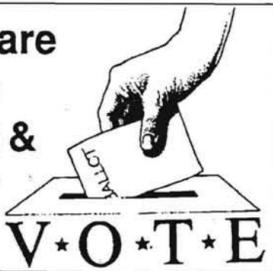


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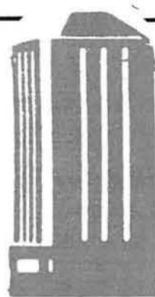
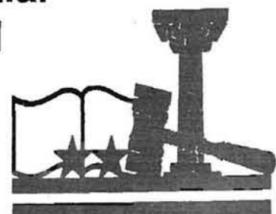
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Administration Knew Of Safety Problems

by Melissa A. Green
associate news editor

Former facilities manager of UM-St. Louis Malcolm Murphy claims that had university officials listened to his suggestions, many of the university's current problems could have been avoided.

On Thursday, April 4, an elevator in the SSB Tower fell two and one half floors while carrying passengers. No one was harmed, and operations are under way to solve the problem.

Murphy said faulty elevators have been a problem for several months.

Murphy informed his superiors that the elevators on campus were in dire need of repair and should be looked at by a maintenance crew or shut down. He said his claims were ignored.

"The elevators were not inspected as they should have been," Murphy said. "They should be inspected yearly by the city inspector, yet they were not."

Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Larry Schlereth stated that the university is a separate entity from St. Louis city and is not under the supervision of the city. He added that inspections of the elevators were left up to the university to perform safety checks.

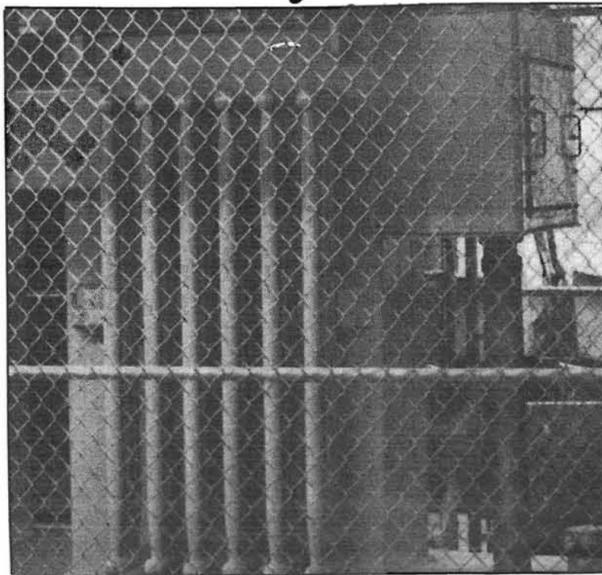
Murphy stated that elevators all

over campus are in need of repair. "The elevator in Marillac Hall will probably crash within the year," he said. "It is not covered with its side panels and it is illegal to expose the motor to the environment."

But the elevator problems are only one of many things cited by Murphy in his reports. Other problems include possible explosions, leaking hazard materials, and run down equipment and buildings.

An explosion on South Campus on Sept. 30, 1990, was started when a transformer caught fire and caused a power outage for four hours. The explosion measured 400 amps, or more than an electric chair. Murphy said "if a person had touched the transformer, they would have died. The school was lucky the fire was on a Sunday, or else someone would have been hurt."

Mike Hood of Bell Electrical Contractors, Sam Carlisle, UM-St. Louis mechanical trades specialist, and Tom Watkins, facility management for maintenance operations, inspected the transformer before the explosion. The three men discovered deteriorating, molded wiring encaps in the transformer and heard crackling wires during the inspection. After the inspection, Carlisle warned people that the junction box would catch on fire within the next month. Hood said



HAZARDOUS:A transformer on South Campus contains PCB according to former UM-St. Louis facilities manager. (photo by Melissa A. Green).

that the transformer had been smoking and sizzling for approximately three to four weeks before the explosion. When Watkins was asked about the incident, he refused to comment.

According to Wilbert Rath of Horner Shifrin Inc., Schlereth; Bonnie Sims, assistant to the vice chancellor for Administrative Services; and Chris

Betlach, former director of facilities planning for UM-St. Louis, all knew that the transformer was smoldering before the explosion, but no action was taken to correct the situation.

Schlereth stated that the transformer was not on fire before the

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SSB Elevator Crashes

by Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

On the morning of April 4, an elevator in the Social Sciences Building Tower, carrying two passengers, fell two and a half stories. Facilities Management has yet to detect why the incident happened and has called in Gateway Elevator Service to inspect the faulty elevator.

Cindy Wallace and Jefferson Webb entered the elevator, watched the doors close and then dropped, stopping between the lobby level and the third floor.

"It hit and bounced several times like it was on a rubber band," Wallace said.

When the elevator stopped the passengers sounded the emergency alarm. Webb tried to use the emergency phone in the elevator but it did not work.

Ronald Shrum, manager maintenance operations, said that the elevator phones are often vandalized as soon as they are replaced. Larry Schlereth, vice chancellor of Administrative Services, said the phones should be checked regularly and that he will address that problem. However, there are so many demands made upon the university's time and resources that it is hard to do everything that needs to be done.

"I won't lie to you and say that I knew about the phones. The people of Missouri have chosen not to fund higher education in the appropriate fashion and that's just the way it is.

I can only do so much with the money I have," Schlereth said.

The sound of the alarm did the trick in alerting outsiders to the two trapped in the elevator. Facilities Management showed up on the scene and after making sure no one was injured, assured Wallace and Webb they were doing all they could to get them out. Gateway Elevator Service was called in to free the passengers and one hour later they were raised to the third floor.

The two were not questioned or medically examined upon their release. Student health service was not notified and there was no medical assistance present when Wallace and Webb got out.

Approximately one hour after the incident, the elevator was back in service.

The next day, the elevator was shut down for further inspection. Schlereth said he will keep the elevator out of service until a second inspection can be completed.

"I will not put it back in service until I receive a report from the elevator contractor, who will inspect the elevator again and issue me, in writing, a statement that says to the best of their knowledge, based on their expertise and experience that the elevator is safe," Schlereth said.

He went on to say that on the day of the incident the contractors said the elevator was safe and that is why it went back into service. The second inspection is being conducted be-

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SGA Candidates Debate On Future Of UM-St. Louis

by Max Montgomery
news editor

The UM-St. Louis Political Science Academy hosted a debate between the candidates for Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president on Friday, April 1 at noon in the University Center summit lounge.

Mark Grimes, candidate for president, and Julie Schwetz, candidate for vice president, debated questions against Frank Tucci and Melissa Green, candidates for president and vice president respectively.

The questions were asked by a group of four panelists made up of Mike Finley, SGA chair; Brian Golden University Program Board chair; Carol Dugan, CEO of the Alliance of Movers and Shakers; and Steve Bushold, vice president of Evening College Council.

After the panelists asked their questions, the candidates had two

minutes to respond and the opposing candidates had one minute for a rebuttal.

Golden's first question was requesting a brief overview, from both presidential candidates, on how they feel about this year's SGA administration.

Both Grimes and Tucci agreed that this year's administration was very effective and productive.

"Attendance has increased and that shows something," Grimes said. "We've had the most productive student representative to the board in history."

Tucci said that, along with Grimes, he wouldn't have frozen organizational funds like current president Alla Pruzhansky did, and he thinks it should have been more involved with the students.

"It could have been more 'hands-on.' For the students I would be will-

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LISTEN UP: Mark Grimes and Julie Schwetz answer panelist's questions while Frank Tucci and Melissa Green prepare for their rebuttal (photo by Nicole Menke).



Julie Kerry



Robin Kerry

Service for Kerry Sisters

The UM-St. Louis Women's Center, LITMAG Magazine, the English Department and Counseling Services are sponsoring a Conversation and Reading in memory of Julie and Robin Kerry, two UM-St. Louis students who were allegedly murdered Friday, April 5 on the old Chain of

Rocks Bridge.

This reading will be an atmosphere of support for all who have felt the loss of the two girls.

Everyone is welcome to the reading on Monday, April 15 from 3-4 p.m. in the Women's Center, 211 Clark Hall.

Search Continues For Two UM-St. Louis Students, Arrests Made

by Max Montgomery
news editor

Rescue workers, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Missouri Water Patrol and volunteers are still searching for the missing bodies of two UM-St. Louis students who were raped and pushed off the old Chain of Rocks Bridge between midnight and 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 5.

Two suspects, Marlin Gray, 23 of Wentzville, and Reginald Clemons, 19, of Northwoods were arrested

Sunday, April 7, by St. Louis City Police, in relation to the incident. The men have been charged with two counts of second-degree murder and two counts of rape, of sisters Julie Kerry, 20, and Robin Kerry, 19, of North County.

Gray and Clemons have also been charged with three counts of felonious restraint, for holding the victims and their cousin, Thomas Cummins, 15, against their will on the bridge. The men also are charged with robbing Cummins of his

money and his watch.

Police have given this account of the crime:

Julie Kerry and her sister Robin picked up Cummins at their grandfather's house, where he was staying, and drove to the bridge shortly before midnight Thursday to look at the graffiti.

The three were confronted by Gray, Clemons, and two juveniles, 15 and 16, who claimed to have a gun.

No weapon was displayed. However, Cummins was forced to lay on the bridge while the Kerrys were raped by Gray, Clemons, and one of the juveniles.

The 15 year-old was arrested Monday and is being held by St. Charles County authorities under the juvenile code for the robbery of Cummins. The 16 year-old, who served as an eyewitness to the police,



THE SEARCH GOES ON: Twin River Rescue Team finishing up a days work of searching for the missing Kerry sisters on the Mississippi River (photo by Dave Bari).

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PERSONALS

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"Roy," Giving away a surprise isn't so bad if it means getting one! happy one year and five months! luv, "Chelle

Hey Bear! Thanks so much for being there for me. You really are a true friend. Love ya, Shelster.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY APRIL 11

AWARDS CEREMONY: A Meritorious Service Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held to honor members of the UM-St. Louis Community for service to the disabled student population. The Disabled Students Union and the Division of Student Affairs are sponsors of the event, held as part of the UM-St. Louis Eleventh Annual Disabled Awareness Week in the Hawthorn Room, University Center at noon.

LUNCHTIME NOTES: Pianist William Triplett will perform classical music as part of the Chancellor's Luncheon Series at noon in the Summit Lounge in the University Center. For more information, call 553-5291.

