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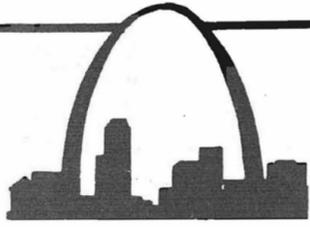
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Graduation ceremonies will be on August 5 at Kiel Auditorium.



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Ashcroft Axes Engineering; Existing Program Continues

Missouri Governor John Ashcroft dealt a serious blow to Um-St. Louis' aspirations of gaining an engineering program when he vetoed \$1 million dollars that the Missouri General Assembly had allocated for the program.

The engineering program would have provided St. Louis with undergraduate courses geared for non-traditional students in a joint venture with Washington University.

"I am vetoing \$1 million for a new cooperative engineering program between the University of Missouri campuses at St. Louis and Rolla,"

Ashcroft said in his announcement of the veto. "In a time of significant financial constraint on existing programs to which the University administration has assigned higher priority, this funding is not currently affordable."

Ashcroft said that he will approve \$1 million in funding for improvements in existing engineering programs in St. Louis and Rolla.

Inadequacies of the current forms of engineering education in St. Louis were expressed in a statement issued by the University senate. "The Rolla campus has failed for 20 years to

deliver undergraduate engineering in St. Louis and has little experience with the diversified population and expectations of the St. Louis area," the faculty statement said.

The UM-St. Louis engineering program gained wide support from the community since the idea was first announced two years ago. One of the program's strongest supporters, Missouri Rep. Neil Molloy, D-Pasadena Park, stated his dislike with their decision in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "I don't know how you can start new programs without new money."

Ashcroft stated in the Post that he thought the supporters of the program were misinterpreting his veto. In his statement, Ashcroft said that he expects the funds that he approved to be used for engineering in St. Louis, but through existing programs like the UMR Graduate Engineering Center on the UM-St. Louis Campus.

"I see it as an opportunity for the St. Louis community to have an engineering program," Ashcroft said, "If they're interested in building a bureaucracy or some other fiefdom, maybe they could characterize it as a defeat."



Student Government Association President Alla Pruzhansky reaffirmed the need for the program.

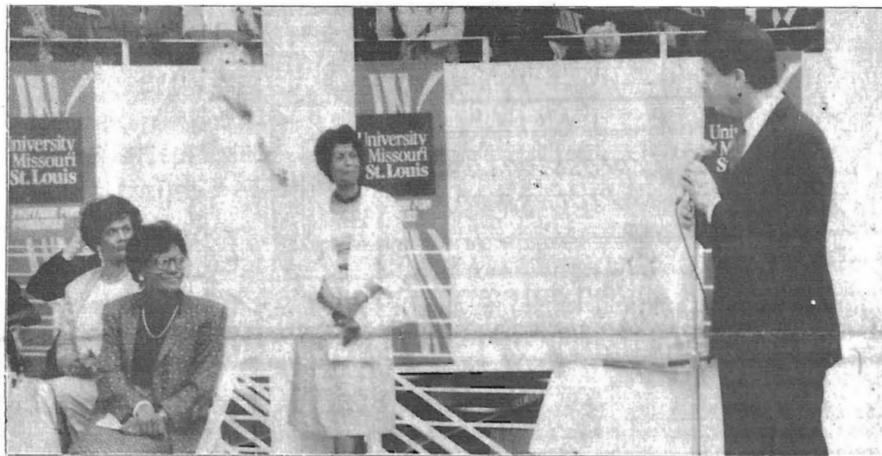
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"If they're interested in building a bureaucracy or otherwise enriching some fiefdom, maybe they could characterize it as a defeat."

—Gov. John Ashcroft

wishes to pursue a career in engineering," Pruzhansky said in a prepared statement. "UM-St. Louis does specialize in teaching the undergraduate, non-traditional, part-time student. A

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BYE, BYE BARNETT: State and local dignitaries bid farewell to Chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett July 17 at the UM-St. Louis library. Barnett, seated in the chair to the left, listens while St. Louis Mayor Vincent Schoemel speaks. Margaret Bush Wilson, standing, was head of ceremonies. See story on page 4. Photo by Michelle McMurray.

Study: High Tuition Rates Cause Decrease In Aid Per Student

by David Barnes
news editor

Stealing from the rich, giving to the poor. Some college administrators have argued that this, in effect, is what high tuition rates are actually doing.

"Our policy is total Robin Hood -- we put our tuition up as high as possible and then put most of the extra money into financial aid," said Eamon M. Kelly, president of Tulane University in 1987.

Two UM-St. Louis economics professors have examined this explanation for high tuition and found it lacking. Their results showed that for private schools, high tuition rates actually cause a decrease in their need-based financial aid awards per student. The report said that for public schools "a weak case can be made that [their] tuition and financial aid policy...improv[es] access."

The study was done by Dr. David C. Rose, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Robert L. Sorensen, Associate Professor, both of the UM-St. Louis Department of Economics.

Over 480 schools were examined with the raw data coming from the American College Survey and the Higher Education General Information Survey for the academic year 1985-1986 (the most recent available).

An individual school may indeed be engaging in Robin Hooding, said Sorensen, but on average schools in this country are not.

To determine if the higher tuition rates were going to needy students the researchers couldn't just look to see if there was a positive relationship between tuition levels and income-based financial aid. It is possible that aid is being given not for the altruistic reasons which Rose and Sorensen were looking for in the paper, but in order to maximize profits.

This would be done through price discrimination,

which is charging each student the highest amount he or she can pay.

For instance, say the tuition were \$10,000 and the most the student could afford was \$8,000. The school would then "grant" the student the rest of the money and allow him or her to enroll. People who could afford the \$10,000 would go ahead and pay the full amount.

But the same result for the student would have happened if tuition were left at \$8,000. Access didn't change with a \$2,000 grant because, as the study said, "the cost of obtaining a college education for needy students is no less expensive...yet the school receives a tuition revenue windfall [from all who could pay \$10,000]."

