

## Harassment Proposal Passed

by David Barnes  
news editor

The UM-St. Louis Senate unanimously passed a sexual harassment policy proposal that, if approved by the other three UM campuses, would cover the entire UM system.

The policy, passed at the Nov. 13 meeting, outlines what the university considers sexual harassment. It is similar to the proposal rejected by the Senate in September, except it does not include a section directly concerning faculty/student consensual relationships.

Such relationships would still need to meet the guidelines in the rest of the document - namely, no implicit or explicit coercion can be involved.



**OVERSEERS:** From left to right, Executive Staff Assistant Joan Arban, Senate Chair Lawrence Friedman and Parliamentarian Harold Harris discuss an issue during the Nov. 13 Senate meeting. (Photo by Kris Kuesel)

Steven Hause, chair of the Senate Ad Hoc committee on Sexual Harassment, said the rationale for not including the more specific consensual wording was:

- the wording was paternalistic toward women
- universities in general should not act as parents
- barring clear violations, the state of Missouri should not be involved in the sex lives of its citizens

The consensual relationship section was also considered illegal by legal counsel, said Laurence Friedman, chair of the Senate.

The UM system wants to update its sexual harassment policy and has sent the proposal to the four universities. UM-Kansas City also rejected the original policy, but UM-Columbia accepted it.

Several minor wording changes were also made to the document before its approval, including the citing of additional governmental laws that prohibit sexual harassment. The document "was strengthened by inserting the federal prohibitions," said Scott Decker, member of the Ad Hoc committee.

"I think it's an acceptable policy," he said, "and with the additional rec-

ommendations it can be a good policy."

Decker said the Ad Hoc committee would like to add a series of guidelines that will direct how the policy should be implemented and how to inform the campus of it. This would include a reference in the student handbook on how to file a grievance and an orientation session for incoming students and faculty that would explain the campus' sexual harassment policy.

"We're interested in setting up a mechanism where people won't do objectionable things in the first place," said Charles Korr, professor of History.

In other business, the Senate pushed back the start of Spring Break by one week for the 1992-93 school year. Traditionally, the break starts one week earlier in the middle of the semester.

The Senate also made a change in the Latin Honors policy. Before, a student needed at least 60 hours at UM-St. Louis at the necessary GPA and no classes or grades from other institutions would transfer. Now, grades and classes earned from within the UM system would be included.

## Radio Days

### Wente Works To Reach Potential

by Max Montgomery  
reporter

"Dismal."

That's how Patricia Wente, general manager of KWMU-FM (90.7) described the state of the campus radio station when she began her position here in August, 1989. "That one word wraps it up."

When the University went looking for someone to take over the station, they wanted someone to make basic changes and to bring the station up to it's full potential.

"I had a good feel for that," Wente said.

One of the first things Wente did when arriving at UM-St. Louis was to try and streamline the staff.

"When I first arrived here, all of the full-time professional staff - there were 21 of them - reported to the general manager," Wente said "I have created a tier structure, including four full-time administrative staff members."

KWMU then went on a national search to bring in employees from other parts of the country.

"Many of the people [already employed] were born and raised here," said Wente. "They were not exposed to the larger picture of the potential - the excitement - of what the industry is."

Twenty part-time positions were structured into 13 total positions; four full-time and nine part-time. All of the four full-time employees are former part-timers, and four of the nine part-time positions were filled from within.

Wente said that, contrary to recent criticisms in the local press, she didn't come in and replace the original staff with new faces. After the restructuring, there were still more people working for the station that had worked there before she came.

"Change brings about uncertainty in people," said Wente. "With the various press that I've gotten, it sounds like I just came in here with a shovel and I just 'swept it clean' as Joe [Pollack, Post Dispatch critic] said," Wente said.

Wente said KWMU's record indicated that some changes needed to be made.

"KWMU is in the 14th largest

"If Patty doesn't like you, then your life is going to be hell." - said one former KWMU employee

"The changes she has made here are nothing short of miraculous" - Richard Ruotolo, KWMU program director

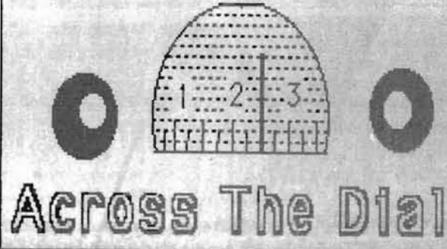
"Patty is manipulative, scheming, extremely dishonest, she lies, she is loud and obnoxious, and she is insecure" - Paeton Tipton, former KWMU employee

"Everyone has a good feeling about her [Wente] and everyone wants to work with her" - Laura Deister, KWMU membership manager

"Patricia Wente likes control. When she speaks, she leans close, at times even slapping the table for emphasis. Her style is certainly there, in your face, making it's presence felt" - Richard Byrne, Jr., Riverfront Times

"She is a strong leader" - Mary Edwards, operations manager

"I closed down a country club and I'm opening up a business" - Patricia Wente



From the best to the worst, this is what some people say about Patricia Wente, general manager at KWMU

market in the nation for public radio and there are many landmarks that should have been made along the way in the 18 years of development."

Wente said the station is on the way to try and achieve what should have been accomplished long ago. One of the changes already made by Wente was to reinstate the position of program director. For a radio station to not have a program director was very odd, Wente said, and KWMU had been lacking one for most of the 18 years it has existed.

Richard Ruotolo, the present program director, was responsible for KWMU's change in format to classical, jazz, and news, eliminating blues and reggae.

Wente said the program changes were necessary to keep the radio competitive in today's market.

"Gone are the days when public radio used to be all things to all people," Wente said. "A successful format has to be consistent. When you get in your car and hit the button, you need to know exactly what you're going to hear."

Wente said it's too hard on the listener to try and guess what format is playing at different times of the day.

Ruotolo says KWMU is a  
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## Honors College Plans New Offices

by Christine M. McGraw  
associate news editor

Plans for this year's Pierre Laclède Honors College include moving into new office quarters and preparing a two-year Honors Program for UM-St. Louis juniors and transfer students which will begin next fall.

John T. Onuska, director of the

Pierre Laclède Honors College, said the contract for the new quarters is presently being negotiated and he couldn't release further details.

Onuska said the move will benefit the students enrolled in the honors college.

"When we move it will...put us back together again. Our administrative offices and our lounge is here [south campus] but the classes are on

north campus. Ideally, what we'd like to do is be together, so students College's administrative staff. The scholar receives personalized attention and advising."

Onuska stressed that the Honors College doesn't want to appear as an exclusive, elitist group.

"The Honors College has an ob-

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## Speaker: Africans Added To Plato, American History

by Jennifer Smith  
reporter

Invasion, conquest and the colonization of the North American continent—that is the general definition of American history which needs to be replaced, said an African-American consultant at the Monday Noon Series on Nov. 12.

Jacob Carrothers, who advises schools on how to revise their curriculum to include more African-American subject matter, said American history must be replaced with the history of the Western Hemisphere in order to discuss African contributions.

Carrothers said this new his-

tory should begin with outstanding civilizations such as the Iroquois and the Aztecs, who had honorable achievements before 1492, the year Columbus discovered America.

History books not only fail to note this, Carrothers said, they also gloss over the fact that these people struggled valiantly against invaders.

Carrothers also said that history books leave out the impact African civilizations on the Nile River had on the development of Greek and Hebrew civilizations. For example, he cited Plato's "borrowing" of the Egyptian sys-

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## OH NO, Snow!

### Campus Readies For Worsening Weather

by K.C. Clarke  
managing editor

The sun is shining, it's 70 degrees and a balmy breeze is blowing across the UM-St. Louis campus, making it almost impossible to concentrate on going to class. Does this sound like November in Missouri? Yet despite the almost springlike temperatures lately, the wise and the wary know that winter is lurking around the corner, waiting for the chance to dump all kinds of nasty weather on the unsuspecting.

