills overlooking the lake just outside of Benton. ("Benton?" I thought that was a tv show?) "No, he was Dukakis running mate." "Dukakis who?")

Seriously, though, you won't find a more unique relaxation experience anywhere on campus. Look out over the hypnotic green ripples. Feel the radiant warmth of the fiery sun, the celestial source of wind, rain, and life. Listen to the distant sounds of birds, barking dogs, and crispy leaves singing their songs of anticipation of the coming rebirth of season, plants, and planet.

Take your time. Spend a few minutes there relaxing, doing absolutely nothing—just being. Lean on the rail or lean back on the hill; close your eyes; and take a few deep, slow breaths. In the manic frantic hectic hustle-bustle of daily living, you need and deserve this moment.

The lake is a treasure in all kinds of weather—hot, warm, cool, rainy, sunny, or windy. And now that the grass is coming up, it's a great place for doing homework, kickin' back, writing in a journal, or having a snack. (But please don't litter, lest the Lady of the Lake haunt your breath for a thousand years with a persistent aroma of stale braunschweiger—starting on your next date.) And when it's raining or you're pressed for time, it's good to just glance at it for a few seconds on your way to wherever. Even in small doses, the image of the water has subtle, subliminal calming effects.

It can also be an excellent refuge for thinking about a problem, crisis, or challenge. Or even a good place to invite minute or ten, just being outdoor and watching the ripples is hypnotically calming. It helps to stare at a spot just below the fountain and infocus your vision; if you wear glasses, take them off. Every now and then, close your eyes and breathe deeply. It's great.

Even when it's still, when the fountain's off, it's incredible. There's a haunting sort of mystery about the reflection of trees and sky in a placid lake. It's like a living photographic sculpture of tranquility that you become a part of, because you're there with it. Dr. Charles Granger, Professor of Biology and Education, put it nicely before the fountain was installed: "Just to have a setting on campus that has a peaceful vision about it helps one to reflect on the calming aspects of life."

Bugg Lake, named after former chancellor James S. Bugg, has been

around for a long time—since 1964, when the university was founded, and for several decades before that as a water trap, when the campus was a golf trap, when the campus was a golf trap. And if it hadn't been for the efforts and wisdom of those who got involved and advocated its restoration, after the recent construction that was done between Benton and Stadler Halls, the lake today might be just another asphalt desert as it was slated for at one point.

Being a body water, it also provides us with a marvelous and unique source of natural beauty. As Laura Paige, vice president of the Student Government Association, said:

"I think it's necessary to remember the environment, especially with the construction that goes on on college campuses. By keeping the lake here, it reminds people that there's another world out there, a natural environment; it's not all just the cubicles and office space of the business world."

From an environmental standpoint, however, the lake has been stripped of much of its natural, contextual beauty and integrity since its draining for the building project. Without its wild animal populations (most of which may not be restored), and with instead a stone collar around it shore and the fountain in the middle (to keep algae from getting out of control), it's more like a chic, attractive, artificial pond.

Beauty being in the eye of the beholder, of course. One of the main reasons for any environmental degradation—for which the initial draining of the lake is a microcosmic metaphor—is that as civilized people most of us have lost touch with the intrinsic beauty and the often replaceable value of unspoiled, unmanicured natural settings and ecosystems. (Thankfully, though tragically, Exxon helped us all get somewhat of a grasp on this concept last year, having poisoned some of the most pristine marine territory on the planet. And that was just one out of hundreds of incidents that happen each year.) And even though the lake was artificial to begin with, it's been made even more so now. Just another example of the epidemic artificialization of the human being and our neighboring habitats.

This artificial tendency permeates our lifestyles, as it has done for so centuries to greater and greater degrees with the advance of man's insatiable quest for "development." So that in our modern society we witness open fields being razed to build shopping plazas, housing developments, and industrial complexes' people living most of their lives indoors in fluorescent lighting and stale air; diets of sythetic chemical compounds that pass for food. And this fake reality is illustrated, unfortunately, by the decision to put the stone collar around the shore for soil retention instead of living plants.

An equally unfortunate choice is the fountain (which looks like an imitation rock.) With this mechanical apparatus running constantly, adding to the already enormous consumption of electricity on campus, there will rarely be a time when we'll be able to look at the lake and see a tapestry of gentle ripples or a perfectly frozen aquarian mirror—sights as unique as having a lake on campus in the first place.

In the words of Dr. Granger: "There's something about a fountain that changes your attitude about water. It domesticates it. Without a fountain, the water has a different feel to it. It's softer, mellower, more natural." While I'll admit that the sound of running water creates its own soothing effect and the sight of a fountain has a certain artificial appeal, I couldn't agree with him more.

God help the ducks and geese who have always frequented the lake, moreover—not to mention other life forms that may be drawn to it—if chemicals are put into the water to prevent the fountain from clogging. Over the past several decades, we've been learning the hard way about the mixed blessing of chemicals in our lives since the long over-glorified Industrial Revolution, as well as all subsequent advances in mechanical, electronic, and military sciences.

So, with or without chemicals, the fountain is a questionable "improvement" to the lake. Still (even though it's no longer still), the lake is a unique feature and a true blessing.

"If you disturb a site to build a building," said John Mruzik, supervisor of Physical Facilities for the Biology department (who, along with Dr.

Granger and probably the entire department, is pleased to see the lake back in place at least), "part of your responsibility is to return the area to its original condition." Again, I agree.

And yet, while the concept of the new lake is far from this, it's also far better than a parking lot. (Because now we can still get our exercise when going to classes in Benton and Stadler.) And a new clay liner has been installed to prevent it from leaking like it used to.

Before its draining, by the way, according to Granger, the lake was home to bluegills, crappies, Asian and channel catfish (which controlled the algae population), snapping turtles, painted turtles, and frogs—in addition to the wild reeds and grasses around its banks and edges and the smaller animal, insect, and microbial life forms in the water and air. This abundance of living diversity made for an excellent educational resource for 900-1,000 biology students per year, besides giving passers-by a wealth of natural visual delights.

What do they students think about having a lake on campus? I asked several what they like about it:

"Nostalgia."
"The calming effect of it."

"It's nice that in a metropolitan area there is a lake. I think that it gives students a chance to appreciate natural things."

"Peaceful and beautiful. I like to come out here and think and relax. It makes me feel good. It makes the whole environment warmer. And it's a good place to be alone."

Personally, I was really ticked off when I first saw it drained, 'looking like an open sore on the land—another wound inflicted by the unrelenting march of progress. (Or "transgress," depending on how you look at it.) I used to like watching the fish and feeding them wheat, oats, and barley. Once, I was shocked out of my shirt at the sight of a huge, slowly emerging catfish. The ominous strains of the "Jaws" theme began playing somewhere back behind the library. A marching band, perhaps?