Sorensen also pointed out that allowing a student to attend at a lesser tuition amount wouldn't really "cost" the school \$2,000. If one more student were allowed to attend, he asked, how much would it cost the university? Almost nothing is the answer. No new teachers would have to be hired and no new parking lots or buildings would need to be built. The tuition the student pays, whatever the amount, would be a profit to the school.

Rose and Sorensen needed to construct an equation that would discount price discrimination and measure if the schools were really Robbing Hooding i.e. not only could the student with \$8,000 still attend but also now ones that had only \$7,000.

To do this, they had to measure the grant money given from tuition money raised from exploiting market power, which is the amount above a perfectly competitive price an institution can charge.

A community college, for example, may have so much competition that it can't charge an extravagant price and still attract students. A school like the Washington University School of Medicine may be able to get away with

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Campus To Be Smoke-Free by 1991

by Dawn Pierce
reporter

After six months of extensive review of campus buildings and smoking policies, the Administrative Services Division and the Physical Facilities committee have decided to make UM-St. Louis a smoke free campus effective June 1, 1991.

Smoking will be prohibited in every building on campus, but will be allowed outside, said Bonnie Sims, director of the Human Resources Department.

"In the big open areas outside we will have benches with ashtrays by them," Sims said. "We're not making judgements about peoples' smoking. We're just making judgements about where they smoke."

The policy doesn't allow designated areas indoors because of the air return systems in the buildings. In their research, the department found that the smoke throughout the entire building would circulate in the air handling systems, thus causing the problem of second hand smoke.

"If you say the General Services

break room is a smoking area then it's still not safe for [non-smokers]," Sims said.

In addition to studying the building air ventilation, the department studied 50 campuses nationwide to see what types of smoking policies were being enforced.

Sims said they studied a full spectrum of policies from no policy at all to a complete prohibition (even outside) policy.

The study showed that the UM-St. Louis policy has been successful for

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Smoking Stoppage Steams Or Satisfies Students

by John J. Ryan
reporter

Cough. Sputter. Gasp. You will not hear these sounds in the hallways next year (except during flu season) beginning June 1, 1991.

Effective of that date, smoking is prohibited in any of the campus buildings, including the lounges.

Complaints from students and faculty about smoke-filled hallways and lounges led to the new policy. Since air inside buildings is circulated "there's no way to protect the non-smoker," said Barbara Sims, Director of Human Resources.

This fall, in an effort to prepare smokers for the change in policy, the Human Resources Department will provide stop-smoking clinics free of charge to all UM-St. Louis employees and students.

"I guess people will either stop smoking or smoke outside," Sims said.

All staff, students and faculty violators of the non-smoking policy will be punished equally.

"The punishment ranges from verbal warning to expulsion," said Sandy MacLean, Vice Chancellor for

Student Affairs. He said he doubts any student would risk expulsion, unless they intend to take the university to court.

Reactions to the new policy are varied. Student Scott Hrbacek, who approves the new measure, said the smoke-filled hallways "tick me off. I just want to pull my car in and say 'here, suck on the tailpipe.'"

Student Nick Simmons opposes the measure.

"I am of a legal age to smoke," Simmons said. "I should be able to smoke where I want to. There are over 50 million smokers in the United States. That's more than who voted George Bush into the White House. And if it weren't for cigarette smokers, do you know what kind of roads you would be driving on? Dirt. That's where cigarette taxes go."

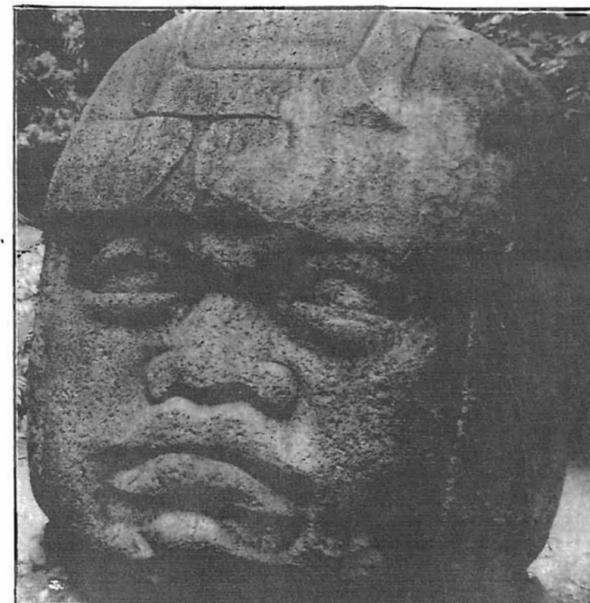
Smoking will be permitted outside on campus.

"Real good of them to let us smoke outside when it is 40 degrees below," Simmons said.

Some students, wishing to remain anonymous, have vowed to continue smoking just to test the policy. Others said they will begin chewing tobacco, and spitting as a sign of protest.

Did Africans Discover America?

Evidence Hints At Possible Pre-Columbian African-Mexican Contact



AFRICAN INFLUENCED? Was this statue's sculptor influenced by the facial features of Africans? James T. Bush Center Coordinator Alice Windom discusses the possibility. Photo © Alice Windom.

by David Barnes
news editor

Ancient maps found in Africa with parts of the South American coastline on them.

A resemblance of native Mexican pyramids to early ones built in Egypt.

Skeletons with Negroid features uncovered in Mexico.

Striking African features on statues found in Latin America.

Coordinator of the James T. Bush Center Alice Windom brings up these findings in her presentation on the presence of Africans in Mexico before it was discovered by Christopher Columbus - a presence denied by many historians.

"You would think by now, with all the evidence that's out there, that it would not still be open, but I've been told that there are professors on this campus who are not teaching that it happened," she said.

The theory that Africans visited Mexico and influenced its technology and religion is not widely ac-

cepted. Windom, who has toured archaeological sites in Mexico, presents a slide show for area organizations that makes the case for pre-Christopher Columbus visits by Africans.

One major platform that Windom presents deals with the fact that later pyramids built in Mexico differ from earlier ones in the following ways:

-by having a north-south orientation

-in the use of a certain type of arch

-having a wall that encloses the pyramid complex

-their ability to be used for astronomical alignment.