While no one really wants to think about the possibility of bad weather

ahead, there are several departments on campus who plan to be on the ball when mother nature decides to throw them a curve. Both the University Police and the UM-St. Louis Grounds crew are ready to spring into action should the weather take a turn for the worse, and each department has developed its own plan for helping the campus cope with winter weather.

Grounds Manager Mary Vosevitch said her department goes into action the minute they get the call that it's snowing. While Vosevitch prides herself on her department's efficiency, she said students probably wish they didn't

didn't do such a good job.

"The grounds crew starts working the minute we get the call," Vosevitch said "Very often we have the campus cleared before the surrounding streets, which makes me a very unpopular person at times. But we do what we can to keep the campus open."

Vosevitch said one of the ground crew's main priorities is keeping handicapped areas open and free of snow.

"Areas cleared first are done on a most critical basis, and one of those is the disabled," Vosevitch said. "Each member of the crew is assigned to a

particular area, and handicapped areas, like the top of parking garage "C" are cleared first. We've also established a special disabled snow route, clearing areas from the plaza between Clark Hall and SSB, through to the science complex and across to the South campus.

Vosevitch said the department has tried to pick a route using the least amount of sloping areas in order to make traveling in inclement weather as easy as possible for disabled students. Detailed maps of the snow route will be made available through Marilyn Ditto's office.

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## Reminder

Prepare thyself! Read the Earthquake Survival Guide inserted in this issue.

# CALENDAR

## FRIDAY NOV. 30

**A SOLO DANCE:** Premiere Performances presents Annabelle Gamson in a solo dance at 8 p.m. at the Center for Contemporary Arts, 524 Trinity. Tickets are \$18 for the general public, and \$14.40 for UM-St. Louis students. Call 553-5818 for more information.

**GRADUATE BUSINESS FORUM:** The School of Business will host a graduate business forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Crystal Room on the third floor of the Missouri Athletic Club, located at Fourth and Washington. Patrick T. Stokes, president of Anheuser-Busch Inc., will be the guest speaker. Donation is \$13.50 for dues paying members and \$15 for non-members. For more information call 553-5255.

## SATURDAY DEC. 1

**A SOLO CONTINUED:** Premiere Performances continues to present Annabelle Gamson at the Center for Contemporary Arts.

## MONDAY 3

**FACULTY IN SOUTH AFRICA:** Charles Kuehl, Anita McDonald and Allan Crean will discuss UM-St. Louis faculty in South Africa at noon in Room 229 of the J.C. Penney Building. Kuehl is the director of graduate studies in the School of Business, McDonald is the dean of the Evening College and Crean is the director of Continuing Education-Extension micro-computing programs. Call 553-5180 for more information.

## TUESDAY 4

**ABORTION:** How it is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 75 of the J. C. Penney Building. Sponsored by the Newman House.

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### PERSONALS

Hey you (a.k.a. Anna ?) What did I do to make you act so indifferent? signed "They say he's just a friend"

To all my good buds from Spanish I to 300. Hope your holidays are awesome!!! I will miss our loud Charlas in the halls. !Hasta Luego! SLR

To the Greeks, thanks for the support the sports editor

Hey Sedrick I mean like I really love you from Lumpy

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Amy Gross: Run out of gas lately? Ask your friendly police officer for assistance. How's your English Homework? Can we buy a lugnut for five dollars? Remember "E" stands for "empty" Respectfully submitted, Skip and Cristina

I was just sittin down and thinkin 'bout the things we used to do, they mean a lot to me- you mean a lots to me, (I really do) girl you know its true!

Yo dis iz slick Rick da ruler! Word to your mother. Rap time. I went to the underground just the day, ordered some pizza and cheesefries I must say. She said you gotta pay, I said No way- Ray! word up!

Becky I hear you wimped out on that stoney dude Brian. Be mellow or you're gonna be like the stale donut chillin' in the donut box area

all alone without a drinkin' buddy- totally Pauly

Merissa did you have as much fun as I did in the back of the El Camiro? Let's do it again sometime- Brian

Angela, Congrats on the presidency you'll do great. Love Melissa

Dear Teddie, where the hell was my personal last week. Does this mean you don't love me anymore? I thought this was our little tradition. You better write me next week. Poopsie

Hey you! Yeah you know who you are. There's just one thing I need to tell you. It's kinda hard to tell you to your face so I took advantage of the personals to tell you that I have fallen hard for you. That's right I think I might be in love with you but don't tell anyone. Love, Me

Mel, I'm really glad your my friend. There are so many times that I don't know what I'd do without you. Thanks for being there. Luv, Shell

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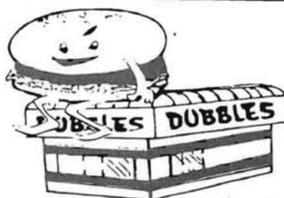
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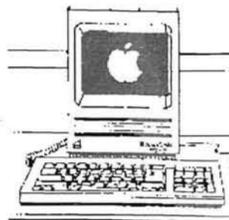
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Suppressing the First Amendment became an issue at the last SGA meeting when someone suggested a mandatory signing of "Clean Campaign Contract" for students who choose to run for office. If a student chooses not to sign the contract, he/she may not be allowed to run. This contract is supposedly an attempt to prevent mud-slinging between candidates.

If this were passed, such a contract would be a direct violation of the First Amendment.

Former Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes expressed his opinion of free speech, saying it is the "protector of truth" and that it can only evolve from "free, robust, uninhibited communication in the marketplace of ideas." What is a university if it is not a marketplace of ideas?

By law, students should not be restricted from publicly stating their ideas and opinions about anything, including other candidates. Laws, like slander and libel exist to protect candidates from unjust accusations which could tarnish their reputations.

The practice of mud-slinging may be seen in many political campaigns, ranging from local to state and national levels. It may be tacky and unnecessary, but candidates have the constitutional right to express their opinions.

Where does one draw the line between mud-slinging and getting legitimate information to the public? That is a question for a higher court. It is not up to any individual to decide.

## Cartoon Sense

Every once in a while an editorial will cause controversy. Such was the case of an editorial cartoon that ran a month ago about attitudes towards Arabs. It was brought to the attention of the *Current* that the cartoon was misinterpreted by some people affiliated with the university as well as people of Arab descent. This is unfortunate, as the *Current* deplores racism of any kind.



## LETTERS POLICY

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reform Grade Appeal

To the editor:

Grade-appeal reform is an idea whose time has come.

As it is, a student who was smitten with a bad grade for unintentionally insulting the instructor, chairperson or dean (in that order), but the crazy thing about the procedure is that none except the instructor can change the grade. If you appeal to the chairperson, he or she can only recommend to the instructor that the grade be reconsidered - something like the lion inviting the lamb into its den. The pretext is that only the instructor can judge the work of the

student. Ridiculous sophistry!

Any intelligent person is capable of reviewing the basis for a certain grade, and hence I recommend that the chairperson and the dean be given the authority and charged with the responsibility of overturning unfair grades.

I have been smitten all too often and I am all too familiar and disgusted with the irrationality of a handful of instructors who abuse their authority and take revenge through grades. Something ought to be done about it.

Sincerely,

John Fleming

### Cartoonist Explains His Use Of Satire

To the editor:

It has come to my attention that a cartoon of mine was misinterpreted by a reader of the *Current*.

That in itself is not unusual, but due to the sensitive nature of the subject, I would like to clarify my intentions.

In the aftermath of the recent crisis in the Persian Gulf, there were reported instances of harassment and brutality towards people of Arab descent. I attempted to express my outrage

and disgust with the "Arab Bashing" cartoon. Judging from the response I received, including positive calls from Arab-Americans, I succeeded.