EXHIBIT OPENING: An artist's reception will be held for Thelma Blumberg, whose photographs are featured in the exhibit "Gaslight Square in the Sixties." The reception will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Public Policy Research Centers in Room 362 SSB. The exhibit will be on display through May 17. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Admission is free. For more information call 553-5273.

WILL IT BE LEGAL?: Gail Toko, attorney, will speak about legal issues regarding wills and living wills, and how to be consumer-wise in dealing with these issues. This will be the last of three programs in the "Do It Yourself" series, and will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. in 211 Clark Hall. For more information, call 553-5380.

FRIDAY APRIL 12

NO SMOKING PLEASE: Susan Hawk, Managing Editor for the Surgeon General's reports at the Centers for Disease Control, will discuss "The Health Benefits of Smoking Cessation: Highlights of the 1990 Surgeon General's Report" at 9 a.m. in Room 222 J.C. Penney. This program is free and open to the public.

SELF-IMPROVEMENT: Meg Haycraft will speak about "Enhancing Your Self-Esteem" in The Women's Center in 211 Clark Hall from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call 553-5380.

ELEMENTAL ALUMNI: The Department of Chemistry will host an alumni reception at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Center on 7956 Natural Bridge Rd. For more information, call 553-5311.

SUNDAY APRIL 14

ART LECTURE: Sylvia Boone of the Department of Art History at Yale University will present a lecture titled "Daughters of the Sun: Portrayals of Black Women in Art" in the J.C. Penney Auditorium at 4 p.m. Admission will be charged. For more information call 553-5581.

WATCH SWISS: Premiere Performances, a program of chamber music and dance sponsored by UM-St. Louis, will present a performance by the Swiss chamber orchestra Camerata Lysy Gstaad at 4 p.m. at the Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Ave. This program will feature the first U.S. performance of a composition by Bernard Schule created especially for the Camerata Lysy Gstaad. It will also feature selections by Mozart, Bartok, Pucini and Paganini. Ticket prices for the performance are \$12 each, or \$8 for faculty, staff, or students of UM-St. Louis. For more information or reservations, call 553-5818.

A MUSICAL FAMILY: Mark Madsen, coordinator of vocal studies in UM-St. Louis' Department of Music will present "A Concert For Our Global Family" at the Christ Church Cathedral, at 13th and Locust Streets at 2 p.m. Madsen has performed with opera companies, oratorio societies and orchestras in the United States and is a former national semi-finalist in the New York Metropolitan and San Francisco Opera auditions. The concert is free and open to the public.

MONDAY APRIL 15

HISPANIC HISTORY: Ramon A Gutierrez, chair of ethnic studies at the University of California-San Diego, will be the featured speaker at a luncheon program entitled "Hispanic Ethnic Identity in the United States from 1598 to the Present" at noon in Room 229 J.C. Penney. For more information, call Sally Fitzgerald at 553-5180.

AFRICAN ART PERSPECTIVE: Sylvia Boone of the department of art history at Yale University and author of Travels in West Africa, and Radiance from the Waters: Ideals of Feminine Beauty in Mende Art, will present a lecture titled "Ideas and Ideals of Beauty in African Art." This lecture will be free and open to the public at Room 75 of the J.C. Penney Building at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY APRIL 16

ALLIANCE MEETING: The Alliance of Movers and Shakers will hold a meeting and discuss its present constitution at 2 p.m. in Room 72 J.C. Penney Building. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Carol Dugan at 553-5380.

SNACKS AND FACTS: Counseling Service, Horizons, and the Helping Hand Project will provide "Study Tips and Treats" at a table in the University Center on April 16 and 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE: The Library Division presents Recognition Day For Outstanding Service in the lobby of the J.C. Penney Building at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

QUALITY AGING: The Seventh Annual Gerontology Conference sponsored by the University of Missouri-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension will focus on the theme "Quality Lives for the Frail Elderly and the Oldest-Old." Abraham Monk, professor of social work and gerontology at the Columbia University School of Social Work in New York, will deliver the keynote address. The conference will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Building. For more information or to register, call Clark Hickman at 553-5961.

FAIR OF BOOKS: The UM-SL Library is having a book, record and magazine fair in the Library Annex west of the library The books are being sold from 10 cents to \$1. It will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday.

THURSDAY APRIL 18

HARP ON IT: Elaine Sweeney, harpist, will play classical music from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Summit Lounge. This is part of the Chancellor's Luncheon Series. Bring or buy a lunch and enjoy.

HIGH THAIS: Paul James Rutledge, an Associate Professor of Anthropology at UM-St. Louis and a Fellow at the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis will present a seminar "The Monarchy of Thailand: An Anthropological and Personal Perspective" from noon to 1:15 p.m. Dr. Rutledge has just returned from Thailand where he had an audience with Her Royal Highness, Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, the daughter of King Rama the Ninth. Rutledge was asked to visit Thailand to present a copy of his new book Buddhism and Modernization in a Central Thai Province to the Royal Family. The seminar will be in Room 331 SSB, the McDonnell Conference Room.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Correspondent Will Be A Host For KWMU

National Public Radio's Renee Montagne has been named a special correspondent for NPR's award-win-

ning newsmagazine, *Morning Edition*. Montagne's voice is familiar to many listeners of public radio in St. Louis and KWMU. She occasionally anchors *Morning Edition* when its host Bob Edwards is away. Montagne served as co-host of NPR's evening newsmagazine, *All Things Considered*, for nearly two years before re-

turning to reporting in 1988. Montagne's appointment as special correspondent for *Morning Edition* is effective immediately. She will cover stories across the country. Montagne joined NPR in 1985 as a health policy reporter. From 1981 to 1985, she was an independent reporter and producer for NPR and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Gorilla Specialist Lectures On The Species

Amy Vedder, biodiversity program coordinator of Wildlife Conservation International (WCI), will lecture on "Mountain Gorillas: Cornerstone of Conservation" 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 in the J.C. Penney building. The lecture is the first of the newly established Jane and Whitney Harris Ecology Lecture Series at UM-St. Louis' International center for Tropical Ecology. The Harris' donated \$10,000 to establish the lecture series.

Vedder is known throughout the international scientific community as a gorilla expert. Supported by WCI, she began developing her expertise as

a field scientist in 1978 with research on the feeding ecology of mountain gorillas. The mountain gorillas are highly endangered primates inhabiting the rich mountain forests of Rwanda, Zaire and Uganda.

During her stay in Africa, Vedder worked closely with government and development agencies and influenced their conservation policies. In addition to her WCI research, Vedder served as a consultant to World Bank and U.S. Agency for International Development projects in five countries. She is currently involved in Cameroon's Korup Forest, Rwanda's Nyungwe Forest, Uganda's Kibale Forest and Zaire's Ituri Forest. Vedder also provides scientific and technical assistance to WCI projects. Her primary mission at WCI is to integrate the goals of conservation and development.

Cokie Roberts's Guest Of KWMU

National Public Radio Congressional Correspondent Cokie Roberts is the special guest for KWMU's Business Connection Reception on April 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

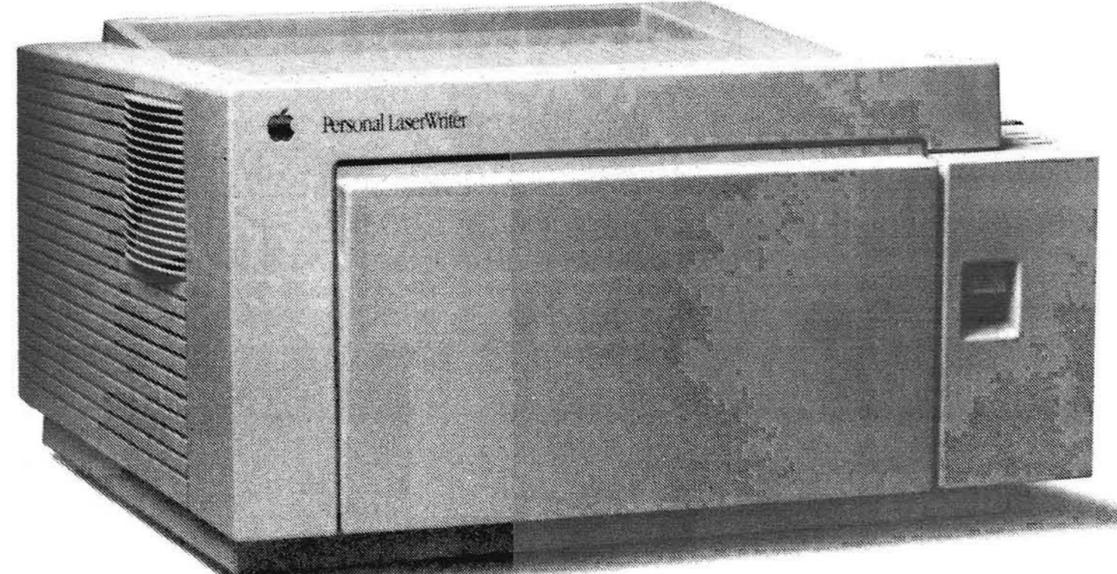
The reception will be held at The Station Club, located on St. Louis Union Station's third level, at the south plaza entrance.

In addition to meeting Cokie Roberts, guest will have the opportunity to meet members of the KWMU news team and general staff.

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Nursing Honor Society Inducted

Induction for a new chapter of the nursing honor society of Sigma Theta Tau. Chancellor Blanche Touhill gave the welcoming address at the induction, and the distinguished Shirley A. Martin, the Dean of the Nursing School.

The society consists of the top one-third of all the nursing students, and according to Ruth Jenkins, the faculty counsellor, it is a feather in the student's cap.

A planning committee for Sigma Theta Tau has been trying for three years to gather enough members, both alumni and students, to total 75 so a chapter could be formed. A total

of 130 undergraduate and graduate students from the School of Nursing, and 17 from faculty friends were inducted during the ceremony.

The honor society is in support of research in nursing and execution in nursing practices. It also provides grants for researching.

At the induction over the weekend, elections of officers were held. The new officers are: Pam Snyder, president; Angie Lambert, vice president; Jean Smith, secretary; Linda Holtmeyer, treasurer; Mary Victoria Brown, Geraldine Myles and Georgene Bosaw for the nominating committee.



NEWLY FOUNDED: The new members of Sigma Theta Tau, the Nursing School honor society, were inducted on Saturday, April 6.

