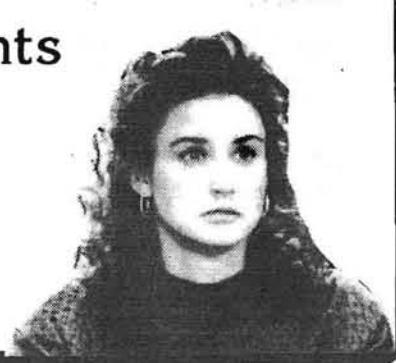


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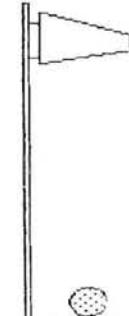


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IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: UMSL students enjoy many activities at Mirthday including MTV Music Style Videos (photo by Nicole Menke).

Mirthday '91 Is Fun For All

The UM-St. Louis University Program Board (UPB), in association with the University Center/Student Activities Office, sponsored "Mirthday 1991," on Wednesday, April 24 on North Campus.

UM-St. Louis students, faculty and staff enjoyed all day festivities including bands, rides, games and contests.

Mirthday began at 10 a.m. and lasted until 6 p.m. The hours were extended this year to accommodate

evening college students.

Some of the free activities included caricature drawings, clowns and jugglers, "MTV STYLE" music videos, music recording with one free audio cassette for each performance, use of rollerblades and carnival game booths.

The carnival rides, which were also free, were the Sizzler and the Rock-O-Planes.

Different bands from the St. Louis area performed throughout the entire

day. From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the band "P.M." played on one of the mainstages. Billy Peck performed from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., and "Fantasy" played from 3 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Contests such as sand volleyball tournaments and home run hitting contests were open to students and faculty.

Mirthday is sponsored every year by the University Program Board and Student Activities.

Greeks Carry On Annual Tradition

by Melissa A. Green
associate news editor

Carrying on the tradition of their ancestors, the UM-St. Louis "Greeks" participated in games and activities known as Greek Week.

From Sunday, April 14, to the following Saturday, April 20, the games ranged from Sing and Talent on Sunday to relay races and keg tosses on Saturday. Trophies for winners in both the fraternities and sororities were given at a banquet on Saturday night at the Flaming Pit in Manchester.

There are seven social Greek organizations at UM-St. Louis, with four fraternities and three sororities. The fraternities are Pi Kappa Alpha (Pikes), Sigma Pi, Sigma Tau Gamma (Sig Taus), and Tau Kappa Epsilon (Tekes). The sororities include Alpha Xi Delta (AZs), Delta Zeta (DZs), and Zeta Tau Alpha (Zetas).

At the banquet the sweepstakes winners were announced. In the fraternity competition, the Pikes won with 129 points, the Sig Tau's came in second with 116 points, Sigma Pi was third with 80 points, and the Tekes were fourth 41. For the sororities, the DZs won first with 116 points, with

the Zetas in second with 115 points, and the AZs in third with 102 points.

The three of the most important events in the Greek Week sweepstakes are the Sign, Sing and Talent competitions. Each competition is given 10 points for participation and first, second and third places are given 10, 7, and 5 points respectively.

The first signs that Greek Week was coming appeared on Tuesday, April 9, when each organization posted their signs promoting Greek Week. The signs are also used to promote general interest in Greek life on this campus.

The winner of the fraternity sign competition was the Tekes. Second place was given to Sigma Pi, and third place was a tie with the Sig Tau's and the Pikes.

The winner of the sorority sign division was the DZ's. Second place went to the AZs and the Zetas took third.

On Sunday, April 14 night the Sing and Talent competition took place in the J.C. Penney auditorium. The sing competition is performed first. The presentation must be an original performance of an established musical from theater, television, or movie, but it may not be the same as

any previous performances within the last two years by any group.

Each group is allowed to choose the musical they perform. The performances ranged from the Muppet Movie to Oklahoma. The following fraternities and sororities performed these musicals. The AZs performed "Grease 2," the DZ's performed "Oklahoma," the Pikes performed "Damn Yankees," Sigma Pi performed "The Muppet Movie," the Sig Tau's performed "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and the Zetas performed "The Little Mermaid." The Tekes did not participate in the sing competition.

The winners of the fraternity sing competition were the Pikes in first, the Sig Tau's with second and Sigma Pi with third. The sorority winners were the AZs in first, the Zetas in second and the DZs in third.

Following the "Sing" competition on Sunday is the Talent competition. The criteria for Talent includes having at least one member of the organization performing while allowing the groups to showcase the individual performance talents of one or more of their members. The performances given ranged from spoofs of Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure to a rendition of a frigid love affair between the bologna and wonder bread.

The winners of the fraternity talent competition were the Sig Tau's in first with Bill and Ted, the Pikes in second with a radio dialing of the Greek system and a live band playing music, and third to Sigma Pi for their magic show. The sorority competition winners were the Zetas with their

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UCAB Asks For Reallocation

by Max Montgomery
news editor

The University Center Advisory Board (UCAB), has approached the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC), with a request to reallocate their funds for other uses, according to Kathy Groh, Student Government Association treasurer and member of SABC.

Groh told the SGA assembly, on Sunday, April 21, that \$20,000 was originally granted to UCAB for the use of programs such as student housing and student programs. She said that UCAB wants to use part of the remaining funds for capital expendi-

tures such as furniture and a computer.

Ken Johnson, UCAB chair, said that it doesn't matter what SABC has to say about the request.

"SABC doesn't have control over how an organization spends its money during the year. They only grant allocations at the beginning of the year," Johnson said. "SABC has no right to control it during the fiscal year, they can only control what we might spend during the next fiscal year."

Groh said Johnson is correct in that SABC cannot control spending; however, when it allocates funds to an organization, those funds are to be

spent for what the organization proposes at the beginning of the year.

UCAB wants to spend about \$5,000 of the remaining funds on office furniture for a room in the SGA office that will be vacant next year and on computers for the SGA office.

UCAB is a standing committee of SGA, and money cannot be spent without the consent of the UCAB chair, the SGA president, members of the executive committee, and the SGA assembly.

Johnson has filed a grievance with the student court stating that the UCAB budget has been abused by

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Senate Discusses Parking

by Laura Berardino
editor

Silvia A. Madeo, chairperson of Facilities and General Services Committee, told the UM-St. Louis Senate Tuesday that by the year 2000 there will be four parking facilities that will not be usable or repairable.

The committee has a good proposal to help resolve parking problems but it won't put before the committee for a vote until some problems are worked out, said Madeo.

"The proposal we have has three key parts: The first part is a gradual increase in parking fees rather than a one time increase around the year 2000," Madeo said. "We think that would be unfair to the people on cam-

pus at that time to simply use up these buildings, let them crumble, and ask those people to incur a very large increase around the year 2000.

"Make parking a tax free fringe benefit to all employees of this university. It would be nice if people didn't have to pay tax on the money that's going out to parking fees. The way we see to accomplish this is to provide for payment of parking fees out of rate dollars. That means, of course, that the rate pool would be less because a portion of it would be dedicated to payment of parking fees.

Essentially it would be a transfer of money from raises into the maintenance of parking," Madeo said. "That's the second aspect of our plan.

It's not going to make it painless. It doesn't mean we won't be paying for parking. But we will be paying less after tax as full time employees of the university for parking."

