

## Shuttle Stopped Not Enough Student Use

by David Barnes  
news editor

Shuttle service between the north and south campuses will be dropped Friday, Oct. 5 because of a lack of need, said Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Lawrence Schlereth.

At the maximum, 150 students use the shuttle each day, he said. The service has cost the university \$13,000 to operate.

Approximately 300 - 400 students had signed petitions asking that the shuttle service be continued, Schlereth said, but the number of students who actually used the service couldn't justify its cost.

Schlereth said he would raise the possibility of making the shuttle permanent with the UM-St. Louis Senate Physical Facilities committee on Oct. 18.

The cost of a permanent shuttle would vary with the amount of service it would provide, he said, but a rough estimate would be of around \$100,000. It would be paid for out increased parking fees, approximately \$1 a month for faculty and 50 cents to a dollar a semester for students.

South campus students who want to save the shuttle say that it saves them driving time if they have a class on north campus.

One of the students who would

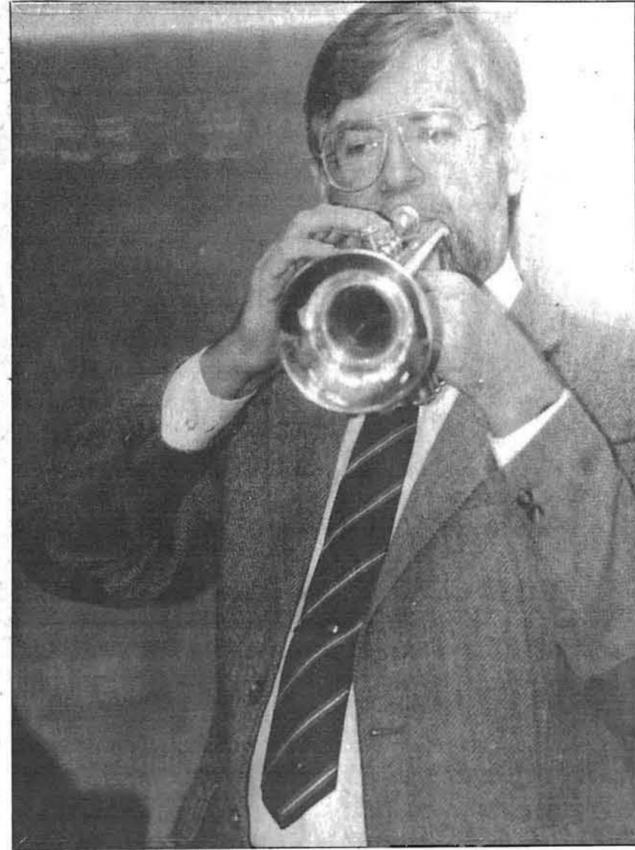


**YOU'RE BUSTED:** UM-St. Louis police officer Norman Jacobs writes out a parking ticket. The force stopped issuing warnings two weeks ago.

be inconvenienced by the shuttle's closing is Chris Comotta. In the mornings, she drops her child off at the day care center at South Campus, drives to the north campus for her class and then drive back to South Campus for a class. The shuttle saved her about an hour of driving and looking for parking places on each campus, she said, "I could sit and study instead of driving around looking for a space."

Comotta also complained that the service had never been promoted enough to let all the students know about it.

## Trumpet Tooter



Malcolm McDuffee, trumpet recitalist, performing for the Monday Noon Series on Oct 1. (Photo by Nicole Menke)

## Fire Causes Power Outage; Minor Damage

by David Barnes  
news editor

A fire broke out in an electrical junction box last Saturday causing a loss of power to all buildings on South Campus but no structural damage.

The junction box, approximately the size of an office desk, is not located near any of the buildings. No cause for the fire has been found, said Acting Assistant Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Bonnie Sims, but vandalism isn't suspected because the padlocks had not been tampered with.

A tradesman who was on call was able to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher before the fire department arrived.

The damage to the junction box will cost the university \$10,000-\$15,000, Sims estimated.

The lights went out in the parking lot at 12:07 a.m. Four hours later electricity was running again and Saturday morning classes were not interrupted.

Many faculty members have research projects that depend on electricity, Sims said, including one teacher who had a five year project that needed to be stored in negative 70 degrees Celsius. She was called on the telephone and no damage was sustained to her project or anyone else's.

A list is kept with the names and phone numbers of all researchers who have projects that might be damaged from electrical loss.

Research animals are also kept on South Campus but didn't suffer any ill effects from the loss of air conditioning.

Sims said she was happy with the way the emergency lighting worked during the power outage and the way the entire emergency system operated.

## Officials Disagree Rule Change Might OK Alcohol Sales

by Christine McGraw  
associate news editor

A pub in the Underground? Students drinking on campus?

Recent changes in the University of Missouri's alcohol policy have left some campus officials in disagreement about its interpretation.

UM-St. Louis interim chancellor Blanche Touhill said the policy change was not meant to allow the regular sale and consumption of alcohol by students on campus.

Board of Curators president Eva Louise Frazer agreed. "We're not going to set up a bar on campus," she said. Frazer said the new proposal was only meant to clarify the previous policy.

But David McIntire, vice chancellor of student affairs at UM-Columbia, who drafted the new policy, said it could be interpreted to allow campus officials to approve a permanent establishment set up for sale or consumption of alcohol.

According to McIntire, the chancellor's approval would be needed. But Touhill says she does not have the power to approve such a move.

"The question is moot," she said, adding that the intent of the policy has not changed.

At issue is the addition of four words, "or other designated facilities," to the existing policy. The policy states that with "appropriate University approval," the sale and consumption of alcohol may take place in "approved University

Alumni Centers or Faculty Clubs or other designated facilities... for single or recurring similar events."

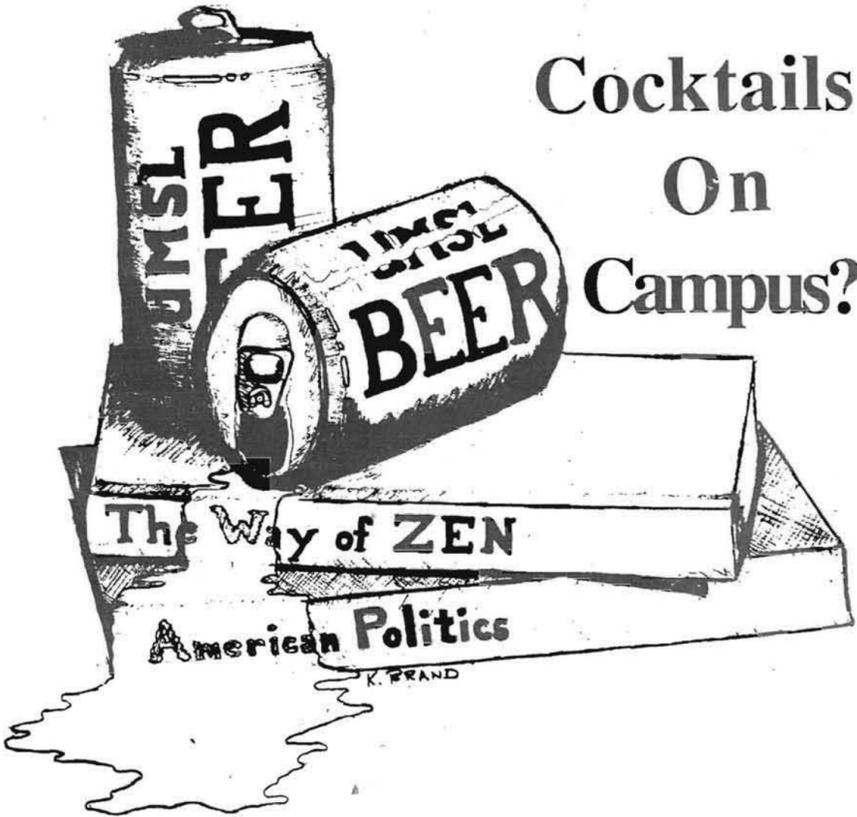
McIntire says this addition means that with a valid liquor license

and university approval, permanent or temporary establishments may be set up to sell or consume alcohol.

