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The last day to drop class with either an excused or fail grade is November 16.

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Financial Aid Falls Behind

by Krista Newman
reporter

Members of the Financial Aid Department are working overtime to catch up on paperwork. Employee turnover in the department left the office temporarily behind in processing student loans and grants, said Mark Nugent, director of student financial aid.

"We're really not that far behind," Nugent said. "Looking at the loans we had to process in October of last year, I feel we're at the same point we were then."

Nugent estimated that 200 to 300 students experienced delays. The

office fell behind by, at the most, a couple of weeks. Nugent added that he's not totally convinced that more people had to wait this year than last.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, said the department's computer expert left to accept a position at a University in Ohio.

"Losing two other key staff members has also contributed to back paperwork," MacLean said. He added that staff members are working nights and weekends to catch up.

In an effort to help solve the problem, Mimi J. LaMarca, director of admissions, had staff members of the Admissions Department help

process loans and complete other manual work. Nugent feels the problem is manageable.

But some students who are waiting for information on their loans are getting anxious. "My file was completed in June shortly after I applied for my student loan," said senior Jackie Greer. "I received my first letter from the office the first week in September. It told me that I had received \$114 in a Pell Grant, but mentioned nothing of my student loan. I live 60 miles away and cannot be constantly jumping in the car to come to the office to straighten out their mistakes."

Senior Melinda Sisson said she

received a letter concerning her loan, but only after repeated trips to the university to make corrections on her supposedly incomplete file. "I came in time and time again to bring missing information, only to find it completed in my file," Sisson said. "I also found that loan money cannot be used for correspondence courses, which is totally absurd."

As for whether students will be dismissed because of delays in their student loans, Nugent replied that that problem would be "handled internally."

Hearing Held To Decide Official DSU

by David Barnes
news editor

A Student Court hearing was held Sunday to decide the dispute between two campus groups, both claiming to be the Disabled Students Union. A decision is scheduled to be issued Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Both groups, the Alliance of Movers and Shakers and the Disabled Students Union, were asking to receive recognition as the official Disabled Students Union and gain

access to the \$6,000 in funds allocated to that organization.

Arguments focused on determining which group of students had the power to alter the constitution, and if they followed the correct procedure.

Near the end of the hearing, a suggestion for the two groups to compromise was made by DSU member Charles Lamson. "I think we can settle all this right here and now by setting up a date where we can all sit down together, maybe

make a constitutional change and inform all students by mail," he said.

His suggestion received mixed response. All three spokespersons of DSU supported the idea, however, AMS head Carol Dugan, opposed the proposal and said, "I think I would need to confer with the people [of AMS]."

"If the organizations split, that's going to bring both of you down," said Justice Betina Black.

"I personally support a compromise. Whenever there is a compro-

mise there is a win-win situation," said AMS member Paul Matteucci. "I think if forced [a meeting], it would happen. There needs to be an oversight committee."

"I feel it would be grievous to allow these people, who are not elected by us, to change [the AMS constitution] and make us go back and do all that work over again," said AMS member Lyn Parks. "Handicapped Awareness Day is coming up. There is not time. We have to unfreeze the budget and get to it."

Fiesta



One of the displays exhibited during the grand finale of Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month on Oct. 15. (Photo by Nicole Menke)

Greenhouse Given Go Ahead

by Max Montgomery
reporter

Interim Chancellor Blanche Touhill has given the final approval on \$400,000 worth of funds for the construction of a new greenhouse on the UM-St. Louis campus.

The greenhouse, which will be administered by the UM-St. Louis biology department, will benefit both students and faculty by expanding the research facilities at the university.

Lon A. Wilkens, chair of the biology department, said the greenhouse would be an important addition to the campus' ecology program.

"It's very critical to the developing programs in ecology," Wilkens said. "At some point, faculty will have to test out their theories in a controlled situation."

Robert J. Marquis, an assistant professor of biology, said the greenhouse will serve a variety of purposes.

"The greenhouse will be used to do experiments and look at the effects of different environments on the plants and for breeding experiments," Marquis said.

The 5,000 square-foot greenhouse will consist of five separate rooms plus a preparation room. Two of the rooms will house plants in a simulated tropical environment. Two other rooms will be used to simulate a more temperate environment - spring in Missouri for example - and the last room will be set aside for transgenic (genetically engineered) plants.

Marquis said the department hopes to get construction under way as soon as possible.

"We would like to start building in spring and hope to be finished by early fall, 1991," Marquis said. "We are also hoping that the greenhouse will be built on the site where the library annex is now standing."



SPROUTING OUT: This greenhouse on top of Stadler Hall will soon have a companion. (Photo by Nicole Menke)

The annex building, which is located between Stadler Hall and the library, is to be condemned.

Marquis said if approval for the annex location is not obtained, the greenhouse will have to be built on South Campus, which would be an inconvenience.

Marquis said that having a greenhouse on campus would allow UM-St. Louis to do the kind of research UM-Columbia does, to a certain degree. While Columbia has greenhouses, they deal primarily with agricultural research. The greenhouse here will focus on basic ecological research on tropical ecology. "This is almost a unique pro-

gram in the country," Marquis said. "It is a new field of research and it supplements the developing of the International Center for Tropical Ecology, which is what we are at this campus."

While the Biology Department has access to \$400,000 right now from the university, Marquis said they are hoping to get additional funding from the National Science Foundation.

"This is a big boost for the Ecology and Tropical Biology Department. The more money we can get, the bigger the greenhouse will be, and the more research we can do."