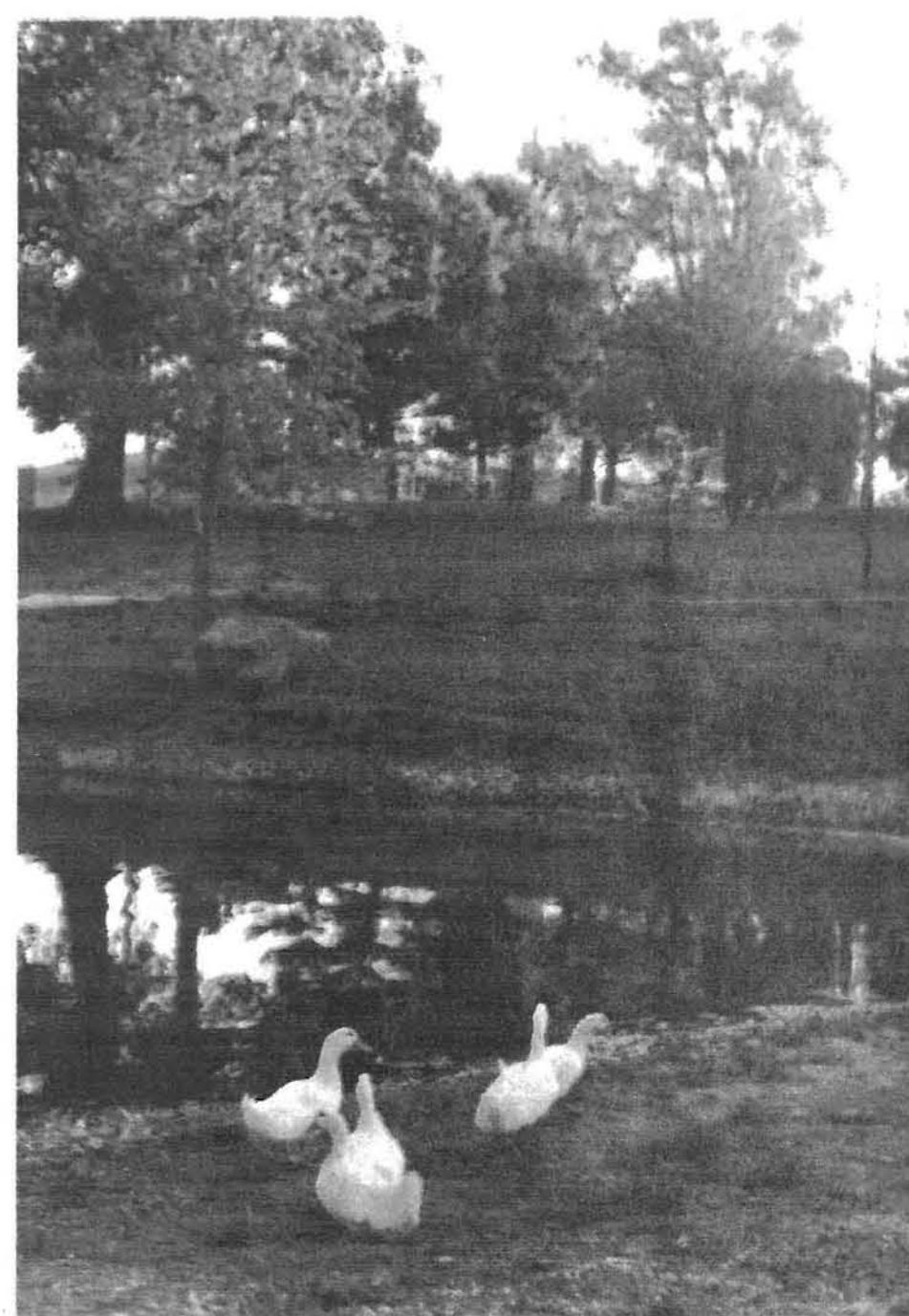
The third part of the proposal dealt with student's parking needs. Madeo proposed to offer satellite parking for students with shuttle bus service at a fee no higher than a fee than they are currently paying. Students could park in the premium spots for an increased fee.

Currently, the committee doesn't know what will be considered remote parking.

"Some suggestions have included

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It's Spring All Over Campus!!!



Winter is over, and the ducks enjoy the spring weather in Bugg Lake (photo by Fred Appel).

CALENDAR

THURSDAY APRIL 25

CHINESE FOOD: There will be a Chinese lunch at International house (7946 Natural Bridge, across from Woods Hall) between 12:15-1:30 p.m. This lunch is sponsored by International Student Organization and Chinese Student Association- Mainland on campus. For more information call 553-5211.

APPLE SATELLITE BROADCAST: At 3 p.m. in room 229 J.C. Penney a one-hour educational satellite broadcast "Multimedia 201: Beyond the Basics," will be aired. This is sponsored by Apple Computers Inc. For more info. call 553-6000.

EXPLORING THE CHILD IN YOU: Patty Finley of Hopeline will challenge you to explore the child within yourself. This is sponsored by the Women's Center. It will be from 7 to 8 p.m. in room 211 Clark Hall.

FRIDAY APRIL 26

ALUMNI BANQUET: The UM-St. Louis School of Education Spring Banquet will be held at the Clayton Plaza Holiday Inn, 7730 Bonhomme Ave. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner and a dance at 6:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the School of Education Alumni Association Chapter and UM-St. Louis' Dean Donald Robinson. Admission is \$17. For further information, call 553-5106.

WEDNESDAY MAY 1

BIOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES: Jerry Bryant of UM-St. Louis' biology department will discuss, "Expression of Tobacco Mosaic Virus Movement Protein in Yeast." The

lecture will be in room 121 Research Building at 4 p.m. Call 553-6200.

FRIDAY MAY 10

SKI MEETING: The Alton Water Ski Club will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. at their club house, on The Great River Road at Clifton Terrace (approximately 5 miles up river from Alton). Anyone interested in skiing and social activities encouraged to attend. For more information contact Ben Verhagen at 314-965-7583.

WEDNESDAY MAY 15

BIOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES: Kathryn Miller of Washington University will discuss "The Function of Actin Binding Proteins During Drosophila Development." This will be in room 121 Research Building at 4 p.m.

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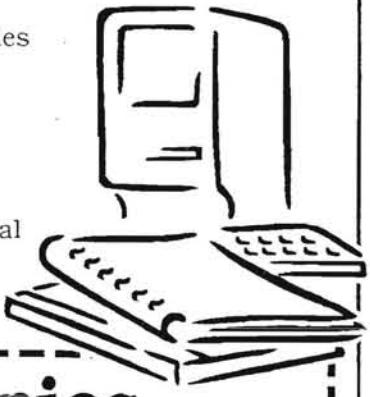
ALUMNI RECEPTION: Congresswoman, Joan Kelly Horn, will be the guest speaker at the Evening College alumni reception. It will be held at the Alumni Center, 7956 Natural Bridge.

TUESDAY MAY 21

PHOTO EXHIBIT: Public Policy Research Centers, room 362 SSB, presents photographs of Kansas City by Richard Loftis. The Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is free. For further information, contact Jean Tucker at 553-5273. The exhibit will run through June 28.

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The Sigma Alpha petitioning group of Alpha Phi Omega, the national co-ed service fraternity, will be having a meeting on April 30th at 12:30 p.m. in room 229 J.C. Penney Building. Anyone interested in APO is welcome to come.

PIKES will have a car wash to benefit C.F. on Sat. 4/27 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Dorsetteq and McKelvey Mobil station.

PERSONALS

To whomever took my backpack from the Summit Lounge on April 10 the papers in-

side the pack mean a lot to me and are worthless to you. Please return them to Lost and Found in U. Center. Thanks

Desperado why don't you come to your senses Come down from your fences and open the gate It may be raining but there's a rainbow above you You better let somebody love you before its too late

Steven: Grow up! If you want to play, pledge. The Greeks

Congratulations to Kerry Powell and Glenn Beckman on their engagement from Delta Sigma Pi.

Steven, Who's afraid of competition? By the way, when is Non-Greek week?

Happy Birthday to Delta Sig's with April or summer birthdays: Jim, Glenn, Whitney, Diane, Brad, Dean, Doug, Melba, Lesa, Kim, Elaine, Dana, Christina, Julie, Vicki, Craig, and Sue.

To all Greek Week winners: You are not champs but chumps since over half the campus can not participate. Let's open up the games and have some real competition. Steven

To My Farm Animal I will enjoy yer company an Sunday was fun. Now yo oh me too. We need to go skatin' so I can sho yo a few tings. Ahways yer Boyscout

To Steven: Each and every student at UM-St. Louis has a chance to participate in Greek Week. Anyone can rush a Sorority or Fraternity, but many choose to not get involved! Get a clue! Greeks

Spumoni, Thanks for all you've given me. You mean more than the world. Love you: Schmo P.S. Drake says 'Hi mommy!'

Steven: It is unfortunate that due to your lack of knowledge, you feel it necessary to go off on people and things you know absolutely nothing about. If your going to rip on us at least get to know us. A Greek

Lisa: I hope that softball is going as well for you as basketball went. Sorry, I have not made any of your games. Steven

To Steven: All male Greeks participate in intramurals, so you can compete with us there. Our games are called "Greek Games" for a reason. If you wish to participate in them, become a Greek! Or is that too challenging? Greeks!!