Student Representative to the Board of Curators Paul Matteucci

agreed with McIntire, "The new change...allows the chancellor to designate facilities on campus that

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## Cocktails On Campus?

## Students/Faculty Ponder Possible Pub

by Christine McGraw  
associate news editor

Students and faculty at UM-St. Louis had some strong feelings when asked if they would approve of a ruling which would provide for the regular sale of alcohol on campus.

Alla Pruzhansky, president of the Student Government Association, said she would disapprove of the sale or consumption of alcohol on campus unless it was for special university events, such as a banquet. Pruzhansky felt that if the university wanted to sell alcohol, it would take a lot of work to set it up right.

"I think it's a bad idea on campus," Pruzhansky said. "Someone would have to be there to check identification and make sure that people are 21."

Athletic Director Charles Smith said if alcohol were to be sold on campus during athletic events, he would have much to be concerned about.

"It wouldn't look very fitting for alcohol to be sold at campus games when we try to keep the athletes themselves away from it," Smith said.

Smith doesn't feel alcohol would increase attendance or concession income-it would only have him worrying about crowd control and people driving home under the influence. Smith also said it wouldn't be fair for underaged fans.

"If we're going to do something, do it in a way that the whole campus can become involved," said Smith.

Jeff Heveroh, a member of the UM-St. Louis swim team, disagreed with Smith.

"Most of the adults who come to the events like to drink beer, and it helps ease the boring moments," Heveroh said.

Marlon Atkins, a member of the diving team, said he thought the sale of alcohol at sporting events would be a good source of revenue.

"I think it would make more money for the athletic department. Maybe our program would get some more money," Atkins said.

Rob Workman, a sophomore at UM-St. Louis, thinks drinking on campus wouldn't be a good idea.

"There's plenty of places you can drink. You're here to learn, not to get wasted and see how stupid you can act," Workman said.

Larry Fields, a student at UM-St. Louis, feels the same way.

"There's really no need; we're here to learn, not to drink," he said.

"If you're old enough to use it, then you should be responsible with it," countered Christine Big, a student at UM-St. Louis.

Mark Gilly, another UM-St. Louis student, had mixed feelings

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To Dawn, You are a great daughter! Good luck this semester! Alpha Xi Delta love, Mom. Good luck to the Alpha Upsilon Pledge class! We love you!

Corey Filstead. I'm so glad you are my daughter good luck this semester. love Mom

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Stef, Computer time is always a pleasure see you next week at U Center.  
Love, ???

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Love your Zeta. Lisa R.

Dear Poopsie, I just wanted to thank you for helping me study for my big biology test. Your insights were just what I needed to get me through. Love your tedie.

Gergiepool, Hey baby what's up? Have anymore ice cubes? I'd really like to do the timewarp in the parking lot again sometime. See ya around work.

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## Alcohol Acceptable On Campus

Alcohol on campus - Why not?

Some would say that a university is a place for academics, not drinking games. College is the time for students to complete their formal and informal education in order to prepare them for the real world. Part of education is learning how to deal with various social situations. One such situation is drinking and/or being around people who drink.

Having low proof alcohol, such as beer, in a controlled environment for those legally old enough to purchase it should be acceptable and permissible. That doesn't mean a free for all beer bash.

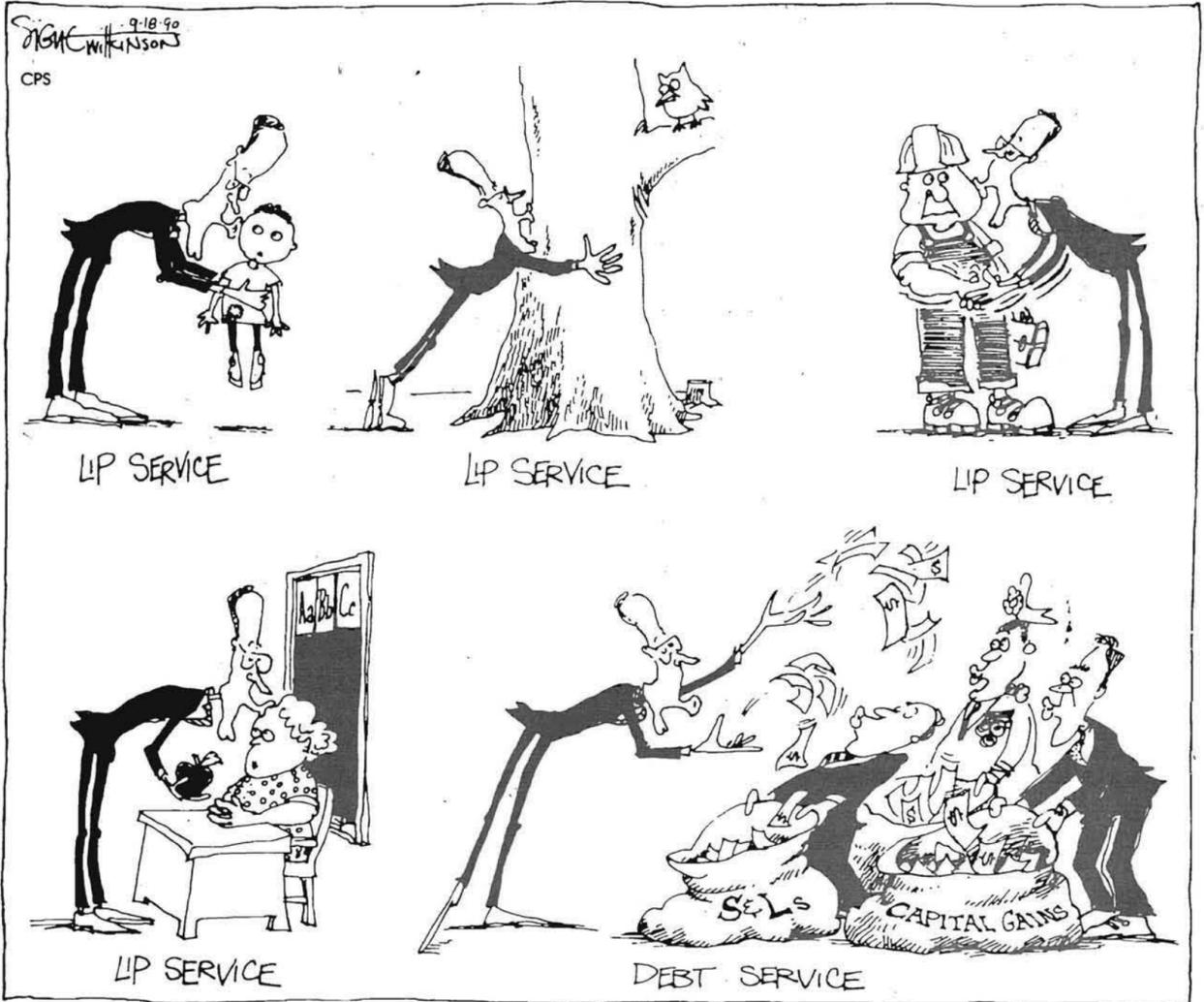
There is a time and a place for everything. Putting alcoholic beverages in an easy access place such as the Underground is not a viable option. It does not simulate a typical life situation. Few companies allow their employees to access alcohol during the work day.