Frats Regain Recognition

by Christine McGraw
associate news editor
and Michelle McMurray
reporter

Two UM-St. Louis fraternities recently regained their recognition from the university, after being suspended earlier this semester. Sigma Tau Gamma and Pi Kappa Alpha said the suspensions came from parties getting out of hand and complaints from the community.

Joe Delaloye, president of Sigma Tau Gamma said, "The whole incident concerned parties we were having on Wednesday nights. We complied, curtailing the big par-

ties."

Pi Kappa Alpha president Jeff Chisolm said, "The reason for suspension was that the university was getting complaints and they were concerned that something serious might happen. I think it was just a warning. We made an agreement

with the fraternities to take care of the problem.

Captain William Lamping of the Bel-Ridge police said the department had been receiving complaints from neighbors and businesses along Natural Bridge.

"People were going to and from

the fraternity houses at the 8800 and 8600 block of Natural Bridge, stopping behind

'People were...stopping behind buildings, urinating and defecating on private property. They were leaving broken bottles and trash.'

**Captain William Lamping,
Bel-Ridge police**

with the police and the university." Rick Blanton, assistant director of student activities, said that when there are complaints from the community, he usually made a phone call

on private property. They were leaving broken beer bottles and

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SGA

Meeting Rules Changed

by David Barnes
news editor

Several changes were made in the way student government will run its meetings during the Oct. 14 meeting.

A recommendation to change the student handbook and eliminate mandatory attendance by representatives was passed. SGA president, Alla Pruzhansky, will be looking into what steps are needed to begin the new policy.

Role will be taken under the new guidelines and attendance records will be submitted to the Student Activities Budget Committee. They will have the option to be taken into consideration when allocating funds.

In a 14-13 vote, SGA also decided to remove the two hour time limit on meetings and the starting time of the meetings was changed to 6 p.m. from 7 p.m. These two measures are effective immediately.

In other business:

Elections

A new ballot is being developed by Election Commissioner Ladonia Payne that can be counted with an optical scanner. She will look further into the costs and make changes on the wording of the ballot.

Homecoming

The proposed date of December 15 was voted down 23-13. Those opposing the date said that it was during finals week and caused problems for students wanting to study that night. November 17 was the

original date, but SGA president Alla Pruzhansky said many organizations already had plans for that night and wouldn't be able to make it. The issue was sent back to the Social Committee for further discussion.

U-Center Lounge

University Center Advisory Board chair Ken Johnson, presented the idea of removing the lounge on the first floor of the University Center and turning the area into office space, to be used by all recognized student organizations. "There's no place on campus for leadership to meet," said Student Representative to the Board Paul Matteucci, "If every-

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CALENDER

SATURDAY OCT 20

Computer Classes For Kids

Computer Classes for Kids a series of fun computer courses for children, is offered this fall by the University of Missouri-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension. Courses are designed for students in preschool through eighth grade. Dins 'n' computers classes will meet Saturdays, October 20 - November 17, at the West counts Computer Center, near Highway 270 and Manchester. Classes are held during one of three tim schedules: 9:30 - 10:50 a.m., 11 a.m. - 12:20 P.m., and 12:30 - 1:50 pm.m Both IBM and Macintosh computerws are featured in the program. Tuition for each course is \$32, or \$59 for two classes. For more informatin call 553-5957, or 553-5961. Classes sizes ore limited;early registration is encouraged.



Give Blood

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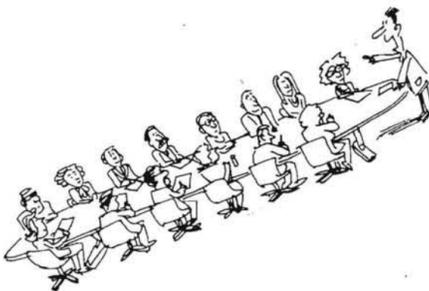


Asian-American Literature

Shawn wong will discuss Asian-American literature at noon in Room 229 of the J.C. Penney Building. Wong is an associate professor of American ethnic studies at Washington University. Call 553-5180.

Conversations with the Faculty

Chuck Smith, director of Athletics, will be in the Underground non-smoking section from noon to 1pm. All students are welcome. This is sponsored by the Wesley Foundation.



MONDAY 22

Addiction Recovery

"Out of denial and into life." Sponsored by the Wemons Center, Pat Finley, Women's Communnity coordinator of the Edgewood Program, will be discussing the transforming, healing, and fulfilling journey of change through recovery from a chemical or a relationship addiction. This discussion will be held on Monday, October 22 from noon - 1:00 p.m. at 211 Clark Hall.

Just say no!

WEDNESDAY 24

Personal Freedom during Pregnancy

Professor Susan Appelton of Washington University School of Law will discuss government interference with pregnancy. Some of the issues to be explored are: Do wemon have the right to engage in "legal" behavior which could harm the fetus (i.e. alcohol use)? What are the legal repercussions of illegal behavior resulting in fetal damage. The discussion will be held Wednesday, October 24 from noon - 1:00 p.m. at 211 Clark Hall.

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PM thank you for last week. It took so much stress off me. We've got to do it again. Ed.

Scott, I miss you so much I think about you everyday. It's hard now but its better this way. Good luck in life Love your Sweetie Pie

Super Tuesday, Make up your mind, if you do really have one. Mark, Andrew, Steve (long-shot), Mike, or John. Cape Cods do you right. Polo robes look great as a cape. Easy street is not so easy. Love RKMH

Dear Poopsie, Halloween is just two weeks away, what's it gonna be a trick or a treat? your little goblin Teddie.

Jay I love your cute little neck. Happy late anniversary. love your honey.

Partner M. were going to bust 'em! And I love it. Thanks for all your help! Love partn@rC.