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magic show. The sorority competition winners were the Zetas with their frigid love affair, the DZ's in second with their music through the ages as seen through the eyes of Bill and Ted, and the AZs in third with an Egyptian theme dance.

The opening ceremony officially began Greek Week on Monday, April 15. The ceremony introduced candidates running for Princess Athena, Greek Physique, Greek Man and Women of the Year, and Fraternity and Sorority Scholar. Alpha Xi Delta's Cory Filstead won Princess Athena, while Mike Migeot of Pi Kappa Alpha won Greek Physique for the fourth year running. Migeot also won Fraternity Scholar. Julie Brotherton of Alpha Xi Delta won Sorority Scholar. Greek Man of the Year was Mike Tomlinson of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Greek Women was Liz Ostoin of Delta Zeta.

Each day, different games were played, including softball, volleyball, swimming relays, bowling, parlour games, trivia, and Win, Lose or Draw.

Saturday, April 20 was the day chosen for Greek Games day, when many of the events, mainly the marathon, the bike race, the VW push and the chariot races, were played at Mark Twain field. Later that night at the banquet and dance, the winners were recognized for their accomplishments.



AND THEIR OFF: Different members of different fraternities racing for the title (photo by Nicole Menke).

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the parking structure which is next to the General Services Building. It is presently not used heavily. One possibility is the new parking that will be provided when the light rail is finished. Another possibility is that land could be purchased by the university. We will know more about those possibilities in the fall," Madeo said.

Some other problems deal with finances.

"At the present time, we know of

no way to assure that funds set aside to replace parking structures would be available when first parking structure needs to be replaced. State dollars, rate dollars, that are set aside could be conceivably raided for some emergency purpose without some kind of escrow account," Madeo said.

Jim Krueger, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, gave the Chancellor's Report.

"The Office of Academic Affairs

is currently involved in searches fill two positions. One of these is de of Honors College. The search committee for this position continues meet in hopes to present a short list candidates to the vice chancellor Academic Affairs in the next fe weeks," Krueger said. "A search committee is also being formed to fi the position of Director for Center International Studies."

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An Overused Word

Racism is an overused word on this campus.

Everything is not black and white on this campus. There are many shades of grey. Racism is a dirty word in the nineties. It gives some people a lot more latitude to do what they want when they want because other people are afraid of being labeled "racist."

This year many committees and events were marred by the word racism. Mirthday, a relatively new tradition on campus, was boycotted by the Coalition of Black Student Organizations because it was declared a racist event. Why? Because there wasn't any blacks on the committee that organized Mirthday. Anybody can be a member of University Program Board. Instead of complaining about not getting an invitation to be a consultant, why didn't any of the Coalition walk down the hall and offer their services?

A few months ago the Coalition tried to disban the University Center Expansion Committee because it felt the committee didn't properly represent minorities. An Oriental student and a black faculty member were on the committee. The Coalition was especially upset because none of its members were invited to be a part of it. Ken Johnson, chairperson of University Center Advisory Board, all but begged for volunteers for the U-Center Expansion Committee at the SGA meetings.

Everyone is given an Equal Opportunity to join clubs or committees.

Instead of using their talents to improve existing clubs, many separate clubs or double clubs have been formed (ie: the Current and the Society for Black Journalists, the Black Accounting Club and the Accounting Club).

This hurts the campus in two ways: These double clubs thin out student activities money among the different groups and it promotes racism because it keeps cultures separated. Unless cultures intermingle, there will never be understanding.

People are afraid to say anything about these problems because they don't want to be labeled a racist. It's time for these problems to be openly discussed so innocent people's reputations aren't ruined by an overused word.

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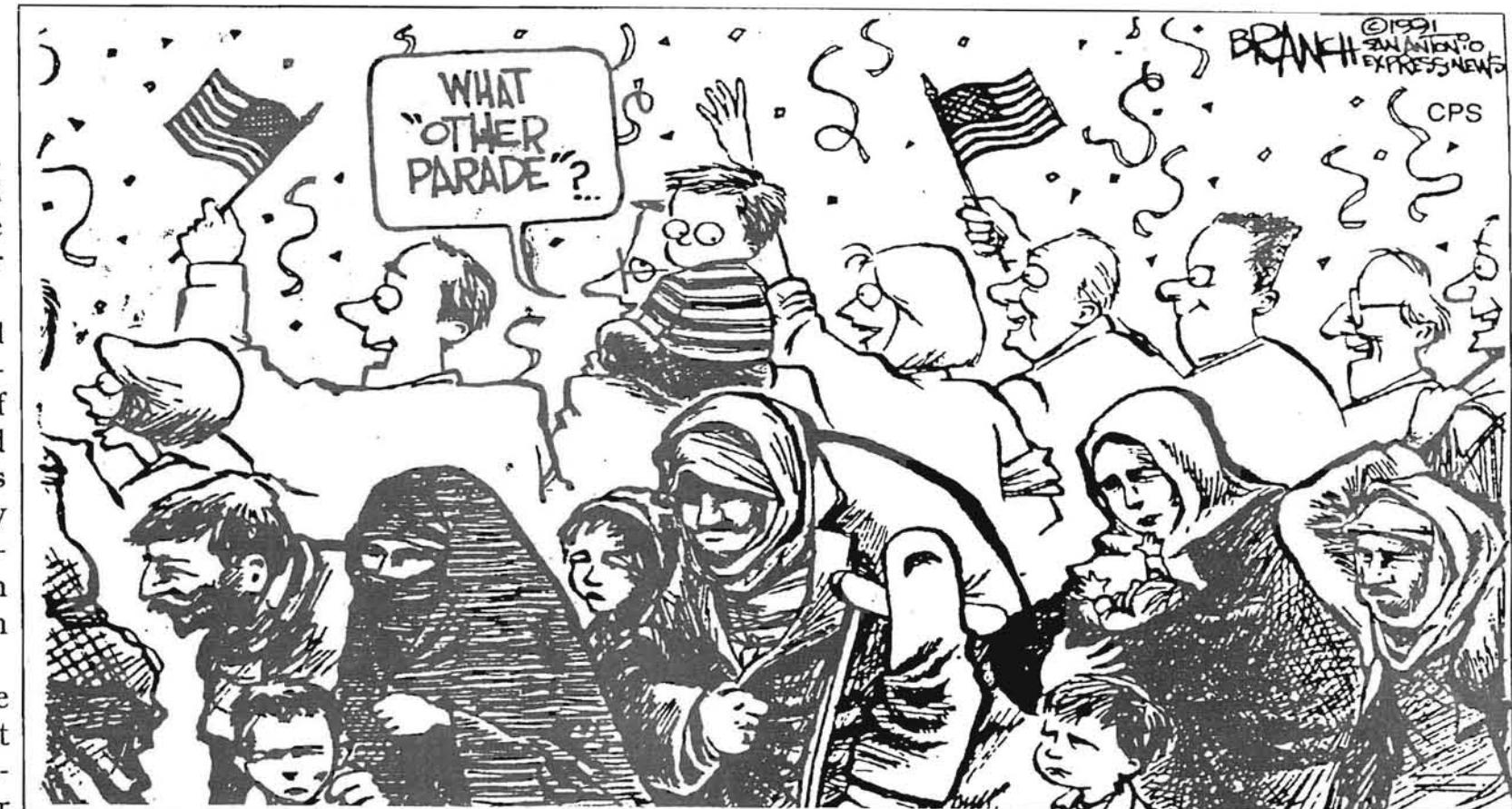
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Dealing With Unemployment - Positively

by Shirley Mergenovich

getting into this trap, which many people overlook. Instead of giving into the temptation to be frightened and make irrational decisions, it is possibly better to take time out like football players who are losing. Before throwing in the towel, they stop, rethink, regroup and then set themselves up to really win from that point on. It might be better to resist the temptation to grab the first job offer that comes along, and steer clear of high-priced outplacement agencies until you get in charge of your thinking and make some plans for yourself.

People often do not realize how the work place has changed. Employers' needs have changed, and you must also change. This means that instead of immediately putting all your energies into landing a job, you should take time to make sure the job you get is truly right for you.

