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Underground Cited By Health Department

by Michelle McMurray
 associate photo editor

The UM—St. Louis Underground was ordered to remove the salad bar by the St. Louis County Health Department Wednesday, March 28.

The Health Department recorded seven violations, including a salad bar temperature above 50 degrees Fahrenheit. "The temperature on the salad bar should not be over 45 degrees," said Shimeliss Demissie of the St. Louis County Health Department.

The report states the salad bar is to be removed until necessary repairs are made. The cafeteria was also cited for the presence of roaches.

An allegation of food poisoning prompted an inspection of the cafeteria by the Health Department; the report, dated March 19, cited mice droppings in the utensils, salad dressings at 60 degrees, eggs at 90 degrees, and uncovered food.

The Health Department allows for 10 days to fix the problem. If the problem is not corrected by the next inspection, the establishment can be downgraded.

The cafeteria at the north campus has been downgraded once, as has the Marillac campus.

Eating establishments are graded on a point system, with 100 points being

the maximum. Grade A indicates excellent eating conditions and points of 85 or above. Grade B is a score of 70-84, and C is a score of 69 or less.

Most of the scores for UM—St. Louis are between 85 and 90; however, UM—St. Louis received 70 points on an inspection April 10, 1989 and was downgraded to a B. 11 violations were found, including: milk at 80 degrees, roaches present, food not covered, and dishwasher temperature below 160 degrees. The follow-up report, dated March 12, cited eight violations and the Grade A rating was reinstated.

As recently as February 20, 1990 the Marillac campus was cited with 10 violations and a score of 79 to qualify them for a B rating. That cafeteria was upgraded back to an A on March 19.

A boycott of the Underground was called for on Tuesday, March 27 by UM—St. Louis student M. Al-Khorashi after she found a roach in her salad:

"I called for the boycott because I want the people who run the cafeteria to take the problem seriously," she stated. "It seemed to me they did not. I talked to the manager of the cafeteria and he blamed the bookstore. I think that's a cop out. They need to clean up their act."

UM—St. Louis bookstore manager Gloria Schultz said the bookstore has

never had a problem with roaches.

Another student, Diana Harvestmoon alleged she got violently ill from a salad she purchased from the Underground.

"I am still waiting to hear from the Health Department on what exactly made me ill," she remarked, adding that "since then I have not eaten in the cafeteria."

A university food service employee, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that the day the roaches were found in the salad, management ordered the same bowl brought out to the bar area. This employee said that as recently as last week, mice were found in the dairy case and that pudding had had to be thrown out.

"This place needs a good cleaning! Some of us have offered to clean [the cafeteria], but we don't have time during the day," explained the employee. "The management doesn't want to pay us the overtime it would take to do the job."

The employee said it was hard to tell if the boycott was successful because Tuesdays and Thursdays are generally slow days anyway.

Food Service Director Chris Harris, who manages the Underground, said the boycott had a minimal effect on food sales.

"There could be several factors—

including the weather—for the slight drop," maintained Harris. "When it is a nice day business slows down, and when it is a rainy day we are very busy."

Dawn Pierce, a junior at UM—St. Louis, supports the boycott. "I've eaten at the salad bar and after reading the letter in the last issue [of the *Current*], I will never eat there again," she declared.

Senior Brian Roither said, "I only eat there when I'm desperate."

Several students did not observe the boycott. "It's the only place on campus to get food, but if I had a better choice I'd use it," said junior Mark Sandmann.

Jack Boeger, another junior, had this to say: "I was craving their delicious pizza. I don't think the prices are that bad. I'd like to see a deli where you could make your own sandwiches."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lowe "Sandy" MacLean said that when he received the call from the Ms. Al-Khorashi he responded immediately.

"We are very concerned," he said. "We had an extra search for any unusual problems and expanded spraying for bugs. The Underground is a class A eating institution, but unfortunately, this time of year bugs come out."

The contract the University has with the Food Service requires mutual satisfaction. If either party is unhappy

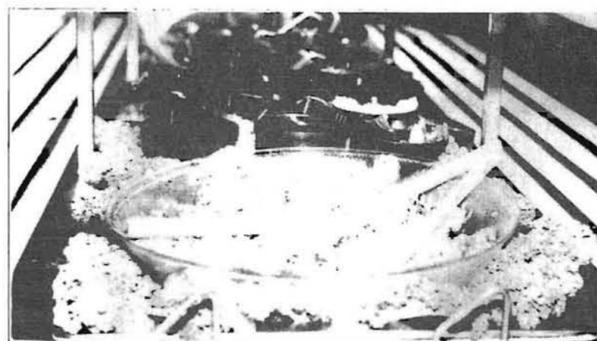
with the arrangement, the contract provides for either side to terminate. All of the food services on campus are on a one-year contract with Morrisons' Custom Management, with an option for three years.

The first contract was drawn up in July 1987 and has been renewed every year. "The decision to renew or look for another company would be an administrative decision," said Bob Schmalfeld, Director of the University Center.

The Food Service managers make

recommendations for the food. "We have a broad audience," explained Schmalfeld. "Some of our customers are vegetarians, some want a full dinner, and some just want a sandwich. We offer meals where calories are posted for those who are watching their weight!"

Schmalfeld said the Underground is sprayed for bugs every two weeks. "In addition," he emphasized, "we do a walk through with the University Center and Food Service personnel, looking for potential problem areas, such as cleaning and equipment."



SALAD BAR TOSSED: The salad bar in the Underground was removed following an inspection by the County Health Department March 28. (Photo by Michelle McMurray)

Curators Discuss Engineering

by Kevin Kleine
 editor

The proposed engineering program at UM—St. Louis became a topic of debate at the recent Board of Curators meeting here after state senators have questioned the validity of the program.

A proposal from Sen. Thomas McCarthy (R-Chesterfield) would have engineering classes taught here via satellite from Rolla instead of using professors in classrooms at Washington University and UM—St. Louis.

UM—St. Louis Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Sandy MacLean, said that the Rolla proposal would be more expensive than the one here.



FUNDING FRUSTRATIONS: UMR Chancellor Martin Jischke (center, next to Marguerite Barnett) gets involved in the debate on engineering. (Photo by Fred Appel)

The cost of implementing the program is one factor in the arguments against the UM—St. Louis plan. It would take about \$6.2 million a year to run the engineering program here. The one being proposed by McCarthy would cost about \$8.4 million.

The Curators decided to stick to their plan, citing the need to support a campus committed to an idea.

"By airing all these things, I hope we can avoid the assumption that no planning has gone on here," Dr. Peter Raven, vice-president of the Board said. "Somehow it seems very peculiar to me that you could listen to a history of careful planning in the university over 20 years, and then so many of us could conclude at the

end of that that no planning had been done when the very history you're addressing is a history of very meticulous plans," Raven said.

"There also seems to be an assumption that just because a plan was proposed and not immediately implemented that in some way it was a failure," Raven said. "It was a failure to implement that plan, but I think that we have to be very precise that it was not a failure to the university as a whole. Somehow, too much of the discussion for my taste comes from the point of view that past boards and that we in past years, or perhaps that some of us are not committed and aggressive. That assumes that the evolution of the university has not been taking place in the most appropriate way," Raven said.

"Our job is not to be disciplinarians to cut them back, to find all the failings in their aspirations and to make them very narrow or to make them comply with some kind of model that we might have in our minds or might have arrived at as the result of a very brief study," Raven commented.

He warned against the board fooling itself into believing that juggling programs around will make things better.

The Missouri House voted to pro-

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Gay Organization Reports Vandalism

by Brad Touchette
 reporter

A campus organization is a campus organization, right? Not so, according to Larry Biring, president of the Lesbian and Gay Campus Organization (LGCO).

"Lately we've had flyers that simply inform students of our organization torn down or defaced," said Biring. "Unfortunately, it proves to me homophobia is alive and well on the UM—St. Louis campus."