Sick lil' puddin' I'm looking forward to being kidnapped. I can deal with a blindfold but please, no ropes. Gerg

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Lights Mean Safety

Lights at night on campus are a necessity, not a luxury. So far this campus has been lucky that there haven't been any reported rapes, murders, muggings, or broken bones. That is, until last week, when a woman tripped in the dark and broke her ankle.

There was no reason this should have happened. There is no excuse for not having adequate lighting on campus. So far, all students have gotten from the administration is flimsy excuses such as, "it's a union problem, burnt out bulbs have to be reported, we're working on it, there have been power outages all over town, and we're getting to it."

Obviously, administration doesn't deem this problem serious enough to take action on. Perhaps they don't realize the dangers that exist after 5:00.

Students and faculty who don't voice their concerns should accept part of the blame for the darkness. Form a coalition for lights, picket the General Services Building, or more realistically, call Facilities Services at 553-6312 or the police department at 553-5155 to report burnt out lights or power outages. If you don't get satisfaction within a reasonable amount of time, call the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, Larry Schlereth at 553-6100. If you still don't get satisfaction, try visiting Chancellor Touhill during her open office hours. That will definitely reap results.

It's not only burnt out bulbs that are a problem. There are certain areas on campus for example, between SSB and the parking garages, that need light posts. It may cost a few bucks, but can you put a price on safety?

At the last Student Government Association's meeting a couple of students shared their stumbling in the dark stories. Why? Lights would have prevented these testimonies.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Racist Propaganda' Outrages Student

To the editor:

A challenge. Reprint the cartoon featured in Oct. 11 edition of the Current. Only, this time insert the words Jews or Blacks instead of Arabs.

It is certainly not my intent to insult anyone; however, if the word Jews or Blacks had appeared in this cartoon, it would never have appeared; and this is my point. This cartoon, which on the surface might appear to the very naive to carry the message that racism is something to be frowned upon, in reality carries a very different underlying message. That it's O.K. to bash Arabs.

Readers should also note the significance of the cartoon above the one to which I am referring [to] as it without a doubt, gets the reader in

the right frame of mind to accept the message being presented by the next.

For many years the majority of the Arab community took these blows quietly. Things are changing however, and such racist propaganda is no longer going to be tolerated.

Almost as atrocious as the cartoon, was the response I received from the Current, when I called to voice my outrage over such a thing being printed. When I asked the editor, Laura E. Berardino, "What do you think would have happened had the word Jews appeared instead of Arabs?"

She responded, and I quote, "That wouldn't have been very timely."

Utter aghast and amazement. This person just told me she thinks it

is timely to bash Arabs!

Dear Ms. Berardino, it is not timely to bash Arabs or Jews, or any other ethnic minority. It is time, however, to bash the people responsible for garbage such as this.

I have discussed this cartoon with some of the Arab students on campus and have received not only reactions of outrage, but also embarrassment, that "their" university would print such an insulting thing.

At the very least, these students, as well as all other students on campus who were subjected to this nauseating piece of racist propaganda, deserve an apology. And, more than that, there needs to be a very specific written commitment, published by the Current that such

racist propaganda will not appear again. Less than this is unacceptable.

In addition to this, the cartoon, as well as the one above it, needs to be reprinted; no excuses about space. A very large space was found for it last time. Readers [need to be able to] accurately access the seriousness of this matter.

I await reaction.

Sincerely,

Melanie Al-Khoraski
President of Students for a Better Campus

Editor's Note: The point of the cartoon was to show that racism still exists how and 'transferrable' racism can be.

Alcohol Not Necessary On Campus

To the editor:

In response to the October 4 editorial, I cannot believe the students or staff of this university would even begin to consider anything so ludicrous or irresponsible as serving alcohol on the UMSL campus.

The editorial states that "part of education is learning how to deal with various social situations." Wrong. Part of growing up is learning how to deal with a variety of situations. My formal education has nothing to do with handling "drinking and/or being around people who drink." If I want to

experience or view the effects of alcohol, I will go to a bar or a party.

The editorial also advocates that serving beer on campus "in a controlled environment" is an acceptable practice. Wrong again.

How does the author propose to control alcohol consumption at mass attended affairs such as "campus parties or athletic events?"

How do you prevent someone of legal age buying drinks for underage friends? Being a "legal adult" does not equate to being a responsible adult, as the spouses/siblings/friends of people murdered each year by drunk drivers can testify.

Last, how is the university absolved of liability because you stopped serving drinks early? If the bar closes an hour before the end of the event, instead of ordering that one last drink people will simply order two or three to tide them over until they leave.

And the phrase "obviously intoxicated" is a misnomer. Don't we all put away a six-pack and a couple of shots and still function as if they were stone cold sober? But would you let the same person drive you home? Not in a million years.

It is not an issue of bartenders reliability; it is a matter of the person

who chooses to drink and drive accepting complete responsibility for the tragic damage they can and do incur.

The notion of serving alcohol on campus, whether at formal or informal events, is completely and totally unacceptable.

I am attending UMSL to complete my formal education. I do not expect the bar down the street to issue my college degree; why should I be expected to deal with drinks at any time on campus?

Nancy Johnson

Reporters Should Be Banned From Locker Rooms

To the editor:

Why do professional and college male athletes have to be held prisoners in their own locker rooms? Taking a shower in a locker room without the opposite sex present is a basic right that shouldn't have to be forfeited, no matter what job you perform. It is ridiculous to think that towels and bath robes are the answer for the basic privacy that the players deserve.