More recently, of course, I was absolutely tickled to see it beeing filled, and then finally full again. (Settle down, Barry. Get a life.) I was equally pleased to learn recently from Dr. Granger that

the Missouri Conservation Commission had been notified before the draining, and had come out and gotten the fish and turtles and a lot of the frogs and relocated them to other lakes. After all, non-humans need a home too. According to John Mruzik, however, many of the frog—sensing the imminent approach of the human juggernaut (Please...)—had escaped prematurely to the swimming pool of a nearby Bel-Nor resident. Now there's a new twist on a pool party.)

Among the many who deserve praise for raising their voices and/or piggy banks in support of the lake's restoration are: Lon Wilkins, Charles Granger; John Mruzik; M. Thomas Jones, Deputy to the Chancellor; Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor for student affairs; the Biology Club students and other student organizations who donated both cash and their time in collecting donations from students, faculty, and companies; and Alla Pruzhansky and others of the Student Government Association who helped coordinate the fundraising.

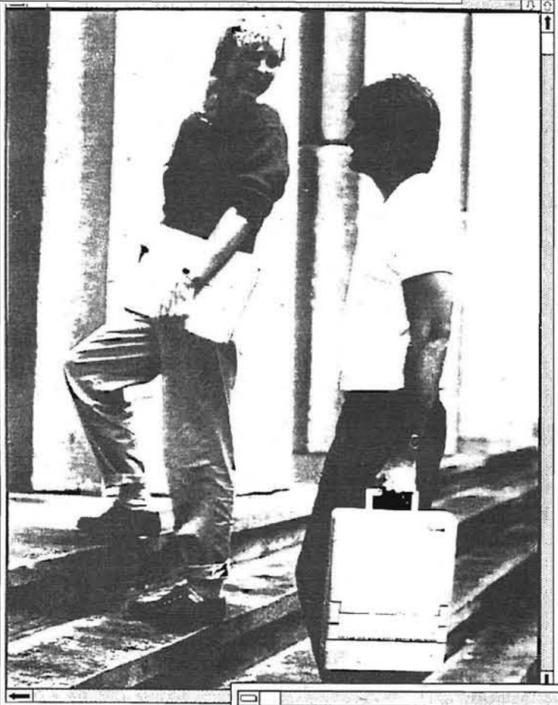
Tom Eschen, Senio Development Officer with University Relations, informed me that the money was raised under a campaign called "Student Dollar Days" in November of '88. The amount totalled to \$513.21, which was deposited into a Student Government Association account. It has now been transferred into a gift account, Tom said, to enable it to be utilized for the lake's restoration at the discretion of the SGA working in tandem with the Chancellor.

An article in the December 1, 1988 *Current* titled "Bugg Lake Money Raised" states, "The money raised will help purchase wildlife for Bugg Lake, which is being restored... A campus-wide effort is underway to restore the lake to its former state, in which wildlife flourished." Time will tell, of course, how nearly this original intention will be fulfilled.

If they stock the lake with catfish, for example, they definitely won't need any chemicals. And a few turtles, frogs and water lilies here and there would be nice. Any money left over could be used for benches and trashcans. Maybe they could even train the catfish to leap

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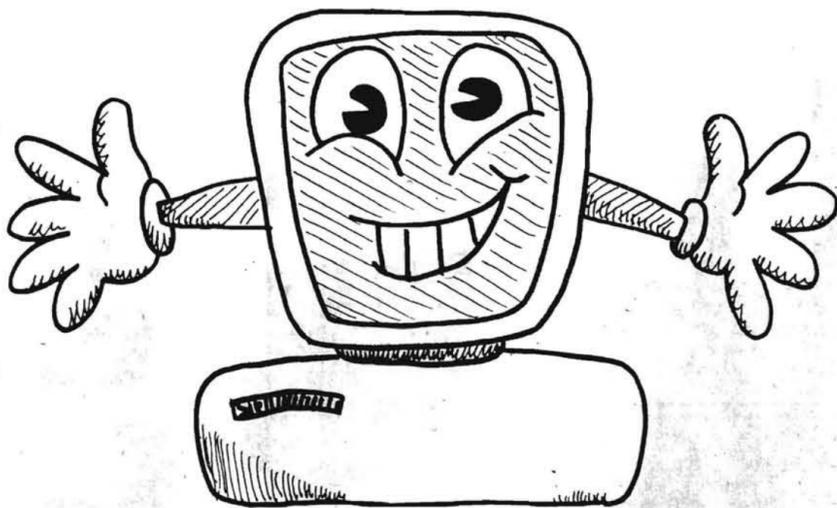
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Original Homeless Are Still Seeking Shelter



DYING ART: Rituals such as dances like the one above are slowly fading as the U.S. Government pushes Native Americans from their lands. UM—St. Louis hosts a Pow Wow every year in support of Indians helping to preserve their culture.(photos by Scott Brandt)

by K.C. Clarke
reporter

Indians, America's original homeless, are once again facing eviction from their tribal lands.

UM—St. Louis students got a first hand look at the issues when a Navaho elder spoke on campus last week.

Grace Smith, a spokesperson and medicine woman for the "Dineh," or Holy People as the Navaho call themselves, was in town on a lecture tour of several area campuses.

Speaking to students about the forced relocation of 15,000 Navahos and hundreds of Hopis from a reservation in Arizona, Smith came straight to the point.

"I'm not here to make you feel sorry for the poor Indian," said Smith. "I'm here for justice."

The Navaho's story is a long and tangled web of corporate and government double-dealing that has left thousands of Indians homeless and two tribes on the brink of a so-called "range war."

Once happy to live together in peace, the Hopi and the Navaho have been divided by a court order and a fence where there once was open range.

Apparently, the division and ensuing bad blood between the tribes was stage managed by large mining concerns, who, working in tandem with the United States government, were eager to take advantage of the rift and move in on the resource rich mesas of the reservation.

The reservation was arbitrarily divided in half, without regards as to which tribe lived on what side of the line. That line left 15,000 Navaho on the wrong side of the tracks.

To make matters worse, the U.S. imposed a Tribal Council of hand-picked officials on the Indian people. So began a silent and insidious corruption as the Tribal officials sold away the mining rights to the rich coal and uranium deposits beneath the land, and bulldozers cut into the sacred

mountains. Smith and other Navaho and Hopi traditionalists are wise to the corruption on the councils.

"The Tribal Councils are elected so they can sign away the land," said Smith. "They are government puppets."

In a land where many people are poor and jobs are few, Smith says that bribery is not too hard to swallow.