This recent vandalism is much less severe than the incident on November 18, 1988 in which many members of the organization had their cars defaced with obscenities written in lipstick.

"Nothing that bad has happened since the group has reorganized, but there have been flyers found on the ground, torn up, or even been turned around and had Bible scriptures written on the back of it," said another member, who asked to remain anonymous.

Although \$250 will be granted to LGCO by the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) next year, the money for the flyers this semester is coming out of members' pockets.

"The money isn't our only concern," said Biring. "We are a campus organization like any other, but students who see our flyers torn up and defaced will obviously be intimidated by it. It's already scary enough to come out and admit you're gay. You risk losing support of your family, friends, employer, and anything else you may care deeply

about.

Biring also added that UM—St. Louis, being mostly a commuter campus, makes it even more difficult for prospective members to join. "Most students here are going to school with the kids they went to high school with and they're still living at home with their parents. These factors make it harder to keep it within the group than it would be on a campus away from home."

Johnda Boyce, president of the Gay and Lesbian Student Association (LGSA) at Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO), said her campus group encounters the same problems.

"Here at SEMO, the campus organizations write their upcoming events in chalk on the sidewalks," said Boyce. "Everytime we advertise an event in front of this one building, the janitor will come out and throw water on it."

"Other than that, there is some occasional defacing on the sidewalks and written on or torn up flyers. I'd almost rather have the things torn down or washed away," added Boyce. "At least that way the signs aren't up for the whole campus to see."

Sources at the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC) report incidents of vandalism and minor thefts in the offices of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) at UMC, similar to those at the LGSA at SEMO. The things most often stolen, according to sources, are answering machine tapes.

Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs for UM—St. Louis, said there will be punishments for anyone caught vandalizing the

LGCO's flyers or any other campus group's flyers.

"It's a violation of the conduct code called 'destruction of property,'" commented MacLean. "I'm concerned about these vandals for the very reason that what they're doing is intimidating and discouraging students from joining."

MacLean also mentioned that first time offenders could receive a reprimand of anything from probation to suspension, depending on the severity of the incident.

"The main purpose of this organization is to provide homosexuals with a healthy environment to meet other people like themselves," Biring said. "Students who are under 21 and gay have nowhere safe to go. We want to provide them with a place."

Another member who wanted to remain anonymous said, "We're not causing a disturbance on campus of any kind. We have just as much right to meet as any other group. It's just too bad that homophobia is so prevalent here."

This member also said that the group had 70 flyers printed up two weeks ago and there's hardly any left to show for it.

"We're going to have more printed up. We would just like people to quit tearing them down just because they don't agree with the way we live our lives."

"We took the room number off the flyers to increase security and privacy," said Biring. "But it's very difficult to get new members when people keep tearing down our flyers."

Small Vetoes SGA Election Restructuring Plan

by Kiril Dickinson
 news editor

In the latest move of an ongoing dispute over how to conduct upcoming Student Government Association (SGA) elections, SGA President Terence Small said Tuesday that he would not approve the funds necessary to have "mail-in" elections.

This comes after months of debate in SGA Assembly meetings sparked by a proposal narrowly passed at a poorly attended Assembly meeting last December.

The proposal, if enacted, would have had students' ballots for the elections mailed to their homes, to be filled out and sent back to the Assembly's administrative committee for tabulation. The proposal was submitted by Mary Creason, the head of the administrative committee.

In recent meetings, many members of the Assembly have argued strongly against the mail-in procedure, citing

lack of secrecy, security, and time, as well as the difficulty in confirming that each student has received a ballot.

Further complicating the whole affair are questions as to whether or not the proposal was officially passed, since the minimum attendance requirement to conduct official business was not met at the Assembly meeting last December.

Then, at the March 19 Assembly meeting, Small informed the Assembly that he had not approved the funds required to purchase materials and postage for the mail-in elections, saying that he intended to introduce a proposal to seeking to hold election in the traditional, at-large manner.

Small said that the mail-in procedure was not in the best interest of the student body and would be a waste of money. He said that he could not be responsible for that kind of failure.

When a vote on Small's proposal was called, however, it failed by a three-vote margin. Yet even this vote was disputed, since, again, the minimum attendance

requirement was not met.

Last Tuesday, Small revealed that he would not release the necessary funds, effectively killing the mail-in proposal. What happens next is up to the Assembly.

In any case, the controversy over procedure has derailed an attempt to change how the SGA President and Vice-President are elected. At the February 12 meeting of SGA, Assembly member Steve Meinhold distributed a proposal to have the SGA leadership elected by the Student Assembly.

"If you look at the actual titles of the executive branch, it's President and Vice-President of SGA—not of the student body," said Meinhold in February. "Since they really lead SGA, I think they should be accountable and responsible to the Assembly."

But the Assembly has not yet decided whether or not to put the proposal to a student referendum, and now Meinhold says he is "not overly excited" about the proposal's chances for

approval.

First of all, he doesn't want to put the proposal to a mail-in vote: "I'm a little skeptical about the mail-in procedure," he said March 15.

And even if the proposal were submitted to a, at-large student vote, Meinhold believes it is too late to properly educate the student body about the proposed change.

Submitting the bill, which would make SGA more like the student governments of UM—Rolla and UM—Kansas City, is "not a wise move until the voters are more informed," according to Meinhold.

Some Assembly members have suggested altering the proposal to have the referendum take place next year, to allow for a sufficient time for consideration of the bill. Meinhold says he is in agreement with that.

Conduct Code Hearing March 30

Opponents of a recent draft to revise the Student Conduct Code will have an opportunity to express their concern at a public hearing on Friday, March 30 at 2 p.m. in Room 229 of the J.C. Penney Building.

The hearing is being sponsored by the Senate Student Affairs Committee. According to Steve Meinhold, chair of the committee, the hearing was called in response to deep concerns expressed by student leaders over the code.

Members of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee appointed to rewrite the code will be present. Vicki Sauter, chair of the ad hoc committee, had decided not to hold public hearings on the code until the Student Affairs Committee made an issue of it.

Although the code has been revised from the original proposal, copies have been forwarded to the

American Civil Liberties Union and the University of Missouri legal counsel for review.

Paul Matteucci, Student Representative to the Board of Curators, expressed concern over the legalities of sections restricting student expression and language punishing those who create a hostile environment. Matteucci said the language, similar to that which was recently overturned by courts governing the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin, appeared to be an unconstitutional restraint of free speech.

At a March 19 meeting of the Student Government Association (SGA), Meinhold said that the proposed code was a slap in the face to students. SGA President Terence Small has also publicly blasted the proposed change in the code.

Students Get Bugged

No, those aren't raisins with legs, they're roaches and they inhabit the Underground.

Maybe their just the pets of the mice there. The student have only one thing to say to the management of the Underground: Clean up your act. The cafeteria has been downgraded from an "A" rating to a "B" in the past and as recent as March 28 failed portions of the health inspection.

Students traditionally complain about school cafeteria food, but grumbings about the Underground flared up even more when reports of food poisoning and little critters started coming in a week ago.

Blame was put on the bookstore by teh management of the Underground for the insect and rodent invasion, but that still does not excuse their actions that endanger the health of the campus population. If the situation is not corrected swiftly, the University should consider replacing the company that runs the Underground with one that can keep the place free of these unwanted lunchguests.

In a letter to the editor last week, a student suggested a boycott of the underground for last Tuesday, March 27. It seemed to be business as usual though. In order for a boycott to really hit home, the underground needs to be deserted. Let the people in charge know how you feel. *They work for us.*

Problem Solved

Student Government Association President Terence Small Saved the SGA elections from disaster by exercising his power to control the purse strings in the organization.

By refusing to sign the paperwork that would authorize the printing of ballots and the approval of postage for the proposed mail-in ballots, Small in effect vetoed the plan.