They should be able to get dressed at their own lockers without the risk of having to be strategic about it. Would women athletes talk to men in their locker rooms with only a towel wrapped around them?

Of course not.

Unfortunately, the players and coaches have to deal with an irrational NFL commissioner named Paul Tagliabue. Since he can't comprehend this basic right, he should resign his position and give it to someone like Sam Wyche who can.

The solution to this difficult problem is very simple - it's called a media room. I believe that a majority of the NFL players would cooperate and walk 30 feet to a media room to ensure the rights of his teammates to shower and dress in private. This would work for players and sports writers.

The sportswriters could meet their deadlines by interviewing the athletes immediately following the game in the media room. The players who aren't being interviewed won't have to sit a half hour in detention, while the press interviews the others and [they] can be home sooner with their families, without feeling uncomfortable.

The fans who buy the tickets and newspapers have spoken and agree that the basic rights of the players are more important than the comment that might be missing in the next day's paper. I agree with my four year old niece, Colleen, about women being in mens locker rooms

while men are naked, "That's silly!" she said. A four year old has more common sense than the NFL commissioner.

Jerry Cassidy
UM-St. Louis Alumnus

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 4 edition of the Current, David McIntire stated that a permanent place could be established for the consumption and sale of alcohol. It should have read that a permanent place could be established for the consumption, not sale of alcohol. The Current apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

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one gets half a desk its better than nothing."

Objections to the idea were that it would be difficult to assign space and that there is already a shortage of lounge space. The issue was slated to be brought up at a later date.

Smoking

Matteucci asked for student input on rules concerning smoking on campus. He said University of Missouri President, C. Peter Magrath, will be making a smoking policy to cover the UM campuses. In an informal vote of all people at the meeting, 27 were in favor of a smoke-free environment and 15 were opposed.

UM-St. Louis has already established its own smoking policy that will ban campus tobacco sales on Jan. 1, 1990 and prohibit all smoking beginning this June.

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trash. We called the university in August."

Lamping said David Thomason, student services coordinator, agreed to have the fraternities keep the noise down past 10 o'clock Sunday through Thursday and 12 o'clock on Fridays and Saturdays. Since then, Lamping said, there have been no problems.

Both fraternities said that the university handled the matter appropriately.

"I don't blame Thomason one bit. He did what had to do. I would do the same thing. Chisolm said, "We're in agreement with all parties [the university and the police]."

The ramifications for losing recognition according to Delaloye, include, loss of advertising privileges on campus, no parties, no meetings on campus and freezing of any university funds.

Chemical And Relationships Recovery Workshop

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Pregnancy Rights For Women

Professor Susan Appelton of Washington University School of Law will discuss government interference with pregnancy. Some of the issues to be explored are: Do women have the right to engage in "legal" behavior which could harm the fetus (i.e. alcohol use)? What are the legal repercussions of illegal behavior resulting in fetal damage. The discussion will be held Wednesday, October 24 from noon - 1:00 p.m. at 211 Clark Hall.

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Volleyball On A Winning Streak

The UM-St. Louis volleyball team beat two nationally ranked schools before finishing second in the Lady Moc Invitational on October 12th and 13th at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida.

The Riverwomen defeated Top 20 schools, New Haven and Tampa, before losing to host Florida Southern in the championship match. The Riverwomen won three of five matches to improve their overall record to 17-9.

The Riverwomen won two out of three matches in pool play. They beat New Haven, 15-4, 15-4, 15-7; lost to Florida Southern, 13-5, 6-15, 7-15; and defeated Florida Atlantic, 15-9, 15-10, 15-6. In the semifinals, UM-St. Louis downed Tampa, 13-15, 15-7, 16-14, 15-9, 15-13, before losing to Florida Southern in the finals, 8-15, 15-17, 15-9, 2-15.

Florida Southern, now 21-0, entered the tournament ranked sixth nationally in NCAA Division II. New Haven was rated 19th last week. Tampa was 20th.

The Riverwomen have made consistent progress in recent weeks winning 13 of their last 15 matches and reaching the championship match of two successive tournaments. They won their last tournament at Tennessee-Martin on Octo-

ber 5th and 6th. "We played very well the last two weekends," said head coach Denise Silvester. "I hope we can keep this up."

Senior hitter Carla Addoh and junior middle hitter Pam Paule were named to the all-tournament team at Florida Southern. Both have also been honored by the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Addoh is this week's "Hitter of the Week," while Paule is the "Defensive Player of the Week."

The Riverwomen hope to ride their momentum into this week's final session of the MIAA Round Robin Tournament at Central Missouri State in Warrensburg. UM-St. Louis won three of four matches in the first half of the Round Robin last month. They will play five matches this weekend.

UM-St. Louis faces Washburn and Missouri Western on October 19, and they will meet face Southeast Missouri State, Missouri Southern, and Northeast Missouri State on October 20.

The match against Southeast Missouri may be the most critical of the weekend. SEMO has been ranked as high as 15th in the nation. They are ranked ahead of UM-St. Louis in the South-Central Region.

Cardinal Pitcher Trades Glove For Textbooks

by K.C. Clarke
managing editor

If you're a young starting pitcher in the major leagues, averages are a way of life. Statistics like earned-run averages, numbers of innings pitched, strike out to walk ratio's, number of games completed are the kinds of figures that make or break careers in the sports pages and at the trading tables. If you're a young starting pitcher, you learn how to deal with them. You also know that things aren't always the way they seem.