The Nubians, in Egypt, were the first to introduce these features. After their introduction to Africa, the pyramids in Mexico began to emulate them, which possibly points to an African-Mexican connection, Windom said.

"We're not saying that Africans built them, only that they had influ-

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cooperative program offered by both UM-Rolla and UM-St. Louis makes good sense to meet the needs of St. Louis. In order to grow and develop, St. Louis needs this program, as does the University of Missouri System." The proposed plan made it over quite a few hurdles before being vetoed. It was a result of a delicate compromise between St. Louis and Rolla

interests. St. Louis businesses were a big base of support for the engineering program and are expected to give even more support in future efforts. The governor previously vetoed 1.2 million for the renovations at Thomas Jefferson Library in 1986 shortly after Chancellor Marguerite Barnett arrived at UM-St. Louis. Barnett responded by raising the additional

money from private donations and area businesses. "I believe the governor's decision will provide new vigor and impetus to the people of St. Louis as they support the University of Missouri-St. Louis," Barnett said in a statement issued in reaction to the governor's veto.

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higher fees because to obtain that level of an education there aren't many other places to attend.

Schools with high market power must give larger average financial awards, if they don't, Rose and Sorensen said, they are not being Robin Hoods.

Besides market power, the study also took into account influencing factors such as the proportion of out-of-state students, the availability of endowments, minority and graduate

student enrollment, room and board expenses, federal aid given directly to students, and the possibility raised by a recent U.S. Justice Department investigation that 23 private schools are colluding in their financial aid award decisions.

The results in the paper indicate that "for private schools greater market power results in smaller, not larger, average need-based financial awards per student." The schools are not using the profits from high rates to

improve their accessibility for lower income students.

Public school results, while not going in the direction of the private schools, tended to be statistically insignificant. "Since the coefficient...is not significantly greater than zero, the tuition and financial aid policies of public schools are also not consistent with Robin Hooding. However, unlike private schools, greater market power does not lead to smaller average need-based financial aid awards," the paper reports.

Later, the study said that only "a weak case can be made that [public school policy] is consistent with Robin Hooding."

Rose and Sorensen have submitted their work to an economic journal and are awaiting a reply.



RESEARCHING ROBIN HOOD: Dr. David Rose, left, and Dr. Robert Sorensen going over data in the Economics Resource Center. Photo by Michelle McMurray.

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PYRAMID POWER: Alice Windom, center, stands on a pyramid near Mexico City. Photo ©Alice Windom.

ence on them," she said.

Windom also talked of the Colossal Heads left by the Olmec race in Mexico. These are giant stone statues of heads that are six to eight feet tall. "When I was quite young I saw a picture of one of these great heads and I didn't think anyone could look at one of these and claim it was not an African. I didn't think it could be controversial."

However, controversial it proved to be. "At that time I was unaware of the depth of contempt that black people are held in the scholarly community," Windom said, "I didn't know that at that time you could find a scholar with such contempt for African people that they would ignore the evidence of their eyes."

As evidence of historians ignoring the African connection, she presented a book by Michael D. Coc, considered

one of the foremost authorities of Mexican archeology and cultural history. The book, "Mexico", which is used as a text across the country, gives only a single mention about thick-lipped Negroid features on the Colossal Heads, she said. Except for that one sentence, Windom said, "there is not another word in that book that says anything about the racial background of the heads. This one chose to just ignore it. There should have been more attention to it."

Some artifacts have been deliberately altered to conceal their resemblance to Africans, Windom said.

A lack of funds is hindering further research into the pyramids of Mexico (she said over 400 are still unexplored in the jungles of the Yucatan peninsula) but Windom maintains that enough evidence is already available to support her claims, if historians would just open their eyes.

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other campuses. UM-Columbia has a designated-smoking area policy and is having problems, she said.

"Mizzou's [policy] is not working

at all," Sims said. "There have been grievances and complaints because of a lack of enforcement...It's hard to start boundaries."

Sims said the physical facilities committee, which includes students

and staff, spent a great deal of time finding the best policy.

The new policy is more progressive than any of the other non-smoking policies her department studied, she said. One campus notified the

students and faculty one day before the policy took effect, Sims said, and did nothing to prepare them for the change.

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This Is What We Need In A Chancellor

As the month of July draws to a close, so does the reign of UM-St. Louis Chancellor Marguerite Ross Barnett. During this time she has been caught up in a whirlwind of social activities held to honor and bid farewell to a friend, no champion of the university and community.

During Barnett's short stay she has managed to accomplish monumental physical and mental changes to, within and about UM - St. Louis. Some of her readily apparent are easy to see: the Jefferson Library Expansion, the Research Wing, etc.

But her major accomplishments aren't as visible.

How does one show a community's attitude change? An institution that in the past was an offshoot of another institution, just a place to go if one couldn't afford to go away, just a mumbled acronym, is now an institution that students are proud to attend. The University of Missouri - St. Louis is an institution that students are proud to receive a degree from, just as they would from an esteemed university. She didn't change the curriculum or the graduation requirements, she changed the attitude.

Many students will be sitting in a lecture hall next semester instead of slaving away at a dead end job because of the scholarship money she has been able to bring.

Whoever replaces her will have to have large feet to fill her shoes.

When the search committee begins its quest, it should consider some of the following:

The applicant should possess political skills. Missouri is far behind other states when it comes funding for higher education. Although the state is slowly beginning to realize this and consequently has initiated the Bright Flight program, more attention needs to be paid to salary increases for faculty and staff and research revenues and facilities and so forth.

The applicant needs to possess business savvy in order to deal with the St. Louis metropolitan area business community to keep up the Partners in Progress Program.

If the applicant is from the University of Missouri System, all the better. Getting through and around the bureaucracies is a skill that can take years to learn and accomplish. Sometimes it's not what you know, it's who you know.

While this person needs to be civic minded, he/she should also have time to concern his/herself with domestic problems and accomplishments.

Classy is an adjective that the person in question should possess if they are going to represent this university.