Downsizing solves the employer's problem but leaves the employee in a state of crisis. Self esteem is damaged; financial problems are frightening and the tendency is to quickly try to latch on to the same type of job. During this time of crisis, people make decisions they later regret.

Of course there is an alternative to

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analyze your behavioral strengths and weaknesses.

Determine the work environment that will bring out your strengths.

Decide what type of job fits you best.

Take an inventory of your job related work skills.

Compare present skills with those needed for the ideal job.

Take steps to acquire the missing skills you need to succeed in the ideal job.

Map out a specific route to get yourself in the right job.

Find those people who will help you without ripping you off.

While doing your homework, you might want to change careers or join the thousand who are going into business for themselves. Career change and small businesses are the trend. Statistics show the average person will change careers five times in a lifetime, and small business startups are growing.

There is plenty of help for those who want to go into a small business, such as The Small Business Administration providing advice, counseling

and even loans. The Small Business Development Center providing similar help, in addition to an incubator center for growing a small business.

Also the St. Louis Community Colleges providing lots of valuable services, including two special entrepreneurial programs — The Woman Entrepreneur and Winning in Business.

Amidst all the negatives surrounding unemployment, there is a positive side. Unemployment can provide the "forced" break in routine could be just what you need to get in tune with yourself and the right career for you. Whether you stay with the same type of job, seek a career change, or go into business for yourself, you need to avoid the tendency to panic and make the wrong decisions with inadequate planning and preparation. If you give in to the temptation to grab the first job that comes along, you could miss a rare chance to set yourself up to win in a career that builds on your best strengths and offers long term success.

Shirley Mergenovich is president of Performance Builders Consultants.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial Aid Woes

To the editor:

Please help us confused students. Why is it that the department that's responsible for student financial aid knows nothing about student financial aid. They are unskilled, not knowledgeable of their department and most of all very rude.

No one can answer your questions, it's always I don't know or maybe. Perhaps the person who runs the department is not aware of the incompetencies of their staff, otherwise why would they give them control over money.

Sincerely Confused

Greeks Show Ill Temper; Vulgarity

To the editor:

This past Saturday (April 20) the annual "Greek Games" were held at the Mark Twain Complex. The day consisted of various competitions and sporting events between the different fraternities/sororities. While the competitions are certainly noteworthy in terms of who won and who lost, I found them remarkable for quite a different reason.

Up until this time I had been working under the assumption that fraternal organizations encouraged only the highest ideals among their members. Traits such as common courtesy, politeness, observance of school regulations, and tolerance for

others, I thought, characterized the behavior of Greek society members. I was apparently mistaken.

As a student worker at the Mark Twain Building I was afforded a unique and, perhaps more realistic, view of these societies. I watched in disbelief as member after member presented themselves for admittance to the facilities without a student ID and then utter insolent comments when asked to produce one.

I heard obscenities hurled at the security guard and the student workers, the likes of which were reminiscent of my days in the navy. I listened as Greek society members demanded special treatment amid threats of having us fired, surprised that we were unaware of their

importance. I short, I witnessed blatant arrogance and a type of pseudo-elitism that was clearly inappropriate, insulting, hostile, and immature.

The experience has certainly opened my eyes to the nature of these fraternal organizations. Given their behavior this weekend, they are either unaware of the ideals promoted in their respective charters or they feel free to put them aside when it is no longer convenient. Neither scenario is admirable.

How do I view these societies now? There seemed to be only one difference between the behavior of this group of people and a riot-riot members don't wear matching shirts.

Condom Machines Should Not Be Condoned By UMSL

To the editor:

My God, what are you trying to do? Condoms in the bathrooms! Make it more convenient - put the machines in the dorm. These so called educated people on the campus MUST think their way of thinking and your school MUST help them because you are educators of an elite group - not kids - students with brains or they would not be around UM-St. Louis.

In my opinion, neither the school nor the students have brains and not even common sense. We all know we will not live forever - even 7 year old kids are taught that in some schools. Your school, as intelligent educators, should teach them differently, but not by putting condoms in the bathrooms. If this happens, that is the end of my active adult activities and maybe I

will try to get others to drop out.

I'm sure parents of these students do not want this so why should UM-St. Louis go against their wishes? You are only contributing to a bad cause.

Of course you know you can be sued by these students if she comes up pregnant and can prove they used the condoms purchased at UM-St. Louis. Check with your law department. I'd sue and make UM-St. Louis pay for all expenses re: birth.

I believe these students know what they are about so why should the university worry about insurance and medical costs and Medicaid.

I do not worry about how a condom machine looks, but I am truly interested in saving all lives. You and I know condoms do not work. Even if you provide this

convenience to the students, they will be the losers in the end. You and I know what they must do. If they do not do what you and I know they must do, that is their decision not yours, not mine but there is and they would have to suffer the consequences.

UM-St. Louis is condoning the condoms then UM-St. Louis should be responsible for the consequences.

Let the students be responsible for themselves or let their parents bear the responsibility. If these students do not know what life is all about by now, then they should turn to God because He will help and this is only proof your cannot keep God out of education.

You can keep the parents out of education but eventually the parents (and you and I) will know what these so-called educated students

were and are about. But how sad because they have the advantage of a good education but it is only going down the drain. How sad!

Someone in my family will be entering UM-St. Louis next fall and I know it will be distasteful for her to see your "death machines" even in the bathroom.

Please do not install. But you will do as you please and therefore you will be responsible for all diseases that may come up.

I believe if I do not reply to you editorial, I am just as guilty as you. I love children, students and people. AMEN.

Thank you and I'll pray for you and your students because we love all of you and are trying to avoid problems for them.

Miss Agnes Klos

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Job Award Given To Leadership Institute

The Institute for Policy Leadership at UM-St. Louis received the Policy Entrepreneur Award as a pioneer organization advancing economic, community and human development. The program was selected for recognition by Jobs for the Future, an organization sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

Jobs for the Future, a consulting

VICC Grants Research Centers \$30,000

The UM-St. Louis' Public Policy Research Centers have been awarded a \$30,000 grant by the Voluntary Interdistrict Coordinating Council (VICC) to increase St. Louis County enrollment in the magnet school programs.

Results of a study provided by Public Policy Research Centers for VICC will assist in determining the profile of students and parents most likely to participate in the magnet school system by (1) profiling the best geographic area in which to target recruiting efforts, (2) providing awareness of educational needs, (3) providing specific indicators families use to choose magnet schools, and (4) recommending recruitment tactics to improve attendance levels.

The Public Policy Research Centers offer professional services of survey research and analysis of important community issues. The Centers are an affiliation of three interdisciplinary research and service units: The Center for Metropolitan Studies; the James T. Bush Sr., Center for Law, Social Change and Conflict Resolution; and Public Policy Extension/Survey and Applied Research. The Centers assist public and private organizations in the development, dissemination and application of knowledge concerning critical policy issues.

Lance LeLoup, director of the Centers, is the principal investigator for the magnet school recruitment study.

CBHE Grants Eisenhower Awards

The Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) recently announced cycle VIII of competitive grants funded through the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act. The CBHE administers the Eisenhower funds appropriated for institutions for higher education in the state of Missouri. The CBHE expects to award approximately \$860,000 in cycle VIII. The deadline for the submission of proposals is July 12, 1991.

To assist prospective project directors in the preparation of proposals, Dr. Diane M. Calabrese, CBHE's Research Associate for Planning and Eisenhower Grant programs, will conduct information sessions at four sites in Missouri. Interested faculty and administrators from Missouri degree-granting institutions are invited to attend the sessions.

All faculty with appropriate expertise and science and mathematics and interest in the enhancement of science and mathematics education are encouraged to submit development proposals. Collaborative proposals involving more than one department; more than one institution; or institutions of higher education and museums, nature centers, and libraries, are also acceptable.

To date, CBHE has made 131 Eisenhower awards. Grant applications have been mailed to all public and independent institutions of higher education. Additional information, copies of the request for proposals, and directory of projects funded in the period of 1987-1990 are available by contacting the Coordinating Board Office, 101 Adams, Jefferson City, 65101.

group, makes recommendations concerning the economic competitiveness of the nation's work force. Programs profiled in the Jobs for the Future "Pioneers of Progress" research report were from five states and five were national in scope. The Institute for Policy Leadership was among 28 non-governmental organizations chosen for the honor.