Greg Mathews, a young starting pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, knows how to deal with the averages. After spending the 1989 season on the disabled list recovering from surgery on a torn medial-collateral ligament in his pitching arm, he only started five games for the Cardinals in 1990. With his arm still on the mend, he was sent down to Louisville to pitch in the minors. Despite criticism from the local press, Mathews remained philosophical about his break from the big leagues. With the pressure off, he was able to work out his arm without fear of re-injury, and now he feels he's ready to step back into the majors.

While his baseball career is definitely one of the most important things in Mathews' life right now, career averages aren't the only thing he has on his mind. With a sports injury bringing home the reality that baseball isn't forever, Mathews has temporarily traded baseball averages for grade point averages, joining the ranks of UM-St. Louis students in pursuit of an academic degree. An economics major,

Mathews has returned to school to fulfill a personal belief that there are few things in life as valuable as a good education.

Drafted by the big leagues while he was still in school at Fullerton College in California, Mathews had to put his degree on hold. But Mathews said that in major league sports, when the call comes, it's now or never.

"Education to me is more important than baseball," Mathews said. "But I knew I had the talent to play, and I wanted to use that while I could to become financially secure. You can always go back to school, but you can't always go back to baseball."

Though Mathews planned on returning to school as soon as possible, the demands of a major league career got in the way.

"Being a student athlete is a major challenge," Mathews said. "People don't realize the time involved. When I was at Fullerton, I had to carry 15 hours and play ball. At Fullerton, you had to have at least a 2.0 average. But my G.P.A. was dropping because I was concentrating on the draft, and the baseball requirements were too much."

Over the years, the thought of finishing his degree has always been on Mathews' mind.

"It's been eating at me for so many years," said Mathews. "Plus, I felt my mental sharpness was slowing down, and I wanted something more than just baseball."

Mathews said one of the things that bothers him is the persistent stereotype of the dumb jock.

"I want to be as intelligent as I possibly can," said Mathews. "Even if I'm financially independent, I'm going to want to do something more with myself."

Mathews said having an education has helped with certain aspects of his baseball career. Handling the money

that comes with life in the big leagues is one area where Mathews sees the advantage of having an education, especially an education in economics.

"I knew the reality of how to handle the money," said Mathews. "But in the beginning it was coming in so fast, you kind of lose it. You start wanting to buy everything you've ever wanted in the last 20 years when you didn't have any money."

Mathews said knowing how to keep an eye on your finances can help you to protect yourself, not only from your spending habits, but from the spending habits of others.

"If you can handle your own money, it'll save you a lot of money," Mathews said. "Just the idea that you can carry on a conversation with your financier, and you know what he's doing helps. You hear stories like that in baseball, where some guys make \$2 million and then they're broke while their agents are somewhere in Brazil."

With a wife and two children, Mathews has a good reason for taking steps to keep his future financially solid. In addition, his injury made him think seriously about the possibilities of life without the glove.

"That woke me up to the fact that I'm vulnerable," Mathews said. "I'm not always going to play baseball. But that's the chance you take. Baseball never promised me anything."

Mathews said, when you're faced with something like a career-threatening injury, you have to look at the positive side.

"It's a character builder. It takes something like that to make you appreciate where you are."

"That's one of the things you get from baseball. You learn to overcome the challenges and the odds," Mathews said. "I feel I have an advantage if I ever enter the work force, because I'm not going to crumble if someone says to me, oh, you're doing that wrong."

Mathews said one piece of advice he can offer students at UM-St. Louis is to try to finish your degree all at once, rather than waiting to come back to it. He said even though that's

the way he chose to do it, it makes things a whole lot harder.

"If you have the opportunity to do it, then do it," Mathews said. "I said I would do it later, and now it's seven years later, and it's hard! You'll save yourself a lot of anguish if you do it when you're young."

Mathews also said that students should not approach an education with the motive of only making money. While money can buy a lot of things, it can't buy you a good education. That's something you have to do yourself.

"I don't think your sole motivation for getting an education and a degree should be to make money," Mathews said. "You might think that that's easy for me to say, because I'm already financially secure. But, when all you want to do is make money, you tend to take shortcuts. You should take your time and do it right."

While it's going to take Mathews some time to finish his degree, it's something he knows he'll do no matter what happens with his career. Mathews knows that the sum of his life lies far beyond the statistics on the back of a baseball card.

"Baseball did not come as hard for me as studying and going to school," said Mathews. "When I graduate, I'm going to be even more proud of that degree than my career in baseball."

Rivermen Bring Home Win

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen proved their strength with a 4-1 win over local Division I rival Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, on October 11. "I'm pleased with our performance," said head coach Don Dallas, whose Rivermen improved their record to 8-5 with the victory over SIUE. "It shows that we've got a good team. We've settled on a set lineup the last few games, and things are starting to fall into place."

Craig Frederking scored two goals to end his scoring slump for the Rivermen. Steve Valle and Brain Hennessy added goals for UM-St. Louis.

Frederking, who has been bothered by a pulled quadricep, had scored just one goal in the first 12 games of the season. He put the Rivermen on top early against SIUE when he connected on a header six minutes into the match. He later added an insurance tally on a breakaway, late in the contest.

"Freddy (Frederking) is just now getting healthy for the first time this season," Dallas said. "With him and Valle coming around, we have two

good forces up front."

The Rivermen controlled the match most of the game. They outshot the Cougars, 16-8, and forced SIUE goalkeeper Derek Reis to make eight saves. SIUE's Jim Nischbach converted a penalty kick in the second half to avert a shutout for the

"I'm pleased with our performance."

**-Don Dallas
head soccer coach**

The game was the easiest win for UM-St. Louis in their series against SIUE. UM-St. Louis had beaten SIUE just seven times in 22 previous meetings. Until last week, the Rivermen had never won by more than two goals. The Rivermen also have had tremendous success on SIUE's home turf, winning five of the last six meetings against SIUE while in Edwardsville.