With any use of satire or exaggeration, there will be those who do not "get" it, or who take it literally. Although, I am sorry your reader was offended, she apparently falls into that category.

Sincerely,

John Branch

### Non-Smoking Policy Is Socially Responsible

To the editor:

The opinion expressed in the Nov. 15 issue of the *Current* promoting the virtues and rights of smokers was appalling. The twisted views which employed irrelevant and fallacious slippery slope reasoning to defend such a position are difficult to fathom as originating from a "journalist."

While statistical proof is difficult to assess, very few people (who are not tied-in to the tobacco

lobby) believe that smoke, whether primary or secondary in nature, is not directly correlated to an increased risk of health problems.

The fact is that the elimination of smoking has been concluded to be one of the top single means of expanding one's life expectancy and reducing health problems. Not only does this fact raise the rights of non-smokers above those of smokers, but socially responsible smokers should not want to invoke their health deteriorating habit on

others.

Non-smokers are already picking up the tab for the large incremental increase in health care costs to society caused by smoking in the form of higher health insurance premiums in group health plans and higher taxes to care for those dependent upon governmental programs to address their health care needs. Surely, non-smokers should not be expected to bear costs to their own health as well.

Unfortunately, the University is

probably motivated to install a non-smoking policy out of the real concern about the legal liability issue rather than a pro-active statement reflecting true concern about the health of those utilizing campus facilities.

However, whatever the motivation, it is good to see that the University is moving in a direction many other areas of the country began to progress towards five to ten years ago.

Jerry R. King

### Going Greyhound? Travellers Beware

To the editor:

Student travellers beware. If you plan on travelling by Greyhound bus during the holidays, please take note of a few facts before paying the fare.

First, there is absolutely no form of communication system aboard the buses. If the bus should happen to break down while en route, a passenger should require medical attention, or any other type of emergency should arise, there is

no way for the driver to contact his place of destination or departure, nor the police.

Another fact to be conscious of is who and/or what is being carried on the bus. Drug and weapons smugglers use Greyhound as a form of transportation because Greyhound does not require passengers and their luggage to pass through a metal detector or undergo any type of search to detect weapons on a person.

Many incidents have occurred

due to a lack of security on the part of Greyhound, but these incidents only affect those who cannot afford to travel by plane or drive themselves, and consequently are not as publicized as they in fact should be.

Yeah, \$68 is a great price to go almost anywhere you want, but is it worth the risk of your personal safety?

Paul Foglemen

## CORRECTION

In the Nov. 8 issue of the *Current*, Jerrold Siegel was incorrectly identified. His title is Coordinator of Campus Computing. E.Z. Andalafte is the chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

The *Current* apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

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great station and working for Wente has been wonderful.

"The changes she has made here are nothing short of miraculous," he said.

Wente said recent figures indicate that she and her staff are on the right track.

"This last fundraiser was a 17 percent increase from last fall's fund drive, which is outstanding," Wente said. "This 17 percent tells a story. It tells a story that over half of the people that called in and contributed to the fund drive, were new members. That means it's the first time they have ever picked up the phone to call.

"That means they just started listening to and believing in KWMU, which is fabulous. It feels good."

Operations Manager Mary Edwards, who has been with the station for 16 years, said of Wente, "She is a strong leader."

Membership Manager Laura Deister, who started her full time position in September, said when Wente is gone, it's noticeable. And when she walks in the door, Deister said, she brings with her an attitude to work and everything comes together.

"Everyone has a good feeling about her [Wente] and everyone wants to work with her," Deister said.

One of the assets Wente brings with her to KWMU is her experience in National Public Radio (NPR). Wente was elected to the NPR Board of Directors in September, where she works on the membership organization of all the NPR affiliated radio stations. She helps design and follow through with the policies and procedures at the NPR.

The fact that Wente is on the NPR Board of Directors benefits KWMU in many ways.

"It gives visibility to the station nationwide and when you have this, it heightens your chances for participating in various programs by heightening your image," Wente said. She also said that more attention



**FINE TUNING:** Patricia Wente, general manager of KWMU, in front of the control board.

is given to KWMU and more importance to the stations' needs.

"I think this is the way it works," she said, "when anybody is on a national board, I think people pay attention a lot more."

Wente said she is very proud of all the work and all the progress that has been made.

"Change is difficult for people who are around and especially for the people who are implementing it. I think it is important to move forward, and to do the best thing with a professional interest."

Wente said the future definitely looks good for KWMU.

"There is great potential," Wente said. "This has been the most professionally stimulating year of my life, and at the same time the best. I am looking for a very bright future."

Wente also credited her staff for helping to make the future look so bright.

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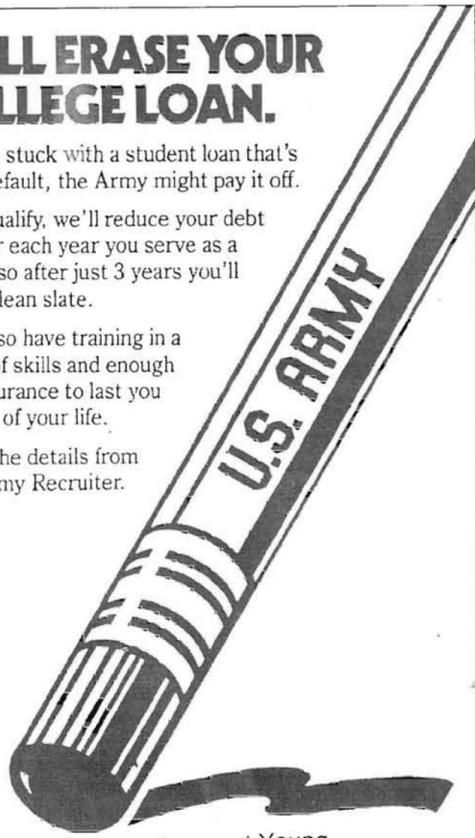
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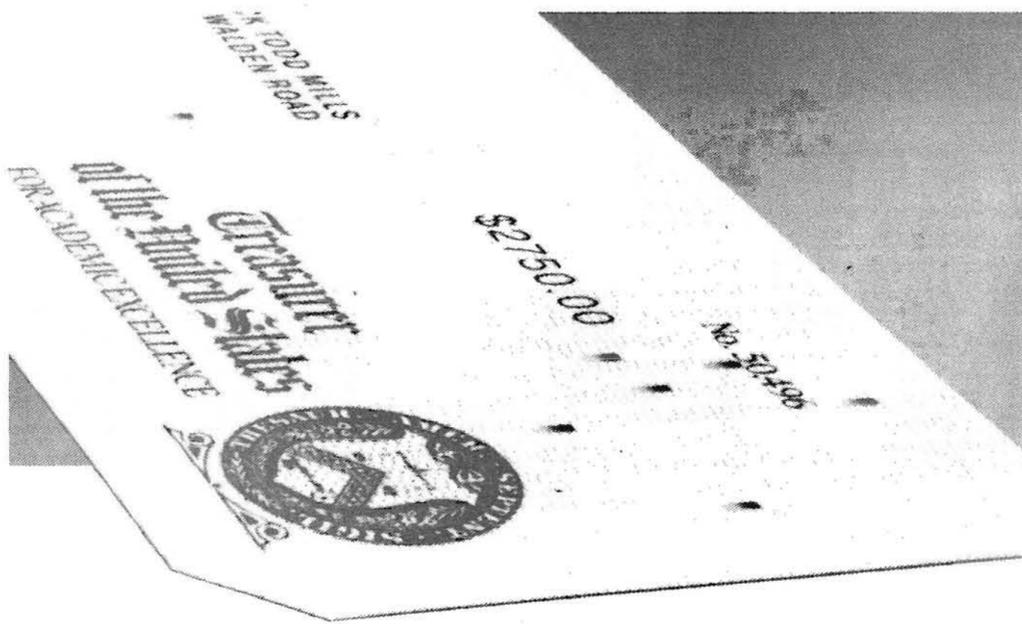
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## Disabled Resource Center Offers New Opportunities

by Sherman D. Cassidy  
reporter

Imagine a professor giving you an assignment which must be done on a computer. How could you do the assignment if you were blind? Also imagine a professor giving you an assignment which requires listening to tapes. How could you do this if you couldn't hear? Imagine, one more time, a professor giving you an assignment that required you to retrieve a book from the top shelf in the library. How could you do it if you were confined to a wheelchair?