"Around election time, there are a lot of large checkbooks," said Smith. "One hundred dollars, 300 dollars, is a lot of money. They [the people] don't know what it's for."

Poverty and government harassment make it hard for the people to fight the relocation. The Indian people who will not voluntarily relocate to the other side of the fence are being forced out by government imposed hardships such as building moratoriums and revocation of grazing leases for their stock.

"You have to have a permit now to graze horses, sheep and cattle," said Smith.

The government revoked hers. Smith would like to see tribal government pass back into the hands of the people.

Smith believes that the Hopi and Navaho can work out their differences if outside forces would just leave them alone.

"We want to control our own destiny," Smith said. "We want to get rid of the government."

Smith would also like to see the people take control of the mining leases. The Indians have very little control over the mining operations and see almost nothing of the huge profits the mining concerns rake in.

One of Smith's major concerns is the destruction of the environment that mining has caused. The Navaho and Hopi traditionally have close, religious ties to the land, and they see themselves as the Earth's caretakers.

"We work with environmentalists to try and protect the land," said Smith.



"The land is our Mother Earth. Coal is her liver and uranium her guts. Once they are all pulled out, we will suffer."

Basically, Smith says that many of the Navaho and Hopi traditionalists just want to be left alone so that they can live in the old way, as farmers and ranchers and at peace with their environment.

"We don't want luxury," Smith said. "We don't want VCRs and color TVs. We just want to be culture rich."

An activist for Indian rights since 1982, Smith has traveled the world in an attempt to bring attention to the Indian cause. Thanks to her efforts, and the efforts of Indian activists before her, the issue of forced relocation has been taken up by the United Nations.

Smith, who recently returned from a conference in Geneva, Switzerland is encouraged by the things that she has seen on her travels. Particularly inspirational to her was the freeing of Nelson Mandela and the advancement of black rights in South Africa.

"We see these things go on in front of us at the U.N.," Smith said. "My hope and my spirit is very high. I know the U.N. is the only place our prayers will be answered."

Until her prayers are answered, Smith, whose real name is "Morning Star" among her people will continue to shine light on the cause of the Navaho and on the cause of all indigent people from around the world.

Shakespeare's Life Reconstructed

by Cathy Waller

*"The lunatic, the lover, and the poet
Are of imagination all compact"*

— *Midsummer's Night's Dream*

William Shakespeare had imagination. But little is known about what Shakespeare considered himself to be - a lunatic, a lover or a poet. The fact is there is not much we can be certain of when it comes to his life. All there is to go on are a few records from Stratford, England, where Shakespeare was born and raised.

Biographies in those days were only written for saints and nobility. Shakespeare was a special guy, but not that special according to the Elizabethans.

It seems very appropriate, then, in celebration of his birthday (April 23) that we see just what kind of life Shakespeare really lived and maybe even do a little hypothesizing of our own when things get a little dry. After all - the lunatic, lover and poet are of imagination all compact, aren't they?

We don't actually know if Shakespeare was born on April 23rd or not. The only information we have is his baptismal record for the 26th of April, 1564. But because Shakespeare died on April 23, 1616 (52 years later), historians have decided to designate his birthday on the same date.

Shakespeare was raised in a middle-class family. His father, who was once elected Stratford's Bailiff (this was equivalent to a mayor), had a good reputation in town.

Shakespeare spent most of his time in a strenuous grammar school when he was young - nine hours a day, summer and winter.

Companies of professional actors appeared in Stratford, and it is believed that William was probably influenced by the actors and their plays.

Influenced? Right. He was probably picking those plays apart.

"You know...that plot is not as highly developed as it could be...if they would put in a few more scenes which encompassed the central thematic essence," he once explained to a friend.

The next stage of his life could easily be labeled (by those nice, thick, boring biographical books found in your local library) "The Lover's Years." He must have been some kind of Romeo to win over a dangerous, older woman as he did.

Actually, I'm not so sure that is exactly how it happened. Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway on November 27, 1582. They had their first child on May 26, 1583.

Things happened rather quickly for eighteen year old William - a father and a husband all at once, but regardless of their undoubtedly rough start, the marriage seemed to be successful. Just two years later, twins were born to the Shakespeare family.

For the next seven years, Shakespeare

was lost. Not literally, but as far as most records go, he was. Legends about what Shakespeare did during these absent years range from his being a country schoolmaster to hunting deer illegally as a pastime.

Personally, I think both of these were probably true. I can just picture it. He was probably like one of those real cool, sixties look-alike professors you had in school who had all his students call him by his first name and he'd let everyone go outside on nice days to have class. "I think you need a hobby, dear." Anne suggested after watching him mope around the house day after day.

"Yeah, I guess you're right. I think I'll go into town and see what the guys are up to tonight."

Thus, thanks to those crazy guys he ran around with, deer-poaching expeditions came into being. His buddies started to call him "lunatic" for short.

After giving some thought to his life, I believe Shakespeare saw more potential in himself than that of his preceding actions: I'm sure this conclusion was drawn with the help of Stratford's Wildlife Society, too.

Suddenly, he started to feel pressed toward a much more refined profession and life-style.

I'm sure he tried to write in his own home, but it didn't work out. The kids were too rambunctious, and of course Anne expected to spend some quality time with him in the evenings. So, he went off to London to act and write.

By 1592 Shakespeare was thriving successfully on London's literary and theatrical stages and also happily, of course, writing to Anne faithfully.

During the following decade, Shakespeare wrote the best theatrical drama in the history of the world. No one could believe that this guy - from Stratford of all places - could turn up the town as he did.

One such person, a Mr. Robert Greene, wrote a letter complaining about certain professionals who had used their talents for the betterment of their own work. "...supposes he is as well able to bombast out a blanke verse as the best of you; and being an absolute 'Iohannes fac totum' is in his owne conceit the onely Shake-scene in a country."

Right. I'm really going to believe a guy who spells being with two 'e's. I never remember anyone named Robert Greene in my lit classes before anyway.

Because of Shakespeare's popularity as a dramatist, it is hard to believe that his friends had such a difficult time getting his plays together for the first folio publication in 1623. But at that time, they hand-wrote each actor's lines onto a separate script. Each actor had his own part but no one else's.

to make matters worse, there was only

one copy of each part. So, one can understand why it was so difficult to get the manuscripts together.

I can just see their rehearsals back then...An actor comes in after drinking his morning coffee, and accidentally knocks it over onto his script. The director gets tremendously bent out of shape about this and says, "Next time any of you does something like that again, you're going to have to re-copy all the scripts yourself!"

Curiously enough, Shakespeare wasn't well known as a poet until 1609 when the publication of "Shakespeares Sonnets" came out, but his plays were being performed well before the folio publication.