It would have cost about \$3,000-\$4,000 to run the election under the plan proposed earlier in the year to mail ballots to every student in the hopes of increasing voter turn-out.

Running the elections in the way Small proposes will cost only about \$500. Small would pay student organizations a small amount to man the polls with their representatives. His plan would provide a greater cross-section of the student groups involved and no group could claim that another dominated the election process.

"I don't want next year's SGA to start off with a deficit either," Small said after reaching his decision. Small said that the money needed for the postage and printing would dep-lete the SGA budget.

In addition to financial concerns, Small agrees with the *Current* that the idea would be a failure at increasing the number of voters



Discrimination O.K. When It's ROTC

Oblivion

by Shawn M. Foppe
managing editor

Question: *When is discrimination legal?*

Answer: *When it is practiced by the ROTC.*

National attention has been focused on a Washington University senior, James Holobaugh, who was recently dismissed from the ROTC program at Washington University because he told his superior officer that he was gay. As a result of disclosing his sexual orientation, Holobaugh has been denied his commission as an officer, kicked out of his ROTC program, and demanded to repay his \$25,000 scholarship from the Army. In addition, the problems with his scholarship have forced him to finish his last semester at home in Connecticut.

Why you may ask should Holobaugh's homosexuality cause such turmoil in his education and career? The answer lies in a Department of Defense policy which clearly states that homosexuals are not allowed to serve in the military. According to Major Thomas Ryan, instructor & director of military science, the Department of Defense does not feel

that it is in the best interest of the military to allow homosexuals to serve in any capacity.

Since Congress has passed no laws restricting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or preference, the Defense Department is free to set whatever policies it chooses. The Supreme Court recently decided not to overturn a case involving a lesbian who had been kicked out of the service saying that they could not become involved in Department of Defense policies.

Two things have caused Holobaugh's case to receive so much attention: the fact that the Army is asking for its scholarship money back and Washington University's recent policy regarding sexual orientation.

This is the first time the Army has asked for scholarship money back because a cadet has disclosed his or her homosexuality. The army claims that Holobaugh has broken his contract and is unable to fulfill his duty to the army and therefore owes the \$25,000.

Holobaugh has not broken his contract; when he signed it, he did not know he was gay. Even if he knew he was gay he would not have broken the contract because asking about someone's sexual preference is discriminatory. Additionally, Holobaugh is able to fulfill his duty in the military; it is the Department of Defense that is preventing him. Either

the Department needs to eat the \$25,000 or commission Holobaugh and allow him to complete his duty.

Last fall, Washington University's Board of Trustees added sexual orientation to the ways in which the university will not allow discrimination to occur. Faculty members, student groups, Student Life (Washington University's campus newspaper), and members of Washington University's student government have said that allowing the ROTC program to continue at Washington University flies in the face of the Trustees policy and common discency. They are using the new policy regarding sexual orientation to seek the removal of ROTC from Washington University.

Although a student government resolution calling for the removal of ROTC from Washington University by the year 1995 failed 10-16-1 on March 25, many of those voting no said they supported the spirit of the document but had problems with the language. One or two new resolutions are expected to be presented at a meeting on April 1.

A recent UM-St. Louis Senate resolution urges the Board of Curators to add sexual orientation to the University of Missouri's list on non-discriminatory practices. According to Mark Burkholder, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and former president of the UM-St. Louis Senate. The Inter-Campus Faculty Council requested

the four UM campuses to reopen the question of sexual orientation. The results of the campuses recommendations will be considered by the Student Affairs Council.

The council which is comprised of the four vice-chancellors for student affairs and Burkholder would then make a proposal to the Board of Curators. Burkholder would not surmise the measure's chance of passage. The passage of such a measure would open up the possibility of the removal of ROTC from the University of Missouri.

Many believe that the Department of Defense could be forced into changing anti-homosexual policies if more Universities discontinued ROTC programs because of such policies. Ryan disagrees. He believes that by the time a large number of universities are struggling with whether or not to remove ROTC, that public opinion will dictate a change in national policy regarding homosexuals forcing Congress to pass a law outlawing such discrimination. Ryan points to a time when women were not inducted in the service and blacks were not integrated as examples.

Universities have traditionally served as the social conscience of the nation. Let's hope that the University of Missouri and the Board of Curators will be brave enough to lead on this issue instead of hiding their collective heads in the sand hoping the issue will go away.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Weeding Out' Is Prejudice Towards Students

Dear Editor,

I hope that this letter reaches many eyes, for I feel that it needs to be written. There is, and I can't say it is a new type, a kind of prejudice that is on the loose at the UM-SL campus. It is not a typical prejudice, such as blacks vs. whites, or men vs. women. I would like to make everyone aware of the prejudice of administration vs. students.

As students, we have all studied very hard for tests or researched long hours for papers. After doing such work, sometimes willingly and sometimes unwillingly, we have been let down by finding we have failed. I do not mean failed as in the big flag, but rather we feel like we have failed because we did not

live up to our expectations. Also, I hope I am not the only one, but it does not happen once; its continual. After being let down, we ask others how they did so that hopefully we can ease our minds and tell ourselves we did not do so bad. Who does this to us? Our professors and our teachers do this to us. Then they say that it is a learning experience or "we learn by our mistakes." Too many such mistakes and our goals are hindered - such as graduate school or that job we are all working to obtain. Another thing is the term "WEEDING OUT." Why does one need to be "weeded out?" Some of us work very hard, earn little money, drive far distances, and put up with the so called campus red tape only to be "weeded out." This

is not fair to us students who are the life blood of the university.

One other thing that I would like to make note of is how the administration feels it needs to grow, expand, and accommodate. For the students sake we need to work with what we have; modify our programs so we can compete. Campus size is not important in getting or giving a good education - proper faculty and the right programs where students actually succeed and not fail are what is needed.

As an aside, I had a close friend just quit school after three years of college work. She said she just could not take the pressure and strain anymore. She

worked very hard to pay for school, but finally had to give up.

I am very grateful toward those who actually care about the success or failure of their students and work with such individuals to obtain their career goals. (Not all of you are that way, though). But, those of you who grade critically, or want to "weed out" individuals need to check your standards of teaching. Let me remind you, if it were not for us students, you would not have a job!

Someone please listen,
Christopher M. Currington

Cafeteria Concerns Answered Here

Dear Editor,

I am writing to share the following information regarding Food Services:

1. On Monday, March 19, the Food Service was inspected by the St. Louis County Department of Community Health and Medical Care and was awarded a grade of "A." Food Services are inspected regularly without prior notification by St. Louis County and the grade "A" has been consistently awarded.

2. On Friday, March 23, in addition to Food Services's regularly scheduled bi-weekly exterminator service the University exterminator also serviced the Bookstore area, loadin dock, base-

ment hallway, University Center storage area and the J.C. Penney Building adjacent to the University Center. On Monday, March 26, an inspection of these areas resulted in a count of four insects.

We will continue to monitor this situation closely and will continue to take steps to improve the results achieved by Food Service and University Exterminators.

3. University Center and Food Services personnel have been and will continue to conduct weekly "walk throughs" of all Food Service areas.

I hope that this information will be of value to everyone in the UM-St. Louis Community. I regret any distress that

may have been experienced as a result of recent allegations and pledge to work toward a harmonious solution to the concerns that have been expressed.

Inconvenience of Laws

Dear Editor,

I agree wholeheartedly with Norman Bodenstein's letter suggesting that all sexual activity, adult pornography and illegal drugs be legalized for tax purposes. While we're in the law books with a pair of scissors, we should remove the laws forbidding all types of embesle-

ment. We should also reach our hands into the pockets of our most honorable professional hit men for tax dollars. When our laws aren't financially convenient, then by God, let's change em.