Scott Litschgi and Darren Starzyk both contributed a pair of assists against SIUE. Litschgi, who has been

perhaps the team's most consistent midfielder this season, leads the Rivermen with five assists.

"Litschgi is starting to get the attention of opposing coaches," Dallas said. "He's been outstanding."

Steve Valle's goal against SIUE improved his goal-scoring streak to four straight games. He has scored in five of the last six matches, with seven goals during that span.

After a home contest against Missouri Valley on October 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Rivermen will hit the road for a pair of regional contests on October 20nd and 21st in the Kentucky Wesleyan Tournament at Owensboro, Kentucky.

The Rivermen will meet regional foes Northern Kentucky on October 20 and Kentucky Wesleyan on October 21.

"Obviously, we have to win both games if we want to keep our playoff hopes alive," Dallas said.

The scheduled game on October 9 at Washington University was postponed due to wet fields. It has been rescheduled for October 30 at Francis Field. Starting time remains 7:30 p.m.

Riverwomen Settle For Tie In OT

The UM-St. Louis women's soccer team tied 1-1 against Northeast Missouri State, on October 14, in Kirksville, when Christine Berry scored a goal in the 84th minute of the game. The tie left UM-St. Louis with a 9-3-3 overall record.

Berry scored on an assist from Carmen Llorico, who beat a Northeast Missouri defender and sent a pass across the box. Berry found the mark for her team-leading eighth goal of the season.

"We had a lapse in the first half, but we pretty much controlled the play after that," said head coach Ken Hudson. "Even though we trailed most of the game, we had chances to win in the last few minutes and again in overtime."

UM-St. Louis outshot Northeast

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Run, Kick, Punt, Bump, Score Go

by Melissa A. Green
sports editor

The students and athletes of UM-St. Louis are busy showing their stuff in the intramural leagues offered on campus.

In the intramural football leagues, Hurt'em Bad and the Sig Tau's have taken the lead in their divisions.

In the East division, the games for October 9 were rained out. They will be played at the end of the season, if they are needed for team standings.

During the games on October 11 in the West division, the Sig Tau's won 12-6 over the Indy's and TKE beat Pi Kappa Alpha 12-7.

The standings in each division are as follows:

In the East division, Hut'em Bad leads, followed by TRW, The Lynch Mob, and the Gladiators.

In the West division, the Sig Tau's are in first place, followed by the TKE's, Pi Kappa Alpha, and the Indy's.

In upcoming action, TRW plays Hurt'em Bad at 2 p.m. and the Gladiators are up against The Lynch Mob at 3 p.m. on October 23. On October 25, the Indy's will face the Pike's at 2 p.m. and the Sig Tau's will play the TKE's at 3 p.m.

In intramural soccer, the action is firing up as the league enters its third



GET THAT BALL! The intramural soccer league holds games on Mondays and Wednesdays. This player is anxiously looking for a player to pass the ball to (photo by Nicole Menke)

week of competition. Sumac Attack plays Proton Saga at 2 p.m. and the Pikes are up against Belantara at 3 p.m. on Monday October 22, while the Sig Tau's will face the Indy's at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24.

In action on October 15, the Pikes

beat Sumac Attack in overtime 3-2, while Proton Saga beat the Indy's 4-2. On October 17, the Sig Tau beat Belantara in overtime 3-2.

The standings in the leagues are Sig Tau's first, followed by Belantara,

Sumac Attack, Proton Saga, Pike's, and the Indy's.

The Coed volleyball leagues are in the last leg of the season as they prepare for the playoffs on October 17.

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Missouri 14-4 during the game. One close shot hit the goal post, while several others went just wide.

Defensively, the Riverwomen overcame several injuries to play a good game. Wingback Anne DeGunia was sidelined by a bruised foot and Sue Lammert missed the game with a thigh injury that is slow to heal.

In their stead, Cheryl Kamp and Jennifer Zingg handled the wingback spots. Mary Pat Timme and Julie Intagliata were steady at the stopper and sweeper positions, respectively.

"Our midfield also played very well," Hudson said. "Cheryl Spence and Carmen (Llorico) were all over the place. We just didn't get the results up front."

With her goal against Northeast Missouri, Berry moved past Peggy Keough and into 10th place on the

school's all-time scoring list. Berry, a junior, now has 14 goals and six assists for 34 points. Keough, who played at UM-St. Louis in 1981 and 1982, had 32 points.

Berry is second on the team in scoring this season. She enters this week's action with eight goals and two assists for 18 points. Kim Miller's 19

points holds the lead.

Llorico's assist in Sunday's game was her first point in six games. Her last points came when she scored a goal in a 2-1 win over Gannon on September 22. She is now third on the team in scoring, with six goals and five assists for 17 points.

The Riverwomen have a chance to

make their future this weekend when they travel to Florida to face top-rated Barry University on October 19 and Florida Institute of Technology on October 21.

Barry, the defending Division II champion, is ranked first in the South

region this week. Since only one school from each region goes to the national tournament, UM-St. Louis must win this weekend in order to be considered for an invitation to post-season play.

"We haven't lost a game in the region this year," Hudson notes. "If we

can beat Barry, it'll give us some momentum and a shot at the tournament. If we don't, it will all be for nothing." In last year's meeting, Barry won 6-0 over the Riverwomen while in St. Louis.