Superman where are you now?



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LETTERS

Greg Albers' Article Promotes Collegiate Hedonism

I feel compelled to respond to school believing that "summer Greg Albers' "Elvis Hotline" article was made for the mindless, self-entitled "The Future's So Bright I've dulgent pursuit of pleasure," and "a Gotta Wear Shades." Mr. Albers is meaningless life of hedonism."

attempting here to vindicate idleness, I fail to see why Mr. Albers even as opposed to industry, as the prefer- bothers to attend college at all. Why able way to spend the summer does he not simply spend all year months. He states "It is beyond my wallowing in hedonism and living out comprehension why someone would his world-view to the fullest, rather willingly give up their summer to go than waste time and money in col-

lege?

What disturbs me most about Mr. Albers' article is that it is not merely the isolate attitude of an individual. His hedonism is the Zeitgeist possessing most college campuses like a diabolic demon, making students apathetic toward ideas, values and culture. Mr. Albers and regrettably, many other college students, have

forgotten that the purpose of a college education has traditionally been not to help one get a job but to develop the mind of the individual for service to humanity.

Mr. Albers' article has made on thing quite evident to me: We need to exorcise the demon of hedonism out of the American campus.

John P. Bequette

Last Issue's Photo Correction Was Insufficient

We are writing in reference to the photo caption in the last issue of the correction box in the June issue that year said, "A UM-St. Louis police officer take a break from coffee and donuts at Quick Trip to write a ticket to some poor slob." That's no error to us folks! That was deliberate as hell.

That kind of response should be used when someone in a photo is identified wrong by accident. The

The Current should be man enough to apologize when an apology is due. The box should have said, "The Current staff apologizes to Officer Norman Jacobs for the caption below his photograph."

Whoever wrote the caption used bad judgement besides being unprofessional. The editorial staff should

own up to it. If the Current wants to be taken seriously, we suggest you clean house and get people in there who are capable of responsible journalism.

David Cerillo and
Harvey Finkelstein

St. Louis Mayor, Civic Leaders Honor Chancellor

by K.C. Clarke
features editor

In a final farewell to departing Chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett, dignitaries representing a who's who in Missouri politics, business and education joined together Sunday, July 15 to dedicate a new student loan fund named in the chancellor's honor. St. Louis Mayor Vincent C. Schoemehl Jr., Missouri Representative Neil Malloy-D, Pasedena Park, and U.S. Representative William L. Clay-D, St. Louis, anchored a contingent of political well-wishers at the function, while Monsanto Company Chairman and C.E.O. Richard J. Mahoney, Union Electric C.E.O. William E. Cornelius, and Boatmen's Bank Chairman and C.E.O. Andrew B. Craig III represented some of the many business leaders in attendance.

From the education community, University of Missouri Board of Curators President Dr. Eva Louise Frazer, Interim-Chancellor Dr. Blanche Touhill, Deputy to the Chancellor M. Thomas Jones, Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Lowe "Sandy" MacLean and many University of Missouri-St. Louis deans and Faculty members were also present.

The reception took place in the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Library, one of Chancellor Barnett's most visible achievements on the UM-St. Louis campus, and it was in tribute to the chancellor's many achievements that the Marguerite Ross Barnett Emergency Student Loan Fund was initiated to help UM-St. Louis students continue their education in the event of a personal crisis.

"I can't tell you how much the establishment of the Marguerite Ross Barnett Emergency Loan fund means," Barnett said, addressing her guests. "Time and again I've seen students who, for lack of funds that

are very small, maybe only \$200 to \$500, drop out of school. Now there's a place they can go for help, and it's a great honor to have my name attached to something that will mean so much to so many."

About 250 private and corporate donors contributed over \$22,000 to the loan fund, with more donations expected throughout the week. Most of the guests in attendance were contributors to the fund.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs MacLean stated funds should be available to students sometime before the fall semester. Funds will be available first on a need basis, and then first come, first served. Students will be required to provide documented proof of need, and the loan must be paid back so other students can benefit from the fund.

In addition to the dedication of the new loan fund, community leaders had gathered to say their final fare-

wells to the departing chancellor before she takes her place as the new head of the University of Houston in September.

The mayor, a UM-St. Louis alumnus, had high praise for the vision and leadership Barnett brought to the UM-St. Louis campus.

"This university used to be known as the place nobody appreciated, the place that was known as a sleeping giant. The remarkable transformation that has taken place here is not because of financial reasons, but because of the leadership Marguerite has brought to this institution," Schoemehl said.

The mayor also expressed his disappointment in Missouri Governor John Ashcroft's vetoing of Barnett's plan to provide an engineering program at UM-St. Louis.

"I supported the program," Schoemehl said, "and like everyone else that supported it, I was disappointed. But Marguerite has supplied a roadmap for this place, and we plan to pursue it."

State Senator John F. Bass-D, St. Louis, was also critical of Ashcroft's decision, and he pledged his support for the continuance of Barnett's vision at UM-St. Louis.

"Her leaving was an opportunity for the government to break the trust," Bass said. "But from a political standpoint, we've pledged our support to the Interim-Chancellor, and we'll give her 100 percent cooperation."

In her farewell address to Barnett, Interim-Chancellor Touhill credited Barnett with having added seven programs to the university on the masters and doctorate levels.

"When we talk about universities, we talk about research and contract work, and under Dr. Barnett, these programs have doubled," Touhill said.



GOODIES FOR BARNETT: UM Board of Curators President Dr. Eva Louise Frazer gives Chancellor Barnett a goodbye gift.

Touhill also cited an 18 percent increase in enrollment as proof of Barnett's influence at the St. Louis campus, particularly noting the increase in enrollment by minorities.

"I think her main contribution to the campus was to bring this campus together with the community, and that's one of the bridges I intend to maintain," Touhill said.

Anath Boone, Chair of the Minority Relations Committee of the Alumni Association, praised Barnett for her leadership in the minority community.

"She's served as an inspiration to everyone on this campus, but primarily to the African-American stu-

dents," Boone stated. "It's often been said that St. Louis is polarized. Well, if St. Louis is polarized, then this lady has brought us back together again."