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Professor Dispels Myths Regarding Recessions

by Ed Gamber

COMMENTARY

After nearly eight years of positive economic growth, the U.S. economy appears to be in a recession. Economic growth for the fourth quarter of 1990 was -1.6%. Growth for the first quarter of 1991 is expected to be negative as well. Since most of us were still hanging out in the disco wearing bell bottoms when the last recession occurred, it's time to review some basic facts about recessions.

All recessions are the same but different. The U.S. economy has experienced 30 recessions since 1854. Ten of those recessions have occurred since the end of World War II. Each recession has been accompanied by a rapid decline in the production of final goods and services and an increase in the unemployment rate.

The longest recession (1879) lasted 60 months. The shortest recession (1980) lasted six months. If asked how long the average recession lasts, the honest economist would have to reply, "a while."

We don't know why recessions occur. Some economists claim that recessions occur when the Federal Reserve Bank puts on the brakes or when OPEC decides to exert its influence over the price of oil. Other economists believe that sun spot activity may play a role.

It could be the case that there is one key variable that causes economic downturns. It could be that every recession has a different cause. If asked what causes recessions, the honest economist would have to reply, "don't know."

We are not sure what to do when they occur. A hotly debated topic in economics these days is whether the government has the ability (through fiscal and monetary policies) to bring the economy out of a recession.

The impression that one gets from reading The Wall Street Journal is that "the Fed" simply needs to increase the money supply to

stimulate economic growth. Economists disagree about whether such a policy would bring about a recovery. Some economists believe that recessions are like bad weather. You can complain about them, but you can't avoid them. If asked what to do about recessions, the honest economist would have to reply, "wait and see."

The good and bad news about the current downturn. The good news about the current downturn is that it is expected to be short. The economy should resume positive growth by the fourth quarter of this year.

Unlike in previous recessions, firms have been quick to cut inventories and lay off workers. Low inventories means that firms will be quick to rehire the workers once the demand picks up again.

The bad news about the current recession is that the current recession is not the big problem that the U.S. economy faces. As bad as it may now seem, at least it is temporary.

A more permanent and pressing problem for the U.S. economy is growth. The growth rate of real (adjusted for inflation) gross national product is currently averaging about 3.5%. At that rate of growth it takes approximately 20 years for real output to double. The growth rate of real output over the period 1976 through 1990 was 2.6%. At that rate of growth it takes approximately 27 years for real output to double.

Although these numbers indicate that our real incomes will continue to grow in an absolute sense, our standard of living in the U.S. is expected to decline relative to the standard of living experience in other economies such as Japan and Germany.

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Violence Hits Close To Home



by Michelle Steinberg
Current staff

COMMENTARY

very close to me were violated several times and then murdered. The women, Robin and Julie Kerry, were like sisters to me. For most of my life, they were around and I watched them grow into beautiful young women.

Robin was my little sister in high school and we shared many moments together. We could just sit in a room and say nothing but you could feel the love there. One thing I will never forget was Christmas that year. Robin gave me a jar filled with candy and the cutest little teddy bear. Although the jar was quite small, it meant more to me than anything else I ever received.

Julie was the greatest. She cared for everybody and everything. Being around her always brought a smile to my face. Whenever I was down she always knew how to cheer me up and

make my day better.

I loved them both very much and I'm going to miss them more than I can ever imagine. Biologically they weren't related to me, but in my heart, they will always be my sisters.

The horror of losing these two has left me speechless. When I found out what had happened I didn't know what to do. The first thing I felt was nothing. It was like I wasn't here anymore, I couldn't move or think. Then, after what seemed like a million years, I started to feel sorrow. The one thing that stands out the most, however, is the anger I felt toward anyone who could hurt two innocent women.

One of the worst things about this whole incident is that the girls were raped by three men. To be forced to take your clothes off and then sexually assaulted by not just one but three is too horrible for words. I, like many

other young women in the U.S., know what it is like to be violated. This is a terrible feeling no matter what the situation.

When the police started releasing information about the tragedy, it seemed as though it was going to be over soon. However I was wrong. They have changed their minds on suspects twice. Now that they have four men in custody. Let's just hope nothing happens to keep them from prosecuting and hurting these men as much as they have hurt us. Although I doubt that could ever be possible.

Today it isn't safe to go out anymore. Some people feel that if they go out in groups or if they bring men along then they will be safe. It isn't true. People are being harmed whether they are alone or with many other people. Just exactly what has this world come to?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wolfe Supports Grimes-Schwetz; Experience

To the editor;

Having previously served in student government here at UM-St. Louis from 1985 to 1988, I see the need to have the president and vice-president of the Student Government Association be experienced leaders in student government. For this reason, I strongly encourage the students to vote for Mark Grimes and Julie Schwetz for president and vice-president in the upcoming SGA election on April 15 and 16.

The offices of president and vice-

president are no place for rookies. Having only a year to serve, there is not much time for them to learn the mechanics of the campus governance as well as student government. Therefore, in the best interest of the students, we need someone in those two offices who can start off running, not learning the system. That's why Mark Grimes and Julie Schwetz need to be elected.

In the past school year, these two people have been the mainstay of SGA. Mark, as vice-president, and Julie, as the office secretary are the ones who

have been responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the SGA, in the interest of the student. Since they have been doing an outstanding job in office, there is no reason to change ships in midstream. Let them continue to work for the students.

Their slogan of "Pride and Progress" shows their concern for students. They want to have the return of Homecoming in order to generate student spirit. They want to increase alumni involvement and support in order to help the students network with the alumni. They want

SGA, Student Activities and the Program Board to serve the needs of the students. They want campus activities and services to be available to all students, including a 24-hour student computer lab.

Vote for experienced student leaders who care for the students. Vote for the "Pride Power and Progress" of Mark Grimes and Julie Schwetz for president and vice-president of SGA on April 15 and 16. Let's keep their experience working for the students.

Steven Wolfe

Finley Denounces Matteucci; Supports Tucci-Green

To the editor

An alarming trend has been developing this past year within the Student Government Association. It is the representation within the SGA's assembly being more from organizational groups as a result of the SGA's administration catering to organizational interests. There is nothing wrong with catering to organizational interests: This is a method of accomplishing democracy. However, when these organizational interests are allowed to encroach upon the interests of students as a whole, then democracy itself has been encroached. The SGA is developing into a government of the few again, and not a true student government.

Evidence of this trend can be seen in the membership of the Assembly. There are supposed to be around 20 representatives, elected by the students from each of the University's colleges. There are only around 10 such representatives, of whom I am one. I was elected by the students from the college of Arts and Sciences. The number of organizational representatives groups on campus, has been increasing continually and is presently around 80. It is great to see the increase in organizational participation in SGA. What is not good is how the organizational representatives have been retained and their needs attended to while there was minimal effort made to attend to the needs of and retain at-large elected representatives of the students. A definite consequence of this was the raising of student activity fees at the end of last semester.

The vote was taken with minimal input or debate from the representatives, primarily because most of them were absent (at least more than 50% of them). Why they were absent is irrelevant at this time. The bottom line is that the SGA's administration should have instructed the chairperson at the time to postpone the vote to a later date due to the low attendance and thus low amount of input into the matter. It did not. As a matter of fact, on referral from the chairperson, the administration ignored a call for quorum by an representative from the Evening College! As a result, all students got shafted into a \$1-\$2 per credit hour increase in student activity fees.

Superficially, this may not seem like a large amount, but it sure does add up after a while, especially for low income students—some of whom I personally know of that have been forced to miss this semester (and possibly the next one) due to the increase in student activity fees.

This event was a prime example of a violation of the politics of inclusion, another essentiality for democracy. The government of the few had prevailed.

Allowing this kind of event and orchestrating others like it has been Paul Matteucci, our student representative to the Board of Curators. Another example is the recent developments concerning the University Center Advisory Board's budget. Matteucci (he is also a student government organizational representative) and his cohorts initiated a petition to freeze a substantial amount of this budget because it had been discovered that there was no student input into the budget, which is funded by the student activities fees. Agreeing with them and some of my other colleagues on the SGA Executive Committee, I signed this petition. This past week, Matteucci presented the Student Activities Budget Committee a request to take the frozen funds out of the UCA.B budget and transfer the funds into student services fees for the purpose of spending it on over \$6,700 worth of office supplies for the SGA office!

Matteucci maintains an office in the SGA complex for his role as student representative to the Board of Curators, which is certainly justified. When his term ends next January, he plans for his space to become a meeting area for SGA organizations. Once again, the at-large representation is being neglected. In addition, no one but Matteucci and his cohorts made the decisions to: 1. Plan for the space to become a meeting area and 2. Use these new funds for office supplies when they could go to other worthy student causes or organizations. Matteucci certainly has not been practicing the politics of inclusion.

Why? Probably because he wants to become SGA chairperson next year, and that realizing he's a sure bet to win (I won't be around for re-election to the post next year), he figures he'll be able to personally utilize such supplies as a perquisite of being chairperson. I bet those students who had to take the semester off would sure love to have \$6700 for tuition and fee payments!

My study of politics over the past three years has led me to believe that Matteucci is on a major power trip. He is trying to overpower the SGA while he maintains his post as student representative to the Board of Curators, as has been perceived in the UCAB budget controversy. His input in SGA should be minimal. I know

he sure doesn't seem to want to practice it!

At this point I need to clarify Matteucci's performance as our student representative to the Board of Curators. A price can not be put on the value of his work in this role. He has represented us in a superb manner, especially bringing to the attention of the Board the plight of the non-traditional student.

Matteucci is involved with is the campaign of Mark Grimes for president of S.G.A. and Julie Schwetz for vice president. Unfortunately, Matteucci and the others have been using the SGA office complex to prepare the Grimes-Schwetz campaign fliers. Administrative Committee chairperson LaDonia Payne is filing a grievance over Matteucci's displaying of the fliers on his office door. It is disappointing that Matteucci can not recognize that the SGA office must remain a neutral base of governance.

I have come to the decision that I can not consciously support a slate of candidates which Matteucci not only endorses, but also serves as a quasi-campaign manager. This is unfortunate because I recognize that Mark and Julie are excellent, well-qualified candidates. I had been considering them as well as the other slate because of this and such things as Mark's agreeing with me that the increase in student activity fees was "out of line" and his firm opposition to joining ASUM. I was very pleased with Mark's stands on these matters.