The Institute for Policy Leadership was created by Harriett Woods, former lieutenant governor of Missouri; and UM-St. Louis, to upgrade the quality of public policy decision-making. Institute projects included a conference on improved decision-making for legislators, a multistate leadership conference for women legislators, a resource bank for material related to the homeless and housing, and development of alternative funding sources for housing starts.

Talk On Campus Will Be Blunt

Secretary of State Roy Blunt will give a talk on "Campaign Finance Reform" from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, April 29, in room 229 of the J.C. Penney Building at UM-St. Louis. A question and answer period will follow Blunt's talk. The event is sponsored by the University's Public Policy Research Centers.

Blunt was elected Missouri's 32nd Secretary of State in 1984. Prior to his election as Secretary of State, he served 12 years as a county official for Springfield and Greene County. He has served as chairman of the Missouri Housing Development Commission, and as co-chairman of the Missouri Opportunity Commission. As Secretary of State, Blunt currently serves as the chairman of the Governor's Council on Literacy. Blunt also serves on the advisory board to the Federal Election Commission. He currently is candidate for the 1992 Republican nomination for governor of Missouri.

The event is free and open to the public.

King Discusses New Plaza's Impact

The business development of Pine Plaza, to be located at Natural Bridge and Kienlen Avenues, and its impact on the community will be discussed at a special presentation on Wednesday, May 1, from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

The presentation and continental breakfast will be held in the Cypress Room in the University Center, adjacent to the J.C. Penney building.

Matthew Foggy, CEO of King Management Corporation, will share his strategy for economic development in the country's central corridor. Foggy will discuss the factors

that point to successful business development, including legislative approval for redevelopment, financial backing, demographic indicators, community support.

The presentation and breakfast is sponsored by Normandy Communities Forum: Partnership 2000, a not-for-profit civic organization with a mission to enhance to quality of life for people who live and do business in the greater Normandy area; and the UM-St. Louis Urban Extension Project funded jointly by the UM-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension and University Extension.

Professor Wins Writing Award

Two essays published in *Gateway Heritage*, the quarterly magazine of the Missouri Historical Society, won juried awards for best articles for 1989 and 1990 at the Annual Missouri Conference on History.

Howard S. Miller, Ph. D., professor of history at UM-St. Louis, received the 1989 award for his article, "The Politics of Public Bathing in Progressive St. Louis," which appeared in the Fall 1989 issue of *Gateway Heritage*. The 1990 award went to Duane R. Sneddeke, the

Student Promoted

Rob Martin, Sales Associate has been promoted to In-Store Sales Representative of the Avalon Hill Game Company product line. In this position Rob will assume responsibility for demonstrating and promoting game products of the Avalon Hill Game Company at Games, Crafts, Hobbies, & Stuff and at local consumer shows featuring games.

This joint venture with the Avalon Hill Game Company of Baltimore, MD and Games, Crafts, Hobbies, & Stuff to promote the hobby of game playing to the public. Both companies are very active at various consumer and trade shows in this effort throughout each year.

Martin is a UM-St. Louis student.

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Grades Turn To Students In Course Evaluations

by Jenny Doll
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A frazzled, sweat-suited student drags her weary body to class. The heavy dark circles under her eyes attest to long nights of writing an ominous ten-page paper, while pumping her caffeine level to new heights. Propping herself up in the classroom desk, she hears the too-cheery voice of the instructor say, "This is your opportunity to evaluate this course and my methods of teaching. I welcome your constructive criticism." An evil gleam begins to glow in the student's eye as her grip on the number two pencil tightens.

Sound familiar? Although this particular case scenario may not apply to you, you may recognize the uncanny role reversal, where students evaluate teachers. However, this switching of places is not a regular ritual. Not all teachers request student input at the end of the semester. Why not? And what happens when they do ask for a critique of the course?

The policy regarding these evaluations differs with the various academic departments, according to Sallyanne Fitzgerald, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"It varies across the campus," said Fitzgerald, "but . . . in general, [all

faculty] are evaluated once a year, sometimes more frequently than that."

Even within the School of Arts and Sciences no standard formula governs evaluation policy. The differences in practice can be seen by a comparison of English and biology departments. Dr. Charles Larson, chairperson of the English department, expects courses to be evaluated—but has established no written regulations.

"[Evaluations are], in effect, required," said Larson. "I don't know that I've ever put anything down in writing about it, but it's generally understood that all courses should be evaluated every semester. Only very rarely is there a course where no evaluation takes place."

The form used by the English department includes a computerized Opcan form along with blank space for written student input.

"I don't routinely see all of those raw forms with comments on them—unless the faculty member wants to show them to me, of course," said Larson. "I do see them when I serve on a promotion committee or a tenure committee, because then we do a closer scrutiny of all the available data."

The biology department, on the other hand, dictates a standard policy.

"We require every instructor to

have at least one course evaluated per year," said Dr. Lon Wilkens, chairperson of the biology department. Unlike English faculty, biology professors never see the actual forms filled out by students. According to Wilkens, the forms go directly from the hands of students to those of the department secretary. The secretarial staff then tabulates the results.

"[The staff] makes an annotated list of comments. . . Then the instructors can see all this information," said Wilkens.

Wilkens receives the original forms along with the compiled results.

"Last year, I read every single comment that came in," Wilkens said.

In other academic divisions, such as the School of Business, regulations for teacher evaluations are based on professional status. Part-time, non-tenured business professors (adjunct faculty) must have every class they teach evaluated. However, this requirement does not apply to tenured (full-time) faculty.

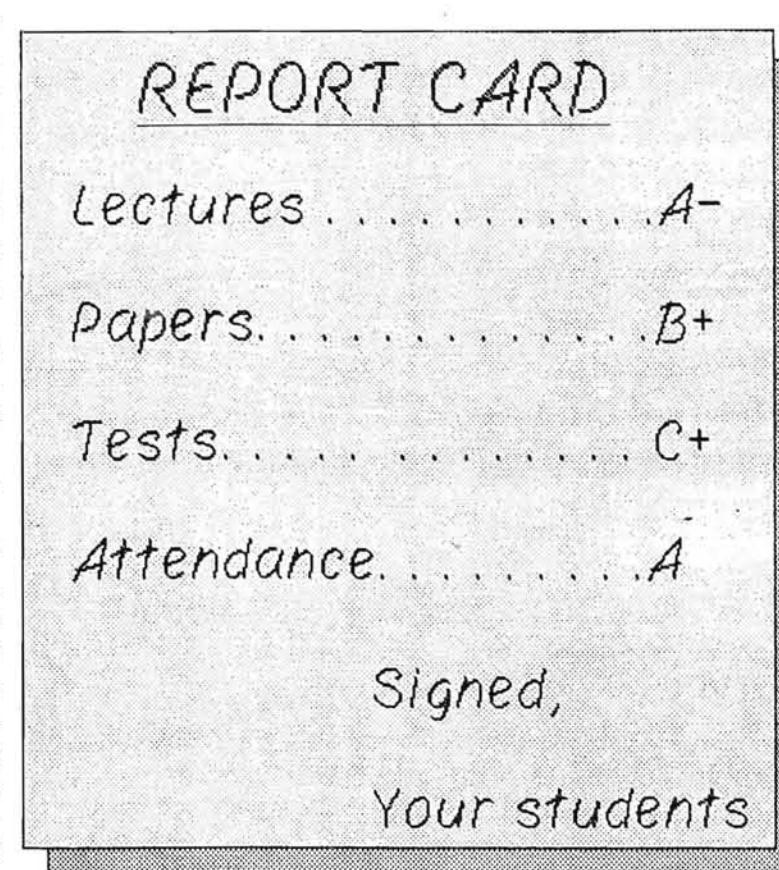
"If you are tenured, you are encouraged to do it. . . but you are not required to," said Dr. Robert Nauss, Interim Dean of the School of Business.

The business professors who are evaluated receive the computerized tabulation of the results, a tabulation of the "average professor" in the department, and the original evaluation forms. According to Nauss, the student comments are "for the instructor's use. We really don't see those."

The computerized results, on the other hand, carry a lot of weight regarding the status of part-time faculty.

"The area coordinator will look at [the results] and if the person is not doing well, they'll either counsel them. . . or we won't hire them again," said Nauss.