The appreciation for Barnett's achievements was best summed up in a plaque presented to the chancellor by the Alumni Association of UM-St. Louis. The plaque, bearing a simple inscription taken from the Book of Proverbs says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish (29:18)."

Chancellor Barnett will officially end her tenure at UM-St. Louis on August 1, 1990. A search committee is currently interviewing candidates for the post of the new chancellor.



MAYOR'S NEW BUSSING PROGRAM: St. Louis Mayor Vincent Schoemehl gives Chancellor Marguerite Barnett a farewell kiss. Photos by Michelle McMurray.

6,000 Summer School Students Exercise Chromosome Control

Cutting Room Floor

By K.C. Clarke
features reporter

Last issue, my colleague, columnist Greg Albers extolled the virtues of taking the summer off to loll about Florissant in a hedonistic daze. While I can't relate to Greg, I have to admit I am a little bit envious.

For me summer is a full-time job, an off campus internship and occasionally doing time at this newspaper. There's no rest for the weary, that's for sure.

While I'm not looking for sympathy, I am looking at the other side of the coin...there are those of us who, for whatever reason, are anxious to get ahead and can't afford to let the summer slip unprofitably away. So, while idle dreams of warm, wet beaches and coveted campsites dance through our heads, we trudge to class, or make our way to internships, to put our careers on the fast track and beat the clock in the deadline of life.

They say misery loves company, and though I'm not exactly miserable, I'm happy to say I have plenty of company! According to registration, 6,281 students are enrolled or classes on campus this summer. Approximately 12,882 students were enrolled for regular courses last fall, so theoretically, half of us give up the easy life during the summer to hit the books.

What makes us do it? Is it drive, dedication...is it just plain crazy? When they passed out the DNA, did we get the short end of the party chromosome?

I decided to take that question to the streets, er, the sidewalks, or...whatever, and I asked students exactly what they were doing around here when they could be basking at the local pool.

Mark Cornelius and Mark Hertenstein are both 22-year old seniors who are trying to graduate at the end of the summer. Cornelius, who is finishing his degree in business, is on the three-year plan, and summer school is nothing new for him. He's been doing it every year.

"I don't like to drag things out," Cornelius said, "So I'm doing it in three years instead of four."

Cornelius doesn't seem to think summer school is any big deal.

"It's actually easier, less of a work load," he said. "And, it goes by much faster so you don't get bored so easily."

I wondered if Cornelius was a quart low on party DNA. If he could, wouldn't he like to have the summer off and if so, what would he do with it?

"Sure I would," he readily replied. DNA registering normal. "I'd do nothing, literally waste time...get up late, stay up late. I'd spend money, maybe run up those charge cards! And...maybe go out to Colorado and camp out."

But then, some of us are truly more motivated than others. After thinking about what to do with all his free time for a moment, the wheels started turning in Cor-

Dice Lets It Roll In Ford Fairlane

by Brad Touchette
special assignment editor

What are the qualities one looks for in a summer movie?

Would there be romance, compassion and a feeling of mutual respect for your fellow human beings? Andrew "Dice" Clay's response would probably be, "Use your head!"

That's right, you liberated women of the nineties. Dice has his own movie, "The Adventures of Ford Fairlane," and it's here to degrade women and kill bad guys. What else do you need in a summer movie?

I'm not about to discredit myself for condoning sexism, but you have to admit, this guy's funny. What may be surprising is the script is actually good and the directing is good enough to back the script.

While watching the film, you

find yourself actually getting involved in the mystery, and you want to help Fairlane figure it out.

The characters, with the exception of Fairlane, have depth and they hold your interest. If Clay's character had depth, it just wouldn't be the Diceman!

The film also offers movie goers the chance to play name that celebrity. Musicians making cameo appearances include: Tone Loc, Sheila E., and Vince Neil, lead singer of Motley Crue.

Robert Englund, alias Freddy Krueger; and Gilbert Gottfried, formerly of Saturday Night Live; also have cameo roles.

Priscilla Presley, Morris Day and Wayne Newton all have substantial roles, and most are fun to watch. Newton is an excellent villain, and Day is every bit as silly in this film as he was in Prince's "Purple Rain."

Presley, however, still seems

to be getting by on her good looks and her ex-husband's name. This lady is about as believable as an actress as Pia Zadora.

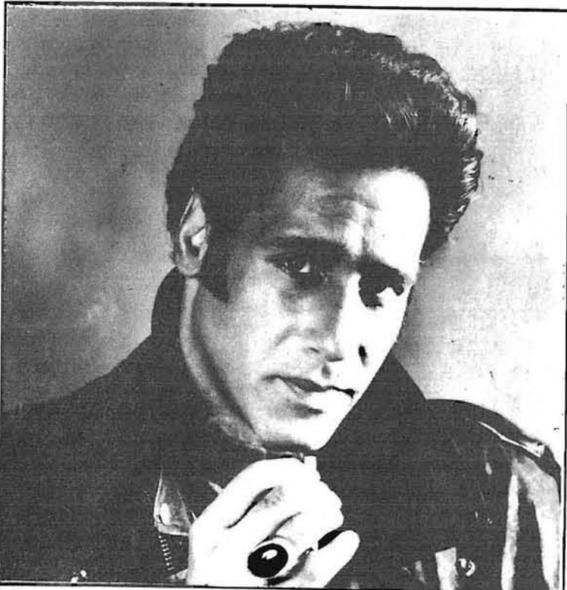
A welcome surprise is actress Laureen Holly (All My Children) who plays Fairlane's headstrong and weak-kneed secretary, Jazz. She is not only sexy, but has one of the best roles in the movie: She's the girl in love who can't help it and who deals with Fairlane as best as anyone could. That is anyone who has to deal with an egotistical, sexist skirt chaser. You really feel for her, she does all the work (outside of bed) and you almost start to like her as much as you like Dice.

A movie can be loaded with stars and personality, but still bomb with a bad script. I was convinced upon entering the theater that this was going to be an exploitation of the "Diceman" with a lot of celebs jumping around for the fun of it. But half way through the movie, I caught myself becoming involved, and I was having a blast while I was there.