But what about in certain social settings such as campus parties or athletic events? Most social events take place after school or on weekends, a student's free time. If a legal adult wants to buy a beer and is capable of doing so, why not?

The university being liable for drunk driving would be one answer. Solutions can be found for that. Stop serving thirty minutes to an hour before the end of the event. Hire reliable bar tenders who would stop serving someone who is obviously intoxicated.

Drinking is an acceptable form of relaxation in today's society, why isn't it on campus'?

College is a place where many students experience many new things for the first time. Trying beer in a controlled environment would be much more preferable than doing shots in a park somewhere.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Gulf War Is More Than Gas War

To the editor;

In the Sept. 13 edition of the Current, an editorial is critical of the United States for allowing ourselves to become dependent on foreign countries for some of our energy needs. The writer then proceeded to ramble out meaningless, and in some cases, inaccurate examples of

America's wasteful consumption habits. (i.e. I was never aware the U.S. had to import any food of consequence)

But why bother dissecting the writer's argument when the whole premise of the essay is based on the mistaken assumption we are in the Gulf merely to protect cheap

energy.

What about Iraq's arsenal of chemical weapons?

What about Hussein's potential nuclear capability, estimated to be five years down the road?

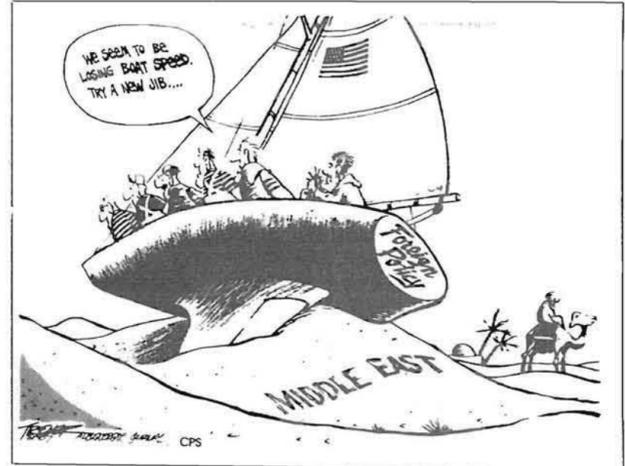
And finally, what kind of example would our inaction have served to other psychopathic third

world dictators?

Americans can handle a few more cents at the gas pump.

The real reason we are in the Gulf of to prevent Saddam Hussein from leveling half of Israel and set an example to those who would follow his path of aggression.

Robert L. Knoll



### TKE Alum Disgusted By Personal

To the editor;

Most recently I read the Sept. 20 issue of the Current, as usual front to back, which contained a personal ad that read:

"To the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Your sincerity is enough to make me ill!!! signed One Opinion."

Whether or not this one person's opinion is valid is not the point I wish to make. I personally question the sincerity of an individual who wishes to make, what some view, a libel remark against an organization and then sign it anonymously.

I would hope that not only this organizations, but all organizations

on the UM-St. Louis campus are open to listen to any grievances by an individual/organization regarding its function. If by chance a grievance is directed to an individual, then such problems should be left with the individual not the organization as a whole.

Don't air what could be a libel remark against an organization when an organizations image and demeanor are a key cornerstone to its success; particularly when a problem may very easily be solved by a simple discussion.

My second reaction is that if one did view such a given remark as being libel then who is responsible for its printing? The Current has

previously stated that they have the right to reject or print any personal ad they wish. My question is that if a libel remark was printed anonymously within the personal column, is it not the responsibility of the Current to not publish such remarks?

Libel is written defamation, which is the publication of untrue statements about another which hold up that individual's character or reputation to contempt and ridicule. One cannot be libelous without malice which is the deliberate intent to injure or the "reckless disregard for the truth."

I encourage the publishing of all personals. The Current has stated

the responsibility to accept or reject any given personal. Perhaps this personal should have been rejected on its disregard for the truth.

For many years I have enjoyed reading the Personal column with the Current. Provoking thoughts, announcements for organizations, congratulations to friends, or a note to a sweetheart have always kept the Personals something I never forget to read.

I wish readers of the Current would submit more responsible and sincere personals in the future.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey B. Sulzner

Alumnus of Tau Kappa Epsilon

### Facilitator Invites Students To Hyperlab

To the editor;

I was sorry to read the letter from Karen Wuennenberg expressing her dissatisfaction with the way in which the Student Computer Fee has been handled.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite Karen and all students to the exciting new Hyperlab, a cooperative project between UM-St. Louis students and the Center for Academic Development (CAD).

Located in 409 Social Science Building (SSB), Hyperlab is the new Macintosh facility attached to the University's Writing Lab. The core hardware in the facility--twenty-two networked Macintosh SE computers, a powerful file server, and two LaserWriter

printers--were paid for by your student computer funds; CAD provides Writing Lab tutors giving computer support and writing assistance. The addition of computers to the Writing Lab has also meant the expansion of the Writing Lab's hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am-10 pm; Friday 10 am-6 pm; Saturday 1 pm-5 pm; and, Sunday 1 pm-9 pm.

Students need not come to Hyperlab with any computer experience or fear of drowning in the ocean of computer technology. It is only necessary that students provide their own double-sided, double-density, 3 1/2" diskettes if they wish to save their work (a procedure I strongly recommend). All application software that is available in Hyperlab is, of course,

provided free of charge--just as the Writing Lab is and always has been a free service to the entire UM-St. Louis community.

In addition, thanks to the generosity of Apple Computer, Inc. and Forsythe Computers, Hyperlab includes a high-end Macintosh IIci workstation. Although this hardware was not paid for by student funds, CAD chose to make this valuable resource available to everyone on campus in keeping with our commitment to student and faculty development. At the present time, the IIci features desktop publishing and presentation tools donated by Aldus Corporation, and an exciting multi-media package donated by MacroMind, Incorporated.

Students and faculty interested in reserving time on the Macintosh IIci should contact me at 553-5179. Furthermore, I am always delighted to assist any member of the campus community with Macintosh needs.

Hyperlab presents an exciting new model for student and faculty computing at UM-St. Louis. We are committed to user education and user input. To this latter end, I invite Karen and all students not only to use the facility but to experiment and join in the process of developing its environment.

Sincerely,

David Warren,  
Hyperlab Facilitator

### What's Going On Up There?



A man looks into the heavens during a recent open house at the UM-St. Louis Observatory. (Photo by Kris Kuesel)

## New Guinea: Cultures Combine

by Jennifer C. Smith  
reporter

Witchcraft, spiritual folklore and modern technology all combine to make Papua, New Guinea — the largest island in the world — one of the most colorful countries in the world, as described in a recent Monday Noon Series lecture.

Jackie Lewis-Harris, coordinator of Youth Programs for the Saint Louis Art Museum, offered a vivid picture of the country, which is located about 150 miles north of Australia. Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, the island comprises 462,840 square miles of land with a tropical climate.

lives in villages. Inhabitants include those of Polynesian, Negroid and Pygmy descent, as well as Chinese, Malaysian, English, American and Australian. The people communicate in over 730 languages.