Being a college student these days is tough enough, but disabled students are faced with many obstacles that go beyond those faced by others.

These problems have been around for many years, UM-St. Louis is taking steps towards alleviating some of the barriers. In recent years, we have seen automatic doors and ramps installed at several buildings on campus, but something else has happened that has not been seen by everyone. There is a room in Thomas Jefferson Library which has been set aside to house equipment solely for the use of disabled students. This room is the Disabled Students Resource Center (DSRC).

Marilyn Ditto, Administrator for Special Student Programs, is in charge of the DSRC. She explained the origin of the room.

"In 1984, the university adopted an auxiliary aid and services policy as a direct result of Executive Order 21. This is when the university took a stand and made a commitment to make accommodations," Ditto said.

Executive order 21 was specifically designed for providing auxiliary aids for handicapped students, and it declares a policy of assessing disabled students' needs and the university's commitment to assist them in obtaining necessary aid. It states:

"The university maintains its commitment to the education of qualified handicapped students by providing them an equally effective opportunity to participate in or benefit from its educational programs."

"It begins with self identifica-

tion," said Ditto. "Students must identify themselves as disabled and inform us of their disabilities if they wish us to provide services. They can also choose not to. It's strictly voluntary."

Students are given a couple of chances to identify themselves. When students are notified that their applications for admission to the university have been accepted, they are asked to contact Ditto if they have a disability that may require special attention or services. Also, each registration packet contains a request that students inform the administration of any disabilities they have that may need special attention.

The idea of a room with equipment for disabled students is not new. According to Ditto, 15 to 20 years ago the university obtained a one-time grant to purchase equipment for blind students. The equipment was purchased, and placed in a room on the fifth floor of the library. The room was open to all students. A process of identification of disabled students, and how the university can accommodate their needs has been established. Only those who qualify may

**"It's like an oasis. It's a place where I can go and study in peace and quiet."**

- Brian Brinker

use it. It is Ditto's job to assess a student's disabilities and decide whether special accommodations are necessary.

The idea of a "new and improved" room was planted in Ditto's mind about three years ago, when a group called Alternatives for the Blind in Living and Employment (ABLE) brought four blind students to the university to enroll in classes. ABLE is a local rehabilitation center for newly blinded people. Officials at ABLE contacted Ditto for assistance for the students. In an effort to locate and obtain equipment which might be helpful to these students, Ditto learned from ABLE officials that the Lion's Club might help pay for some equipment.

"First, I contacted them [the Lion's Club] to see if they would be

interested," Ditto explained. They were - and she prepared a proposal. By the time the Lion's Club provided the money for the equipment, two years had gone by and Ditto had revised the proposal twice, each time giving the Lion's club more information that they required. The first revision was to provide information about the purpose of the center, the history of the campus, and demographics of the student population. The second revision was to provide more specific information about the equipment to be purchased.

The Lion's Club is an international service organization dedicated to helping the blind. Fred Priese, District Governor for the Lion's Club at that time, remembers taking the proposal to a Board meeting of the local Lion's Club in July of 1989. The price tag on the proposal was just under \$17,000, and since some of the funds were to come from Lion's Club International, it wasn't until March 1990 that final approval came through.

According to Priese, one of the reasons for the delay was that this proposal was not the only one being

equipment just to have it in the room for the dedication," remembered Ditto. The borrowed equipment was returned after the dedication.

The new equipment purchased this year is mostly for the blind or visually impaired. The new equipment includes: two personal computers, one with a speech synthesizer which "speaks" what is displayed on the screen and one which displays text in extra large types; two computer desks; a transcriber; a typewriter; a talking calculator; a large print calculator; and an enlarging (re-conditioned) copier. Some of the older equipment from the room on the fifth floor room which has been incorporated into the new DSRC includes: tape recorders, two Perkins braille writers; a braille typewriter; and a device called an Optican, which "reads" text through a fiber optic camera and produces vibrations on a finger pad for the blind person's "observation".

Ditto hopes to add other equipment to the room eventually, like a Kurzweil reader and a voice recognition system for mobility disabled students.

Hardware isn't the only thing a student will find in the DSRC. A work-study student spends 15 hours a week in the center and is available to those students who need assistance with the equipment. Computer manuals are also available, as are tapes for instructional purposes.

Oddly enough, a couple of students which were to benefit from the DSRC have experienced the most trouble with it. Jane Holcomb, a blind student, was informed of the center in April of this year when Ditto told her about the June dedication. However, her experiences with the center have left her less than impressed. When a reader for Holcomb tried to gain access to the center to record a textbook for Holcomb on one of the tape recorders in the room, the reader was told that the room was not available.

Another blind student, Mark Harris, was told on August 23rd that the room would open on the 27th of August. When it wasn't, Harris said that Ditto explained that a policy for the use of the center had to be established before it opened. Harris had ex-

considered. Priese was quick to point out that the Lion's Club has been quite active in supporting many local institutions, including this university's School of Optometry for many years.

"We do a lot in this community and all over the world," Priese said.

In honor of the Lion's Club making the donation to the university for the new equipment, a dedication was held on June 2nd of this year, when a large plaque was unveiled in the room. The dedication was held in June to coincide with the Lion's Club International Convention which was held in St. Louis at that time. Priese said that 35 to 40 thousand members of Lion's Clubs from all over the world attended the convention. Since the room was not yet operational, Ditto had to improvise.

"I begged and borrowed pieces of



**Getting equal opportunity:** Tina Brown shows Brian Brinker, a disabled student, how to use the new equipment in the DSRC.

pressed interest in using the center this semester, but had to bypass that option because of the late opening.

"It takes time to plan your schedule, and I couldn't wait until a month into the semester to learn a new routine. I had to get on with things," said Harris.

Ditto remembers many problems during the entire process of acquiring and installing the new equipment.

"I had some expert advice which turned out not to be so expert," Ditto said. "We didn't receive some of the equipment we ordered. Some of the equipment we received wasn't compatible, so we had to return and reorder. Some of the equipment in the room on the fifth floor was incorporated into the center, and most of the equipment didn't work."

As far as the late opening, Ditto added that "it was never the case that anyone was denied use of the equipment. If anyone wanted to use the room, all they had to do was ask. If they called, and wanted to use it, I would tell them to go to the library, and I would call the library and tell them to let them in."

Apparently some of the equipment didn't work even after the room was opened. When Holcomb's reader again went to the DSRC to use a recorder, she found that the recorders were not functioning properly. When Holcomb herself investigated the room, she found that other items were

not functioning properly, either. A later visit to the center on November 4 showed that all equipment out and available seemed to be functioning.

Not all of the students who have used the DSRC are complaining. Matthew Young, a mobility disabled student, has used the room to do his homework. Young is a partial paraplegic, and has very limited use of his limbs. He dictates his homework while another person writes it down for him. Brian Brinker, another mobility disabled student, obtaining a Teacher's Certificate in Special Education, says that the Center has "been very helpful to me. It's like an oasis. It's a place where I can go study in peace and quiet."

The late opening and malfunctioning equipment notwithstanding, the Disabled Students Resource Center is now open and available to those who can demonstrate the need for the special adaptive equipment. Students wishing to use the facility must contact Marilyn Ditto in the Office of Student Affairs.