However, I am not pleased with his weak stand on not wanting to convert the U. Center Student Lounge. The lounge is enjoyed by many students and I believe he should have been stronger in his opposition to convert it. Also, he claimed he would send press releases instead of allowing the Current to report on his administration. Mark has said his relationship with the Current is not the best. I can understand when an individual has a problem with the press, but by saying he will utilize press releases is a way of avoiding the problem instead of working with the other party in solving it. Besides, the press is constitutionally allowed to have its freedom.

A strong ally and good friend of Mark's tried to convince me that Mark would not be influenced by Matteucci after the election. I recognize that Mark is indeed strong-willed and would do his best not to be influenced by Matteucci. However, I know politics all too well in that I know

his role on the Board of Curators, not to mention the power he will have from having helped with the campaign. I can't consciously support the same slate Matteucci does, knowing that he will be able to fully practice his exclusionary tactics if the slate wins.

The alternative slate is that of Frank Tucci for SGA president and Melissa Green for vice president. These two are also excellent, well-qualified candidates. Frank has worked hard in his position with the program board. In addition, I have worked with him on the University Senate and the Student Activities Budget Committee. I have seen firsthand his ability to include everyone's viewpoints into forming his policies.

He was a leader on the SABC in suggesting that bona-fide organizations which serve students well should receive increases in funding. Examples are the Associated Black Collegians and the Evening College Council. Frank was also instrumental in the substantial grants to new organizations such as the New Student Support Organization and the National Association of Black Accountants. Frank's not a flashy leader, but he certainly does include everyone's opinions as he works hard for students, and I believe he will do the same, if not better, as our SGA President.

Melissa will bring diversity to the office of vice president. She has worked professionally on the Current as news editor and sports editor. In her work, she has familiarized herself with the various issues concerning students. She has been an organizational representative in the SGA, so she knows how the assembly works (so does Frank, who has also been a representative). Melissa will serve as the "voice of reason" whenever Frank doesn't examine something thoroughly enough, as he occasionally does.

The Tucci-Green slate is the best choice for bringing diversity and maintaining the politics of diversity within the SGA. Such things are necessary because this is a university we are talking about, and a university implies diversification. A vote on either April 15 or 16 for the Tucci-Green slate will mean that you will be included in the policy-making process of next year's SGA. I hereby endorse Frank Tucci for president of SGA and Melissa Green for vice president of SGA.

Sincerely,



Vote Smart

Voting is a privilege granted to most United States citizens. It is every citizen's duty to vote intelligently, without emotions or prejudice. Unfortunately this year's Student Government Association's presidential election has become emotionally charged. The campaigns have lost track of important issues and have become a battle between races.

One candidate offered to push for a full black studies program so the other candidate rebutted by saying he'd push for an Italian studies program. This kind of campaigning appeals to the large voting masses but it can only be an empty promise. It is not the job of student government to get new programming. If these candidates feel that strongly about getting programming for their respective ethnic backgrounds, they should run for Senate.

Mark Grimes supports getting the Alumni Association more involved in Student Government. It's a noble idea for Homecoming, but it is not the alumni's place to be involved in the workings of SGA. If they are asking for their money, they are asking to involve them.

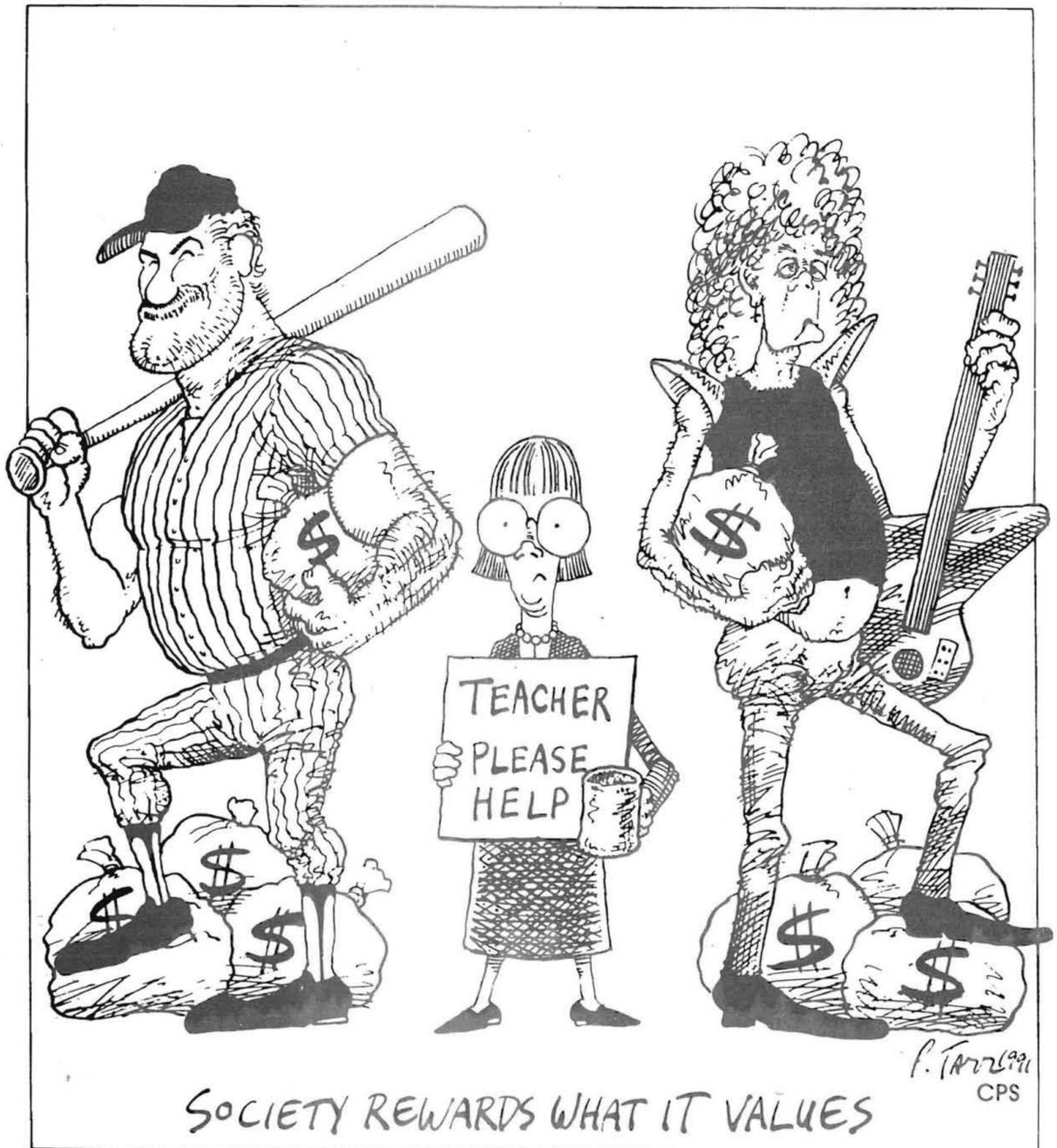
Frank Tucci endorsed ASUM although he was clueless to the meaning of the acronym. One must question a candidate who quickly supports something he doesn't know about.

During the debate, Paul Matteucci mouthed answers to his girlfriend and vice presidential candidate, Julie Schwetz. Why?

During the debate, Melissa Green mispronounced a state representative's name whom she'd met twice before. Why?

All candidates have participated in numerous organizations on campus. One needs to ask if these people made a difference in their respective organizations or if they used them to build their resumes. One also needs to ask if their experience working with these organizations has helped prepare them for the job of being a leader of SGA.

When going to the ballot boxes on April 15 and 16, students who don't investigate all issues before voting are cheating themselves. Examine the issues that are most important to you and that can be realistically acted upon. Vote for the person and what he/she stands for, not his/her skin color.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Opinion Rants About Politics

To the editor:

As all my readers know, Mr. Opinion is a very humble and lovable kind of guy. However, certain occurrences as of late have disturbed my normally gentle nature. For example: I had great respect for General Schwarzkopf until he apologized to President Bush. I thought Schwarzkopf was a man - like Patton and MacArthur

before him. Of course, as you all know, Patton wanted to get the Germans to help us fight the Russians near the end of WWII in Europe. He was fired for being too good an American-Political Frap? And then the great MacArthur wanted to attack Red China during the Korean War and give the Chinese what they deserved - a good butt kicking.

But noooo, Wimp Truman, like

Wimp Eisenhower before him had done Patton, pulled the plug on MacArthur. Now we have Wimp Bush and his puppet Schwarzkopf - a true "YES MAN."

Either Patton or MacArthur would have had their command post in Bagdad by now. There would be no Iraqi military, that is, if Bush would have kept his politics out of it!

In conclusion, the "Seventeen

Marine Reservists" are either Cowards or Traitors - maybe both. These 17, of course, are the commies who refused to fight for their country during the Great Gulf War. I hope the FBI and CIA are watching their supporters. These 17 should have been proud to fight (and die - if necessary) for the United States.

Mr. Opinion

Assessment Test Is Governor's

To the editor:

The students of the University of Missouri System are being required to donate in excess of \$100,000 a year to finance the future political ambitions of Governor Ashcroft. In the process of this coerced donation, the UM System is being politicized in the most callous and cynical fashion.

How is this perversion of the university system being accomplished? Why, by passing it off in the name of a "reform" to "benefit" the students and the system.

Here is how the university is being made a plaything for the Governor's ambitions. The Board of Curators recently mandated that every student in the UM System be given a standardized test (the particular test is yet to be determined).

Why the requirement? This is where the scandal lies. There exists, at present, no reason to believe that such a test serves any purpose other than Ashcroft's ambitions to appear a champion of educational "reform."

Do the various campuses, one might ask, lack advising tests which this mandated exam will remedy? There is no such lack. Entering

students not only have the standardized exams which they took as part of their application procedure (the ACTs or SATs); they are also given various diagnostic tests when they first enter to ascertain their verbal, writing, and math abilities. Are these exams faulty; is there a crying need to replace them?

Neither the curators nor the Governor has a single piece of evidence to offer against current procedures, nor, and this is the worst of it, do they seem to care. The current procedures were not put in place by our "education" Governor, and so are not ones for which he can take credit. Hence, the curators and their mandate.

And what of the much heralded "assessment" and "reform"? Here again, the curators, acting in proxy for our educational leader, have a cure for which there is no diagnosed disease. No one has offered any evidence that the standard method by which all students are assessed - remember grades, folks - has proven an inept or ineffective evaluation procedure.