While some residents practice Christianity, nearly 70 percent of the people practice local traditional spiritual values — which until as recently as the 1970s included cannibalism and head hunting, Lewis-Harris said. She related a popular joke among Papuan citizens: when they ate the first missionary (who tasted like pig meat) the shoes took the longest, as they had to be cooked repeatedly to soften them up.

Eighty-five percent of the country's diverse population still

Incidents of witchcraft still take place, primarily in battles for land on

the island. Clans fight for small strips of dry land between the swamp lands.

Men and women villagers sleep in separate houses, Lewis-Harris said, because men are considered "hot" and women considered "cold." It is believed that a woman entering a man's quarters would "neutralize" the magic inside.

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would allow the university to sell or serve alcohol. I guess if the chancellor wanted, we could set up a bar on campus."

McIntire said an alcohol policy task force had been organized at Mizzou four years ago to reform the existing alcohol policy, but the proposed policy received little attention due to a frequent turn-over

### 'If the chancellor wanted, we could set up a bar on campus'-Paul Matteucci

in chancellors.

"The proposal sat on a desk for four years, and no one even acknowledged to the committee that any recommendations had been received," McIntire said.

In January when McIntire came to UM-Columbia he formed a new task force, which revised the proposal. UM-Columbia Chancellor Monroe approved it, and it was then sent to the Board Of Curators, who unanimously passed the proposal at their Aug. 2-3 meeting.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Lowe "Sandy" MacLean said he didn't think the policy change was meant to reflect a change in direction. "We're not interested in doing anything different," he said. "If anything, we're looking for less drinking, not more."

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on the issue.

"At first, it sounds like a good idea. If adults are dealing with it, it shouldn't be a problem. But there's always someone who messes it up."

### 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)275-3355.

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## Foreign Exchange Student Sees Campus With New Eyes

by Holly A. Schneider  
features reporter

America as we know it can look very different when you see it through the eyes of someone from another country. Things we take for granted are hardly commonplace to someone living halfway across the world, and for Sabina Janssen, a German foreign exchange student, the commonplace at UM-St. Louis represents some surprising changes.

Though Sabina has lived in several different countries, she says each place always has something different to offer. "You build up a lot of ideas of what it could be like," said Sabina, "But it's never what you expect."

Sabina came to UM-St. Louis as a member of the sister city program between St. Louis and Stuttgart, Germany. She had to work very hard this past year to be accepted into the program so that she could experience life as a student in America.

St. Louis is not Sabina's first encounter with the U.S. Born in Germany, Sabina's family moved to the United States when she was just a baby. Sabina lived here until she was ten, then the family moved to Tehran, the capital city of Iran.

Sabina said her father's job as shipbuilding engineer accounted for the family's nomadic lifestyle.

"We would go where my father found work," Sabina said. "Back in the '60s and '70s, there wasn't a lot of shipbuilding going on. It was kind of like the car manufacturers' crisis of today. So we moved where the work was."

Sabina said life in Tehran was a good example of not knowing what to expect when you go to another country.

"I thought it would be just a big desert; that the city would be just this little oasis," Sabina said. "But when we got there, it was very big and very modern. It was just like any Western city."

During the five years that the Janssen family lived in Iran, the political climate began to change. The Shah was on his way out, and attitudes began to cool towards foreigners living in the country.

"We began speaking German all the time, because there was a growing

tension against Americans," said Sabina.

Sabina said the family caught the last flight out of Iran, only a few days before the Shah departed. The family headed for Germany, and for a year afterwards, the sound of fireworks at a German celebration would set the family on edge as they remembered the sound of gunfire during their last days in Iran.

The family settled down in Emden, a small town on Germany's northern seacoast, near the Dutch border. Ten years later—things came full circle as Sabina returned to the U.S. to finish her studies.

For Sabina, America this time around is very different. One of the biggest changes for Sabina is how the university system operates in the United States. Sabina explained that the educational system in Germany varies greatly from the one that we have here. "The biggest difference is the fact that the German government pays for college," Sabina said. "That way, anyone that works hard enough in high school and earns good grades is able to get a college education."

While that sounds like a good system, Sabina pointed out that it does have its drawbacks. Because educational expenses are funded by the government, colleges are extremely overcrowded, and are often unable to handle such a large amount of students. And, the government's money only goes so far. Funding often isn't available for new facilities.

"Here, everything is so up to date," Sabina said. "You have so many things here that can make writing a paper or doing your work easier. You have a Computer Lab, the Writing Lab, a Math Lab. You can really get things done. We do not have access to so many computers. At our university (in Stuttgart) there are only about 20 computers for the whole school."

Sabina did note one similarity between UM-St. Louis and the university in Stuttgart.

"Stuttgart is a commuter campus too," said Sabina, "so people came from close by or lived at home."

Sabina said that although we don't get the free education here, things like

housing, food and clothing are a lot cheaper here than in Germany.

Sabina also said she likes the people here in America. Sabina also said she likes the people here in America. Sabina also said she likes the people here in America.

One of the things Sabina liked about going to school here was the chance to have more interaction in the classroom.

"Students seem to be more the object of the system in Germany, not the subject," she pointed out.

She feels that American students have a much better relationship with the professors, and the ratio of students to teachers is much smaller.

Because she has lived around the world, Sabina has seen a lot of changes in government and politics. In addition to experiencing a change of regimes in Iran, Sabina was in Germany when the Berlin Wall was opened up and the two Germanys were reunited.

"Nobody counted on it to happen," she said. "No one saw it coming. I think it's great that a country under such an oppressive regime overcame it."

Sabina said going into Berlin from West Germany had been a 30-minute ordeal before the Wall came down. It was a very uncomfortable experience as West German citizens were basically harassed by unfriendly border guards. Yet the same trip shortly after the Wall came down was vastly different. Guards were very friendly, shaking hands, banners hung everywhere, welcoming them.

"It was unbelievable," she said, attempting to describe the feelings it evoked. "It was a really touching feeling. It really got to you."

Sabina feels that the transition into a unified nation is going to be very difficult time for Germany. Although it gives Germans "a feeling of freedom" and a sense that they can overcome their obstacles, she said it will be a long, struggling process.

"We have to learn to live together," she stressed. "There are feelings of resentment and great financial costs to be worked through. East Germans that are used to the government supplying them with everything have to get used to competing for themselves in the capitalistic system and learn to take care of themselves."