Brinker may have said it best when he noted, "The older you get, you're supposed to get wiser, but there has been a tremendous change in technology. It's a whole new ball game."

Now that the university has the new center, disabled students are finally getting a chance to get into the game.

## Predator 2 : Alien Hunter Stalks Your Nervous System

by A.A. Evans  
and Brad Touchette  
movie critics

If there is a single word that can adequately describe "Predator 2," that word is "violent." This movie is not for the weak at heart, nor is it for anyone who can't tolerate a lot of cursing.

Despite the considerable amount of violence and bad language, there is never a dull moment during this film. Each and every scene is action packed and it will keep you on the edge of your seat, forcing your eyes to remain

riveted to the screen.

The setting for the sequel is in drug-ridden Los Angeles, 1997. This is a different kind of jungle, but survival of the fittest still pervades - this time on the streets. Some of the most brutal scenes to ever hit the screen are shown during a shootout between drug pushers and the police in the opening scene.

This movie fill the "never a dull moment" category easily. The story centers around a series of mysterious deaths involving drug lords and their clan. The police are called in to investigate, of course, and by proving their own stalking prowess to the alien, they become his next target.

The "never a dull moment" quality of this film is only enhanced by the cast. Bill Paxton ("Aliens," "Weird Science"), brought to the movie a comedic flare as Jerry Lambert, nicknamed the "Lone Ranger". His portrayal of a rebel without a clue made you snicker even though your senses were being bombarded with anticipation of the next kill.

Maria Conchita Alonso ("Colors," "The Running Man") gives new definition being a "balls to the wall" kind of chic. She plays Officer Leona Cantrell convincingly and humorously. It is a much better performance than the one she gave in "The Running Man", and she could really blossom into someone to watch if she keeps up the good work.

Gary Busey ("Lethal Weapon", "The Buddy Holly Story") plays his usually convincing role of government agent Peter Keyes, a man ob-

essed with capturing the alien predator. He is becoming stereotyped in Hollywood, though, by accepting roles of the slightly psychotic. This is something he should get away from if he wants more recognition in a sea of potential actors. Still, he gives an intense performance and suits the role perfectly.

Ruben Blades ("Mo' Better Blues", "The Two Jakes") is boring as officer Danny Archuleta. His role is pretty lifeless, and he doesn't help matters - even if he is best friends with Lieutenant Mike Harrigan, played by Danny Glover. Even the alien predator, portrayed by Kevin Peter Hall, puts in a better performance. But make no mistake, this is Glover's movie.

Danny Glover ("Bat 21", "Lethal Weapon 1&2"), shines above the rest this time. His most successful films before this one were the "Lethal Weapon" films, but his work was shadowed by Mel Gibson's performances. Not this time. Glover portrays the intense, high-strung Lieutenant Harrigan with such conviction that his tenseness only adds to your own caused by the film. He blows his co-stars away in his relentless pursuit of the bad guy.

And what a bad guy!  
In addition to the deadly weapons that the alien used in the original "Predator", the producers of Predator 2 have added a few more surprises to the alien's arsenal, making the predator even more superior in it's task of seeking out and destroying mere gun-toting humans. The people who cre-



**"MAN, THIS IS INTENSE":** (l to r) Ruben Blades, Maria Conchita Alonso, and Danny Glover play L.A. cops trying to find out what they're dealing with before the federal government gets a chance to step in and step on their toes in "Predator 2". Gary Busey (not pictured) plays Keyes, the federal agent in charge.

ated this film - and the original - are obviously seriously bent individuals. The new toys the alien has are demented and yet sheer genius. When the alien pulls some of these weapons out, you may catch yourself mumbling... "wow!"

Unlike the first movie, the hunted humans get to employ sophisticated technical equipment in an effort to trap the predator. But the alien hunter, as in the first movie, will not allow itself to be cornered by well thought

out procedures and tools which to him are primitive. Instead, his demise is the result of the quick thinking and reactions of his prey.

There are a lot of fascinating things to see in this movie if you watch close enough. Some of the most fascinating concepts, as I've said before, are the predator's tools and weapons. The wildest movie fact to look for is if you look in the predator's trophy case when Glover is in the predator's ship, you'll see the

skull of a xenophobe (an alien from the movie "Alien").

Predator 2 is a definite must see movie for fans that prefer movies packed with non-stop action. If, on the other hand, you deplore violence, don't go. This movie is for those who enjoy a good killing, (or maybe two or three or four, ten, twenty, etc.)

One usually has a hard time giving a movie a rating. You always have to consider a movie's moralistic value. Ummm, screw the morals. Four stars.



**LEANER AND MEANER:** Danny Glover had to lose 20 pounds for his role as Lieutenant Mike Harrigan in Predator 2.

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

## UM-St. Louis Awards Atkins

Hannah Atkins, Oklahoma secretary of state, has received an award from the University of Missouri-St. Louis for her outstanding record of service to the nation. Interim Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill presented Atkins with the award during a luncheon held Nov. 16 at the University.

Among other honors, Atkins, an African-American, was appointed by Oklahoma Gov. Henry Bellmon in January 1987 to the position of cabinet secretary of social services and then in September 1987 to a dual role of secretary of state and secretary of human resources. Atkins was appointed by President Carter in 1980 as U.S. delegate to the 35th General Assembly of the United Nations.

She holds a doctor of Human Letters degrees from Benedict College in Columbia, S.C.

## Higher Education Conference Dec. 7

The Ninth Annual Higher Education Mid-Year Conference will be held on Friday, Dec. 7, at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

The program will be presented by the Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education, in cooperation with the University of Missouri-St. Louis Continuing Education - Extension and the School of Education.

Keynote speaker Sharan B. Merriam, Ph.D., will address "Work, Love, and Learning." She is a professor of adult education at the University of Georgia. Jack D. McCall, a University Extension community development specialist in northwest Missouri will conduct a workshop that will enable participants to utilize the conference information in future programs and projects.

The fee for the program is \$50, including refreshments, lunch, parking, and materials. Fee for students is \$20.

For more information, call Joseph Williams at UM-St. Louis, 553-5961.

## Forensics/ Debate Club To Sponsor Showcase Dec. 11

The Forensics/Debate Club of UM-St. Louis will sponsor an Individual Events Showcase on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 200 of Lucas Hall.

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## Evaluation of Campus Dec. 4

The UM-St. Louis campus will be evaluated on Tuesday, Dec. 4. There will be two open sessions for faculty, staff, and students to offer information or express opinions to Dr. Jarro regarding disabled student services, accommodations, or accessibility. The open sessions will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in 119 J.C. Penney.