Indeed, such test results as there are tend to show that high test scores correlate with high grades - evidence that grades are "on the mark."

Why then the demanded assessment? Why indeed. Money, drained from the pockets of students and their families, is going to finance a procedure whose only purpose is to allow the Governor to claim that he has "assessed" the university. What will we learn from such assessment? Nothing.

Neither the Governor nor the curators knows what any of these scores mean. Unlike ... SATs, there are no national guidelines by which to assess various university majors. Again, the point here is not that assessment is serving any purpose for the students, the system, or any constituency which the university is intended to serve.

The only purpose is to permit the Governor to claim that he has brought some "accountability" to the system. Since no one, and especially the curators and the Governor, has any idea what "accountability" means in these areas, who is to say they're wrong? Missouri's citizens are being fooled into wasting their education dollars, into spending shamefully scarce university funds to fix what isn't.

Instead, they ought to write Ashcroft, write the curators, and most especially, write their state

representatives and senators, to demand to know exactly what the evidence is that this particular cure is needed. Otherwise, the students and taxpayers of Missouri are simply making unwitting campaign contributions to fund the future political career of an exceptionally cynical and callous governor.

Sincerely yours,

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A similar version of this article was printed in the *Post-Dispatch*

CORRECTION

In the April 4 issue of the *Current*, Julie Schwetz's name was spelled incorrectly.

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

1991-92 Current Editor Chosen

The UM-St. Louis Senate Committee on Student Publications has chosen the new Editor of the *Current* for the 1991-92 academic year.

Thomas J. Kovach, 20, present marketing manager of the *Current*, will begin his duties as Editor on the first day of intersession.

"I'm very happy that I finally got this position," said Kovach. "The first change that will occur is that the paper will come out on a different day- Mondays, instead of on Thursdays."

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explosion. Sims also denied the crackling fire existed.

"It was not burning four weeks before, if it had, someone, the [Daughters of Charity] sisters, would have seen it. A burn is a burn. When the constructor opened the box, he said it looked like lightning had struck," said Sims.

"Sims and Watkins told me, 'we knew it would blow, but don't tell anyone,'" Murphy said.

After the explosion, Schlereth called in Bell Electrical on an emergency basis.

"We contacted an outside contractor, Bell Electrical, that specializes in high voltage machinery because we did not have the staff on campus to handle high voltage," Schlereth said. "Bell made the necessary repairs needed in emergency circumstances, but they were basically a temporary repair, to fix the emergency situation."

The university hired Horner Shifrin Inc. to come and evaluate situation. Horen Shifrin gave their analysis and the university is in the process of bidding out the contract.

Rath evaluated the conditions at UM-St. Louis. In a statement to Murphy, Rath mentioned several bad conditions on campus.

"One transformer located outdoors on South Campus is leaking PCB (poly chlorinated biphenyl), it should be replaced since it is old and too big," Rath said.

PCB is a hazardous, odorless substance that is known to cause cancer, Murphy stated.

"One part in a billion can kill people if they are exposed to it," he said. "The worst part is the location of the transformers. They are within a 500 feet range of the Child Development Center. Curious children could be serious hurt."

Rath also gave other problems that the campus was experiencing and that needed to be fixed.

"Another problem is the junction box located outside of the boiler room in Marillac Hall needs a new circuit and transformer on a new concrete pad away from Marillac Hall," Rath said.

In his recommendation, Rath suggested that a new, stronger line of power and a larger transformer be installed outdoors while a smaller transformer be installed inside for control. The three-phase line proposed is used for industrial use of running air conditioning and heating.

Murphy had talked with Rath and brought the changes to Bettlach.

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cause the people in SSB are nervous and Schlereth wants to be sure of their safety.

At the present time the elevators on campus are exempt from county or state inspection. Since the university is a self governing body it has its own coding authority. According to Shrum, the elevators in SSB went through a safety check the morning of the April 4, by facility management employees.

"They run the elevator through steps to see what it will do in an emergency situation. I can't give you an exact time but I would be comfortable in saying the elevators are examined at least once a month from an outside company," Shrum said.

Schlereth is going to ask all the elevator contractors that deal with all the campus elevators to inspect each building to make certain they are safe. The elevators on campus are aging and Schlereth said there are many problems with them that are not life threatening but are annoying.

"We believe that the elevators in all the campus buildings are 20 to 25 years old. They are in need of a good overhaul," Schlereth said. "I am going to make the assumption that they are fundamentally safe but there is just something wierd happening. I

"We are also focusing on stories, issues and events on national, state, and local levels that affect the UM-St. Louis student," he said.

Kovach is presently accepting applications for 1991-92 staff positions.

He will be making his staff selections by the beginning of intersession. He said that he was really excited about his new position.

"I think with the goals that we have set, we should have a great year," Kovach said.

Murphy warned Bettlach and Schlereth that if these changes were not made, someone could get hurt. Schlereth stated he had heard no warnings from Murphy.

"There were no warning from Malcolm to me," Schlereth said.

Yet Murphy stated that he did inform his superiors of the danger and the codes that were being broken by the state of the campus conditions.

"The university is in violation of all fire codes, building codes, and codes set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Building Officials and Codes Administration (BOCA) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)," Murphy said. "But the university ignored my claims. They had the money to fix the violations, yet they sent Mary Vosevich to Paris for four weeks to study trees."

Additional problems that Murphy encountered were administrative, he said.

"I sent a memo to the campus personnel to warn them that the power would be shut off. The faculty and staff called and thanked me while I was reprimanded for sending the memo," Murphy said.

Murphy sent the memo after an unannounced power outage took place. The outage was scheduled by Bettlach, but not publicized by him. Several members of the faculty and staff were left in dark rooms and many documents were lost on computers, stated Murphy.

Murphy said he was given written reprimand for his actions with the power outage. After the written reprimand, Murphy was later fired for reasons he claims were unjustified.

"I told Chris Bettlach about the warnings and then brought them to Schlereth," Murphy said. "He laughed at them, then said that what a valuable employee I was, one that he didn't want to lose. Fifteen minutes later he approached me in my office, and asked to see him in his office. When I got there I was given the option to be terminated or leave voluntarily."

"I told Schlereth I have seen the wrong on campus, and I told you, so you will have to terminate me."

"Since then I talked with my lawyer about filing a lawsuit against UM-St. Louis because of the way I was treated and my dismissal," Murphy said.

Schlereth was unable to discuss the personnel reasons for Murphy's departure.

Information to this article was contributed by David Barnes.

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ing to work 20 or 25 hours a week," Tucci said.

Dugan asked all four candidates what qualifications they had to serve as president and vice president of SGA.

Schwetz said that, as current secretary of SGA, she has built a good network between the UM-St. Louis campus, the other campuses, and state legislatures in Jefferson City.

"I know how to go about getting things done," Schwetz said. "I have made SGA effective for everyone."

Grimes added that as the present SGA vice president, he knows the inner workings and the outer workings of student government. Grimes then listed his accomplishments including one of his most recent tasks of serving on the Chancellor's Search Committee.

Tucci and Green listed their own accomplishments and campus involvements including both being SGA representatives.

"I have been in Zeta Tau, honors college, and during my time as news editor of the current, I have kept up with who's who on campus and have remained objective during my writing," Green said.

Tucci answered his part of the question by reading a quote from The Post-Dispatch by Brian Sutter, St. Louis Blues coach.

"I know I'm only as good as I am from one day to the next day," Tucci said.

Schwetz and Grimes told the panel and the audience that their main goal as president and vice president will be to build up the alumni network.

"We have 28,000 alumni in the St. Louis area," Grimes said. "That is one of our most valuable resources that we have to tap."

Tucci and Green said that their main goal was to improve campus conditions, including more lights for the evening college students, and to try to extend the time to file for sexual harassment.

"You can't rid the campus of sexual harassment, but you can extend grievance time for filing against it," Tucci said.

Both candidates also agreed that training workshops should be conducted for officers of SGA.

The debate lasted for about an one hour and forty five minutes, with a question and answer period for audience members.

The SGA elections will be on Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16.

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has also been arrested in connection to the incident.

St. Louis City Police had originally arrested Cummins after he made incriminating statements about what happened that night. Cummins had told police that three black men and one white man had raped the girls and pushed them off of the bridge before forcing him to jump, which he said he did.

Police questioned his statement because of the lack of bruises, cuts or injuries of any struggles or from the 90 foot fall off the bridge. After being interrogated, Cummins admitted that he was guilty. However, during the first investigation, police had found a flashlight with the engraving "HORN 1" etched into it. Police traced the flashlight to the 16 year old who gave them the information leading up to the most recent arrests and the clearing of Cummins.

Jerry Naylor has been heading the Twin Rivers Search and Rescue Team, which has been searching for the Kerry bodies since they disappeared.

On Monday, April 8, Naylor and his team were doing a land search, looking for the bodies along the banks of the Mississippi River. Naylor said that bodies originally sink, but eventually they will float. However, he believes if the Kerrys are in the river, they are probably still at the bottom.

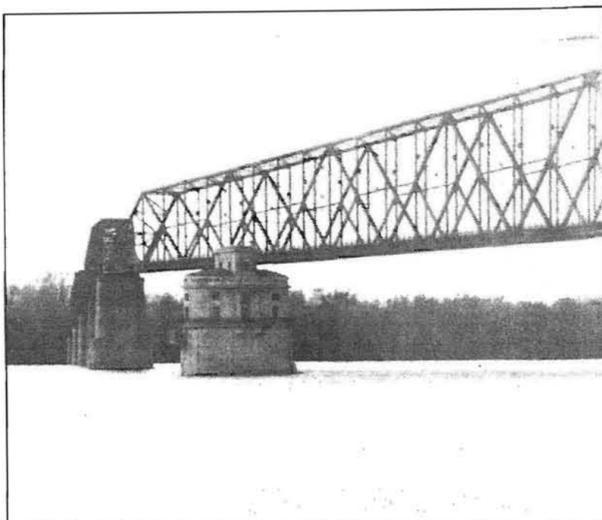
"There is a large whirlpool and we believe they may be caught up in that," Naylor said.

The whirlpool is about a half of a mile south of the bridge, and the pressure of it would keep the bodies under it, on the bottom of the river.

Naylor said that they will continue to search for the bodies as long as their volunteers are able.