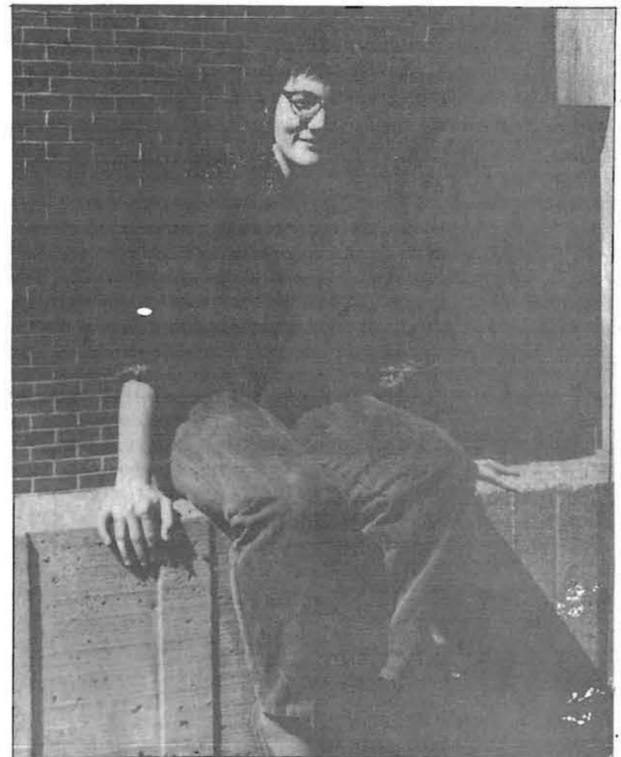


LIFE IN THE U.S.A.! Sabina Janssen, a German foreign exchange student, likes what she sees at UM-St. Louis. (photo by Nicole Menke)

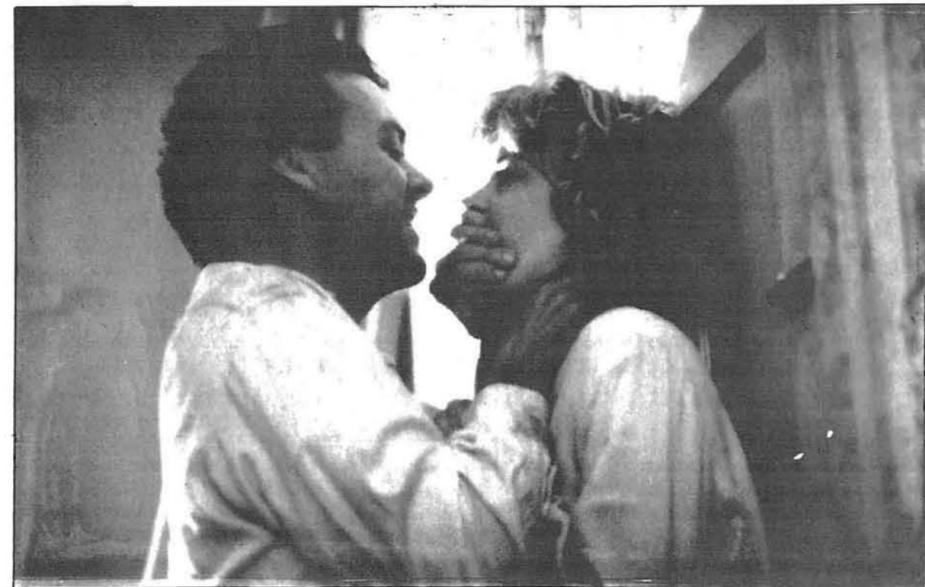
Sabina likened the situation in Germany to the sinking of the Titanic. The ship was sinking, yet it was warm and comfortable inside. The people had to leave the comfort of the ship to get into a cramped, not-so-wonderful lifeboat. Yet the lifeboat was the thing that led them home, the thing that gave them a chance to live. Right now Germans are in that lifeboat.

Since Sabina has lived in so many different countries, she said she has learned to make "the place I live in the most fun for me." She has enjoyed various things in each culture that she lived in, but she has no true favorite place. Instead, she says, "A combination of every place would be my ideal."

Sabina feels that America's greatest aspect is the feeling that you have the "opportunity to be what you want to be." Seeing America through someone else's eyes showed how much is taken for granted in the world around us.



## Keaton Rises To New "Heights"



I LIKE A WOMEN WHO KEEPS HER MOUTH SHUT! Michael Keaton moves in on Melanie Griffith in the psychological thriller "Pacific Heights."

by Brad Touchette  
movie critic

Movies which depend on maniacs to make them interesting take a big risk nowadays. It seems that a maniac is the center of any horror film, mystery, or thriller. Now obviously, the strangeness of the characters is what makes these films tick. Recently, though, the characterizations of these nut cases are too predictable, too obvious, or too unrealistic.

But the new movie, "Pacific Heights", dares to give the maniac a conniving personality with conscious thought. He is Carter Hayes (Michael Keaton). He is intelligent. He is disturbed. He is the star of the show.

Michael Keaton gives the performance of his career as the sociopathic Hayes. Keaton, who has been stretching his acting ability away from his sarcastic, comedic trademarks, brings a chilling portrayal to the screen.

He plays Hayes so well, that it is hard to imagine him as the Caped Crusader in Tim Burton's "Batman" or the manic morgue attendant Billy Blazejowski in Ron Howard's "Night Shift".

The story is centered around Patty Palmer (Melanie Griffith) and Drake Goodman (Matthew Modine), a young couple on the upswing. Though they are not married, they try living together and purchase a huge, decrepit Victorian home in San Francisco with the intention of renovating the entire house and renting the smaller rooms to tenants. The first tenants are a nice Japanese couple. The second tenant becomes Carter Hayes.

Hayes becomes more than a nuisance to the couple next door. Hammering, drilling, and sawing noises are heard coming from the room at all hours of the night, the locks on his door he changes so even his landlord Drake

can't get in, and (to ice the cake) he breeds cockroaches in his bathtub.

Hayes fails to pay his rent after a hard search for a mysterious (fake) account was done by Drake. Yet under California law, he can't be thrown out without 30 days notice. So, they have another month to put up with him.

Hayes knows he is stressing the couple to the breaking point, and he cleverly manipulates them into cutting their own throats a few times. Palmer (Griffith) ends up having a miscarriage due to it all, and this sends Drake off the deep end.

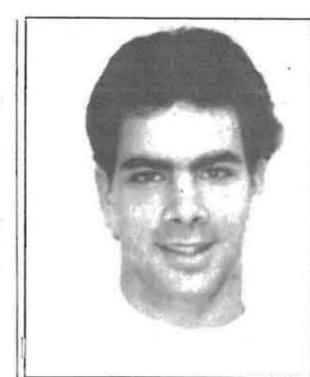
The script of this film is a very intelligently written psychological thriller. Daniel Pyne, the writer, did his homework on this film and made sure the legal aspects of their problems were accurate. He also knows how to hold suspense and scare you pretty well, too.

The real credit in the fear department actually goes to John Schlesinger, the director who's probably most famous for his films "The Falcon and The Snowman" and "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" (no, not the U2 video). This film is his best work, though. The key to a great suspense thriller is creating an effective, tense environment. And Schlesinger succeeds with flying colors. This is one intense movie.

Melanie Griffith does her usually brilliant job of lead actress. Though she is most remembered for her role in "Working Girl", she will probably get even more recognition as the not-so-helpless girl caught in the middle of a nightmare. Griffith is even more attractive now, and her innocent smile can win over an audience. She gets her revenge in this film, and she makes it seem realistic. You don't feel like "this dame just out of nowhere grew nerve." Her versatility is to be envied.

The only real problem I have with this film is in Matthew Modine. He is miscast by a long shot. Maybe it's my fault, but I guess I'll always see him as that skinny wrestler in "Vision Quest". He's played in "Full Metal Jacket" and the hilarious "Married to the Mob." He's good in goofy, eccentric characters because that's the kind of person he looks like - lanky, clumsy, goofy. To play a serious role like this film demands really takes away some of its effectiveness. He does a believable job, but he needs a different face to do it in.