These sonnets are believed to be autobiographical, and it continues to be a painful secret to most as to whom William was actually writing to. It would be nice if it had been his wife he was writing about. But there is a lot of evidence that contradicts this theory. If it was Anne, I'm sure she got just a little upset when she saw sonnet number 130.

*My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun
Coral is far more red than her lips' red;
If snow be white, why then her breasts
are dun;*

*If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.
I have seen roses damasked, red and white,*

*But no such roses see I in her cheeks;
And in some perfumes is there more delight*

*Than in the breath that from my mistress reeks
I love to hear her speak; yet well I know
That music hath a far more pleasing sound;*

*I grant I never saw a goddess go
My mistress, when she walks, treads on the ground
And yet, by heaven, I think my love
as rare
As any she belied with false compare."*

Sure. He tries to make it up to her in the last two lines. Don't think she didn't notice that. I guess he was experimenting with a little "realistic sonneting," huh?

In recognition of Shakespeare's birthday on April 23rd, I have attempted to recreate a "realistic biography" of the man - with the main emphasis on "creating" and "attempting" mind you.

We don't know all there is to know about Shakespeare and what his life was truly like. Because there are so many legends around, it's hard to know which one is the real Shakespeare. But I do believe we know one thing for sure - he was a lunatic, lover, and a poet - all three. And a man goes beyond a mere genius when he is as multitalented as this.

Students To Celebrate Earth Day

by Stan Wisniewski
reporter

You say it's your Earth Day, its my Earth Day too.

Earth Day began 20 years ago as teach-ins by David Brower and other activists to raise awareness of environmental issues after the 1969 oil spill off the Santa Barbara coast.

This year Earth Day will be held on April 22nd. The group Earth Day 1990 St. Louis will sponsor several activities on the 21st and 22nd in Forest Park.

The UM-St. Louis Biology Club and the Grassroots Institute will co-sponsor a lecture by Brower on the 25th.

Brower began as an environmental activist in 1926. He served as the first executive director of The Sierra Club from 1952 to 1969. More recently he helped establish National Parks in the Redwoods, the North Cascades and on Cape Cod. He is currently the chairman of the Earth Island Institute which works to restore the earth.

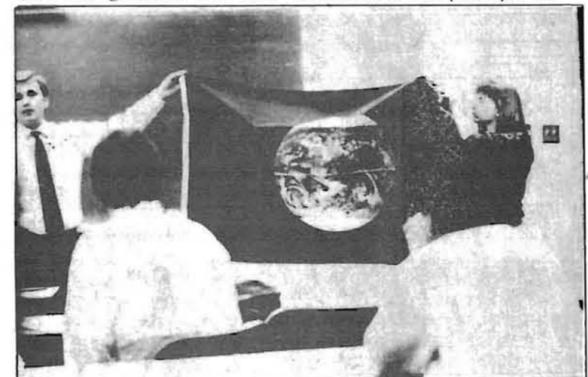
Brower lives in Berkeley Ca. He will give lectures at UM-St. Louis, Washington University and St. Louis University.

In addition to the Earth Day activities, the Biology Club sponsors seminars every other Tuesday on biological and environmental issues.

Currently, the Biology Club is involved in several projects on campus. The club recently did an environmental audit of the campus. The report shows how much energy was used by the university, how much trash was generated and what

percentage was recycled. It also makes recommendations on how to use renewable energy sources and items that can be recycled that are not recycled now.

In addition to the Biology Club, the Forensics and Debate Club will give oral presentations to commemorate Earth Day. The presentations will be in the J.C. Penney Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. April 19.



Presenting: Tom O'Leary and Laura Paige show the Student Government Association the official Earth Day Flag. SGA donated \$50 towards the purchase of the flag.(photo by David Barnes)

The Church Prays For Success

by Brad Touchette
reporter

"Gold Afternoon Fix" The new album by the Australian group The Church has been one of the most anticipated since the release of their previous LP, "Starfish" and their first top 40 single "Under The Milky Way."

Unfortunately, the release does not live up to expectations. Many good songs highlight the first side, but a drowning, dreary, walk through the emotional swamp of whatever they feel like singing about awaits the listener on side two.

Do not play side two at a party unless you want to make sure everyone will be thoroughly bummed out when they leave. Also, don't listen to that side if you have to stay awake.

The Church is talented in melody and originality. The first song, "Pharoah," sounds like a generic English progressive band and makes you hope the tape gets a little better.

The second song, "Metropolis," makes you wonder if this is U2 on barbituates. The style of guitar playing on that track is a strange cross between The Edge and a Mexican fiesta.

And then the listener is greeted with what he's been waiting for, a song with drive. "Terra Nova Cain" is just that. This nice little surprise carries you along with a pounding beat and original guitar work. It's fresh and alive.

"Russian Autumn Heart" is too, but

this one's got a great riff and an even better melody to keep you coming back. "Essence" is also bright and moves to a nice, uptempo beat. The acoustic guitars are a real treat to listen to on this track.

"City" is not bad. It is original, but it could have used a more lively voice to complement it. Sometimes Steve Kilbey (vocals, bass, keyboards) and his voice get old from the low, almost monotone sound he emits. This song is a good example of that. But the music is a good piece of creativity.

The remaining track on side one, "Monday Morning," belongs on Sesame Street. The note progression it's built around sounds like something you'd hear while watching Grover play with one of the many homeless kids on that show.(Where do all those kids live anyway?)

Once you flip the tape to hear the second side, you may find yourself searching frantically for the receipt so you can get something else. "You're Still Beautiful" and "Disappointment" are torture to listen to.

"You're Still Beautiful" sounds like they needed to fill space. Kilbey sings:

*"You're still beautiful baby
nobody can take that away
You're still beautiful baby
even when you fall down that way."*

This song is about vanity and arrogance. The music is taunting, just like

the words which are obviously directed towards some stuck-up yuppie or something. Though they may have wanted the song to sound that way, it still makes the LP ugly.

"Disappointment" is just that. After hearing it, one may ask himself: "Why did I sit through that?" Don't ask me, pal. Learn to use that fast-forward button, I guess.

And just when you think side two has died a slow death and brought you along for the fun of it, The Church throws "Transcient" at you.

This song was good enough to make me rewind the tape and hear it again. It has a driving beat and great guitar licks. It made me think that the rest of this side wouldn't be a wash.

I was wrong. The last few tracks were just awful. "Laughing" made me feel like crying and wishing it would end. And the last song on the LP "Grind," made me want to do just that to the cassette.

All in all, this latest effort by The Church is a good product. A lot of songs are very slow, and Kilbey can become very monotone, but the guitar melodies are fresh, new, and still pleasing to listen to - something hard to find these days to say the least.