Not all departments differentiate between tenured and non-tenured faculty when establishing evaluation re-



GIVE ME A RED PEN... Students get a chance to give their teachers a grade with end-of-the-year evaluations.

quirements. The Elementary and Early Childhood Education department of the School of Education, for example, does not.

"The stated policy," said Dr. Thomas Schnell, chairperson, "is that we would like [faculty] to have at least one course evaluated every semester, but the actual practice is, I believe. . . , that all of our faculty have all of their courses evaluated every semester."

The assurance of anonymity plays a big role in the evaluation process. According to Schnell, the envelope containing the forms is given to one student in the class, who serves as a student proctor. Students fill out the forms "anonymously—in [the instructor's] absence," said Schnell.

Once completed, the forms are taken to the department secretary.

"She is the only one who sees them in their raw form," said Schnell.

The optical scanner reads and tallies students' responses to the computerized portion of the questionnaires. The handwritten comments, however, are manually compiled by the department secretary.

"My secretary just types them the way they are written," said Schnell. "When they're tabulated and finished, the originals are destroyed." The instructor, the chairperson, and the secretary's file all get a copy of the results.

As with those of other departments, education evaluations may influence a professor's salary for the following year. "The department chair recommends to the dean what a [faculty member's] salary increase should

be for the next year, and. . . a part of that is based on teaching evaluations," said Schnell.

But just how much weight does the opinion of the UM-St. Louis student carry? Schnell testifies to instances where student suggestions have, in fact, made a difference.

"On occasion, there have been changes in teaching procedures. Real concerns that students had have been taken to heart, and the course has been changed somewhat, or requirements have been changed," said Schnell.

Naturally, however, not *all* student suggestions are immediately put into practice.

"Sometimes, we feel it's justified to disregard some of the students' comments," said Schnell. "If you have a disgruntled student who says, 'This faculty member should be. . . taken out and beaten with a whip,' we don't do that."

Schnell does feel, however, that student response has been beneficial.

"I've gotten some dynamite suggestions from students over the years to improve a course," said Schnell.

Nevertheless, some UM-St. Louis students feel that the course evaluation process is faulty. Some blame these inadequacies on the system. A chemistry major expressed his frustration that instructors "don't really provide ample time to sit down and really think...or encourage [students] to make comments." Other students place more of the responsibility on students who fill out the forms. "I don't think people take them as seriously as they should," said an English philosophy major.

A finance major sees the forms as a welcome opportunity. "Students can at least feel like they're making a difference," she said.

Maybe to "make a difference" is all we stressed out, sleep-starved, caffeine-pumped, end-of-the-semester college students want.

Forgetfulness Disease Strikes Young And Old



shades of grey

figure I can wiggle some brain particle loose and brilliantly remember everything I've forgotten since I was knee high to a fortune cookie. By the way it never works and usually only succeeds in making me look incredibly stupid but, hey I gotta be me right?

Besides forgetting where I am and what I'm doing and where I'm going and who I am and who anybody else is - whenever I get to wherever I'm going I can't remember how I got there. What I mean is I can't remember where I parked my car. I do usually remember what my car looks like, except for the time I broke into that Roto-Rooter van thinking I had locked my keys inside. If my behavior is like anyone else's I am forced to do something I am forced to do. Of course when I return I will have forgotten what it is I came back for. Not to worry I'll eventually remember it was my keys when my pencil fails to start the car.

The urgency of the forgetful situation I am in, revealed itself just the other day, Monday I think... or was it Tuesday? But I digress. I decided to go to the mall to make a payment on my Famous bill. I had to pay at the store because I was late. I was late with my payment because I had forgotten to send off the check I had already written, put in a stamped envelope and laid on top of the microwave. I had of course the best intentions but, anyway, what was I talking about?

Oh, yeah. I went into the mall, walked into the credit department and told the clerk my intentions. Here's were the plot sharpens or curdles or....thickens that's the word thickens. While rummaging through my purse I regretfully informed the clerk that I left my checkbook somewhere. (I knew better than to commit myself by pretending I knew where) I drove back to the office, greeted everyone, drank some soda and walked out the door. Yoo hoo. Hello McFly! 5...4...3...2...1. In less than five seconds I was back for the checkbook and it was back to the mall. Sometimes I think it is absolutely amazing that I haven't had a wreck on the highway because I forgot to open my eyes in the morning.

I had always thought that the syndrome of walking into rooms and forgetting why, was something only older people did. Wrong. I walk into a room to try to remember something I had forgotten there. Then I forget what I forgot and just walk around aimlessly wobbling my head back and forth with my mouth open and my eyes squinted. I guess maybe I

leg? Certainly not. Will many of them have? Tragically, yes.

In a rough sense the college campus may well be a type of environmental hazard. Surely not like a toxic waste dump, but with certain similar properties—namely, that if one spends considerable time there, there is an increased probability of certain negative health consequences.

There's a lot of drinking on most college campuses. The nation as a whole has its alcohol problems, but college students drink more than most of the rest of society. A recent na-

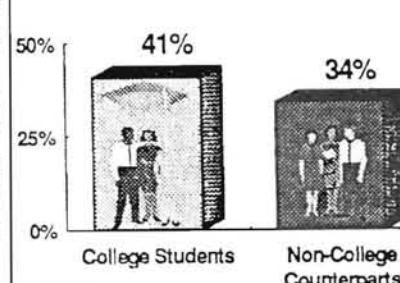
tional survey has demonstrated that college students generally have a higher drinking prevalence than their non-college counterparts (people their same age who do not attend college).

For example, about 75 percent of a typical student body will drink some alcohol next month, while only 71 percent of their non-college counterparts will. Forty-one percent of our nation's college students engage in a bout of heavy drinking (five or more drinks in a row) in the last two weeks,

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College Students: Heavy Drinking

(5 or more drinks in a row within last 2 weeks)



Mortal Thoughts Leaves Audience Brain Dead

by Brad Touchette
movie critic

As much as one would like to believe that "Mortal Thoughts" is a good suspense-thriller, it really isn't. The previews would make one think so. Unfortunately, this one doesn't deliver.

My first warning was the credit that ran "Co-produced by Demi

Moore". Most times this is warning for a flop. If the writer of a film can't find a Hollywood producer who believes this movie will make money, then he turns to an actor who will shell out his or her cash to help. Evidence to support this thesis is no more blatant than in the Emilio Estevez-produced flop, "Men At Work".

"Mortal Thoughts" stars Demi Moore, Glenne Headly, and Bruce

Willis. All turn in excellent performances and portray believable characters, but the script is slow and the flashback sequences get old fast.

Demi Moore plays Cynthia Kellogg, a girl who gets mixed up in the murder of her best friend's husband (played by Bruce Willis). She and her friend Joyce Urbanski (Glenne Headly) spend most of the movie jokingly plotting the murder of Joyce's

highly abusive husband, James. After Joyce apparently kills her husband during a fight, they both panic and decide to try to cover up the murder by dumping the body and making it look like he was robbed.

Quite a few intense scenes ensue where they look like they may get caught, but they are not enough to keep the film moving at a steady pace. It goes from tense to dull to tense to dull. This does not make for enjoyable viewing.

Other good performances were turned in by Harvey Keitel (Det. John Woods) and Billie Neal (Linda Nealon, Woods' partner). But as all of the actors try to keep the film going, it only sputters. But to ice this cake, the ending is simply pathetic.

The entire movie is spent in memory recollection. It opens up with Moore entering a police station and slides down from there. Many details are hazy and a lot of facts don't make sense as she recalls all the events pertaining to the murder.

On top of it all, the ending purposefully contradicts itself and then doesn't bother to clear up the rest of the story she's told. Leaving the viewer hanging is not a good way to end a movie. After she visualizes what really happened and returns to the station to tell the truth, the movie ends. You leave the theater wondering just how much of the story was a lie and how much wasn't.

All in all, a lot of good talent and acting was wasted on a script high in boredom. The ending was just as bad. I would have liked to see Jesus resurrect this one. Give it two stars, but only because the acting was top notch.



DO YOU HAVE ANYMORE GUM... Demi Moore not only stars in Mortal thoughts but is also the co-producer. She plays Cynthia Kellogg and gets involved in a murder with co-stars Glenne Headly and Bruce Willis.