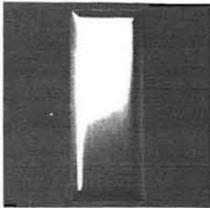
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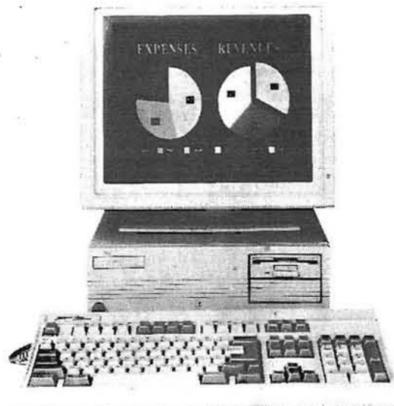
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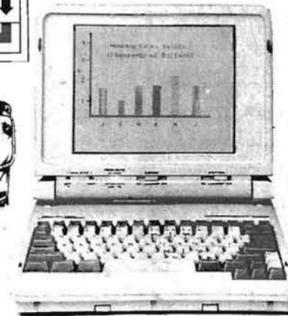
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Holding Out For A Hero

Elvis Hotline

by Greg Albers
columnist

Several weeks ago, I was talking with a friend about heroes. She asked me who mine were, and I had no idea what to say. I could have said something stupid like The Beatles or Jim Morrison (actually I think I did), but that wasn't what she was talking about.

She started talking about one of her teachers and her best friend and one of her relatives. She was really getting into this.

"Isn't there anybody you admire?" she asked. I didn't know what to say. It wasn't the kind of thing you get asked every day, and I had never really thought about it that much. But the way she asked the question kind of made me feel ashamed of not having a hero or someone to look up to, so I decided to pick one.

Never having had to pick a hero before, I figured the best way was to start by making a list of the qualities I admire in people. I don't think I'm going to list them here. There might still be some people out there who are under the impression that I'm a nice guy.

Anyway, after that, I looked around for the best possible candidate to fulfill these qualities and the winner was quite a surprise. The person that I admire most is BART SIMPSON. Yes, I idolize an animated ten year old smart ass. Do you think this could mean there's something wrong with me?

But Bart is just the coolest guy I've ever seen, other than Calvin from *Calvin and Hobbes*. He's living the childhood I wish I had. Yeah so he's only a cartoon character. He's still cool.

Then I started thinking about how strange it was that so many adults watched that cartoon. I mean we're in college here, and the biggest thing to talk about is an animated family that lives near a nuclear reactor. What's the appeal?

There was a story on "The Simpsons" in the TV Guide a couple weeks ago. They were comparing them to the family in "Father Knows Best" and suggesting that it symbolized the evolution of the perception of the typical American family.

I think someone is getting a little carried away. IT'S JUST A CARTOON!!! It's funny when Bart calls up a bar and asks for Mr. Jock Strap. You don't have to psychoanalyze it. It's just funny.

Did people want to try to understand what would motivate Brutus to always want to beat up Popeye, or why Brutus didn't just figure out that he could eat spinach too.

And while we're at it, what was so

damn special about Olive Oil that they felt was worth fighting about? Honestly, she's nothing but a scrawny whining nuisance. I don't know what they saw in her.

Cartoons sure have come a long way since then. Now all the cartoons are about Ninja sword fighting action figures you can buy in a toy store for twenty bucks, or even worse, little blue people who are so happy all the time. (I hate Smurfs.)

Whatever happened to all the good cartoons? Why don't we see any more coyotes making mushroom clouds at the bottom of a steep cliff? Now that was comedy.

Bart Simpson isn't the first cartoon character I've idolized. Ricochet Rabbit, Bullwinkle and Scooby Doo all have a special place in my book of childhood memories.

I don't know why, but when you're a kid, there's just something magical about talking animals dropping anvils on each other.

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of watching cartoons. I lived for Saturday mornings. There was an ongoing contest between my sister and I to see who could be the first one up on Saturdays. It was very important to win because the first one up got the couch (A necessity for the avid cartoon enthusiast).

So, when my alarm went off at six, I would climb out of bed, pour a big bowl of Lucky Charms (without milk) and curl up on the couch in front of the TV.

My favorites changed through the years, but there were a few I'll probably never forget. When I was about four, we lived in upstate New York and the cartoons I couldn't miss were "The Jackson Five" and "The Harlem Globetrotters".

Then we moved, and in my new neighborhood, the big thing to do was to meet in the street on Saturday afternoons and talk about what happened on "Scooby Doo" and "Bugs Bunny".

Yeah, those were the good old days. Back then, cartoons were funny. Maybe I've lost touch, or maybe it's a generation gap, but I just don't see the appeal of today's cartoons. If they aren't about assault robots turning into station wagons, they're ripoffs of popular movies (Ghostbuster, Karate Kid).

Even the old cartoons that are still around have evolved into something stupid. Yogi Bear used to be real cool. All he wanted was a picnic basket to steal. That was great, but then someone decided he needed a flying arc. I fail to see the logic in this. If that wasn't bad enough, the arc had to go to outer space. An arc full of talking animals floating around in space. Sounds like a bad trip to me.

I guess I'm not supposed to like the new cartoons. They're aimed for the kids of today. Know what that tells me about today's kids? They're weird. That's the only explanation I can think of.

Then again, my Pop hates "The Simpsons," and he probably thinks I'm pretty weird for watching it. If only he knew who my hero was.

Sister Cities Promote World-Wide Diplomacy

by Melissa Green
reporter

"Attention passengers, please buckle your seat belts, the plane will be landing in Moscow in a few moments."

This is what Sarah Anderson heard as she slowly awoke and rubbed her groggy eyes as she readjusted her seat for the landing. Anderson was one of fifteen students on their way to visit the Russian capital. She was lucky. She was picked out of five different people in her area by Sister Cities International to see her dream city in person.

"I couldn't believe it was happening to me," Anderson exclaimed. "It felt like I was in a dream, except that it was all real!"

Anderson remembers the day she applied for the grant. "I walked into the office of Peter Etkorn, professor of sociology at UM-St. Louis, thinking I didn't have a chance in a million to win," Anderson recalls. "I really wanted to go and visit the city of my heritage."

Etkorn, founding member of the St. Louis chapter of Sister Cities, explained the qualifications for the available grants offered by the organization. Fulfilling the qualifications, Anderson completed the application while Etkorn told her about the Sister Cities program as a whole.

Sister Cities International is a volunteer organization working to change the attitudes of communities in the United States and other countries around the world. Etkorn stressed that the objective of the program is to increase international friendships which help bring political policies as well as diplomatic and social problems to a

more understanding and local level.

The friendships formed were started within links between 800 cities in the United States and 1,300 communities in 90 countries around the world. The St. Louis chapter is involved with other Sister Cities in Bologna, Italy; Galeway, Ireland; Lyons, France; Nanjing, People's Republic of China; Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany; and Suwa, Japan.

The local chapter would like to gain the opportunity to start a Sister Cities colony in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) but presently the colony's success is dependent on the mayor's support for a more active involvement of local volunteers within the city.

The volunteers promote other countries to St. Louis while they tend to avoid spending time promoting the local community to St. Louis.

After using local involvement with the planning of the trip to Moscow, Sister Cities has hopes that the better relations with the Soviet Union and St. Louis will help pave a way for a future colony someday.

A USIS report states, "No U.S. city could mount and manage a Sister Cities program without the legions of volunteers and their strong motivations."

Anderson heard about the grant from her political science professor, Joel Glasman. He comments, "I chose our Sister City in Nanjing as a means for educational and cultural exchanges as an extension of my teaching and research emphasis on China." Glasman is just one member of the UM-St. Louis faculty actively involved within the Sister Cities program. Others include Inge

Goesl and Paul Hoffman from the German section of the modern foreign language department, and Steven House from the history department.

Sister Cities is not linked directly with the UM-St. Louis campus, but due to active involvement of many members of the faculty and staff, the campus and students have benefited greatly. Some of the benefits in the past have been student exchanges with other Sister Cities, publicity for UM-St. Louis on other campuses worldwide, and increased knowledge about the nations of the world.