Surely Clay uses a lot of his stage lines in the film (thankfully he dispenses with his brutally over recited nursery rhymes) but, after all, he is the main draw of this film. His sophomoric shallowness is what makes his character so irresistible and hilarious. Give the Dice some credit, he took a movie that could have been just an extension of his stage routine and developed it into an almost first-rate comedy/mystery.

If you're looking for some deeper insight or meaning to life, you aren't going to find it in "Ford Fairlane." But if you're in the frame of mind to laugh and say, "Oh God, Dice..." then you'll enjoy this movie.

Clay gives an excellent performance and his supporting cast rounds out a movie that's fun to watch. Give it a ☆☆☆1/2.



MR COOL: Andrew Dice Clay is rock 'n roll detective Ford Fairlane.

Activities Within Mark Twain Cause Both Delays And Fun

Building Renovations Are Stalled By Rain and Construction

by David Barnes
news editor

Due to unforeseen problems with asbestos, leaks and a painting contractor, renovation of the Mark Twain building has fallen behind schedule.

"We're in hope that the project will be 90 percent completed at the start of the school year," Athletic director Charles Smith said. The original contract called for a completion date of July 27.

In mid-spring, it was decided that asbestos in the main hallway foyer and the pool ceiling had to be removed, Smith said. This delay kept the new lights from being installed because when the asbestos had finally been removed, it was time for the summer schedule of events to begin at the pool.

The new pool lights will be installed in December between semesters, Smith said, which "should work out with the swimming and physical education schedules."

Completion of the aerobics room has also been delayed. "We had those hard rains and it started leaking to the point where it would be ridiculous to put in a new wood floor," Smith said. The leaks are now being worked on.

Problems with the original painting contractor required that different painters be hired. "That slowed it up," Smith stated, and the time set aside for painting the gymnasium was used to find the new firm. When a firm was found, it was the beginning of summer and time for the planned basketball camps and other activities.

"Since we already had these things scheduled and they mean a lot to the program, the painting was put off," Smith said, "The contractors worked with us on that."

Electrical fixtures that had been ordered for the gymnasium were late and only partially installed by the time summer began. The last sports camp will be the end of July. "During August the workman will come in and work very hard to try and get most of

it put together by the start of the school year," Smith said.

As for the weight room, "We have to sweat out the ordering of the weights and hope that they will come in on time so we can put them up in time," he said.

The new lockers have also not come in yet, but once they do, Smith said, they should only take about 10 days to install.

The new whirlpools have arrived but the company didn't measure correctly and they won't fit into the doors. Smith said they will have to tear out a wall to get them in.

The contractor (Lawlor & Company) will wait until everything else is completed before installing the indoor running track. "There's no sense to put it in and let workers continue walking on it," Smith said.

The building is no longer as complicated to walk around in. Most of the barricades and partitions have been removed. "People have gotten used to the fact that we're under renovation," security guard Bob Malon said.

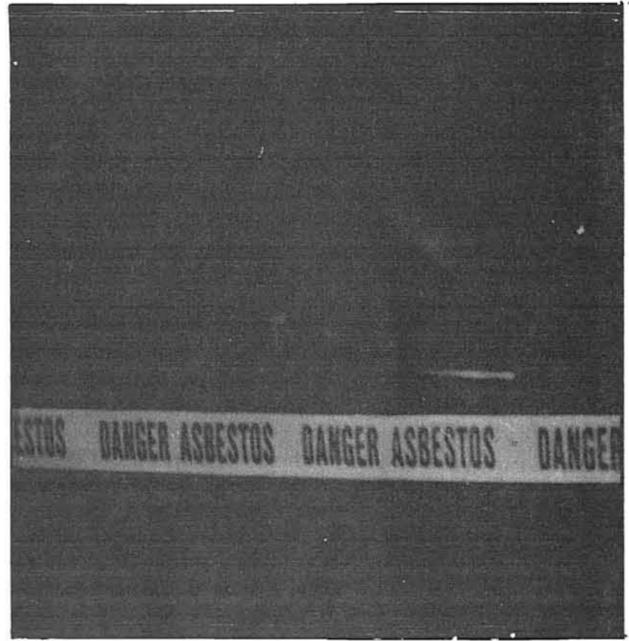
Many people are using the wight room and racquetball courts, Malon said, and "the users of the pool are starting to pick up. People are (realizing) we're open again. We were closed in May."

The volleyball team will be the most hurt by the broken schedule. They had wanted to start practice August 13, but will have to wait until August 16.

Twenty-one hours will be added to the present number of hours that the building is now open. The new times will be: Monday thru Thursday, 8am-10pm, Friday, 8am-7pm, Saturday 9am-7pm, and Sunday, noon-5pm.

"There have been no overruns yet to my knowledge " concerning the budget Smith said, "We had 10 percent contingency fund."

Smith looks forward to the completion of the renovations and said, "We're going to have to just be patient and try to work through it the best we can."



STOP! Renovations within the Mark Twain building have been stalled for various reasons, including contract problems, late deliveries and the removal of asbestos.

New Recruits Show Definite Promise For UM - St. Louis Athletic Teams

by Melissa A. Green
sports editor

The time is summer, seniors have long since graduated and transfer students have filed their papers, all are now preparing for the upcoming year at college. Many are going to the college of their choice, others are following the footsteps of relatives, yet others are following their signatures.

What does this mean? So many incoming students with high hopes of great athletic accomplishments sign a letter of intent to the college and sport of their choice. UM-St. Louis is no exception. The coaching staff has chosen several incoming students to grace our fields and courts. Just listen up!

At this date, both the men's and women's soccer teams, both men's and women's basketball teams, and the men's baseball team have recruited for the upcoming athletic year.

The men's soccer team recruited four area men to play for the Riverman this upcoming season. Three of the recruits are from local junior college programs, and the final recruit is from Christian Brothers College High School.