The second side is this album's down side. I wish I could replace "City" with "Transcient" and never have to listen to side two.

The tape is worth purchasing when Target has one of its sales, but that's about it.

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over the fountain, and charge admission to see the show! They could call it "The Bugg Follies!" No? Oh ...

The article lists an impressive roster, by the way, of more than sixty "students, staff, faculty members, and others who donated money to the project." Almost a dozen local companies and citizens—among them Pepperidge Farms, the Funny Bone Comedy Club, and Mrs. Lois Schoemehl—also sponsored the project, making donations of goldfish, free passes, cash, and other items to help with the campaign. On behalf of all of us who have long appreciated or are learning to appreciate this Great Lake in the Midwest, I thank all of these individuals and companies once again. (I wonder what happened to the goldfish ...)

Billie Sue Schulze, acting vice chancellor for university relations, said that if the students show a renewed interest in raising even more funds to maintain and beautify the lake annually, University Relations would support the ongoing project completely.

Luckily, however, there should be no need for that. According to Mary Vosevich, manager of grounds, both her department and facilities planning are coordinating the overall beautification and maintenance of the lake and the surrounding area. Facilities services maintains the entire campus grounds regularly. And thanks to the combined efforts of them and facilities planning, we're witnessing the installation of the excellent new dock, sidewalks, lights, and the eventual planting of trees and re-landscaping of the entire area. (The sidewalks are outstanding, not only the

general campus population, but also for those who are physically disabled. The administration has long excelled at accommodating this segment of our student body and visiting public.)

Vosevich voiced one more testimonial to the lake's value, both present and future: "the lake adds a quality to the campus that was lacking when it was there. And with the addition of wildflowers and native plant strains, it should be a real gathering place for students, faculty, and staff." She emphasized that we all have to be patient, though, while the renovation is in progress, as both the construction work and the planting and growing of the plants takes time.

Water is an essential element of our physical, psychoemotional, and spiritual health. The ionization experienced from being near moving water, for example—like waterfalls, falling rain, streams, and ocean spray (not the cranberry cocktail)—is wonderfully rejuvenative. This, in fact, is the best thing about the fountain.

But even looking at a body of still water is therapeutic, as it helps to re-establish our shaky connection to nature. And, of course, we need plenty of good water to drink (six to eight glasses daily is what health care specialists recommend—I manage about two), to facilitate the efficient functioning all bodily processes. Our bodies, after all, are made up of about sixty-five percent water, while our blood is about eighty-three percent water and our brains almost seventy-five percent. Mathematically, biologically, and realistically speaking, water is a big part

of us. So now, hopefully, with active student interest and wise government and administrative decision-making, some of the wildlife may be restored soon. (Wild life, yeah! Party on, Garth!) "Party on, Wayne! Keep those cards, letters and phone calls comin' in!" And the banks will definitely be re-planted, and the area below the hills and all the way around the lake will be re-seeded and landscaped (It looks like that's already begun.) Maybe they'll even put in a few benches, trashcans and recycling containers to help make the area more "user-friendly." (God, haven't we heard that term enough yet?) The lake will once again become a landmark of unique aesthetic and calming appeal for all of us on this suburban campus to enjoy.

And even if you still think "Big deal, a lake," try a new experience: Take a lake break. I guarantee you'll find it calming, focusing and pleasant. What else can I say? The lake's a great place to hang out. As you look out over it, let this be one blessing that you don't overlook anymore.

And if you're having a hard time focusing on your studies, here's a little aquatic inspiration called "The Lake Rap," to kind of "rap" things up.

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There are on average less than 30 out of 125 people in attendance of any meeting, unless as above, it is the day organizations receive their funding. The simple facts are that the assembly seldom meets more than twice a month, and there should be no excuse for such pathetic turn out. An effective way to do that is to make sure that the assembly members feel as if they are accomplishing something at every meeting.

The SGA has governing policies that address absenteeism, but, the rules have yet to be enforced. I would begin by sending all organizations copies of the present SGA constitution, with the appropriate restrictions on missed meetings underlined. After that, any organization that missed a meeting would be given a verbal warning, wither to the representative at the next meeting

or to the advisor over the phone. Upon the second infraction, a written warning would be sent to the organization. Regrettably, if an organization or elected individual were to miss three meetings in a semester then they will be suspended from the assembly, pending an appeal to the student court.

The most important issue is that the SGA be returned to a viable, strong, and unifying governing entity and not to focus on the punishment of its members. The years have shown it is time for more aggressive policies and this is an important step along the way. If the groups expect to receive funding from the SGA, they had better expect to help in the administration and governing of all parts of the body. Only in this

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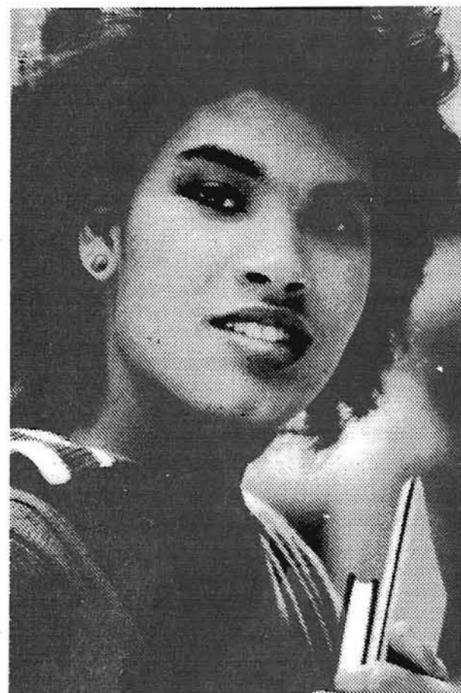
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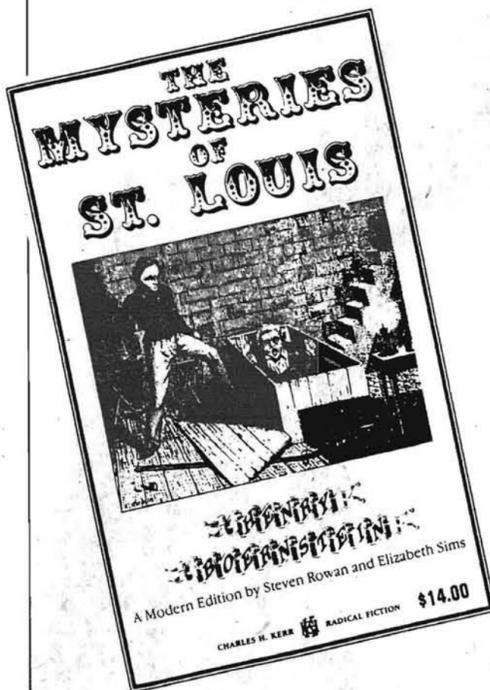
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In answer to the personal asking where were the Sigma Pi's in Greek Week: If you were more involved in the Greek system, you'd know. As for me, I salvaged Sing and Talent by agreeing to judge it! John Hoell