All in all, this is one dynamite film. The style, cunning, and wickedness of Keaton combined with the directing, the script, and the characterization by Griffith, "Pacific Heights" is one roller coaster ride that will leave you breathless. The tense scenes were enough to make my girlfriend put healthy sized nail marks in my arm. Do not miss this film, especially if you're a Keaton fan. I've been one ever since "Night Shift". 4 1/2 stars.



by Greg Albers  
columnist

You've seen them before. They're on all the time on late-night T.V.. Between bouts of the American Gladiators, during re-runs of Starsky and Hutch, and after the antics of the stooges you can catch their provocative messages.

They're commercials for those 1-900 numbers that let you hear women's secret confessions, talk to women in your area (who all look like models and who want to meet YOU), or if you "just need to hear a friendly voice." And the later it gets into the night, the raunchier the commercials get.

I'm sure many of you have always been curious about what those calls are really like, but never called because it either cost too much or you were afraid your mom would find out. So, I figured it was my duty to find out for you. Let me stress that I did this solely for your benefit and that under normal circumstances I would never have done such a sophomoric thing. This was purely a scientific, fact-finding mission.

Well, the first thing I learned was that you can't make 1-900 calls on university phones. (Or at least not on Current phones. I didn't call Sandy MacLean to see if he ever tried it.) I

## Elvis Hotline

guess it's to make sure janitors or columnists don't track up million dollar phone bills late at night.

Anyway, I had to make the calls at my house. I first made sure my mom knew that I was doing it and why. It would have been hard to explain it later when she was holding a phone bill for calls to Kink-o-rama. I told her, "Mom, I have to. It's my JOB."

With all the formalities out of the way it was time to actually call one of the numbers. The first two minutes were advertisements for other lines I could call. (I wonder if they were charging me for that) Then some foreign sounding (French?) woman read a romance novel in monotone. Was it good for you?

The next one I called was named something like "Women's Hot Confessions." Sure sounded like a winner, but all I heard was some girl whining about her boyfriend. Boring! I could have heard something better cavedropping in the Underground. I wanted smut.

The last number I called turned out to be one of those numbers. Well, it was smut alright, with a capital "S." There was so much heavy breathing on the recording it could have been taped at a smoker's marathon. Nobody believes me, but it was just too perverted for my tastes. I wasn't impressed.

Feeling a little disappointed, I decided that if I couldn't find what I was looking for and I'd have to start my own line. Look for the newest in telephone entertainment: Bart Simpson's secret confessions. 1-900-HAVE-COW. Adults over 18 only, please (yeah, right.).



## Soccer Teams Are Rowing Up A Storm

### Men Win Here and Abroad

The UM-St. Louis men's soccer team surfaced above the .500 mark for the first time this season with a pair of victories over the weekend. The injury-riddled Rivermen improved their winning streak to three games with 1-0 victories over Wisconsin-Parkside on Friday, September 28, and Southern Indiana on Sunday, September 30. The wins upped their overall record to 6-4.

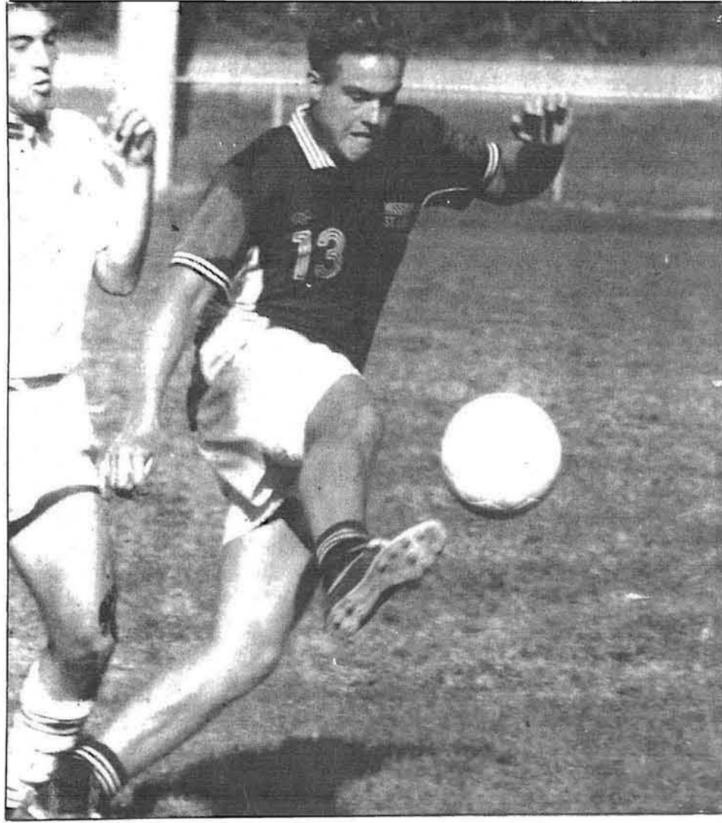
"We had to have these two games or we would be out of the national playoff picture," said head coach Don Dallas. "We played well, especially defensively, against two good teams."

The Rivermen, playing with only 13 available bodies, gained a huge victory over Wisconsin-Parkside last Friday at the UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium. The visitors came into the match ranked ninth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Poll.

Darren Starzyk scored the winning goal on a penalty kick at 65 minutes, 40 seconds into the match. The goal was his third of the season, all on penalty kicks.

Two days later, the Rivermen kept their playoff hopes alive with a win over Central Region foe Southern Indiana. The Screaming Eagles were rated fifth in the region, ahead of UM-St. Louis, and 18th nationally going into the contest.

Steve Valle scored the decisive goal midway through the first half. He headed Brian Hennessy's free kick past USI goalkeeper Matt Blauvelt at the 24:47 mark for his third goal of the season. It was also his second game-



**GOT IT!** Steve Valle wears the expression of a true soccer player as he strives for it all and he did. He scored the winning goal in the game in the Southern Indiana game. It was his second game-winning tallie this season. (photo by Jeff Kuchno)

winning tally in the last three games.

Goalkeeper Mark Dulle sparked in the nets for the Rivermen. He picked up the shutout in both games over the weekend, giving him three for the season.

Seven Rivermen were dressed with no play to go. They are all the injured list. Brian Kelleher is sidelined

with a pulled hamstring. Steve Litschgi and Andy Noto are out with knee and ankle injuries, respectively. Matt Wohlstader and forward Craig Frederking did not play for the Wisconsin-Parkside game because of various ailments.

They join the ranks of Doug Wiese and Tom Edgar who are both out for

the season.

Some strength will return this weekend with Frederking fully recovered and Kelleher a possibility for this weekend's tournament as the Rivermen get a chance to improve their national standing this weekend when

*See Soccer, page 8*

### Women Win All Yet Take Second In Own Tournament

The UM-St. Louis women's soccer team is on a winning streak. The Riverwomen won all three games in the UM-St. Louis Tournament this past weekend to improve their unbeaten streak to six games and their overall record to 8-2-2.

UM-St. Louis finished second in its own tournament, despite winning all three games. UM-St. Louis and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville both went undefeated in the tournament, but the Lady Cougars had an edge in goal differential and were declared champions.

Nevertheless, the Riverwomen were impressive in winning three games. They beat nationally-ranked Quincy in overtime, 2-0, on Friday, September 28, and then scored a 3-1 win over Arkansas-Little Rock on Saturday, September 29, and a 4-1 victory over Texas A & M on Sunday, September 30.

"It was a real team effort," said head coach Ken Hudson. "We're getting production from a lot of different people. I'm really pleased with them right now."