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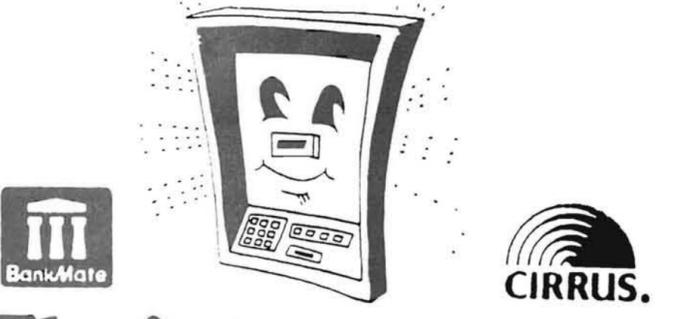
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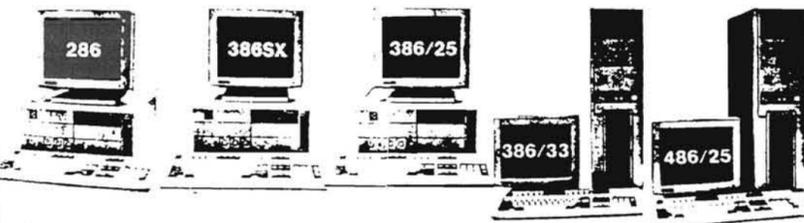
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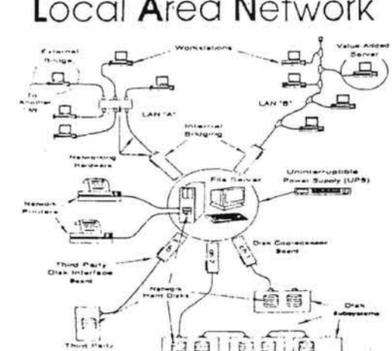
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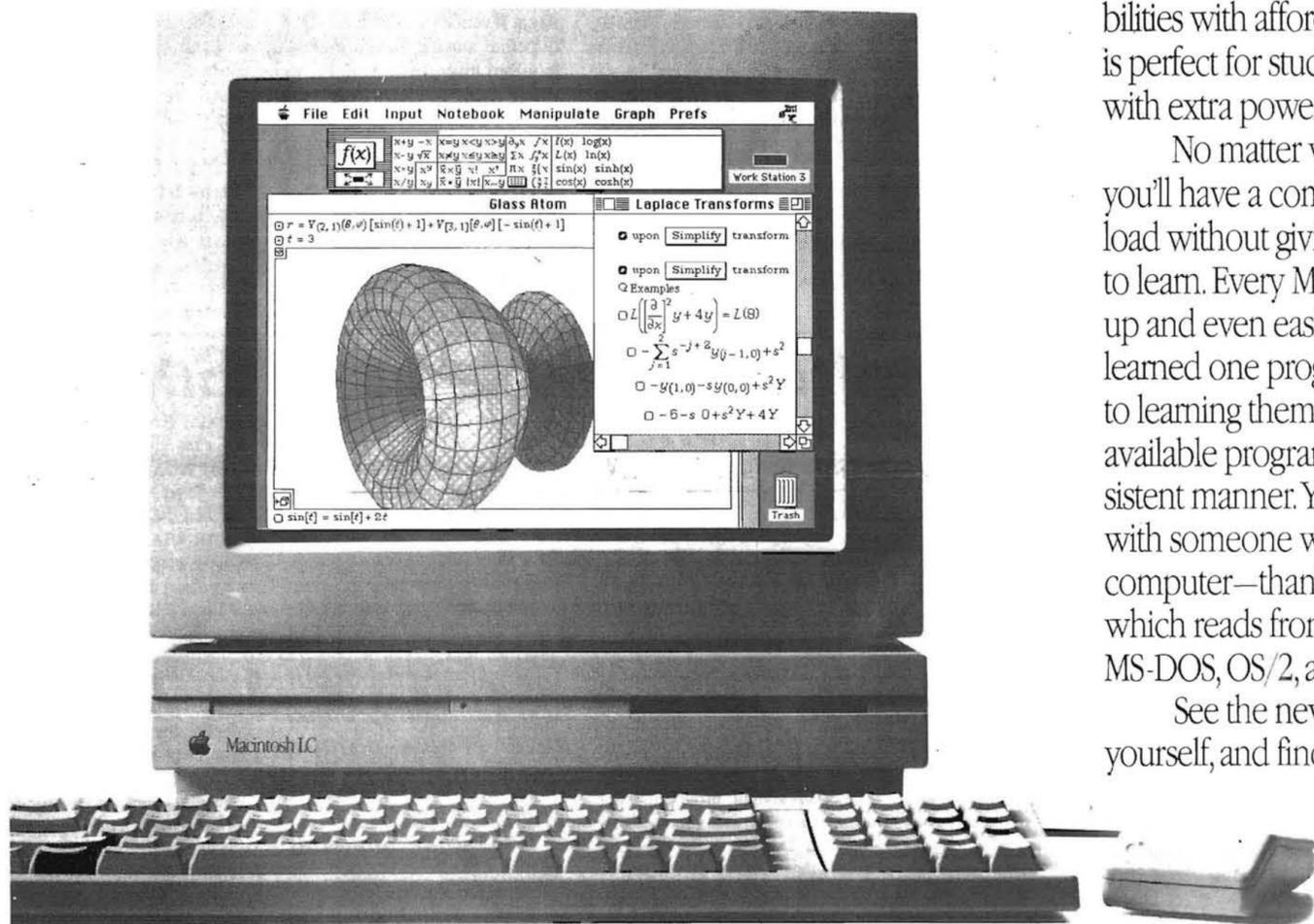
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## Rivermen Fly By Opponents In Two Games

The Rivermen improved their offensive numbers on Nov. 21, with a 114-78 victory over Webster at the Mark Twain Building. Five players scored in double figures as the Rivermen coasted to their second win of the season.

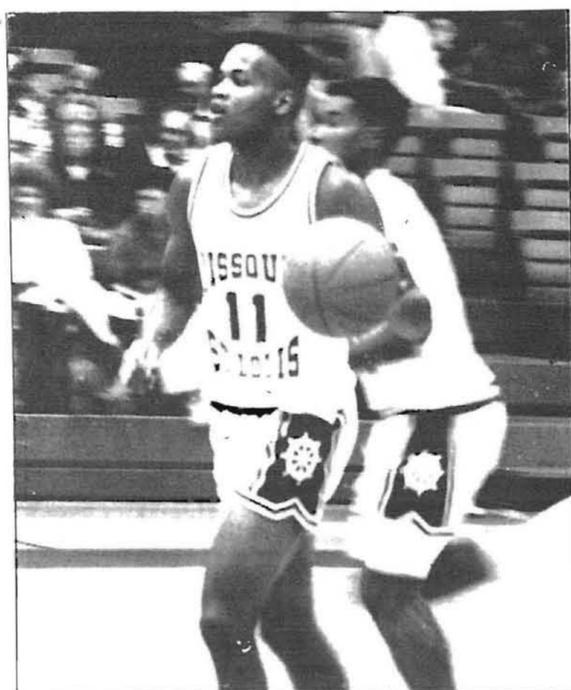
Senior point guard Chris Pilz led the Rivermen with 31 points. He was followed by Leon Kynard with 17 points, Kevin Sneed and Kevin Hill, with 12 each and Scott Crawford with 11. Sophomores Steve Roder and Mike Moore chipped in with nine points apiece.

Pilz enjoyed another sensational game for the Rivermen. He connected on 11 of 13 shots from the field, including a perfect 5-for-5 from 3-point range, and 4-for-4 from the free throw line. He also had 10 rebounds, seven assists and five steals while playing just 28 minutes.

"Chris has been outstanding," Meckfessel said. "He probably won't continue to shoot and score as well as he has, but I'm sure he'll continue to play just as hard as he has in the first two games."

The Rivermen dominated the boards for the second straight game, outrebounding the Gorlocks 61-39. Pilz and Crawford led the team with 10 rebounds each. Hill and Moore had eight rebounds apiece. "Crawford and Hill probably have exceeded our expectations in the first two games," Meckfessel said. "They have been very strong on the boards."

The Rivermen also shot 51 percent from the floor, a marked improvement over their 41 percent effort in the opener against Quincy. Meckfessel, however, was not



**DRIBBLE IT, SHOOT IT!** Leon Kynard looks for the opportunity to pass or shoot the ball as he is approached by an opponent. (photo by Michelle McMurray)

pleased with his team's 22 turnovers against Webster.

"We've played well defensively and on the boards," he said. "But we need to shoot better and be more patient on offense."

The 114 points scored against Webster was the most for a UM-St. Louis team since the 1984-85 season, when the Rivermen beat Millikin 119-

85.

In a previous game, Pilz scored 26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the UM-St. Louis men's basketball squad opened the 1990-91 season with a 77-61 victory over Quincy College on Nov. 17 at the Mark Twain Building.