Pikes, Chill out! I judged Talent according to the criteria on the sheet. Originality and creativity, not how many types of talent can be performed in twenty minutes. Maybe we'll change the rules next year. John Hoell of Sigma Pi

Dear News Boys: In response to your first personal- here's your reply. Thanks for the compliment- lunch sounds great as long as you pay and we're not the main course!! We'd consider dessert though!! Frank, El El Cool J & Spike

Spritzer, How's your baker boy? This payback could be A.O.K. Many T's for 12oclock feedings and diaper changing. The glue is holding. Boomerang this. Curley Q

Dracula: Do you enjoy drinking wine from a styrofoam cup? Dr. Bland (AOJ): I'll go with you to the fifth floor anytime! Gilligan:

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way can we rally the leaders of the campus together, to show by example, that apathy can be fought and conquered at UM-St. Louis.

In any organization there are 20 percent that do 80 percent of the work. And so far those 25 students have been trying to carry the whole body of 125. It is time to shift the responsibility to all those who can bear it, and cut the line to those who can not. The reason that the SGA has been unable to reach its promise, stems from this problem. Within the SGA the tendency is to work against any action; to go now where is preferred to any semblance of political courage and ingenuity. For example, the current administration has written all but one of the assemblies legislative motions. This is typical of the level of involvement of its members, some uninformed, some uncaring, some disappointed, and all without the proper environment and leadership to make a difference.

The representatives complain that nothing is being done about their campus problems, but when they are asked to do anything about it, they create the usual excuses such as I work, I have to study, or that's not my job. Even worse, some members take on projects and never follow through with them, such as the recent mail-in ballot fiasco.

As with attendance, all the student

representatives need to begin doing their job in a positive atmosphere and with a little incentive. Granted, many of them are involved with their respective organization but they were appointed or elected to do a job in the SGA. To establish a positive atmosphere the meetings should be shortened as much as possible. All the items that can be handled in committee should be. Also, the meetings should be run in a more orderly fashion following procedural rules closer and set times for comments. The meetings now resemble a basement meeting of a Cub Scout troop. With these policies the meetings should have a higher level of professionalism, efficiency, and attentiveness, thus keeping attendance up in a non coercive manner, increasing meaningful involvement, and reducing apathy.

The methods by which I would increase the incentive to accept and follow through with SGA projects would be two fold. First, make an efficiency evaluation of every member of the assembly and release the names of the best and the worst to the Current. The rating system would be relatively simple involving attendance, projects accepted over projects completed, and time devoted to committee work. On the positive side, a new award should be established for the best statemen of the semester with a financial gift for service excellence to

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Rain Hampers Tennis Team

by Renee Schopp reporter

The UM—St. Louis men's tennis team is going through a "mid-season slump" according to Coach Jeff Zoellner. He said the team is on-and-off with wins and attributes it to the weather.

The weather has been erratic lately and many matches have been called off. This happened April 10 with Northeast Missouri State University when the game was called off because of rain.

On April 7 number one singles player Scott Pollard became sick and it was blamed on playing outside too much. Zoellner said it's hard for a team to be consistent when the weather causes problems every few days.

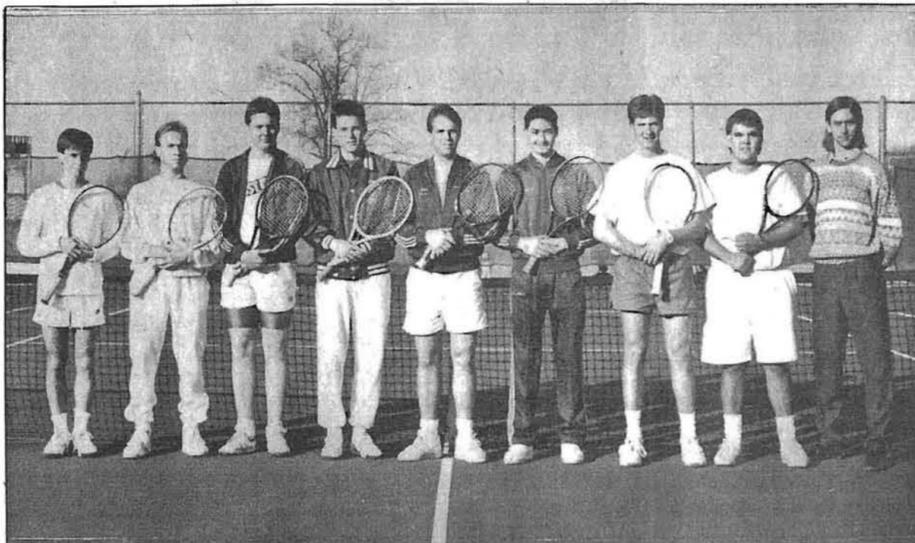
Zoellner is happy with the team though. He thinks the players are very good, especially the number six singles player Jim Leslie, who was the most consistent player at the beginning of the season with an undefeated 5-0 record at one point.

On April 5 the tennis team beat St. Louis University for the second time this season with a score of 5-2. The first game with SLU was stopped because it became too dark outside. Two doubles matches were rescheduled for the April 5 meet, and UM—St. Louis won them both.

"That was the highlight of the season," Zoellner said.

After that, they lost the next four games including a home meet against Rolla on April 12. UM—St. Louis lost 5-1. The doubles matches were not played. Number three singles player Dave O'Gorman played very well, said Zoellner, and is now the team's most consistent player. But at the Rolla meet he said of the team, "We were very flat."

At Principia on April 14 playing con-



ACES:(L to R) Dave O' Gorman, John Fredrick, Jerre Lenhardt, Scott Pollard, Jared Jackson, Jim Leslie, Joe Kritchell, Chris Stuckey, Jeff Zoellner (head coach)

ditions were favorable because the tennis courts are inside. Despite good playing conditions, the men lost 9-0, and then lost to St. Francis.

"Every match counts in a game to pull off a victory," Zoellner said.

The tennis team started out good and is still hoping to do well in the remaining weeks Zoellner said. Three seniors from last year have graduated and there are only three seniors this year. The team is open to new players for next season. If anyone is interested, they should contact the athletic office.

On April 27-28 there will be a conference tournament at Lake of the Ozarks. Zoellner said the team is "looking for a good showing at the tournament at the Ozarks."