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while only 34 percent of their non-college counterparts did so. Only 11 percent of our student body will refrain from drinking. Perhaps most serious, almost four percent of all college students will drink every single day next month. This heavier drinking pattern among college students compared to their non-college counterparts is in marked contrast to other drugs such as marijuana, LSD, cocaine, crack, heroin, barbiturates, tranquilizers and even cigarettes. College students seem to "know better" for every dangerous drug except alcohol—the one drug that causes the most problems on college campuses.

The typical college student consumes an average of over 34 gallons of alcohol per year per person. For the

over 12 million college students in the United States the annual consumption of alcoholic beverages totals well over a staggering 430 million gallons. To visualize this, imagine 3,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools—roughly one for every college and university in the country—filled with beer, wine and liquor. And that would only last our student body a single year!

By volume, beer represents the vast majority of the alcoholic beverage consumption. Even though beer generally has a lower ethanol content than wine or spirits, most of the college student's ethanol intake comes from beer. The annual beer consumption of American college students is just short of four billion cans. If these "college beer" cans were stacked end-

to-end, upon each other, the stack would reach the moon and go 70,000 miles beyond.

When they do drink, college age students tend to be more reckless and determined to get a "kick" than others. There appears to be a growing trend in student drinking with the clear intent of intoxication.

College students tend to drink virtually everywhere. Fraternity houses tend to be a locus of drinking activities. While it may be said that college students are more at risk for alcohol abuse than many others in our society, belonging to a fraternity is a significant additional risk factor. Fraternity members drink greater quantities than the other college students, drink more frequently, and

drink more heavily.

How often do college students get drunk? Between 53 and 84 percent of students get drunk at least once in the year. Drunkenness at least once a month ranges from 26 to 48 percent.

There is some evidence developing that drinking is heavier in schools where campuses are isolated as compared with schools in large urban areas. Students on rural, isolated campuses give their isolation and the lack of "anything else to do" as a major reason for drinking.

No matter what the excuse or the reason for the excessive drinking of college students, it is an issue that should be addressed nationally.

Office for Substance Abuse Prevention

UCAB from page 1

Student Activities for at least two years and if this abuse continues, it will place the expansion of University Center and the Mark Twain swimming pool complex in serious jeopardy.

In the grievance, Johnson gave suggestions to alleviate the situation including:

- Allow Ken Johnson, chair of UCAB, in consultation with SGA president, executive committee, and

assembly to spend the funds of UCAB at their discretion as provided in the attached policy and like every other student organization.

- Prohibit SABC from reconsidering the allocation of UCAB for

1991-92 in a vindictive and arbitrary manner.

SABC will recommend to the Student Court that UCAB's funds be frozen. The student court will meet Thursday, April 25 about the matter.

In other business, Mike Finley, SGA chair, said that the elections are over and it is time for everyone to unite and work together again.

"This is healthy for an organization. An organization must divide itself to select its leaders," Finley said. "Friendships have been strained but there is no reason we all can't come back together again."

Alla Pruzhansky, SGA president, announced that the Office of Equal Opportunity will be handling grievances on sexual harassment. Counseling can still be sought at Horizon's or the Women's Center but if a student is sexually harassed, that student should contact Equal Opportunity in Woods Hall.

Pruzhanansky added that members of the executive committee had lunch with Chancellor Blanche Touhill just before the elections and each person, informally, expressed concerns that they had.

"It gave us an opportunity to find out what our chancellor was like socially, outside of her position," Pruzhansky said. "It was a nice event."

Paul Matteucci, in his report, said that in addition to the 12 percent tuition increase in the fall, there is talk of another 12 percent increase in January and a possible 12 percent increase every fall for the next five years.

The assembly approved a motion by Matteucci to increase the stipend of the SGA president and vice president to \$1000 and \$500 respectively. Both officers currently have their tuition and books paid for.

Softball Record Breakers



Kris Earhart

Senior Kris Earhart swung hard to set the single season hit record last week with 56 hits.

The firstbaseman broke the old record set by teammate Lisa Houska, who had 55 hits during her All-American season in 1989.

Earhart, who played competitive fast-pitch softball since her freshman year of high school, is also one steal away from setting the single season steal record. She ranks first in the MIAA in hitting and is among the top 30 Division II hitters in the nation.



DeAnn Murphy

Newcomer DeAnn Murphy, single handedly, set a new school record for most strikeouts in a season.

She has fanned 87 batters, surpassing Sandy Hammonds' record of 64.

The combination of Murphy and fellow pitcher Traci Furlow are closing in on the most strikeouts in a season. They have 142 strikeouts, as of last week.

The team record for most strikeouts in a season is 145, set in 1981.

Porter from page 9

Although Porter was a baseball standout in high school, batting .493 as a senior and being selected to the all-conference second team, Porter says that he was recruited more for football than baseball. Only two colleges recruited him out of high school for baseball, and he decided to go to Northeast Oklahoma Junior College.

Porter spent only one semester there before returning to St. Louis. After a mandatory year in residence at UMSL, he began playing for Coach Brady.

Porter thinks that the lack of recruitment out of high school was because of his skills. "I don't think my skills were all that great." But he

attributes his more recent success to Coach Brady. "Coach did a hell of a job."

Porter is scheduled to graduate from UMSL in May with a degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. And he has plans for how to use the degree as well.

First of all, Porter has a military obligation to fulfill. Having gone through the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps program at UMSL, specializing in Military Police, Porter will go to Advanced Camp in Washington D. C. in June. Upon completion of that school, he should receive a commission in the Army Reserves.

Porter also hopes to go to State Trooper school this summer.

Although his future in baseball does not look as bright as it did at the start of the season, it's not necessarily time to give up all hope. Porter still plans on giving the Pros a shot. "Between the end of the season and the time I go to Advanced Camp, I'll go to a couple of tryout camps," says Porter.

But no matter what happens, Porter is still proud of his degree. And he hopes he can set a good example for the kids in the area around UMSL. "I grew up right in this neighborhood. I'd like the kids to know that no matter what, if they try, things will work out for them."

SPORTS BRIEFS

SCOREBOARD

Rivermen Baseball:

UMSL 2, Pittsburg State 0
UMSL 4, Pittsburg State 2
UMSL 0, Central Mo 7
UMSL 5, Northeast Mo 0
UMSL 3, Northeast Mo 2

Riverwomen Softball:

UMSL 1, SIU-Edwardsville 2
UMSL 0, SIU-Edwardsville 2

Dates printed in bold denote home games.

All softball home games will be played at St. Ann's Vatterott Park. (I-70 west to Cypress Road, left to International Drive, left on International Drive.)

WHAT'S NEXT

Rivermen Baseball:

April 26-29: MIAA Tournament TBA
April 30: UMSL vs SIU-E (At Ballwin); 7:00pm
May 2: UMSL vs Quincy College; 7:00 pm
May 4: UMSL vs Southern Indiana; 1:30
May 10: UMSL vs University of Denver; 3:00
May 11: UMSL vs Metropolitan State; 1:00
May 12: UMSL vs Regis College; Noon

Riverwomen Softball:

April 30: UMSL vs Evansville; 3:00

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Winning Tennis Scores

Singles Scores

| | | |
|----|---------------|----------|
| #1 | Julie Johnson | 7-5, 7-5 |
| #4 | Betsy Godfrey | 6-0, 6-0 |
| #6 | Thao Nguyen | 6-4, 6-4 |

Doubles Scores

| | | |
|----|----------------------------|---------------|
| #1 | Julie Johnson & Anna Poole | 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 |
| #2 | Pat Lynn & Betsy Godfrey | 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 |

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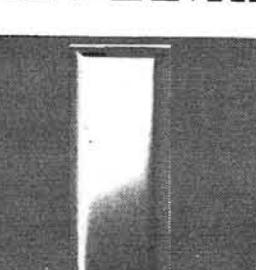
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Porter: Finding A Future After College Baseball

by Michael Benz
For the Current

On March 2, 1991, the UM - St. Louis baseball team was playing in the Armstrong State Invitational Tournament against St. Augustine University. It was only the fourth game of the season for the Rivermen, and expectations were high for a successful season.

As one of only four returning seniors, Craig Porter figured to play a key role in the campaign. Therefore, the good-natured disposition that Porter shows when he is with his friends off the field was not evident now. Instead of a friendly smile, his face wore an intense scowl.