"The volunteers for the program were super," Anderson recalls. "They were so helpful. They gathered all the students that went to Russia and we discussed what sights we wanted to see while we were in the city. It felt great because I had a part in the planning of my dream."

Most of the volunteers put over 100 percent of their time and efforts into the program, using their own resources to support any activities of the organization. Their incentive is personal. The rewards vary from pleasures of meeting and making friends, to bettering the world, or aiming for a peaceful world.

The main core of each local Sister Cities committee is comprised of hard-working people who are the "Front-Line of International Hospitality!" They drop everything when an event arises, participating in all aspects of the occasion, from planning the itinerary, making reservations, and hosting any visitors.

According to Etkorn, at times the volunteers are so active that their line of toleration is stretched to the limit, they suffer burnout, and leave the pro-

gram. But there always seems to be another volunteer to fill the vacant shoes. "The volunteers are remarkable in many ways," the USIS report stated. The report continues, "They pay their own expenses to collectively represent a youth contribution to furthering constructive international connections."

"I spent approximately \$2,000 a year funding a program," Etkorn stated about his connection with Sister Cities.

"I don't feel I'm wasting money. I do it because I want to help better the program."

The money raised or donated by the volunteers of the program is used for many different things. The organization raised over \$45,000 to fund the student's trip to the Soviet Union.

"Without the grant from Sister Cities, I would still be dreaming about what Moscow was like," Anderson said. "Now, thanks to the volunteers, I have memories that will last a lifetime."

Etkorn enjoys working with Sister Cities but he enjoys seeing the joys others get out of the work the volunteers do. When he opened the envelope in his mailbox, he was pleasantly surprised to read Anderson's letter:

Dear Peter Etkorn,
Thank you so much for giving me the best month of my life. The trip meant the world to me and my family. My mother is Russian and the pictures I took brought back fond memories to her. How can I ever thank you enough?
Sincerely,
Sarah Anderson

Tee-shirts Tell Tall Tales Of The Times

CPS They work hard. They master difficult bodies of thought. They conduct scientific research and converse in foreign languages.

But now that spring is here, students again are communicating with each other a little more primitively: with their T-shirts.

"Students have their identities tied up with shirts to a very great extent, and I believe they do communicate with one another through their 'shirtspeak' language," said Prof. Shay Sayre of San Jose State University, who surveyed students at six campuses about their T-shirt preferences.

"T-shirts give you a group identity, it shows your loyalty to a particular team or group," added Memphis State University's Bettina Cornwell, who also has conducted scholarly research into why T-shirts, of all things, are so popular on campuses.

"Colleges are wonderful areas to look at and study T-shirts because so many students wear them," Cornwell noted. Not everyone is happy that students wear T-shirts, or with what they're saying. In early March, University of Southwestern Louisiana Dean of Student Life Mary McPhaul told a USL fraternity to stop selling T-shirts with messages that "could be construed as negative when the university is trying to put its best foot forward."

USL business fraternity Pi Sigma Epsilon had been selling shirts emblazoned with the "Top Ten Reasons I Chose to Attend The University of Southwestern Louisiana," including

"Wanted a foreign graduate student to teach me English" and "Could Not Spell LS—"

A similar shirt—listing fifteen reasons why "Beer Is Better Than Women At Tufts"—was sold last spring at Tufts University in Massachusetts. It led to a ban on potentially offensive shirts in certain campus "zones," which later was overturned on free speech grounds.

Such shirts say more about the wearers than about the schools they attend, Sayre and Cornwell contend.

Both professors said that shirts sporting collegiate logos or the Hard Rock Cafe T-shirts are popular at nearly all campuses.

"These shirts say 'I'm well-traveled,'" Cornwell said.

Some are better-traveled than others. When eight Soviet exchange students arrived at Grinnell College in Iowa earlier this term, Grinnellians chose to greet them with T-shirt reading, "Not Your Average Communist Party."

"Students covet shirts from places furthest from their campus. Hard Rock Cafe shirts are popular, but the more scarce the shirt, the more status it receives from other wearers," Sayre said.

Sayre, who surveyed 563 students at the universities of Wisconsin, Colorado, Southern California and Texas, as well as Florida State and San Jose State universities, found regional differences in what shirts are the most popular.

For example, students at Florida State (FSU) tend to wear T-shirts with greek letters, particularly sororities. Wisconsin students like Spuds MacKenzie and Corona Beer shirts, while Colorado students go for a more natural look, favoring plain white T-shirts.



Of the students surveyed, 88 percent said their T-shirts reflect their lifestyle, and 87 percent agree with the statement "T-shirts tell me about people." Corona and Spuds shirts are popular because they glorify alcohol, speculates University of Wisconsin's Mike Veveer. "You could say that this is a big party school."

Most of Veveer's fifteen T-shirts have a political message. "I think kids want to belong, and some types of products symbolize belonging," Sayre concluded. "Whatever you want to be, you wear on your chest."

For example, in her survey, Sayre found that FSU students often thought "I wish I were a member" when they saw others wearing shirts with greek symbols.

"I'd agree with that to some degree it's a status symbol," noted Maria Paliios of FSU's Kappa Kappa Gamma.

University of Southern California (USC) students are more apt to wear

shirts from their own campus than any other type of shirt, maintained USC student Attila Weixer. "School pride is real big here."

"I'm willing to bet that every student here has at least one USC T-shirt," said Weixer, who has about twenty-five T-shirts. Four are USC-related.

T-shirts are such a big deal at Southern Cal, he noted, that many enterprising students design and sell their own. For example, one student-made shirt that Weixer owns has a BMW emblem and says "USC - the Ultimate Business Machine."

Nationwide, the enduring fad adds up to a big business, especially for college bookstores.

Of the 1,200 bookstores that are members of the Ohio-based National Association of College Stores (NACS), 98.3 percent carry T-shirts with scholarly logos.

Students Sponsor Disabled Awareness Week

Like Old Man River they just keep rollin' along. They may not all be "big wheels" on campus, but some of them use wheels to negotiate the hills and dales, the tortuous paths of this former golf course, more recently known as the University of Missouri—St. Louis campus.

Next week starts the annual Disabled Awareness Week on campus.

Those who would like to test their skills in this department are invited to join in the annual wheelchair race, to be held on April 2 at 2 pm. Call Carol or Emily at 553-5380 for more details. There will be prizes for the winners. Past participants found the race to be challenging, enjoyable and thought-provoking.

For those who prefer a bit more sedentary manner of acquiring insight concerning the lives of the differently abled, there will be films scheduled at various times and places throughout campus.

Other events taking place on campus will be the wheelchair simulation where faculty and students have to utilize a wheelchair for three hours while doing their normal routine, and a technical display of all new gadgets to help the disabled assist in walking, standing or moving from place to place.