UM—St. Louis Men's Tennis

UM—St. Louis	Principia	Score
SINGLES		
1. Scott Pollard	Gavin Barton	6-7, 1-6, 1-6
2. Joe Kritchell	Darren Poznick	1-6, 1-6
3. Dave O'Gorman	Alejandro Cox	3-6, 1-6
4. Jesse Lenhardt	Andy Scripser	2-6, 0-6
5. Chris Stuckey	Neil Kearney	0-6, 0-6
6. Jim Leslie	Marcus Rose	4-8
DOUBLES		
1. S. Pollard	G. Barton	2-6, 1-6
J. Lenhardt	A. Scripser	
2. J. Kritchell	D. Poznick	1-6, 1-6, 0-6
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FINAL SCORE:	UMST. LOUIS 0	Principia 9

Softball Streak at 5

by David Barnes sports editor

The UM—St. Louis softball squad has streaked to an 18-10 record. The Riverwomen have won their last five games.

"The streak has just begun," said head coach Harold Brumbaugh. "We're playing very good ball right now. The girls are coming through in the critical situations."

Sophomore Kim Cooper was injured in practice last week. Cooper, who was batting .304 with one home run and 16 RBIs, will be out indefinitely.

Pitcher Sandy Hammonds is nearing several records that she set last season. She needs two more complete games to break her record for most complete games in a season (24). With a 17-9 record, she also is threatening her record for most wins

in a season (20).

"If Sandy can keep her strength and intensity up for the rest of the season, we will be successful," said Brumbaugh.

Heather McNeil has climbed back from an injury to reach second place on the team in batting average with .379.

Kellie Leach is first on the batting average list by swinging .419. She also has the highest slugging percentage with .541.

In fielding, Kristi Toppins is leading the team with a .988 average. She has made 224 put-outs and 13 assists in 240 chances.

The team RBI leader is Lisa Houska with 18. "Houska's an exciting ballplayer to watch," said Brumbaugh. "She can make a game for you offensively and break an opponent with her defense."

UM—St. Louis Golfers Starting From Scratch

by David Barnes sports editor

The UM—St. Louis golfers have been bogged down in a sand trap in their past few tournaments.

The team finished 17th out of 20 in the Crossroads of America Tournament, 10th out of 16 in the Tommy Armour/Riverman Invitational, and last out of 11 schools in the Tan-Tar-A Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

"We're very young and inexperienced once again," said head coach Jim Niederkorn. "Curt Wichern is only a sophomore, but he is our only player with prior golf experience. He's our leader."

Wichern leads the team with an average score of 82.5. He has also shot the lowest round of golf for the team at 78.

J.C. Taylor, from Parkway North, is second on the team with an 86.4 average. His personal low score in competition has been an 83.

John Wagner is third with an average of 86.8. His lowest score has been an 82.

"We're getting pretty consistent scores out of the first three golfers," Niederkorn said. "We need to get better scores out of the number four spot."

Rounding out the team are: Mike Skinner—avg. 90.7
Doug Giles—avg. 93.0
Rich Greiner—avg. 97.0
John Lair—avg. 98.6

In the April 9-10 Tan-Tar-A tournament, the Rivermen finished with a team score of 709. The winners, Lewis University, finished with 640. However, UM—St. Louis was only 8 strokes behind 10th place Southwest Baptist and 15 strokes behind 9th place University of North Dakota.

On the April 2 Tommy Armour/Riverman Invitational UM—St. Louis scored 342, which was only three points behind Millikin and Washington University who were tied for eighth place.

Bradley University won that tournament with a score of 315.

Chuck Smith Speaks Out On Bad Aspects Of B-Ball

by Thomas J. Kovach reporter

While the prom of college basketball—the NCAA Final Four Tournament—is finished, some college basketball teams had problems fitting into their tuxedos. In fact, they did not get invitations and should not RSVP because of alleged point-shaving and unfair incentives offered to recruits for signing on the dotted line to play college basketball.

Then there is the UM—St. Louis Athletic Department, situated off a hill from Interstate 70. Inside this vast building of classrooms, weight rooms and locker rooms is the commander, Charles "Chuck" Smith. Unlike many other basketball programs that have many wrinkles in their suit, Smith said the Athletic Department has only one wrinkle: graduating players.

"Our problem here—and I have asked for this—is that we need an academic advisor for the athletes. I wish we could get our graduation rate up to 75%," Smith said.

Smith pulled out a folder that discusses a recent finding of athletes that entered the school in 1984. In the five years given for a player to graduate, Smith said that 23 graduated, one is still enrolled, and 16 have either transferred, dropped out of school, or graduated from another institution.

In other words, only 58% of the student-athletes strolled down the Mark Twain gym to receive their diplomas.

Much to the chagrin of Smith, however, is the percentage of Junior College players (JUCO) entering UM—St. Louis in 1986. Smith displayed an angry facial expression when he pointed out that "only 39% have graduated. Three are in school, and 11 are not at UM—St. Louis anymore." A JUCO player is given three years to graduate here.

What may concern Smith about the above numbers is a new NCAA policy concerning the listing of graduation rates. Starting this year, every new class of freshmen that sign to play at a sport at a university will be closely monitored. After he/she leaves the university, also, the school is required to post what that graduate is doing.

Smith feels that another way to boost the graduate rate of student-athletes at UM—St. Louis is to have coaches always recruiting excellent students. The recruiting process, Smith said, should be like a job interview.

"It all starts in the recruiting process. When you are interviewing prospects and, right off, that person is not interested about the academic part of college and interested in only being a pro athlete, then you best not recruit him," Smith said.

"I think the coach just has to lead them around by the hand the first year by taking them to the academic advisor, making sure they get the right schedule and help them get on the right track for a degree."



Smith emphasized that the student-athlete should be evaluated periodically by their professors. A tutor is assigned if the athlete is having a problem figuring an equation, writing a term paper or taking notes from a lecture.

"I think when we sign someone to a letter-of-intent, we are committing ourselves to help them academically and get them through this place with a degree. We monitor the eligibility of our athletes very carefully. Once a week, we check a computer to see if they are going to class or dropping it," Smith said.

An athlete is eligible if he/she has taken 12 academic credit hours each semester and maintains a 2.0 grade point average. Besides fulfilling the academic commitment to the student-athlete, Smith's duties are also to ensure the fans and alumni of a top-notch athletic program, filled with the players chance to reach post-season and win a championship.

The other side of the coin, however, in post-season play is money. And big money, with words buzzing around athletic departments like game receipts and revenue. While UM—St. Louis competes at the Division II level—where money is scarce for teams who win championships—many Division I squads vie for the opportunity to go to the NCAA Tournament.