Tom Edgar, a CBC all-state performer, was a three-year starter for the Cadets. His team went to the Missouri Class 4A state championship in 1988. During his senior year, Edgar earned first team All-State and all-Metro honors as a midfielder and backfielder for the Cadets. Named the most valuable offensive player by his teammates, he scored 11 goals and aided in 16 assists.

Brian Kelleher, a Florissant Valley first team All-Midwest and All-Regional pick, scored seven goals and madethree assists during the 1989 season. National Junior College Athletic Association All-American in 1988, Kelleher earned first team All-State honors as a senior at McCluer High School and participated in the North-South All-Star game.

Mike LaPosha, an All-Region pick from Florissant Valley Junior College, scored five goals and had 10 assists during his last year of play for the Norsemen. After suffering from a back injury must of his senior year, LaPosha gained fame in the North-South All-Star game by earning the title of the outstanding offensive player after scoring one of the winning goals.

Darren Starzyk, a two-time All-Region and All-American selection at Lewis and Clark, led his team to a fourth-place finish in national place last year. Leading scorer with 11 goals and 11 assists, Starzyk held a similar record his freshman year with 10 goals and 11 assists. Captain of the Rosary High School team, he played in the North-South High School All-Star game and led his senior team to the 1A-3A state championship.

The women's soccer team has signed two area women to play for the Riverwomen this fall.

Kim Miller, a four-year starter from Dubourg High School, led her team in scoring with 17 goals and 13 assists. Named as the most valuable player during her senior year, Miller participated in the North-South All-Star Game last month. She was also a two-time All-Archdiocesan Athletic Association pick.

Cheryl Spence, a junior midfielder-defender from Florissant Valley Community College, was a member of the team that went to the national championship game two years running. A three-time first team All-

Suburban North Conference performer for Hazelwood East, Spence was named the team's most valuable player in her senior year. The leading scorer for her team, she represented the North in the North-South All-Star game.

Changing sports, the men's basketball team has signed four men to their roster for this upcoming season. They come to the team as three transfer students and one incoming freshman.

Fred Carter, a junior forward from Western Oklahoma State Junior College in Altus, Oklahoma, averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds per game last year. Ranking third in rebounding within the Oklahoma Junior College Region, Carter graduated from Plainview High School in Plainview, Texas.

Jermaine Morris, a recent graduate of Vashon High School, averaged 11 points and 10.2 rebounds for the Wolverines. A member of the third-place team in the Missouri Class 4A State Tournament, Morris earned first team All-Public High league and North All-District honors. He also was a fourth team St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro selection.

Bryan Silver, a guard from East Central Junior College in Union, Missouri, averaged 23 points and 7 rebounds this past season. Before transferring to East Central, Silver attended Moberly Junior College in Moberly, Missouri, for one year. A three time starter at Buchanan High School in Troy, Missouri, Silver led his team to the semifinals of the Missouri Class 3A State Tournament twice. He was also named first team Class 3A All-State.

Leon Kynard, a 6'1" guard from College of the Redwoods in Eureka, California, has also signed with the Riverman.

The women's basketball team has recruited four new women players for the upcoming season.

Nancy Heseman, a forward from Pattonville High School, averaged 14 points, 117 assists, 105 steals, and 27 blocked shots per game. Averaging 4.6 rebounds per game, Heseman highlights include her ability to shoot the three-pointer.

Michelle Jackson, who played for Kaskaskia Community College, signed with the Riverwomen last November.

Rachel Nunnelee, a guard from Webster Groves High School, averaged 14 points per game. her totals throughout her senior year include 148 assists and 148 steals.

DeCarol Timmons, a transfer student from John A. Logan Junior College, averaged 11.4 points and 8.3 rebounds this past season. A graduate of Scott County Central high school in Scott County, Missouri, Timmons connected on 51.2 percent of her shots during this past season with a record of 21-11.

Still a little too early in the season to recruit everyone, the men's baseball team has signed Chris Meador. A standout at Jefferson Junior College in Hillsboro, Missouri, Meador has experience as a pitcher and in the outfield. A left-handed pitcher, Meador held a 7-4 record with a 2.45 earned run average. He batted .320 with eight home runs and 40 runs batted in during this past season. A graduate of Windor High School in Imperial, Missouri, he led his team to a conference championship in his senior year, and was named first team All-Conference, first team All-District and third team All-Metro.

Camp Teaches Helpful Hints For Children's Basketball

by Melissa A. Green
sports editor

Whistles blow, balls bounce and the echoes of "swish" resound throughout the gymnasium in Mark Twain as 120 girls take part this week in the UM-St. Louis Basketball Camp.

The sounds have filled the gym for the last three weeks, made by young basketball players, ages 7-18.

Organized by men's basketball head coach, Rich Meckfessel, the camps were designed to teach basketball fundamentals, ball handling, team play, and defense. But the camps weren't all work and no play. Within the camps, the campers were divided into teams and divisions, similar to the college divisions of basketball.

For the boys camps, the division included the Big Eight, the Big Ten, the NBA, and the NCAA Division II the division here at UM-St. Louis. The girls camps were divided into the divisions of SEC, Big Ten and the Big Eight.

A designated commissioner ruled each division, and four teams with approximately 10 campers on each team.

The coaches and commissioners for each of the conferences included Kim Cooper, Dennis Fisher, Lisa Houska, Chico Jones, Leon Kynard, Dean Martin, Bobbi Morse, Carlos Smith, Derek Thomas, Bill Walker, Jeff Wilson, and Tammy Wilson. The commissioners for each league included Morse, Smith, and Houska.

The camp has been offered for eight years running, and every year interested basketball players are turned away because of limited availability. The basic setup of the camps hasn't changed within the last few years, because high turnouts indicate the program is working right.

"We will continue to offer the camp until people stop coming, then we will change the curriculum to gain the campers again," Meckfessel said.

Different activities improved the campers' skills and let them have some fun. Different contests offered include Hot Shots, Free Throws and Three-on-Three. Hot Shot involves one round of practicing your layup abilities in a timed period. The timer is set for 30 seconds, a maximum of two layouts is allowed, and points are awarded according to distance from the rim the basket is made. Examples, one point for layup and baseline shot, two for elbow shots, and three for a circle. The top two shooters from each league advanced to the finals.