The last event of the week is the awards ceremony which will honor those faculty, staff and students who have assisted a disabled student in some way shape or form.

| DISABLED AWARENESS WEEK April 2 - 6, 1990 | | |
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| Monday 4/2/90 | 9:00 - 1:00 | Technical Display J.C. Penney Lobby |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Movie: <i>Whose Life is it Anyway?</i> Univ. Center Lounge |
| | 1:30 - 2:00 | Sign in for DSU Race TBA |
| | 2:00 - 3:00 | DSU Wheelchair Race |
| | 5:00 - 7:00 | Movie: <i>Rain Man</i> Summit |
| Tuesday 4/3/90 | 1:00 - 1:45 | Movies: <i>Help Wanted/The Impossible Takes A Little Longer</i> 211 Clark Hall/Women's Center |
| | 11:00 - 1:00 | Movie: <i>Gabi: A True Story</i> Univ. Center Lounge |
| | 2:00 - 4:00 | Movie: <i>Rain Man</i> Summit |
| | 5:00 - 7:00 | Movie: <i>Gabi: A True Story</i> Univ. Center Lounge |
| | 7:30 - 8:15 | Movies: <i>Help Wanted/The Impossible Takes A Little Longer</i> 211 Clark Hall/Women's Center |
| Wednesday 4/4/90 | 9:00 - 12:00 | Wheelchair Simulation Chair checkout 9:00 JCP Rm. 69 Chair Return 12:00 JCP Rm. 69 |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Movie: <i>Rain Man</i> Summit |
| | 1:00 - 3:00 | Movie: <i>Gabi: A True Story</i> Summit |
| | 1:00 - 3:00 | RACE check in time is 1:00 Univ. Center Lobby Race starts 1:30 |
| | 11:00 - 11:45 | Movies: <i>Help Wanted/The Impossible Takes A Little Longer</i> 211 Clark Hall/Women's Center |
| Thursday 4/5/90 | 3:00 - 3:45 | Movies: <i>Help Wanted/The Impossible Takes A Little Longer</i> 211 Clark Hall/Women's Center |
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| Friday 4/6/90 | 10:00 - 10:45 | Movies: <i>Help Wanted/The Impossible Takes A Little Longer</i> 211 Clark Hall/Women's Center |
| | 2:30 - 3:15 | Movies: <i>Help Wanted/The Impossible Takes A Little Longer</i> 211 Clark Hall/Women's Center |
| | 12:00 - 1:30 | AWARDS CEREMONY J.C. Penney 126 followed by the Banquet in the Summit |

'Pizza Man' Doesn't Deliver

by David Barnes
sports editor

"I wouldn't lay him, so he laid me off," said Julie about her boss in *Pizza Man*, the second play staged by the University Players this year.

The play opens fast with laughs but like the undelivered pizzas of the abducted deliveryman, grows stiff by the end of the performance.

The story concerns two roommates going through personal crises who decide they need to relieve their sexual tension and unload their contempt for men by raping one.

The play doesn't make light of rape, and rape isn't really the main focus of the story. The audience isn't meant to get the impression that the two women truly want to harm him.

Actress Charlotte Stirtz fits excellently into her character of Julie by displaying a wide range of emotion, from despair to anger. She made the alcoholic, burned-out Julie believable.

Theresa Masters played Alice, the plain, red-glasses wearing, Jewish roommate without turning the part into a cliché. Her vocal expressions and body movements kept the character unique.

Eddy, the pizza deliveryman, was

played by Troy Schnider. Eddy served in the Army for a while and was kicked out of seminary school for fathering a child. He now lives by delivering pizzas.

A person who has done this with his life must be out of the ordinary, but Schnider never conveys this. Eddy never seemed real and was played with too much reserve.

As the characters began to discuss happiness and the meaning of life the play started to drag. The laughs weren't as frequent and the revelations made by the characters weren't enough to hold one's attention.

Stirtz spiced-up the slow parts with her occasional outbursts - both verbal and physical. She can make her eyes assume a slightly demented look that is unsurpassed.

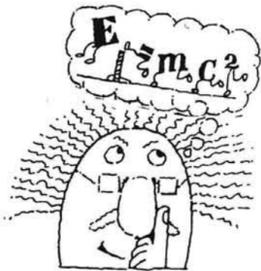
But not just vocally did Stirtz cause a stir. Several times the character practically trashed the set by throwing bottles, glasses, and other items.

The stage crew did an excellent job in designing an apartment living room-kitchen. Carpeting, refrigerator, sofas, strewn-out Miller Lite cans - everything down to the last detail was there.

Pizza Man was written by Darlene Craviotto and directed by Rick MacIvor. A good set and two fine performances weren't enough to make this more than a mediocre theater experience. However, it's free to UM—St. Louis students and runs next weekend.



GOTCHA: Alice, played by Theresa Master, attacks the pizza deliveryman, played by Troy Schnider.



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Life After B-ball By The Numbers

by Mike Van Roo
contributing sports writer

What kind of life awaits a basketball player after college? For Jeff Wilson, former standout of the UM—St. Louis Rivermen basketball team, proves there's more important things in life than just playing basketball for a college team.

Jeff recently returned to school at UM—St. Louis to finish up his requirements for a degree in mathematics. A degree that certainly requires more attention than what a head coach might have to offer his players during a timeout and the game on the line with precious few seconds remaining.

In this day and age of the student-athlete, it's nice to see someone put the emphasis on the first part of that double word. The road to stardom in professional sports from the college ranks narrows considerably for the abundance of college athletes who try to make their way through this very limited glint of hope, like so few grains of sand passing quickly through an hour glass.

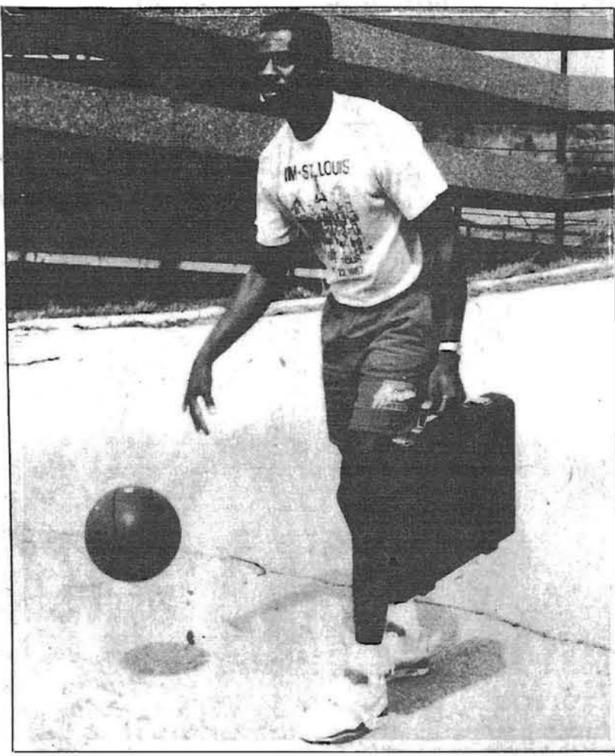
Wilson, one of three co-captains his junior year and was team captain his senior year (a position that is elected by the player's at the end of each season), chose a degree where he didn't take an easy way out of the requirements that would have conflicted with his athletic activities.

UM—St. Louis head basketball coach Rich Meckfessel applauds Wilson's return to school, but quickly points out he was here to go to school first and play basketball second. "Jeff didn't take the easy way out in his major," Meckfessel said. "A lot of guys come here to major in business or AOl (Administration of Justice) and find out it's not so easy."

"I'm not the type of person to read chapter after chapter after chapter and then take a test from it," Wilson confides. "I rather work something out, see an answer and know if you're right or wrong. Either you know it or don't, there's no reading a chapter about it."

Wilson got his start in the numbers game of math by accepting a friend's advice of taking math in high school which the friend felt offered a good stepping stone and preparation for college. The friend's father happened to be a professor at SEMO (Southeast Missouri State).

"It really dates back to 9th grade," Wilson admits. "We were given the option of not having to take math anymore from the 10th-12th grade. Wow! No



BODY AND MIND AT ONE: Former Riverman Basketball player Jeff Wilson has returned to UM—St. Louis to finish his degree in mathematics. (phot by Michelle McMurray)

more math or science in high school," he thought.

Wilson took Geometry, Advanced Algebra, and Pre-Calculus and found himself "pretty good at this." He continued his mastery of math in college entrance and placement tests.

When Wilson arrived on the scene at UM—St. Louis he gave up on math for awhile as he started aiming for an engineering degree at his father's wishes. But at that time UM—St. Louis was only considered a "pre-engineering school," and this left Jeff unsure of his future schooling interests.

At the advice of Martin Harris, academic advisor to the basketball team, Wilson opted for a business degree, if only to put down a major in the team's press guide.

His freshmen classes left him somewhat disillusioned with no bearing on the business degree, just the usual general requirement courses.