Every year in March, athletic departments are watching the television like a tornado was approaching them. Out of the 293 teams in Division I basketball, only 64 are selected. The eyes of a athletic department either close with agony upon not being selected or open wide, like a little boy at a toy store.

One can't blame an athletic department for shedding tears if their team is not selected. Playing in the first game of the tournament is like landing on Boardwalk in Monopoly. One game, win or lose, gives a school \$285,000. And the checks get bigger as more games are won. Many sports experts have summed up college basketball in two words: big business. For instance, in 1991, CBS-TV will have a \$1 billion contract to televise the NCAA Tournament. The equation is: more media exposure equals more money for a school.

The network, however, reported that out of 106 Division I schools that received some type of complaint, 57 were given a major or minor infraction

"I wish we could get our graduation rate up to 75 percent —Chuck Smith (penalty).

The recent hype about schools not following the rules began with former North Carolina State basketball player Charles Shackleford. On NBC-TV, the team manager of N.C. State alleged that Shackleford and two other players on the team shaved points while in school.

Point-shaving is using a gift to induce an athlete to not play up to his/her potential, especially in important games.

Shackleford, a 6'10" player for the NBA's New Jersey Nets, but a man with a problem grasping the English language, denied the report in a press conference last month. He told the public that he was given \$65,000 by an agent because, "I was poor. I was young. I needed the money."

On March 13, the Marshall University's men's basketball team was placed on two year probation for giving gifts and other benefits to recruits. The University of Maryland was also caught doing the same actions. The penalty: both schools can't compete in the post-season, and Maryland, a member of the highly-watched Atlantic Coast Conference, will not be seen on television for two years.

But the story doesn't end here. The University of Missouri Tiger basketball team, although not under any NCAA probation now, has two major allegations that have many fans growling. First, Assistant Coach Rich Daly has been accused by Ben Kelso, a Detroit high school coach, of offering him \$20,000 to influence one of his players to sign with Mizzou. Daly has no comment on the allegation.

The second allegation involves a book called "Raw Recruits." In the book, Tiger center Doug Smith is accused of having his ACT "taken care of," according to a source.

The NCAA is expected to send Mizzou a list of alleged violations.

As Athletic Director, Smith remembers his days of playing college basketball when allegations of point-shaving flew back and forth.

"This goes all the way back to my era when I was playing in college in the early 50s," Smith recalled. "There was a point-shaving scandal at the University of Kentucky. Then here we are again with its ugly head sticking up again. It's a black-eye to the sport."

Smith said that if he sat in the office of Dick Schultz, executive director of the NCAA, he would propose the following to schools that offer scholarships:

- have a full-time compliance officer, who knows the NCAA rules, but who is not part of the athletic department.
- equal distribution if money from the television networks.
- an appeal to professionals and agents to give athletes an education before inducing them with money and contracts.

MIAA Baseball Standings

1. UM—Rolla 17-7
2. MO. Southern 22-3
3. SEMO 18-16
4. UM—St. Louis 16-10
5. Pittsburg St. 15-16
6. Southwest Baptist 10-11



MUDBALL: All of last week's baseball games were rained-out. These two Rivermen had to be content with practicing on the field.(Photo by Fred Appel)

Wondering About Spring Seasons

Roo's Roost

by Mike Van Roo contributing sports writer

The Easter Bunny has come and gone for another year. Did you get your fill of jelly beans and creme-filled eggs?

Speaking of laying an egg...What did you think of that jockey in Louisiana who was banned from racing for 10 years, because he took a "shortcut" at a fog-encrusted racetrack and rode a 23-1 longshot to victory?

How many days will elapse before the Cardinals trade one of their surplus of four outfielders?

Did Chris Dudley of the New Jersey Nets really miss 17 of 18 free throws in a game against Indiana last Saturday night?

And that was a home game, no hostile booing fans or anything! They had a contest at halftime during that game where one selected fan was placed at the free throw line, blind folded, and spun around three times. He then hit one of seven free throw attempts!

I wonder if Pete Rose is betting on his ex-Cincinnati Reds, who are off to a 5-0 start (as of 4/16)?

Is Jeff George of Illinois really the number one pick in the upcoming NFL draft?

With defending champ Calgary out of the picture, the Blues could go the Stanley Cup finals?

I really should take up the sport of golf. Payne Stewart made \$180,000 this past weekend winning the Heritage Classic. And Kenny Knox, who finished 24th at the event, still made \$1,960. Not bad for spending a few days playing 72 holes of golf!

What does Mike Tyson expect to gain if he goes ahead and fights George Foreman (besides the money)?

Do you think that UM—St. Louis should have a mascot of some of its games like Fredbird?

I wonder if Harold Ballard is doing figure-eights up in heaven?

Would the Cardinals be better or worse if Busch Stadium had natural grass?

I wonder how many "Hail Mary's" Mizzou has been saying lately in regards to the upcoming NCAA findings of basketball violations at the school?

I wonder what it must be like to be a 7 foot 6 inch, or even a 7 foot 4 inch tall high school basketball player like those on display Sunday in the McDonald's All American basketball game?

Do some professional athletes really want to be rock stars like they say, and vice-versa?

Does anybody really watch the "Billiards" program on ESPN?

Or what about "Yachting?" I mean really...Yachting? It must be for those East and West coast types?

Why do they give some point spreads with a 1/2 attached to the margin? Nobody wins by 3 1/2, or 20 1/2 points!

Hey, even super-tall, 7 foot 6 inch plus Manute Bol has hit 24 of his 47 free throws attempts this year! Are you listening Chris Dudley?

Who's more popular in St. Louis right now, Brett Hull or Ozzie Smith?

Why doesn't anybody like Ken Wilson?

Well, at least we have Jack Buck to offset him!

The Houston Astrodome cost \$35 million to build 25 years ago. The new proposed St. Louis Dome will cost an estimated \$200 million to build. Do you think they'll call the new dome here one of the "Modern Wonders" of the new world for this generation like they did the Astrodome for their generation?

Hey Rivermen fans, you have a Top 20 national team with your baseball nine!

Hey St. Louis Storm fans, your team is 23-27, seven and one-half games out of first!

Is Jack Nicklaus really playing on the "Seniors" circuit in golf now? Boy, he should clean up!

Why do the Cubs still have Harry Caray?

I wonder why the Cardinal's don't have a seat cushion promotion night anymore? Were you one of the lucky fans who was at that game a few years ago when Tommy Herr hit his extra-inning grand slam home run against the Mets? If you weren't one of most people there who tossed their cushion on the field after the game and kept their cushion, then I can believe you!

Who's the next Cardinal that should have his number retired? Maybe Ozzie Smith...!

Will Mike Shannon ever get any respect?

Well, then again, we have Jack Buck. But then again we have Ken Wilson, but then again...!

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