There will be a conversation and reading in memory of the Kerry sisters on Monday, April 15 from 3-4 p.m. in the Women's Center, 211 Clark Hall.

This reading is sponsored by LITMAG, the Women's Center, the English dept. and counseling services.



DANGEROUS: The old Chain of Rocks Bridge where two UM-St. Louis students were raped and thrown 90 feet from the bridge last week (photo by Nicole Menke).

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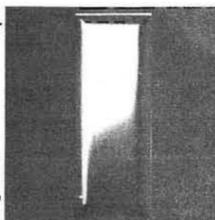
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Presidential Candidates Prepare For Election

Campaigning For Pride Power Progress

Mark Grimes has several goals he wants to accomplish if elected as president of the Student Government Association.

Grimes feels that Multi-cultural awareness is the most important item on his agenda. He thinks that a area of black studies is a good idea for the UM-St. Louis campus.

Expanded student services and extended hours for existing services are another way Grimes feels the campus needs to be better served.

Services such as a 24-hour computer lab, a new student orientation program, a homecoming in the Fall and an alumni network are some of the goals Grimes has set for next year along with his vice-presidential running mate Julie Schwetz.

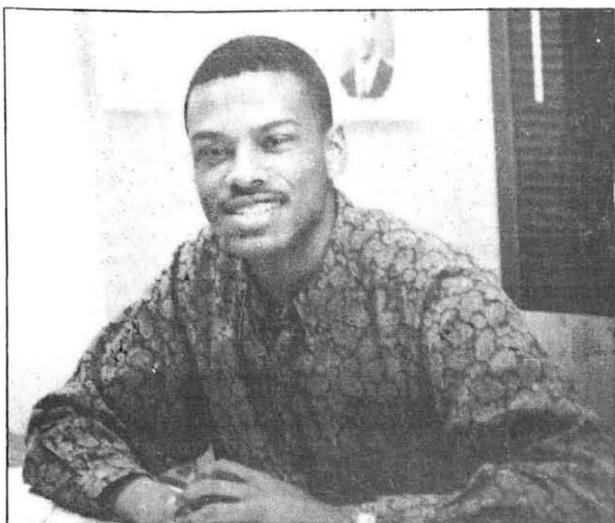
"We have 28,000 alumni in the St. Louis area," Grimes said. "That is one of our most valuable sources we have to tap."

Student activities and the SGA need to be more accountable to the students, Grimes believes.

He also sees the need for an expanded role for SGA to the highest campus levels in order to better serve

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Mark Grimes

the students.

Currently in his Junior year, Grimes has been involved heavily in campus organizations and committees in the past few years.

In addition to serving as the current vice president of SGA, Grimes has been a Student Court Justice, president of the Associated Black Collegians and an assistant in the Thomas Jefferson Library. As a student senator and vice president, Grimes has served on several committees including Financial Aid/Admissions and the Chancellor Search Committee.

Grimes has also founded campus

organizations such as the Kemet Arts Workshop and Sisterhood Exchange.

Grimes feels that he has a positive relationship with faculty and administration and that he has been a tough negotiator for student concerns.

Grimes will face off against Frank Tucci for the presidential spot when voters hit the polls April 15 and 16.

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Working Towards A 'Better UM-St. Louis'

by Robin Mayo
Current staff

Frank Tucci, candidate for Student Government Association president, says he wants to know people for who they are and not judge them on a preconceived notion he may have toward a person. He feels UM-St. Louis can be more student oriented. This is one of the reasons he is running for the president of the Student Government Association.

"I felt that I could do the job. I spend a lot of time, as far as school goes, I don't have work, to drop all my school stuff, to go to."

Tucci does work Friday nights and Saturdays at the Pasta House but is willing to quit if necessary.

"I don't know if I'm going to drop my job at the Pasta House as of yet, it depends on the Fall of 1991 semester, as far as what needs to be done on this campus," Tucci said.

Being family oriented was one of the reasons Tucci chose Melissa A. Green to be his vice-presidential running mate.

"I'm very family oriented, and Melissa was not only the most qualified, but the friendliest to me and my family. I just lose all respect for someone who is a friend, but doesn't treat the friend's family with respect, that's a very big pet peeve of mine."

"My family's been very supportive of me in this campaign. They haven't seen a lot of me, I spend a lot of time in the library at Webster University, by my home, because it is open until 12 a.m."

Tucci said he and Green would like to see the Thomas Jefferson Library here on campus remain open until midnight also.

Tucci and Green's campaign slogan is "For a Better UM-St. Louis". Tucci said that means a better all around campus, even the community.

Homecoming is something Tucci and Green hope to bring back to the UM-St. Louis campus. Five years ago homecoming was brought back and the turnout was very low.

One major undertaking Tucci wants to lobby for is to get the wheels greased for having UM-St. Louis being the first UM system school urban land grant with a law school.

"I spoke with my state representative, May Scheve, and she said I'd

My family's been very supportive of me in this campaign

-Frank Tucci



Frank Tucci

have to lobby it to hell, but I don't see why UM-St. Louis couldn't have a law school," he said.

Tucci said that he and Green are very compatible, and they get along easily.

"We're a team, we're not just two individuals, one running for president and the president thinking he can get a lot of votes with a women candidate, a candidate from the Current, a candidate who used to be in sorority. Melissa is more than that to me. She's a qualified candidate, she's not afraid to speak her mind, when she's wrong, she will admit that she's wrong. And that's not politics, that's just human nature," Tucci said. "I don't feel myself as a politician. I feel myself as a student oriented, student server. Everyone thinks politics is all the mud-slinging, all the dirty names, cutting down your opponent where they can't even respond to what you've just said," he said.

Tucci and Green started their campaign on March 1, right after spring break. Tucci feels more people should be involved in the elections.

"We've been doing a lot of footwork. We've been talking to a lot of campus organizations, we've been getting relatively positive feedback. If Melissa and I weren't running, Mark Grimes would be running unopposed, and that's unfortunate that there wasn't more interest," Tucci said.

Tucci is a double major in business with an emphasis in finance and psychology.

"I want to work with people, maybe in public relations. And I feel that being Student Government Association president, not only will open a lot of doors for me, but will help me in my skills, as far as dealing with the

public," Tucci said.

He has been very active in campus life. He was in a fraternity and tried out for soccer his freshmen year.

Then he got involved with the University Program Board. He is currently vice-chairperson of UPB and became their SGA representative.

Tucci graduated from Affton High School in 1988. He was a member of student council and was involved in the student mock trial competition serving as a lawyer and a witness.

Tucci's sports accomplishments in high school include Cougar soccer in the fall and Cougar track in the spring.

Tucci had worked form the time he was 16 and felt he did not want to go away to college his first year.

"The whole master plan was, to go to UM-St. Louis for one year, and then go to UMC for one year, and then decide between one of the schools," Tucci said.

Now that Tucci has continued with his education at UM-St. Louis he feels he wants to be open to the student body and would continue that openness if elected SGA president.

"I want to stress that Melissa and I, not only with our work experience, but our school experience, want to serve the students. We want to have open office hours, all times, but we're going to have two hours set when we will be in the SGA, we're not going to schedule meetings around that time, that time is for the students of this university, so just drop by, both day and evening students. We're going to have one hour in the day and one hour in the evening," Tucci said. "We just want to know where the problems are, and work to the best of our abilities, solve these problems."

There's No Way To Lose Those Registration Blues



shades of grey

wasn't that fundamentals of physics research class just the coolest ever.

Your registration appointment is April 3 at 2:30 p.m. This is probably the most useless sentence I will ever have the privilege of viewing in my whole entire life. It is easier to trim the nose hairs of a saber tooth tiger with one leg tied behind your back (the tiger's) while two small pigmy men are tickling your feet to try and get you to produce enough wind to put out the fire they accidentally started in your hair, than to get in the actual registration office at the exact time of your appointment. If by some miracle of fate you get there early — never fear. You haven't missed out on the hooplah of a hip registration line. For, my dear friends, if you arrive even thirty seconds early you may not register. Ain't that sweet.

I think it is about time we dispensed with this mandatory advisors signature stuff. Advisors are okay if you wish to use them but if I don't want to I shouldn't have to. I spend enough of my time trying to create a schedule with no classes that start before noon. By that time I'm too pooped to think about walking up to the fifth floor of some building to get a signature. Many people already know what they want out of a class. Why does the university think that somebody who sees you once a year, has lost your file and still mispronounces your name is going to do any better?

I think next year they should just write all the classes on index cards and bring us all into the gym in Mark Twain. Then by placing a huge fan on the bleachers they could blow the cards into the audience. What you catch is what you get. Short and sweet. In a half an hour or less it's all over. It would almost be like a ticker tape parade — if they added a few clowns. Oh that's right; they're the ones already running the show.

by Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

I've packed up my tent, grabbed a six pack of Diet Coke, filled a thermos with coffee, got the sea rashes out of the old bomb shelter and put new batteries in my flashlight. I am now ready for registration. It wouldn't be a bad idea to cancel all appointments, arrange to skip a few days worth of classes and make out a last will and testament before entering the registration line that extends out the front doors of Woods Hall, across Natural Bridge Rd., through Bel Ridge subdivision, over the hill, through the woods, to grandmothers house where it finally ends somewhere in Chicago.

If I am forced to sit through this endless boredom, the university could at least offer discount rates and frequent flyer points for those that are end-of-the-line bound.

There are approximately 13,200 students that attend this university. I guess three computers is enough to handle them all. Sure, no problem, it's not like we have anything else to do. Actually I look forward to registration. It gives me a chance to do all the things I don't have time to do on nice sunny April days. I can count the ceiling tiles and hone up on my algebra skills or tone up the muscles in the balls of my feet by standing non-stop for about 65 hours. It's also a wonderful place to meet people, like the dweeb behind you that keeps talking about metaphysics and how much his pet hamster has grown and

Student Brings Russian Home

Irina Bronstein, a communications major at Um-St. Louis, has opened Russian Language Communications.

This is a first ever Russian language translating and interpreting firm in St. Louis. Russian Language Communications offers a wide range of services from interpreting at meetings and social functions to placing phone calls to the Soviet Union and Russian language tutoring.

"Soviet American relations are changing rapidly and many companies are interested in working with the Soviet Union," Bronstein said. "Russian Language Communications will provide St. Louis Businesses with the ability to develop the most dynamic relationships with their Soviet associates."