Half way through his sophomore year he realized that his majoring in business

wasn't what he wanted to do. "I wasn't the type of guy to take a business book home and read three chapters and study," he concurred. "I wanted to get a math degree and then maybe go back to Rolla and get an engineering degree like I really wanted in the first place."

"You have to like math," Wilson strongly emphasizes. "You can't say your good in it or it comes easy. I actually enjoy working out a physics or word problem and feel happy when I've done something right after checking the answer in the back of the book, and math is probably one of the toughest things to do here at UMSL."

A native of Cape Girardeau, Wilson opted to attend UM—St. Louis over SEMO because of the priority of being a "student-athlete" became more important to him than the reversed roles that he felt were in use down there. "The next 20 years of my life are more important than the four or five years I spend in college."

Wilson finished his career with the

Rivermen by scoring 806 points in four seasons. The four-time letterman currently ranks 16th on the school's all-time scoring list having been bumped down two notches this year by Chris Pilz and Von Scales.

He led the team in scoring during the 1988-89 season with a 13.1 average. He also led the team in free throw percentage that year with .822 percent and was second on the team in 3-point field goals. In addition, Wilson started 27 of 28 games his senior year and was selected honorable mention All-MIAA (Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association) at season's end.

"Jeff was a good player and leader both in the locker room and on the court for us," Meckfessel said. "I'm proud he played for us and he was a part of two outstanding teams his junior and senior years. He came and paid his dues his freshmen and sophomore years here by sitting on the bench and not playing much." Wilson acknowledged his teammates confidence in him by stating, "I liked that responsibility, and I enjoyed being a leader on, and off the court."

Being only a handful of credits shy of his degree, Wilson hopes to use his numerical knowledge in the field of being an Actuary (A person who calculates statistical risks and premiums for insurance).

"It's a challenging job and is not real easy to get in," he states. "You have to take a test to get in, but 90 percent of the people applying for this job are math majors."

Wilson still gets to play in an occasional pick-up basketball game when he's not practicing his math skills. But realizes he can't play forever. "A friend told me when it's over (playing basketball), it goes fast, better enjoy it while you can." But like a mathematical problem, one has only so many options of trying to figure it out and mastering it.

"I still enjoy the game and like to play, but when I look out there I really do miss it (playing with the team). I feel I wasn't as good as I could have been, but I do feel proud of what I accomplished and I'm glad I came here. I have a lot of memories, if you look back you can't say damn, I didn't try hard, you can't say that because I put all of it into it."

"Sometimes (math) is too hard, I'm not a genius and not any smarter than the next guy, but I work at it and I'm willing to spend two hours on a problem to figure it out," he concedes. "You have to practice."

Rivermen Blast Past Their Rivals 62-9

by Greg Albers
reporter

The UM—St. Louis baseball team continued winning big this past week with three straight wins over Quincy and Harris Stowe. It's beginning to sound like a broken record, but the Rivermen offense is red hot. In the three wins, they outscored their weaker rivals by a combined score of 62-9.

The ball club swept a doubleheader against Quincy by scores of 17-3 and 20-4 and then trounced Harris Stowe 25-2.

Craig Porter was the man of the hour. In the sweep of Quincy, he had six hits, two home runs (both in the first game) and eight runs batted in. But he wasn't done there. In the Harris Stowe game he had four hits, including a triple and two more homers, and drove in a school record ten runs. The r.b.i. explosion pushed his team-leading total to 28. His four home runs paces the club as does his .837 slugging percentage. The offensive outburst also raised his batting average to .465.

The hot streak upped the team batting average to a staggering .382. Mike Musgrave raised his team-leading average to .511 and his twelve walks leave his on base percentage at .610. Three other regulars, Porter, Warren Dey and Brian Rupp, are also batting above .400.

"This is easily the most potent of offensive team I've ever coached," said head coach Jim Brady. "We have the potential to break almost every offensive record in school history."

With the high powered offense

stealing all the headlines, it's easy to overlook how solid the pitching has been so far this season. The team earned run average is 3.82. That's down a full run and a half from last year.

The talent is evenly distributed throughout the hurlers. Rob Rixford leads the staff with three wins and an ERA under 3.00. Brad Moore, Jim Kinnet and Jim Foley all have two wins apiece.

With a record of 13-4, Brady's bunch are ranked 15 in the NCAA Division II poll.

If the team hopes to continue its success, it must improve on defense. The Rivermen will begin playing conference rivals more often, now that the season is a month old and they can't afford to have a shaky defense cost them any games. Although the defense has made some strides recently, there are still some holes in the infield.

One position that doesn't need any help is catcher. Pat Mulvaney may be the only starter hitting under .300 (.286), but his defensive skills have more than made up for his somewhat slow start at the plate. While catching in 16 of the first 17 games of the season, he has committed only one error and has thrown out one third of the runners testing his arm.

The Rivermen have games coming up with conference rivals Southeast Missouri State and Southwest Baptist. This could be a critical part of the season.

"I'm comfortable at this stage of the season, but we have to guard against complacency," said Brady. "That has been our arch enemy the past few years. If we can stay hungry, winning will take care of itself."



SAFE: A UM—St. Louis Riverman beats the pick-off attempt during Mar. 21's two victories over Quincy. The combined scores were 37-7 Rivermen. (Photo by Michelle McMurray)

Coaches Discuss Motivating Rivermen

by Renee Schopp
reporter

Motivation means to be given the inner drive or inspiration to do something or achieve a goal.

In sports, motivation is a large part of the psychology of winning or having the incentive to do well in a game.

By the time players get to college the motivation is really up to them, said UM—St. Louis basketball coach Rich Meckfessel, "They are beyond the point to respond to the Knute Rockne type of approach or speech."

He tries to appeal to the team's pride, he said. He feels players should always want to do their best for the team and for the fans who watch and read about them in the newspaper the next day.

"We point out the importance of each game and what it means toward the goals of the season," Meckfessel said.

A coach may be able to motivate players for one or two games, he added, but for the rest of the season it comes down to their own drive to do their best. "Self-motivation is the key!"

Backstroke swimmer Lisa Jenkins described UM—St. Louis swimming coach Mary Liston's motivating technique by saying "Coach is not a typical coach."

Liston doesn't make things strict, Jenkins said, she makes it enjoyable. The coach is sensitive to the team and intense, but adds fun. She encourages the team to work their hardest.

"Swimming is mentally and physically harder than people think," Jenkins said, Liston won't let the team get lazy and brings them together as a whole.

Don Dallas, head coach of the UM—St. Louis soccer team, said motivation is very important for winning. "Some players are motivated more than others, and some need a kick in the pants from time to time."

At the beginning of each season Dallas tells the team what they need to do and that they need to win as many games as possible.

He explained that, "In any walk of life, whether it be a teacher, coach, etc., the effort you extend will make you successful in whatever you do."



PERSUASION: Rich Meckfessel Motivates the team.

Play Ball: Major League Picks For Top Spots Of The Season

Roo's Roost

by Mike Van Roo
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Now that the stubborn baseball owners and greedy players settled their differences last week, it's time once again for the grand old game of baseball to start up again and become engrained in the lifeblood of the American pulse.

Without hesitation and too much thought, here are my enclosed picks and semi-reasoning as to who will be the best and who will be the worst teams in major league baseball this season.

National League East

1. New York Mets: Every year this team from the Big Apple is favored to win it all, and every year they usually disappoint. On paper they always have the best pitching staff, but question marks everywhere else. I guess I'll have to jump on their bandwagon again this year. Besides, every team in the NL East always fears them. If Whitey Herzog managed this team...

2. St. Louis Cardinals: On paper they might have the best starting lineup outside catching and pitching in the NL East. But, oh, those question marks

about the pitching staff! The combined scar tissue of Cox, Mathews, Horton, Tudor, and now Worrell would give even Frankenstein nightmares. But with Whitey at the helm...