Pilz scored 17 of his points in the second half and helped break open a close game. He connected on nine of

15 shots from the field and seven of nine from the free throw line. He also handed out a team-high five assists.

The Rivermen jumped out to a 17-0 lead before Quincy finally scored almost eight minutes into the contest. The Hawks came roaring back and narrowed UM-St. Louis' lead to 31-28 with three minutes left in the first half, but the Rivermen outscored the visitors 8-3 and took a 39-31 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

With Pilz at the controls, the Rivermen never let their lead fall under seven points the rest of the contest. Pilz was 5-of-6 from the field in the final 20 minutes.

Pilz received individual help from freshman Crawford, who contributed 12 points, nine rebounds and three steals. Newcomer Kynard added 11 points, nine in the first half. His first-half points all came from 3-point range.

The Rivermen dominated the boards out-rebounding Quincy 51-35. Hill, who scored eight points, led all players with 12 rebounds.

Neither team shot particularly well from the field. The Rivermen were 26-of-64 for 41 percent, while Quincy was 24-65 for 37 percent. UM-St. Louis made 19 of 27 shots from the charity stripe for 70 percent.

"We played hard and we played pretty well, especially on the boards," Meckfessel said. "We need to continue doing that, but we also need to improve offensively."

This marks the second consecutive year the Rivermen have started the season with a win over Quincy. They beat the Hawks last year in Quincy, 83-79.



**WRAP IT UP!** Steve Proctor wraps senior Chris Pilz' ankle before basketball game. (photo by Michelle McMurray)

## Rivermen Plan To Play Basketball In The Sun

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen will take their 2-0 record on the road this week when they travel to the West for three difficult basketball games. The Rivermen, who beat Webster University 114-78 last Wednesday will play at Wyoming this Thursday, Nov. 29 before moving on to California Poly-San Luis on Dec. 1 and California State-Bakersfield on Dec. 4.

The early season road trip is ambitious, to say the least. Wyoming is a Division I school that is picked by many to contend for the Western Athletic Conference title this season. California Poly-SLO returns several key players from last year's 19-9 squad, while California State-Bakersfield advanced to the NCAA

Division II national champions contest a year ago. The Roadrunner finished 29-5.

"We'll face three outstanding teams," UM-St. Louis head coach Rich Meckfessel said. "We'll find some definite strengths and weaknesses of our ballclub. It'll be a very good test."

All three games can be heard on radio station WGNU (920 AM), with Skip Erwin calling the play-by-play and UM-St. Louis Sports Information Director Jeff Kuchno providing color commentary. The Wyoming contest will tip off at 8:35 p.m., California Poly-SLO at 10:05 p.m. and California Bakersfield at 9:30 p.m. All times are central standard time.

## UMSL Misses Nationals

Even with a 27-12 record against one of the nation's toughest schedules, the UM-St. Louis volleyball squad will not be playing in the NCAA Division II national tournament this season.

The 20-team tournament field was announced Nov. 18, and the Riverwomen were not included. They were ranked consistently among the top 25 schools in the nation, but not once did they manage to crack the Top 20 polls.

"The players are heartbroken," said head coach Denise Silvester. "They were mentally ready to play in the national tournament. They were not looking for the season to be over yet."

UM-St. Louis has never qualified for the NCAA Division II volleyball tournament, nor has it even received Top 20 recognition in either the NCAA or American Volleyball Coaches Association national polls.

Although the Riverwomen have been considered for tournament par-

ticipation the past few years, this year's squad may have been the closest to earning a bid. Five of their wins came against schools that were ranked among the Top 20 at some point during the season. All 12 of their losses also came against ranked teams. In fact, 10 of the 12 losses came against schools that made the national tournament.

UM-St. Louis defeated tournament qualifiers Southeast Missouri State, Tampa, and New Haven. The Riverwomen also gave nationally-ranked Kearney State its lone loss of the season.

Considering the Riverwomen got off to a 4-7 start, their tournament push was a worthwhile accomplishment. They struggled early in the season as they tried to work several new faces into the lineup and find the right chemistry.

"We're basically a whole new team," Silvester explained. "It took time for this group to develop. Once they did so, they took off

and won 23 of their last 28 matches. The highlights included a championship performance in the Tennessee-Martin Invitational and a second-place effort in the always-tough Florida Southern tournament.

"We did a major turnaround," Silvester said. "After our performance in Florida, we didn't have a bad tournament the rest of the season."

Unfortunately for the Riverwomen, they lost several key matches in the Converse Challenge at Central Missouri State early in the season. The damage, as it turns out, was tough to overcome.

"We dug a deep hole for ourselves at the Converse Challenge," notes assistant coach Erik Kaseorg. "We took the entire season trying to climb out of it. A lot of people had written us off, but we finished as the strongest team we've ever had here."

"We developed mental toughness and became a national contender," Silvester added. "I'm very proud of this group."

## Juniors To Lead As Seniors

As the volleyball season ended, so did the careers of seniors Geri Wilson, Carla Addoh, and Jean Daehn. Wilson and Addoh completed their fourth season at UM-St. Louis by earning first team all-conference honors, while Daehn was an honorable mention All-MIAA pick. Daehn returned to the program this fall after a year layoff.

"Jean coming back added on-court experience," Silvester said. "She played about as well as expected."

Wilson and Addoh, meanwhile, left an indelible mark on the UM-St. Louis volleyball program. They earned all-conference honors all four seasons. During their stint, they helped the Riverwomen to a 146-53 record and four consecutive runner-up finishes in the MIAA.

"They were part of our first recruiting class here," Silvester said. "They helped take the program from the grass roots level and make it

what it is today. They'll be hard to replace."

Wilson may be the toughest to replace. The two-time MIAA "Setter of the Week" this season ranked first in the nation last week with 12.5 assists per game and first with .978 service aces per game.

Addoh rebounded from an in-

**"They were part of our first recruiting class here. They helped make the program what it is today."**

**-Denise Silvester**

jury-plagued junior season to provide steady play for the Riverwomen this fall. She earned MIAA "Hitter of the Week" and "Defensive Player of the Week" honors this season.

As the Riverwomen say goodbye to the seniors, they are looking ahead to next year. Chances are that the team will build around middle hitter Pam Paule. The junior earned first team All-MIAA honors after an outstanding season. She was especially strong down the stretch.

"From Florida on, she played very well," Silvester said.

Junior college transfers Alanna Gehner and Tara Gray made their presence felt on the front row, while junior Stephanie Jensen stepped into a prominent role in her third year with the program.

Freshman hitter Kim James and back-up setter Kristen Kinker also gained valuable experience in their first year of UM-St. Louis volleyball.

"We need to bring in about five quality players next year," Silvester said. "But we have an experienced nucleus coming back that wants the same thing as the coaching staff - a trip to the national tournament."

### Current

### Athlete of the Week

Chris Pilz



- Men's Basketball
- Senior-Guard
- Led team with 31 point in game against Webster
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## How To ID A Problem



by Melissa A. Green  
sports editor

I finally experienced the new facilities at Mark Twain. Well, almost. I did walk a mile, then I took an adventure into the fitness center. I went straight to the Nautilus machines only to discover that you needed a special pin to operate the weights. I went to the front desk to check in and get a pin only to learn that I was unable to check in without my student ID. I went during the big storm on Tuesday, Nov. 27, when the Blue Metal Building was evacuated. I left my ID in my desk in all the rush. Why couldn't the fitness center let me use a pin without an ID? It was a good excuse.

After using the rowing machines and lifecycles, neither of which required a pin, I read a sign on the wall that stated that pins will be given out only with a valid student ID, because several pins had been stolen in the past few weeks. Why was the sign inside the room, why not post it at the

### Locker Room

entrance of the building? It's too late once you're in the door.