A native born Soviet, Bronstein has lived in the United States for fourteen years and has provided interpreting services.

New Metal Music Needs Melody In Mayhem

by Brad Touchette
music critic

Just this week, I received four tapes in the mail. My feature editor told me I had to review something, but I didn't have much to choose

from. Three were speed metal from the "Combat" record label and one was R.E.M.'s worst nightmare.

"Napalm Death," "Nocturnus," and "Godflesh" were the three metal bands that I had to choose from. My biggest problem with these bands was,

besides the fact that they all sounded like the same group, the fact that they're still in the mindset that satanism sells.

With songs like "Lake of Fire" and "Internal Incarceration", these guys are obviously not firing on all

pistons.

It seems that the new thing to do in metal is throw some distortion on the vocals. This creates a low, demonic growl which is unintelligible to anyone who wants to understand the lyrics. Call me old-fashioned, but I always thought music had to have a melody to be good. This new wave of metallists have effectively weeded that concept out.

The one good thing about these bands is that they show they can play, and play well, at high speeds. This is not an easy task, and none of these bands miss a beat while flying by your eardrums at 120 m.p.h.

X-Tal is the name of the new band with its roots in college/alternative music. Their major tripping stone is the fact that the vocals have the same nasal quality of bands like R.E.M., Violent Femmes, and The Dead Milkmen. The same bouncy, almost random, guitar chords are thrown out, too. The lyrics are well thought out, though. X-Tal concerns itself with many political and environmental issues and sings about them in a sarcastic but effective convention.

All these bands have redeeming qualities, but the fact of the matter is that nothing new and really tasty has come forth for the nineties. With bands like Warrant, Timmy T., and Vanilla Ice dictating the airwaves right now, is there any hope for those who search something different?



GIMME THREE STEPS... There is hope for metal with bands like Extreme, Concrete Blonde and De La Soul that are bringing funk into the metal of the nineties.

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first and second Kaestner cut the Bearcat lead to two runs with a base hit scoring Jolliff. The big blow came when Brian Tripp delivered with a three run homer.

Mike Landwehr then reached base on an error by the pitcher. Mike Musgrave then walked followed by a base hit by Jeff Eye scoring Landwehr from second.

The Bearcats tied the game at 8-8 in the sixth with a base hit by Landherr scoring Bissell. But in the bottom half the Rivermen took the

lead for good. Chris Meador started the small rally with a base hit. He advanced to second and then third due to two consecutive wild pitches. Kaestner then walked leaving runners on first and third. Again Tripp did his job getting the game winning RBI with a ground ball to the right side scoring Meador.

The Bearcats failed to score in the top of the seventh leaving the final score 9-8.

Freshman Brad Pace started the first game of his college career

ending up with no decision. Pace pitched 4 1/3 innings giving up six runs (2 earned) on seven hits. Kalusniak relieved Pace giving up no runs in one inning. Kalusniak was then replaced by Runzi who pitched the final innings getting the win.

Sophomore Scott Kaestner also contributed with two hits.

In the nightcap game the Rivermen again had a lot of production out of their five starting freshmen winning, 10-5. Freshman,

Todd Furlow started pitching going four innings allowing just four runs picking up the win. Furlow improved his record to 5-0 with the win which is the best on the team. He also has the best earned run average on the team at 3.25.

The Bearcats again started off quick with a run in the top half of the first. Once again the Rivermen answered with a run in the bottom half of the inning on a home run by Chris Meador.

The Bearcats were kept score-

less in the second, but the Rivermen broke the game open with five runs. Chris Meador had a two run single along with RBIs by Donnie Jolliff and Jeff Eye.

The Bearcats added a run in the fourth and three in the top half of the fifth only to see the Rivermen answer with four in their half of the inning which made the score 10-5 to stay. Tripp doubled followed by a sacrifice fly by Eye to score Tripp. With the bases loaded Jolliff walked in a run. Brian Rupp later hit a two run

single to end the scoring.

Hitting stars in this contest included Freshman, Jolliff who went one for two and two RBIs (.363), Tripp who was two for three with two runs scored (.273), Rick Rudisaile two for three (.250), and Eye who was one for two with two RBIs and one run scored (.271). Sophomore Brian Rupp added two hits and three RBIs along with Junior Chris Meador who went three for three with a home run and two RBIs.

SPORTS BRIEFS

SCOREBOARD

Rivermen Baseball:

- UMSL 0, UM-Columbia 5
- UMSL 3, UM-Columbia 11
- UMSL 0, Southwest Baptist 10
- UMSL 17, Southwest Baptist 3
- UMSL 13, Southwest Baptist 4
- UMSL 9, Northwest MO 8
- UMSL 10, Northwest MO 5

Riverwomen Softball:

- UMSL 3, Quincy College 11
- UMSL 1, Quincy College 6
- UMSL 0, UM-Columbia 4
- UMSL 7, Lincoln University 0
- UMSL 1, Lindenwood College 5
- UMSL 2, St. Louis University 3
- UMSL 0, Southeast MO 3
- UMSL 4, UM-Rolla 3

WHAT'S NEXT

Rivermen Baseball:

- April 12: UMSL vs UM-Rolla; 7:30 pm
- April 13: UMSL vs UM-Rolla; 1:00 pm
- April 14: UMSL vs UM-Rolla; 1:00 pm
- April 15: UMSL vs SIU-Edwardsville; 3:00 pm
- April 16: UMSL vs Northeast MO; 1:30 pm
- April 18: UMSL vs SIU-Edwardsville; 3:00

Riverwomen Softball:

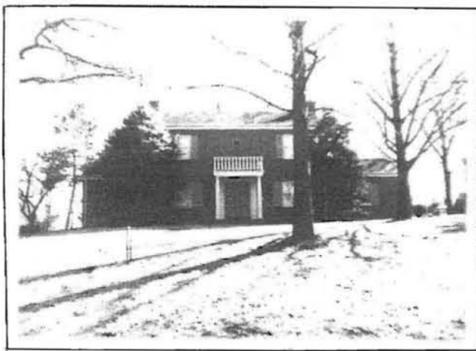
- April 13: UMSL vs University of Dayton; Noon
- April 15: UMSL vs St. Louis University; 2:30 pm
- April 16: UMSL vs Pittsburg State; TBA
- April 16: UMSL vs Missouri Southern; TBA

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Rivermen Overcome Rough Start At Southwest Baptist, Win 2 Of 3

The University of Missouri-St. Louis baseball squad turned a disastrous week into a productive one with a pair of victories Saturday afternoon (April 6) at Southwest Baptist University. The Rivermen, winning for the first time in league play, improved their record to 14-15-1 overall and 2-6 in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Rivermen had dropped a 10-0 decision in the first game of the series at SBU on Friday (April 5). On Saturday, they trailed 12-2 before rallying for a 17-3 victory in the first game of a double-header. In the nightcap, they came back from a 4-2 deficit to win 13-4.

"It was very encouraging to see a never-say-die attitude," said assistant coach Gary Dunahue. "The kids

stayed mentally tough and really showed some heart. It was a tremendous effort."

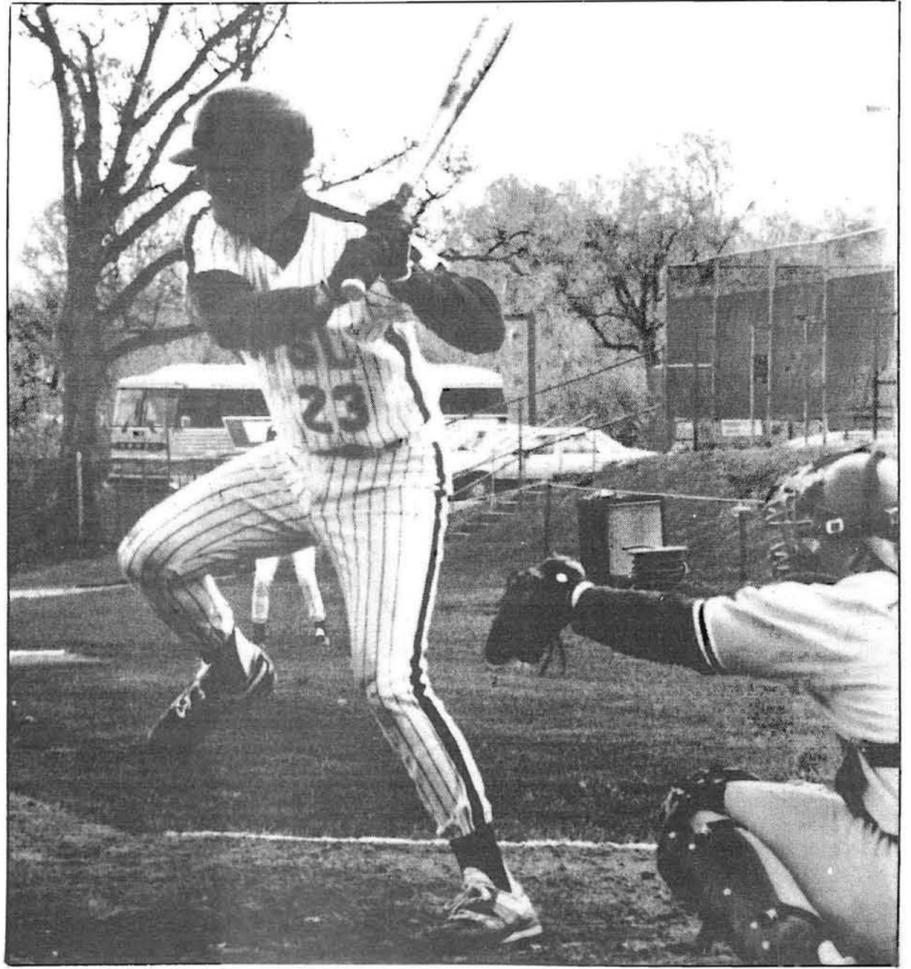
Dunahue guided the Rivermen in the absence of head coach Jim Brady, who missed the trip because of a viral infection. Brady is expected back in the dugout this week.

After mustering just three hits in Friday's series opener, the Rivermen exploded for 30 runs and 31 hits in Saturday's twinbill. Bill Hansel (Valley Park) had three hits and six runs batted in to lead UM-St. Louis in the first comeback effort. His three-run homer keyed an eight-run uprising in the top of the sixth inning. Scott Kaestner (Parkway West) and Chris Meador (Jefferson College) also homered. In the nightcap, the Rivermen combined for 11 runs in the

final two innings to win handily. Mike Landwehr (Florissant Valley Community College) had three hits and four RBIs, while freshman Donnie Jolliff (Wentzville) added three hits.