DPMA Student Chapter Night

The October meeting of the Data Processing Management Association will be held Tuesday, October 23, 1990 at the Holiday Inn-Downtown St. Louis, 200 N. 4th Street. The social hour and Student Chapter Highlights will begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be served 7 p.m., and the after-dinner program will begin at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Michael F. Shanahan, chairman of the board and CEO of Engineered Air Systems, Inc. For more information, contact your St. Louis Chapter DPMA Coordinator, Mary El-Baz, at (314)275-8100 ext. 283. For reservations, call (314)993-3355.

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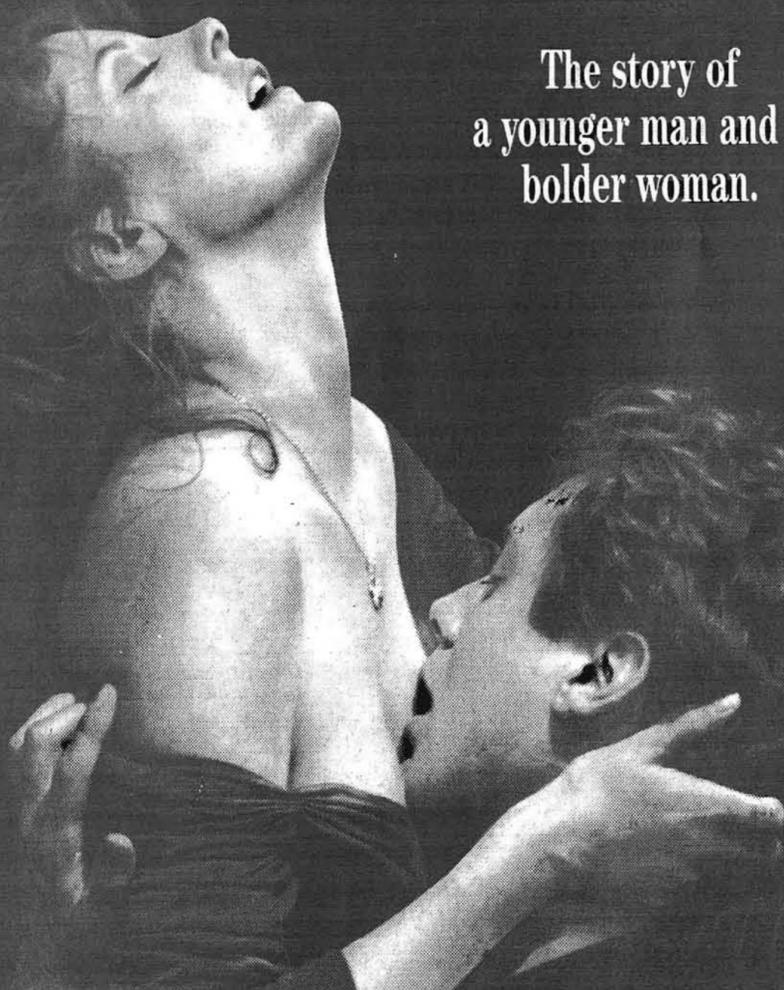
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Norman Wheeler

Wheeler, a helicopter door gunner, twenty years later, described his tour of duty from 1970

to 1971 in Vietnam. Wheeler was one of a four man helicopter crew that flew support missions. Wheeler said, "Riding in a helicopter was very exciting. It is entirely open. You would wear your flack jacket, not for protection, but to stay warm. You would be surprised how cold it gets going 160 mph at 1,500 feet." Instead of wearing the issued, bullet proof chest plate, he sat on his. Personnel riding in helicopters were more likely to be shot in the legs or rear, explained Wheeler.

A typical day started out before dawn. His crew would go through a pre-flight check, load ammunition and take off to pick up troops at another base. Wheeler said, "Coming into a landing zone was always scary. First, the artillery dropped shells all around the area. Then, Cobra helicopters would lay down machine gun fire in the trees. Hopefully, the enemy was either dead or in their holes." Wheeler's helicopter would land drop troops and supplies and pick up wounded, often under enemy fire. All together, he survived being shot down three times.

"When you saw a Vietcong soldier charging at you, firing his Ak-47 you did not have time to feel or reflect on what to do. You reacted in which ever way would keep you alive. The quicker you were able to react, the longer you lived. Later, thinking about what had happen you would often start to shake," said Larry Helms, Vietnam Veteran.



Larry Helms

Helms also served from 1970 to 1971, as a Marine on a fire base close to DaNang, Vietnam. The platoon he was assigned would go out in the jungle for 30 to 40 days at a time, looking for the enemy. "A platoon was supposed to be

30 men, but because of casualties, we often went out with only 15. We took a mortar and two M-60 machine guns, besides our rifles," said Helms. "The hardest times are the holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. You really get homesick sitting on your metal helmet in the pouring rain, eating canned turkey."

On the night of May 8, 1971, the small security base Helms was assigned to, came under a major assault. There were only eight Marines and 20 South Vietnam soldiers holding the base. At the beginning of the attack, Helms said he was asleep behind a fortified bunker when it was hit by an enemy rocket. The explosion threw him about ten feet, and his rifle was nowhere to be found. Helms manned a mortar, and throughout the night, lobbed shells onto a nearby hillside that he suspected was occupied by the advancing Vietcong.

Helms said it was "pure luck" that they made it through that night alive. "The eight of us were just in the right positions, covering [only] the areas the Vietcong were trying to get through in the wire fences around

our base. The next day we discovered that there were close to 400 enemy soldiers involved in the assault. The mortars I fired during the night had made direct hits and really slowed the enemy's attack," said Helms

"I'm going to die was all I remember thinking the night of January 31, 1968. The Vietcong had gotten through the wire protecting our base. It was mass confusion. Explosions were going off everywhere. For most of the night, another soldier and I were in a hole at the end of the air strip. Gunfire was coming from all around us. We just kept firing our M-14 rifles into the darkness, keeping the enemy off of us. The next morning, we found a dead Vietcong about 20 feet from our hole with a live grenade still in his hand," said Billy Bratcher, a Vietnam Veteran.