Might I suggest that a sign be put up by the entrance of Mark Twain, announcing the specific requirements for entrance into the fitness center. That way, if I forget my ID in the future, I'll remember to go and get it before I change into my workout clothes.

But why would someone steal a pin anyway? For a number of reasons, mainly to use at a different health club that has similar equipment as our fitness center, or to use our equipment later. I guess a guilty conscience is cheaper than the price of a health club or a new pin that the university has to replace.

A big fuss with the system now is that certain machines take certain types of pins. In order to change from Nautilus to Universal, a separate pin must be issued. What a headache.

A simple solution for the problem of users who take pins or are not UM-St. Louis students would be to change the entrance policy. Why not require ID's from all those that enter the center, and that way the pins can stay in the machines. And the inconvenience of changing pins as you change machines would also be eliminated.

### UM-St. Louis Scoreboard

Men's Basketball		Women's Basketball	
<b>Nov. 17</b>			
UM-St. Louis	77	UM-St. Louis	108
Quincy	61	McKendree	90
<b>Nov. 21</b>			
UM-St. Louis	114		
Webster	78		

## Riverwomen Score Double Digits Over McKendree

Seven players scored in double figures as the UM-St. Louis women's basketball squad recorded a 108-90 victory over McKendree college on Nov. 17 in the season opener at home.

Juniors Monica Steinhoff and Kelly Jenkins both scored 19 points to lead the offensive attack. Michelle Jackson added 15 points, Kim Cooper and Rhonda Moore had 12 points each, and Lisa Houska and freshman Nancy Heseman scored 10 points apiece.

Although the Riverwomen utilized a balanced attack, they received an outstanding performance from Jenkins. Last year's "Super Sub" came off the bench Saturday and nearly reached double figures in three different categories. In addition to her 19 points, she had nine rebounds and eight assists.

The Riverwomen struggled with their shooting, with the exception of Jenkins. As a team, UM-St. Louis made 44 of 108 shots for just 41 percent. But Jenkins was seven of 13 from the field and five of six from the free throw line.

"I'm pleased with the victory, but we didn't shoot the ball as well as we're capable of shooting," head coach Bobbi Morse said.

Michelle Jackson, a 6-foot-2, center, made an impressive debut at UM-St. Louis. The transfer from Kaskaskia Community College led the Riverwomen with 10 rebounds. Houska, who led the team with nine assists from her point guard spot, also added eight rebounds. Forwards Kris Earhart and Tamara Putnam had nine and eight rebounds, respectively.

# STRESS



## TAKING EXAMINATIONS

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Vosevitch said although the grounds crew is pretty efficient, they can't be everywhere at once, and during heavy snow storms previously cleared areas may become blocked again before the crew can get back to them. Vosevitch cautioned students, staff and faculty to be extra careful when walking or driving on campus during bad weather.

"A sidewalk or road that looks clear can still be slippery," Vosevitch said. "We're trying to keep the campus as safe as we can, but people need to be aware of their own safety too."

Vosevitch also stressed that people can increase personal safety by dressing for the weather and wearing sensible shoes.

Many students on campus are not aware of the many services offered to the campus community year 'round by the University Police department. University Police Chief John Pickens said the police are always ready to

help students or staff stranded by a flat tire or a car that's run out of gas.

"We try to do everything we possibly can to get people going," Pickens said. "If they lock their keys in their car, or run out of gas or need a jump start, we'll come get them out. We also change flats; my two emergency drivers will actually get out and change the flat tire for you if you need it!"

Pickens said the police department has one four-wheel drive vehicle on campus, and in the event a student gets stuck in heavy snow, the police can help to push or pull the car out. But Pickens said the Ground crew is usually so good that the streets and parking lots stay pretty clear of snow.

While Pickens encourages everyone to call the police department if they need help, he asks that people only use the police station number for emergencies and not to find out

about weather reports or school closings.

"The fact that we get so many calls like that is good in a way, because it shows that people know our number," Pickens said. "But it also ties up our lines for emergency purposes, so we try and encourage people to use the two or three hotline numbers available for snow day information."

Snow Day Hotline numbers are 553-5184, 553-5865 and 553-5867, and they can be reached after 6 a.m.

Severe weather announcements will also be broadcast at several local radio stations including KMOX-AM 1120 (5:30 and 6:30 a.m.), KXOK-AM 630 (5:35 and 6:35 a.m.), KYKY-FM 98 (between 5:50 and 8:30 a.m.) and KWMU-FM 91 (every half hour after 6 a.m.).

The University Police department can be reached at 553-5155 and the Grounds department number is 553-6305.

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ligation to the larger community and to the St. Louis community. Part of this obligation seems to be to provide certain activities for students who are not in the Honors College," he said.

For instance, the Honors college is planning to offer series of classic films that is open to all students.

The Honors College at UM-St. Louis started this semester with the addition of 30 freshman Honors Scholars to the more than 50 upperclassmen already in the program.

The Honors Scholars are graduates of 47 public and private high

schools in the St. Louis area. This year's honors freshmen typically ranked in the top eight percent of their high school classes, have a 3.83 grade point average and a score of 29 on the ACT—equivalent to a score of 1200 on the SAT. The current honors upperclassmen have an average GPA of 3.53. Every student admitted to the Honors College during the last two years has received an academic award amounting to at least the full remission of instructional fees. Four Honors Scholars are National Merit finalists.

### Africa from page 1

tem of education.

Carrothers also pointed out that Egypt contributed to the development of Christianity, because early Christians spent a period of hiding among the people of the Nile.

Africans also did not just wait for outsiders to come to them in order to learn about other lands, Carrothers said. There were explorers among them who sailed toward the Western Hemisphere. He said that early descriptions of the 'New World' described the presence of Africans.

One of the most significant contributions Africa made to American history came from a revolt in Haiti, Carrothers said. This successful revolution against three European armies inspired other developments, such as encouraging the British to ban the slave trade. It also inspired South Americans, who had sent people to Haiti to study their tactics, to revolt.

And finally, Carrothers said, the Haitian revolution gave hope to North Americans in their struggle against slavery at a crucial time when their leaders were being hung and their uprisings crushed.

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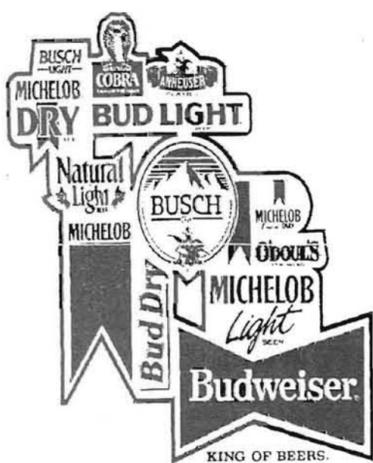
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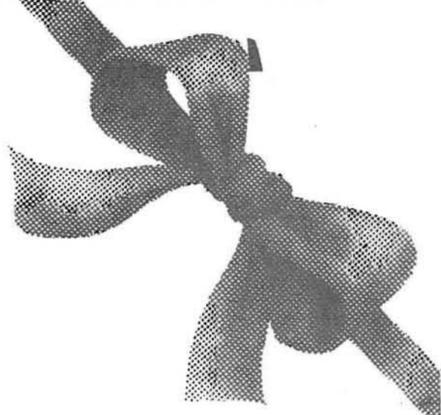
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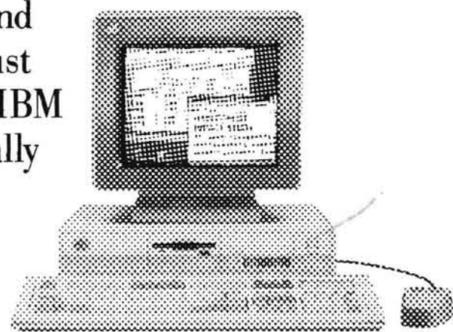


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