Although the pitching staff was saddled with a 5.39 earned run average, long relievers Tim Cochran (Hancock) and Rob Rixford (Pattonville) came through with big efforts on Saturday. Cochran pitched three strong innings and gained the win in the opener. Rixford allowed no hits in nearly four innings of relief in the second game, picking up the win and improving his record to 3-1.

"Our relief pitching did a good job of keeping us in the ballgames," Dunahue said. "Rixford, especially, was outstanding."



I'M GOING TO SLAM THIS BABY: Sophomore Scott Kaestner strides high to slam the ball against Northwest Missouri State. (Photo by Nicole Menke)

Big Change Womens' Tennis Takes Two

by Christine McGraw
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis women's tennis squad won two straight matches, improving its record to 3-6, but the men's team lost three more matches and continues to search for its first win of the season. The Rivermen have a record of 0-6.

The UM-St. Louis women played their first home matches of the season last week and took advantage of the familiar surroundings. The Riverwomen downed Culver-Stockton 6-3 Thursday, April 4, and Maryville College 8-1 on Saturday, April 6.

The Riverwomen played excellent tennis, winning three out of six singles matches and three out of three doubles matches against Culver-Stockton. Earlier in the season the Riverwomen were defeated by Culver-Stockton 9-0.

Number 3 singles player, Pat Lynn, won her match against Culver-Stockton 6-2, 6-3. Betsy Godfrey won at No. 4 singles against Culver-Stockton 6-0, 6-4 and defeated her Maryville opponent 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3 singles. Number 6 singles player, Thao Nguyen, won 6-0, 6-0 against Culver-Stockton.

Winners in the doubles competition were the No. 1 team of Julie Johnson and Anna Poole defeating Culver-Stockton 6-4, 6-2 and Maryville 6-1, 6-2 improving their doubles record to 3-4.

Head Coach Pam Steinmetz said the combined effort of Johnson and Poole was an accomplishment considering earlier in the season they lost to the same Culver-Stockton players.

"This is definitely an improvement," said Steinmetz. "There was much more consistent play. We lost



I'VE LOST MY CONTACT: Rivermen tennis player practicing for their first win on the Mark Twain tennis courts. (Photo by: Nicole Menke)

to them the first time."

The No. 2 doubles team of Godfrey and Lynn won 7-6, 6-2 against Culver-Stockton. The No. 3 team of Nguyen and Yevonne Bras won a split set against Culver-Stockton 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 and won another split set against Maryville 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Steinmetz says that although the

wins are a big boost, she doesn't expect to remain undefeated all season.

"I am very happy with efforts improving this season," Steinmetz said. "But I don't expect two wins to make us undefeated the rest of the season."

Rivermen Sweep Double Header With Freshmen Phenomenons

by Jason Buchholt
Current staff

While the names of freshmen Donnie Jolliff, Brain Tripp, Jeff Eye and Brad Pace haven't exactly struck fear into their Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association opponents yet, the foursome used their hitting and pitching to defeat the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats 9-8 on Tuesday.

Four freshman phenomenons started the first game of a double header on Tuesday, April 9. UM-St. Louis Coach Jim Brady started Jolliff in center field, Tripp in left field, Eye catching, and Pace pitching.

"I'm very, very pleased with the entire freshman class," said assistant coach Gary Dunahue. "If we stay healthy the next four years we're going to have real encouraging future."

Pace pitched 4 1/3 innings, giving up two earned runs on seven hits. The offensive punch was provided by the freshmen. They combined for nine hits, one three-run home run, one stolen base and eight RBI's.

The Bearcats got off to an early

lead with four runs in the first inning.

Curtis Landherr lead off the top off the first, reaching base on an error by the Rivermen third baseman. Joe Iannuzzi followed with a bloop base hit which brought Bryan Wandrey to the plate with runners on first and second. Wandrey delivered with a base hit scoring Landherr from second and advancing Iannuzzi from first to third. Outfielder Jeff White then hit a sacrifice fly scoring Iannuzzi making the score 2-0. A walk to Mike Delaney followed by a double by Todd Bissell scored Wandrey and Delaney. UM-St. Louis came up empty in the bottom half of the first leaving the score after one full inning 4-0 in favor of the Bearcats.

The Bearcats picked up another run in the second. With Landherr on third base outfielder Iannuzzi laid down a perfect squeeze scoring the runner from third. The Rivermen responded with two runs. Scott Kaestner led off with a base hit to left advancing to second one pitch later on a passed ball. Freshman, Brian Tripp then picked up an RBI with a base hit up the middle scoring Kaestner. Three

batters later Tripp scored from third on a base hit by freshman, catcher, Jeff Eye.

In the top of the third Mike Delaney walked and stole second for the Bearcats. Bissell followed with a bunt single leaving runners at the corners. Delaney then scored by stealing home. The Rivermen again responded with a run in the bottom half of the inning. Freshman, Donnie Jolliff led off with a base hit and a stolen base. After the next batter struck out Chris Meador was hit by a pitch leaving runners on first and second. Kaestner then grounded into a force at second. With runners on first and third Tripp picked up another RBI, due to an error by the Bearcat shortstop, scoring Jolliff. After three innings the Bearcats led 6-3.

The fourth inning remained scoreless as well as the Bearcat top of the fifth. The Rivermen exploded for five runs in the fifth to gain the lead 8-6. Jolliff led off with an infield hit. Two batters later, Chris Meador walked. With runners on

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Athlete of the Week

Donnie Jolliff



- Baseball
- Leads team with a .363 batting average.
- In the last four games he has 8 hits in 13 at bats along with 4 RBIs.
- Went four for seven with 2 RBIs in the doubleheader against Southwest Baptist.
- Was four for six with 2 RBIs in the double header against Northwest Missouri.
- "Donnie has been a steady performer."

-Gary Dunahue



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Softball Team Loses 3 of 4 Tournament Games

By Christine McGraw
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis softball team started the week on a high note only to end it on a very low one. The Riverwomen swept Quincy College in a double header on April 3, 11-3 and 6-1 but lost three out of four games in the St. Louis University Tournament on April 6 and 7.

During the first game of the tournament the Riverwomen lost 4-0 against Columbia. UM-St. Louis had only two hits, and pitcher Traci Furlow received the loss.

"We're struggling defensively. We only have three returning players... We're still a young team."

-Harold Brumbaugh

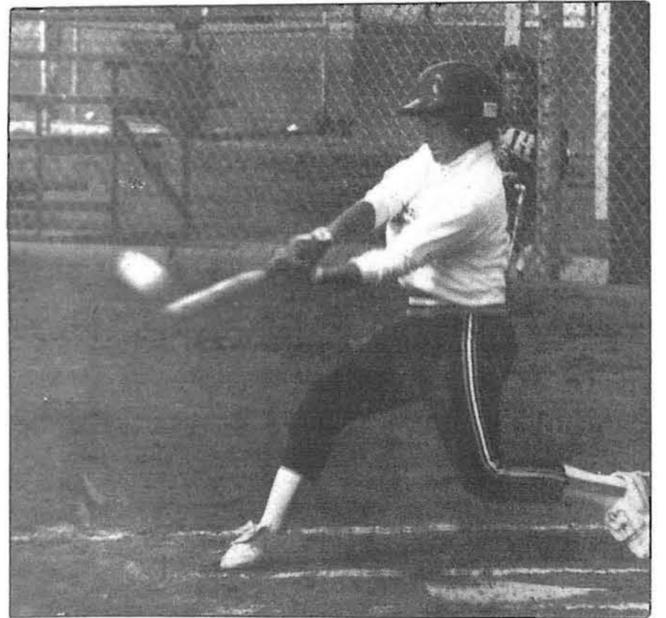
The Riverwomen came back to beat Lincoln 7-0 for their first shut-out of the season. Four runs were scored in the bottom of the first. Freshman Stephanie Adelman hit a two run bases loaded double.

Two runs were scored in the fourth on a two run home run by Lisa Houska.

Pitcher DeAnn Murphy picked up the win allowing only one hit.

The Riverwomen then played Lindenwood and lost 5-1. The Riverwomen scored just one run in five hits. Furlow allowed only six hits.

St. Louis University defeated the Riverwomen in the last game of the tournament 3-2 in eight innings. Two runs were



STEPPING OUT: UM-St. Louis Riverwomen defeat Quincy in double header, but lose three of four tournament games. (Photo by: Nicole Menke)

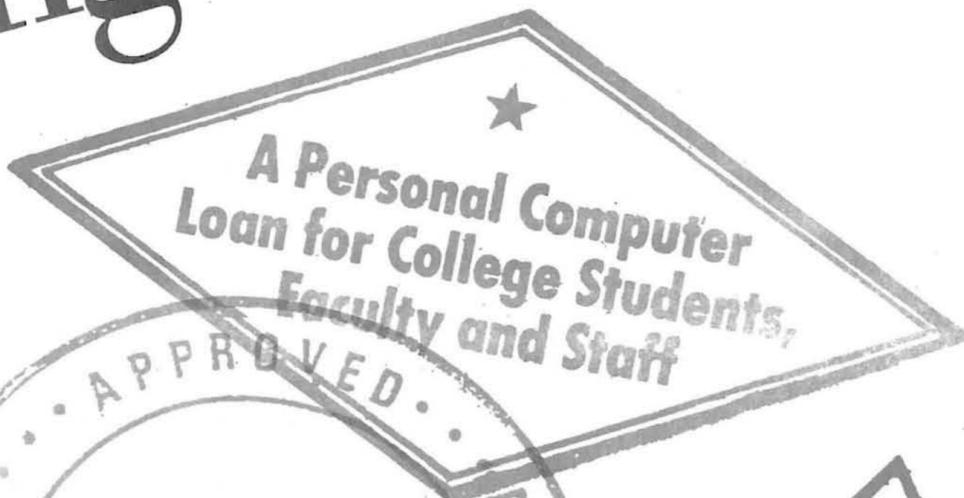
scored in the first by Kristi Toppins and Lisa Houska.

"We're struggling defensively," said

head coach Harold Brumbaugh. "We only have three returning players... we're still a young team."

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