From May 1967 to May 1968, Bratcher served in Vietnam as part of an Army transportation unit in the Mekong Delta area. Bratcher said he did a little of everything from cooking, to working on trucks. He added that he still feels a tinge of fear when a siren goes off.

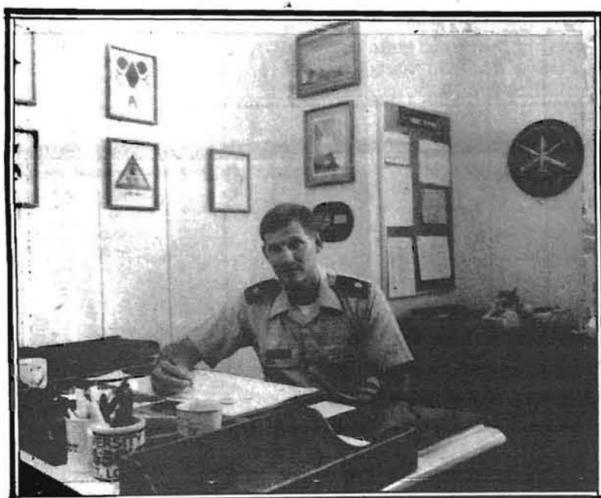
"A siren would go off whenever our base came under attack. You would wake up in the middle of the night, grab your stuff and get into a bunker as fast as you could. A few seconds after the siren went off, we would start getting hit with mortars and rockets," explained Bratcher.



Billy Bratcher

According to Bratcher, the soldiers could never tell for sure who was the enemy and who was on our side. "If we were in a village at dusk, and the villagers started leaving, we would know that we were going to get hit that night. Sometimes in the middle of an enemy assault the South Vietnamese soldiers who were suppose to be our allies, would suddenly turn and start firing on us."

Business As Usual For ROTC



WORKING HARD: Major Ryan of UM-St. Louis' ROTC program explains the United States position in the Persian Gulf. (Photo by Mark Ericson)

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The Persian Gulf Crisis has become a hindrance to America in many ways. It has had a direct influence on petroleum products, inflation, and military spending. To many people, though, the chief concern is the fact that American soldiers are being stationed in Saudi Arabia. One concern on universities is how our ROTC programs will be affected.

According to Major Thomas Ryan, officer in charge of the ROTC branch at UM-St. Louis, "With the exception of the budget cuts Congress is debating over, it should stay

business as usual around here."

Ryan stated that the only way the ROTC group would see any military action is if the United States moves to full mobilization, which hasn't happened since World War II.

"The only way the U.S. would move to full mobilization is if we went to war with a superpower like Russia or China," Ryan added. "We wouldn't go to such an extreme with a third world power like Iraq."

Ryan also added that if a war would erupt in the Middle East, it is highly unlikely that the military force would increase, mainly because of all the other countries in support of our actions. "It is more likely that countries like Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan would send more troops to join us in the fight, since we're protecting their interests, too," said Ryan.

If a full-scale mobilization were to occur, Ryan would call all the

ROTC seniors into his office and swear them in as second lieutenants. Then, he and the new officers would be shipped off to wherever in the world they would be needed. The juniors involved in ROTC would go to advanced officers training camps to become second lieutenants as soon as possible. The freshmen and sophomores who aren't on ROTC scholarship would be free to do whatever they wish militarily, but the students on scholarship would be obligated to go into training camp and prepare for combat and officer positions.

"But that's really not what we're here for," said Ryan. "Our main function is educational. We're here to train students to become officers in the Armed Forces."

The ROTC here at UM-St. Louis is not alone by any means. Though

they are a separate office and work independently, the main (or host) station in the St. Louis area is located on Washington University's campus. The office here is considered an extension of the host station, but there are many other offices on other St. Louis campuses, such as Saint Louis University, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Webster University, Lindenwood College, and all the St. Louis Community Colleges.

According to Ryan, "The army's not sure yet if Congress is going to pay for our military operation, or if we are going to have to pay for it out of our budget. No one's really sure what's going to happen, but I am pretty sure that none of us will see any combat. Let's hope the politicians do their job so the military won't have to do theirs."

It's Your Turn: What Would You Do If They Reinstated The Draft?



"If the draft were reinstated and anyone not in school had to go in the service, I would leave school. I believe in our country, and I know there are too many people out there who are idealists, who would fight against anything they think they would be forced to do.

Eleanore Tiroch,
Junior,
Economics/Spanish.



"If the draft were reinstated now, I suppose I would have to go. And, although the government would take me authoritatively, I think that I would proudly join the group to protect America. We've come too far, to just let America down.

Laura 'Nickle' Jung
Junior,
Commercial Art.



"I think that would be a bad situation. One of the things people protested about the Vietnam War, was that it was fought by poor kids. The ones rich enough to go to college, got a deferment.

Jama Kupferen,
Senior,
English.



"I would probably go if drafted, but I would not volunteer and I would do a lot of hoping and praying.

Matt McNutt,
Sophomore,
Psychology



"The first thing I would do is register, even though I am in, and would continue in college. I don't think being a college student is an excuse from mandatory service to your country. I would immediately call my state and federal politicians next, because an obligation to defend freedom should come from within, not [from] Capitol Hill.

Holly Redman,
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