The free throw contest allows each camper 10 shoots from the line, with the top four and any ties shooting 10 more times, then they advanced to the finals.

Three-on-three was played in each division, with the Big Ten and the Big Eight playing an eight point game, while the SEC played 10 point games. Many rules were imposed to keep the games fair, and short. The top two teams from each league advanced to the finals.

Other activities offered were the All-Star Game and the Dazzling Dribbler Contest. The All-Star game was played on Wednesday afternoon, with standouts from each team playing against each other. The Dazzling Dribbler Contest was held on Thursdays, and each campers entered showed their best abilities in dribbling.

"The funniest part of the whole camp was the contests that helped with our competition, and the winning trophies," said Ellen Palazzolo, 13, Missy Lindemann, 13, and Jodi Helvey, 13, all campers for the of July 16-20.

The success of the camp tells a story about how well it is organized and the need for a camp similar to this. "There is a need for it," Meckfessel said, "It works because we have good facilities and it helps get the community on the campus. It improves our community services."

The Cards Are Dead Birds, But The Blues Are Alive And Well

Roo's Roost

by Mike Van Roo
sports columnist

Well, the summer of 1990 has certainly brought many changes and additions in the world of sports here in the mecca of St. Louis. Most obvious and talked about has been the departure of Cardinal skipper and architect of three pennants and one World Series title, Whitey Herzog.

The not-so-unexpected resignation of Herzog on July 6 has only highlighted a woefully bad and outdated Cardinal baseball organization.

Arguably one of baseball's best teams of the 1980s, the Cardinals have grown lethargic and complacent through their winning ways.

A combination of events can be blamed for the 'Birds sorry state of

affairs. First: Dal Maxvill has been less than aggressive in the free-agency market. Oh sure, he's made some obligatory advances to people such as Joe Carter, Mark Langston, and Mike Moore. But picking people like Bryn Smith or Rex Hudler won't keep you playing baseball in October.

Plus his failure to keep free agents such as Jack Clark and Tony Pena won't garner him any awards for having an overabundance of hindsight.

Second: The death of August Busch severed Whitey Herzog's ties to the hierarchy of Anheiser Busch's upper management, leaving him with no true compatriot amongst the stuffy board room types.

Auggie Busch must surly be doing back flips in his grave right now over the melancholy state his team is currently languishing in. He's probably

better off this way.

Third: The Cardinals have fallen into the "If you can build a better mousetrap, the whole world will come running to your door" syndrome. By putting a good, quality product on the field during the Herzog years, the Cardinals upper management didn't have to worry about drawing their 2+ million fans through the turnstiles of Busch Stadium.

But now, with the team in early stages of some probable long, lean years, the Cardinals might now be lucky to draw 2 million fans a year. Their "Better Mousetrap" is in need of some drastic overhauling. Everyone now might not be so inclined to come running down to the park.

The Cards concrete monopoly on the city of St. Louis as "The only game in town" is starting to melt a little as the "Boys of Winter", the St. Louis Blues

are making vast inroads for securing a very bright and productive future.

General Manager Ron Caron has raised the eyebrows and blood pressure of his many contemporaries by boldly going after Washington Capitals free agent defenseman Scott Stephens.

Stephens will collect \$5.145 million over the next four years and will hopefully show the Blues fans they do have a defenseman who can bring the puck up the ice and score, not just bring it up the ice and dump it down in the opposition's side of the rink like they've been guilty of for several years.

As many of the callers to KMOX radio have noted in recent days, Dal Maxvill could learn a lesson or two from Mr. Caron and his unabated attempts to better an already pretty good team, rather than standing pat

on one's laurels that has down fallen many a sports team over the years.

After signing superstar Brett Hull to a nice, fat \$7 million deal, the Blues are very serious about extending their season to June so they can play for Lord Stanley's Cup.

And certainly not resting on his laurels, Caron goes out 12 hours later and trades Peter Zezel and Mike Lalor to the Capitals for left winger Geoff Courtnall.

Caron is obviously thinkng about winning now rather than being like the Cards thinking of winning again someday.

I recall in the not-so-distant past that the St. Louis Steamers (Remember Them?) use to regularly outdraw the Blues. And sometimes it was a 2-1 margin. It's quite possible in the very near future that the Blues will become the hottest ticket in town,

while the Cardinals might resort to their long stretch of non-post-season play like they did from 1968-1982.

Hopefully, Dal Maxvill reads the newspapers and listens to the call-in programs. Maybe he will take heed of what Mr. Caron has accomplished in just a matter of a few weeks.

Because come September, with the Cardinals 25 or more games out of first and maybe 12,000-15,000 people in the stands, the sports fans of St. Louis will have a new and hopefully more productive team to support, rather than the stale, summertime guys on the diamond.

Maybe the marketing and P.R. people in the Blues office can steal the Cardinals advertising slogan for this ill-fated year and change the "Joys of Summer" to the "Joys of Winter"?

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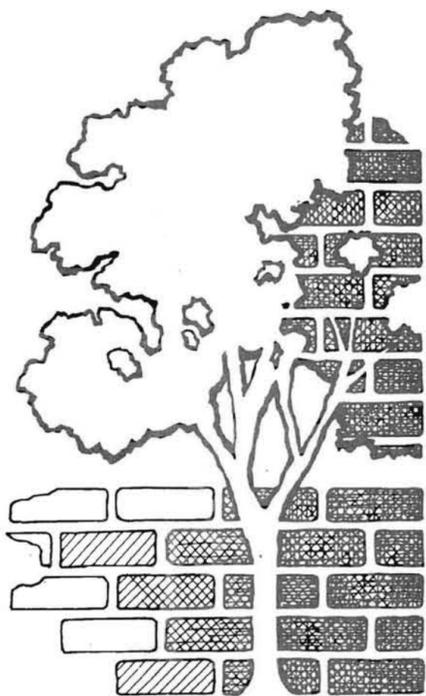
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