Several individuals had outstanding performances for the Riverwomen. Freshman Kim Miller scored

two goals and two assists in the tournament. Cheryl Spence, Karen Merlo, and Anne DeGunia also had two goals apiece last weekend. Christine Berry added a goal and an assist.

UM-St. Louis overcame the loss of forward Monietta Slay, who missed all three games with a sore knee. Slay was the team's top scorer a year ago.

"We did very well, considering Monietta didn't play all weekend," Hudson said. "People off the bench did a credible job."

One of those reserves, Sheli Keller, chipped in with two key assists against Quincy.

Four UM-St. Louis players made the all-tournament team this past weekend. Kim Miller, Anne DeGunia, Christine Berry, and Karen Merlo represented the Riverwomen on the squad.

No other school placed more than three players on the all-tournament team. The remaining squad members include three players from SIU-Edwardsville, two players from Quincy, two players from Arkansas-Little Rock, and one from Texas A & M.

The Rivermen play at Northern Colorado on October 3, and host Northville on October 7 at 1 p.m.

### The Tide Is Rolling In Riverwomen's Direction

The UM-St. Louis women's soccer team is on the offensive. They surpassed their goal-scoring output of a year ago last weekend. The Riverwomen enter their upcoming games with 38 goals in 12 games. Last season, they scored 30 goals in 18 games. They have also outshot their opponents by a 224-88 margin. The total number of shots during last year's season was 244 in 18 games.

Freshmen Kim Miller leads the offensive attack with five goals and seven assists for 17 points. Christine Berry and Carmen Llorico are next with 16 points each.

Adding to the offense is defender Anne DeGunia. DeGunia has started

52 consecutive games since her freshman year in 1988. Entering this season, she had just one goal and one assist to show for her efforts of the first two seasons. After Sunday's game against Texas A & M, those numbers have gone up. DeGunia scored two goals and added an assist for a five-point day. She now has six points this season.

"She had a bet with one of the men's soccer players that she would score more than two points this season," explained head women's soccer coach Ken Hudson. "I moved her up to forward in the second half against Texas A & M- and she gave me results."

### UM-St. Louis Scoreboard

#### Men's Soccer

<b>September 28</b>	
UM-St. Louis	1
Wisconsin-Parkside	0
<b>September 30</b>	
UM-St. Louis	1
Southern Indiana	0

#### Women's Soccer

<b>September 28</b>	
UM-St. Louis	2
Quincy	0
<b>September 29</b>	
UM-St. Louis	3
Arkansas-Little Rock	1
<b>September 30</b>	
UM-St. Louis	4
Texas A & M	1

### Current Athlete of the Week

Kim Miller

#### Women's Soccer

forward-freshman

\*Made All-Tournament team at UM-St. Louis Tournament

\*Scored winning goal in Quincy game on 9/28

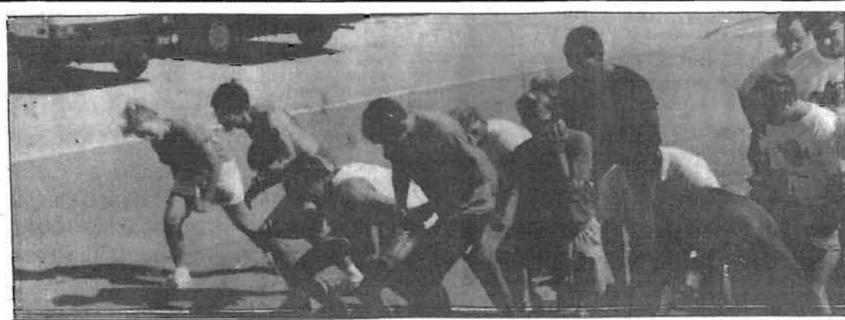
\*Had an assist in Arkansas-Little Rock game on 9/29

\*Scored a goal and an assist against Texas A & M on 9/30

"Kim shouldered the load as far as offensive is concerned," said head coach Ken Hudson. "The goal against Quincy was unbelievable. She showed great composure in the box, something you don't normally see from a freshman."

### Intramurals:

### East & West Punt While Red & Gold Hit



**ON YOUR MARK!** Students and faculty wait for the gun as they get ready for the fun Run on October 2. (photo by Nicole Menke)

by Melissa A. Green  
sports editor

Four teams won and four teams lost. In the Intramural football leagues on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the fun has just begun.

The league is divided into two divisions, East and West. The East Division

is consisted of the teams: Hurt'em Bad, TRW, the Gladiators and The Lynch Mob. The West Division includes the Sig Tau's, The TKE's, the Pi Kappa Alpha's or Pikes, and the Indys. The Indys replaced the Sig Pi's after a forfeit and withdrawal during last weeks competition.

The East Division plays on Tuesdays, and the West Division plays on

#### Volleyball Tournament

The UM-St. Louis Intramural department is sponsoring a ONE-NIGHT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT on Wednesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 22 at 5 p.m. The events include both men's and women's volleyball.

#### The Wave

There is an organizational meeting for the "Wave" on Monday, October 8,

at 2:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Mark Twain Building. The "Wave" is a new student organization designed to help create a traditional campus atmosphere.

#### Soccer Leagues

The Intramural soccer leagues will begin on Monday, October 8 at 2 p.m. The league will play on Mondays and Wednesdays, while the Intramural leagues will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

forfeit.

On October 4, the TKE's play the Sig Tau's at 2 p.m. and the Indys play the Pikes at 3 p.m.

On October 9, the Gladiators play Hurt'em Bad at 2 p.m. and TRW plays The Lynch Mob at 3 p.m.

On October 11, the TKE's play the Pikes at 2 p.m. and the Sig Tau's play the Indys at 3 p.m.

In other Intramural action, the coed volleyball league plays on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Red league plays on Mondays while the Gold league plays on Wednesdays. Each league consists of five teams. The results of the league standings as of September 19 in the Red League are: Black Sox, 2-0; Net Results, 2-0; Hit Team, 1-1; Math + C.S., 0-2; and Newman House, 0-2.

In the Gold league are: "Eye Sores", 2-0; "Docs", 2-0; Spikers, 1-1; Chinese Students, 0-2; and Maxwell's Demon's, 0-2.

The men's soccer leagues will begin on Monday, October 8 with games at 2, 3, & 4 p.m. The games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Thursdays. All games are played at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Hurt'em Bad won 20-0 over The Lynch Mob and TRW won 18-0 over the Gladiators in the East Division on September 25.

The Sig Tau's beat the Pikes 17-7 in a close match that is always a competition between the two. The TKE won over the Sig Pi's 14-0 due to a

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14. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in expulsion from all intramural activities for the remaining of the calendar year.
15. Player's hands may not extend over the net when blocking a ball.



**BUMP IT UP!** A member of a volleyball league prepares to hit the ball during one of the games last week. (photo by Nicole Menke)

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## Soccer, from page 7

they host the Coca-Cola Soccer Classic at UM-St. Louis.

The Rivermen will meet Oakland University on Friday, October 5 at 8 p.m. Oakland, 8-1-1, is rated second in the Central Region and seventh nationally in this week's Division II poll. Northeast Missouri State, 7-1 and rated 10th nationally will meet Rollins College, 2-5, in Friday's first match at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, October 6, Northeast Missouri will meet Oakland at 6 p.m. and UM-St. Louis meets Rollins at 8.

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## OVERHEARD ON CAMPUS

### The Ultimate Question Part I: The High Tech Approach

A mathematician thought she had found a statistical formula for God. It was so complex, however, that she networked together all the computers she could find in her department and asked, "Is there a God?"