3. Chicago Cubs: Was last year a fluke? Probably, but they do have some very good young talent with the likes of Mark Grace, Jerome Walton, and Greg Maddux. But are woefully thin at pitching. Besides, Don Zimmer needs to go on Tommy Lasorda's diet.

4. Pittsburgh Pirates: They have one of the best in Andy Van Slyke and probably the second best manager in the NL East in Jim Leyland. But like most teams, are very weak at pitching. They paid Walt Terrell over a million dollars!

5. Montreal Expos: Up till just a few years ago, they probably had the best lineup on paper in all of baseball. But the team is a mere skelton of its former self. Besides, Montreal is a hockey town.

6. Philadelphia Phillies: You have to admire former Cardinal coach Nick Leyva for taking on a gargantuan task in trying to resurrect one of baseball's worst teams. And without Mike Schmidt...

National League West

1. San Diego Padres: For a team that

used to have baseball's ugliest uniforms, the Padres have made some great strides in recent years. By putting Steve Garvey out to stud pasture, and bringing some fresher horses in, the team which claims Ronald McDonald as its biggest fan should rest the crown away from the earthquake-prone Giants.

2. San Francisco Giants: What can you say about a team that plays its games on the San Andreas fault? With a one-two punch of Will Clark and Kevin Mitchell you always have a chance. But the 49ers are San Francisco's best team right now.

3. Los Angeles Dodgers: Where else could a team like this flourish with such melodramatic gestures as Kirk Gibson's home run gimp against the A's in the 1988 World Series? Hey, everybody is a star in Hollywood. And hey, Tommy Lasorda, you look maaaaaavelous.

4. Cincinnati Reds: They have one of baseball's most premier players in Eric Davis. But with an owner like Marge Schott and an addicted gambler of local icon Pete Rose hanging over Riverfront Stadium like a shrouded tarpaulin, are you sure, Lou Pinella, that you wanted to leave the sanity of the Bronx Zoo and George Steinbrenner?

5. Houston Astros: At least they got rid of those neon-glowing uniforms. Besides, Texas is a football state. And

any baseball team that plays in a dome...

6. Atlanta Braves: They play baseball in Atlanta? Can you name anyone on the team besides Dale Murphy? Frankly my dear...

American League East

1. Toronto Blue Jays: This could become the first team to draw 4 million fans in a year, especially with their new Sky Dome under full operation. But again, Canada is hockey country. But a team that has a Hard Rock Cafe attached to its stadium can't be all that bad.

2. Milwaukee Brewers: They've been perennial (or close to perennial) bridesmaids in this division for quit a while now, and it looks like it again for this year. Besides, they're the second best occupant of County Stadium right now; the Green Bay Packers are the best team playing there.

3. Boston Red Sox: If the Brewers are bridesmaids, then the Red Sox must be the bridesmaids' ugly other sister. They never get lucky. But they have one of the best in Roger Clemens, and with the acquisition of Tony Pena... If only Ted Williams were still playing.

4. Baltimore Orioles: They went from the outhouse almost to the penthouse in one year with their

remarkable turnaround from their disastrous 0 for nothing start of 1988. In Frank Robinson, they might have one of the best managers in the game outside of Whitey Herzog, but too many green players yet to make anybody take them serious.

5. Cleveland Indians: Who the hell would ever want to play for Cleveland? I guess Keith Hernandez does to help pay for his divorce. No wonder the movie "Major League" patterned its story about a team (like Cleveland) that never wins, and then comes from no where to win the crown one year.

6. New York Yankees: With Billy Martin kicking sand on St. Peter up in heaven, it's no fun to be a Yankee-hater these days. At least their pin stripe uniforms are more in vogue than the hellish-looking uniforms of the Orlando Magic.

7. Detroit Tigers: When a team loses 103 games like the Tigers did last year, what can one say? At least they're better than the White Sox and Mariners.

American League West

1. Oakland Athletic's: What can this team do for an encore? They'll try to prove that last year's earthquake-tainted World Series victory was no fluke.

2. Kansas City Royals: Bo knows

baseball. But does he really make a difference, or is he more a hindrance because of his media-inspired, larger-than-life image?

3. Minnesota Twins: Despite playing in the Twinkie Dome with huge hefty bags hanging on the outfield walls, this team likes its cozy confides and almost plays a game of high-scoring baseball like an indoor soccer team.

4. California Angels: Signing Mark Langston will help, but won't lead them to the promised land. Clearly the "lesser" of the five California-based major league teams.

5. Texas Rangers: Isn't Texas a football state? With Nolan Ryan throwing rocket-propelled pitches at the batters, they'll win a few games, but not many.

6. Seattle Mariners: When you're listed at 100-1 odds to win the 1990 World Series, you can't be overly optimistic. At least they have Ken Griffey Jr., who had a candy bar named after him.

7. Chicago White Sox: At 250-1 odds to win the World Series, this team right now has to rank as one of sport's worst. Maybe the Quebec Nordiques or Charlotte Hornets would give them a run for their ineptness. At least they get to move into a new stadium in 1991.

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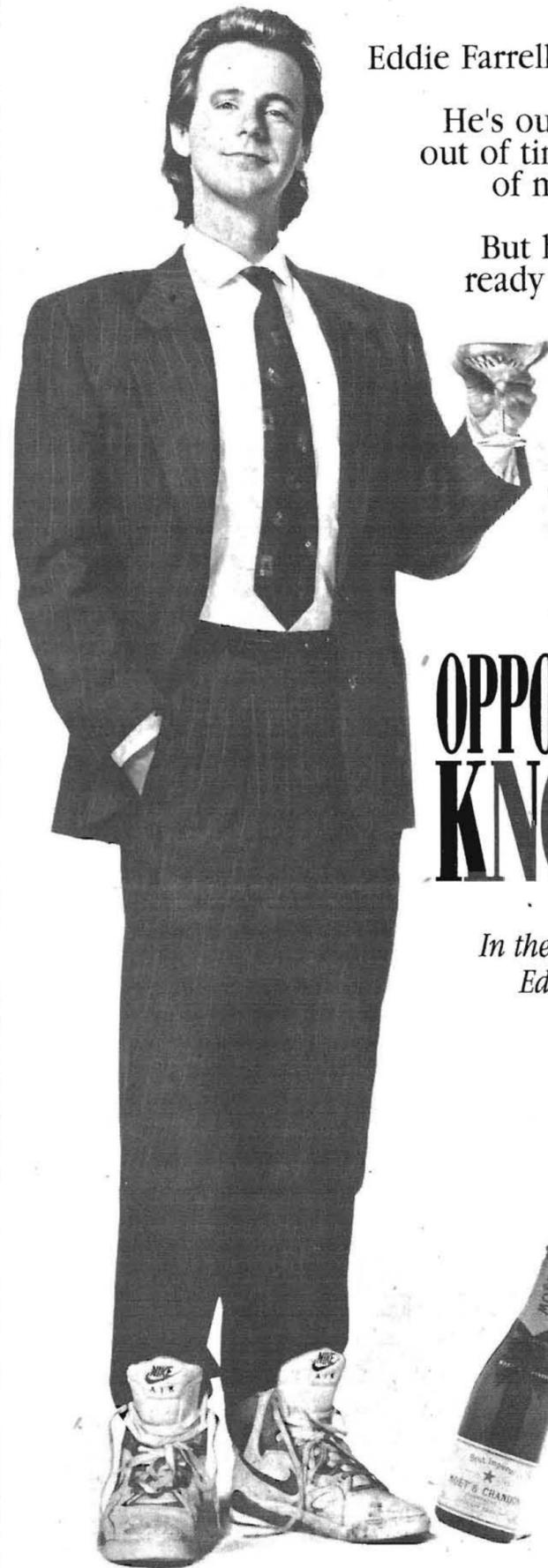
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