The computer replied it would take at least a century to calculate the answer, so the mathematician, who by now had drawn the attention of the federal government, arranged to link together hundreds of computers from across the entire nation to work out the problem. Then she asked the assemblage of circuitry: "Is there a God?"

The bigger computer replied it would take it ten years to calculate the answer. So the mathematician called scientists all over the world to contribute computer time to form a single, amazing supercomputer. No one had ever dreamed of creating such awesome computing capability, but the project had captured the imagination of the entire world. So, as the globe's media looked on, the mathematician sat before this great machine and slowly typed: "Is there a God?"

And the computer replied:

"There is now."

Bill Sklar  
Brown University

### Part II: The Traditional Method

Q. What does an agnostic, dyslexic insomniac do at night?

A. Stay awake wondering if there really is a dog.

Dan Faulkner

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**Y-98 - "Because it's the only station which carries Bob Richard's Weather Rap; and because I'm infatuated with Michelle Dibble."**

Mike Finley  
Public Administration  
Senior

## Freedom Of Speech Threatened On Campuses

### COMMENTARY

by Jonathan D. Karl

Free speech is under attack on college campuses, and even its traditionally staunchest defenders have joined in the assault.

Student journalists and free speech advocates are concerned about a proliferation of college speech codes so widespread that, according to Time magazine, "Nowhere is the First Amendment more imperiled than on college campuses." As is often the case with censorship, these codes have been adopted with the best intentions: Campus racism is on the rise and something has to be done about it. So token measures are taken which exacerbate racial tensions and ignore the First Amendment.

Speech codes drafted in response to this important issue are dividing the American Civil Liberties Union, which has always tended toward an "absolute" position on free speech. While the Wisconsin and Michigan ACLU affiliates have sued their respective state universities over the codes, the northern and southern California affiliates adopted a resolution in July favoring narrowly drawn policies which prohibit harassing speech.

John Powell, national legal director of the ACLU, asserts: "My concern is less with the strength of the First Amendment than with the wave of racial harassment that has swept the country. The campus is not under the threat of being silenced."

Defending their resolution, the California affiliates cite the legal need to balance the First Amendment against "conduct that interferes with the Fourteenth Amendment right of students to an equal education." They argue that the resolution only advocates a ban on speech in classroom debates and public discourse is something students

must endure or challenge with speech of their own."

Free speech proponents such as writer Nat Hentoff are not buying. Pointing out that cases brought under the codes will be heard by untrained college judicial panels, not civil libertarians or ACLU attorneys, Hentoff decries the inevitably vague nature of speech codes. "Most colleges whose 'due process' hearings I've covered are unshakably fond of the British Star Chamber model of the 17th century," he remarks sarcastically. "Just the places to deal with these broad and vague restrictions on speech."

Rules which limit speech are only as good as those who enforce them. Eleanor Holmes Norton, former President Jimmy Carter's chair of the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, explained this bitter reality: "It is technically impossible to write an anti-speech code that cannot be twisted against speech nobody means to bar. It has been tried and tried and tried."



Indeed, speech codes have been defended by voices far less moderate than those of the ACLU's California affiliates. At Stanford University, law professors provided the philosophical rationale for a new student conduct policy that one student sponsor candidly admitted "is not entirely in line with the First Amendment." ABA Journal, the publication of the American Bar Association, quotes Stanford Law professor Mari Matsuda, who argues that traditional views of free speech act as a self-serving cover for continued domination by majority elites.

In Orwellian fashion, advocates of the code argue that speech limitations would actually increase free speech and "vigorous debate." Discriminatory speech, they reason, is meant to silence the victim.

Such arguments are not only clearly opposed to First Amendment principles, they also threaten to undercut the achievement of equal rights. Civil rights activists have always relied on speech as their principle

weapon. In the long run, any compromise of principles of free speech works to the detriment of minorities.

In addition to infringing on free speech, these codes may actually fuel racism. As the recent incident with the music group 2 Live Crew dramatically demonstrates, attempts to censor offensive views makes martyrs out of the censored. Did the censoring of the album "As Nasty as They Wanna Be" silence the misogynist lyrics of 2 Live Crew? Definitely not. It showered the band in publicity, thereby propelling them to the top of the charts.

Alan Keyes, a former assistant secretary of state, points out that the codes themselves arise out of a racist and condescending reasoning. In a debate with the professor who wrote the code adopted by Stanford University this spring, Keyes argued against the "patronizing paternalistic assumptions" upon which the code is founded. He expressed surprise that someone would actually think that I will actually sit in a chair and be told that white folks have the moral character to shrug off insults and I do not."

Racism is a problem which must be addressed with more than misguided measures like limiting offensive speech. Not only are such measures open to abuse, they also drive racism underground where it thrives.

An academic environment characterized by an unfettered pursuit of truth and knowledge should be the ideal forum to expose and defeat the ignorance that fuels racism.

The ACLU's John Powell forcefully argues, "The primary problem is that we haven't begun to seriously discuss racial issues." He is absolutely right. But the speech-restricting policies he seems to advocate will only have a chilling effect on the needed discussion

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## SAT Scores: A Long List Of Excuses

CPS - Each August, when average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores are made public, officials rush to explain why scores rose, fell or stayed the same.

In the years since 1963, when average scores began a long slide downward that continues through today, various experts have attributed students' performance to everything from faulty test to the atmospheric testing of nuclear weaponry during the 1950s.

Here are some more-recent observations:

1986 - Although SAT

scores showed no change from 1985, a University of Michigan study contended that "the reason test scores were rising" was that test takers' families generally were getting smaller.

The fewer people in the student's family, the higher the student's SAT score tended to be, the study showed.

1987 - William J. Bennett, then head of the U.S. Department of Education, blamed another year of little change in average scores on schools that wasted tax dollars.

"Holding ground is better

than losing ground, but we're still seeing an insufficient payoff for what we've invested in education. We need accountability for results," Bennet said.

1988 - Average scores dipped. Bennet once again blamed the schools, although he did his best to pep them up.

"I said in April that 'the absolute level at which our improvements are taking place is unacceptably low.' Today it's a bit lower, and still not acceptable. C'mon team Back into training."

1989 - When years of steady improvement in

minority students' average scores ended, it was because some students were being badly prepared again, said Donald M. Stewart of the College Board, which administers the tests.

"We believe that score differences among ethnic groups and between men and women reflect wide disparities in academic preparation, or lack of it," he said.

1990 - Scores on the verbal portion of the SAT fell, again, prompting Stewart to blame television.

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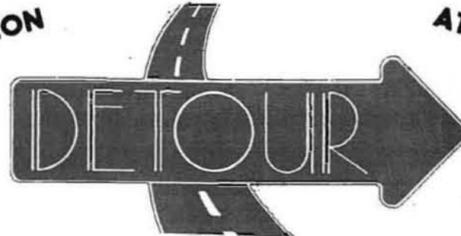
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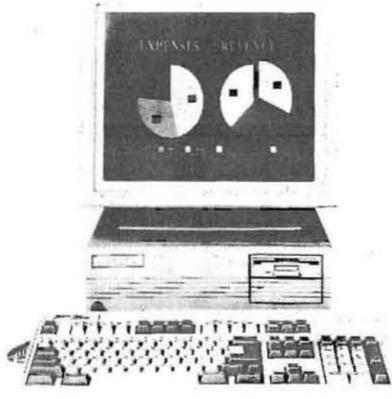
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