In the third inning, Porter was on third base. As he took his lead, the St. Augustine pitcher threw over. Porter's six-foot-three, 225 pound body tried to get back to the base, but his cleats got stuck in the wet turf. Tragically, his left knee took the punishment, sustaining strained ligaments and some cartilage damage.

Before the injury, Porter was a bright prospect for professional baseball. He was coming off one of the finest seasons ever by an UMSL player.

in 1990, highlighted by a school record 50 runs batted in, 10 of which came in just one game against Harris-Stowe College on March 27, another UMSL record.

And looking at Porter's career statistics, 1991 looked to be even better. In his three previous seasons, Porter raised every statistic from that of the previous year with the exception of doubles between 1988 and 1989. The most notable improvement was in his run production, which improved from 15 runs batted in to 50.

As a result, many scouts took notice of Porter. Head Coach Jim Brady says that scouts from all 26 Major League teams had shown interest in him.

The only question some scouts had about Porter was his ability to play outfield. In previous years, Porter was valuable as a spot reliever as well as an offensive threat. Therefore, Porter was the designated hitter in 1990, and he only had four chances in the field. "We didn't want to put too much strain on his arm throwing in the outfield if we needed him to warm up in the bullpen," says Coach Brady.

But going into this season, Brady

was going to play Porter in the outfield. "We intended to play him in left field so that the scouts could get a look at what he could do."

But then the injury.

Even though Porter is still available for spot assignments as pinch hitter and relief pitcher, Brady gives a bleak assessment on Porter's chances to make the Pros. "[The injury] has eliminated his chances to get drafted."

Not only has the injury affected Porter's future, but it has hurt the team's performance this year. Right now, the Rivermen are in third place in the South Division of the MIAA, and if the rest of the season goes as Brady expects, they should end up still in third. But this would fall short of the second place finish required for post-season play.

Brady insists that Porter's absence is the major reason for the team's inability to produce runs. "When you lose your fourth position in the line-up," explains Brady, "it's like the Cardinals losing Jack Clark four years ago."

In 1987, when the Cardinals lost Jack Clark in a freak base running accident for the remainder of the season, the Cardinals' offense plummeted.

Similarly, without Porter, the Rivermen are not as formidable to their opponents. Coach Brady uses the team batting average as an example: "We're at .295 right now, and we've never been under .330 during my tenure."

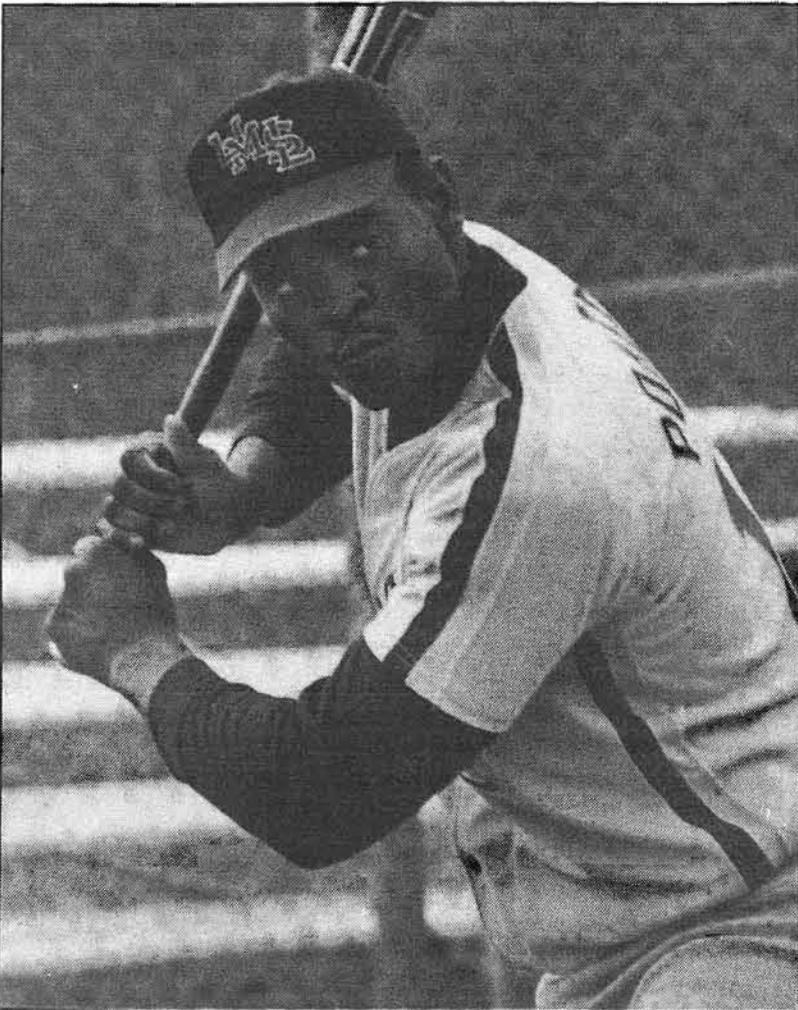
"To lose your pre-season All-American at the beginning of the season really hurts. That's a big offensive force to lose in the line-up. With that hole, it puts a lot of pressure on everyone else."

Despite the support that the numbers give to the coach's stand, Porter underplays the effect of his absence.

"We've got a strong team with a lot of young players," says Porter. "Some freshmen are really doing a great job." He believes the lack of offense is just a slight problem with chemistry and some hard luck with game day weather.

Porter graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas - Mercy High School in 1986. He says that what he learned from his high school coaches more than anything else was to have fun playing. "I think you learn more if you're having fun."

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Craig Porter

Baseball

Team Wins Four;Drops One

by Jason Buchheit
for the Current

Junior Jim Foley, normally a starting pitcher was used in the bullpen the last few games. Foley picked up saves in wins over Northeast Missouri and Pittsburg State, increasing his team-leading total to five. He is closing in on the school record of seven saves in a season, held by Len Ruemker (1972) and Bob Simpson (1985 and 1987).

The freshman trio of Donnie Jolliff, Brian Tripp, and Jeff Eye continued with its offensive punch last week. All three had two hits apiece in Sunday's 4-2 win over Pittsburg State. Eye's three-run homer was the difference in the 3-1 victory over Northeast Missouri.

Tripp also added with two hits in that game.

The Rivermen baseball team improved its record to 22-18-1 overall and 4-6 in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a pair of victories over visiting Pittsburg State on April 2, a 7-0 loss to Central Missouri State University on April 22, and 5-0, 3-2 doubleheader victories against Northeast Mo on April 23.

Senior Jim Kinnet pitched a one

hitter in the opening game against Pittsburg State, throughout seven innings. The Rivermen won 2-0.

The win is Kinnet's second of the season.

In the second game Sunday afternoon the Rivermen won 4-2 behind 6 1/2 innings of shutout pitching by senior Bill Hansel. The win improved Hansel's record to 4-1

which was his second in five days.

"We had some excellent efforts from Hansel and Kinnet," head coach Jim Brady said. "Those were a couple of masterpieces."

Other than the two wins this weekend, the Rivermen pitching hasn't been up to potential this season.

Earlier in the week, Rivermen pitchers were battered in a 14-3 loss at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

One Day later, the Rivermen travelled to Northeast Missouri State

and split a doubleheader, losing 4-3 and winning 3-1.

Though it's late in the season

junior, Mke Landwear is making

points with Brady.

"Mike is playing very well... he has been one of my key players for the last few weeks," Brady said.

Brady said that the 5'10", 175 pound, secondbase man is showing determination in everything he does and it's really starting to pay off.

"I am very happy with the

perseverance Mike shows," said

Brady. "His improvement is tremendous."

Women's Tennis

Team Rebutts Loss To Central Mo;Goals Set For MIAA Meet

by Christine M. McGraw
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis women's tennis team rebounded a 9-0 loss to Central Missouri State University and wrapped up their regular season, when they played the team for a second time and won 5-4 on April 20.

The winning doubles combination of Julie Johnson and Anna Poole went at it again defeating the opposing team's No. 1 doubles team, 6-2, 4-6, and 6-2.

"They play really well together at the No. 1 position," said head coach Pam Steinmetz. "They have won the last three matches they've played."

No. 2 doubles players Pat Lynn and Betsy Godfrey also beat Central Missouri.

The No. 1, 4, and 6 single players were also successful in avenging their opponents.

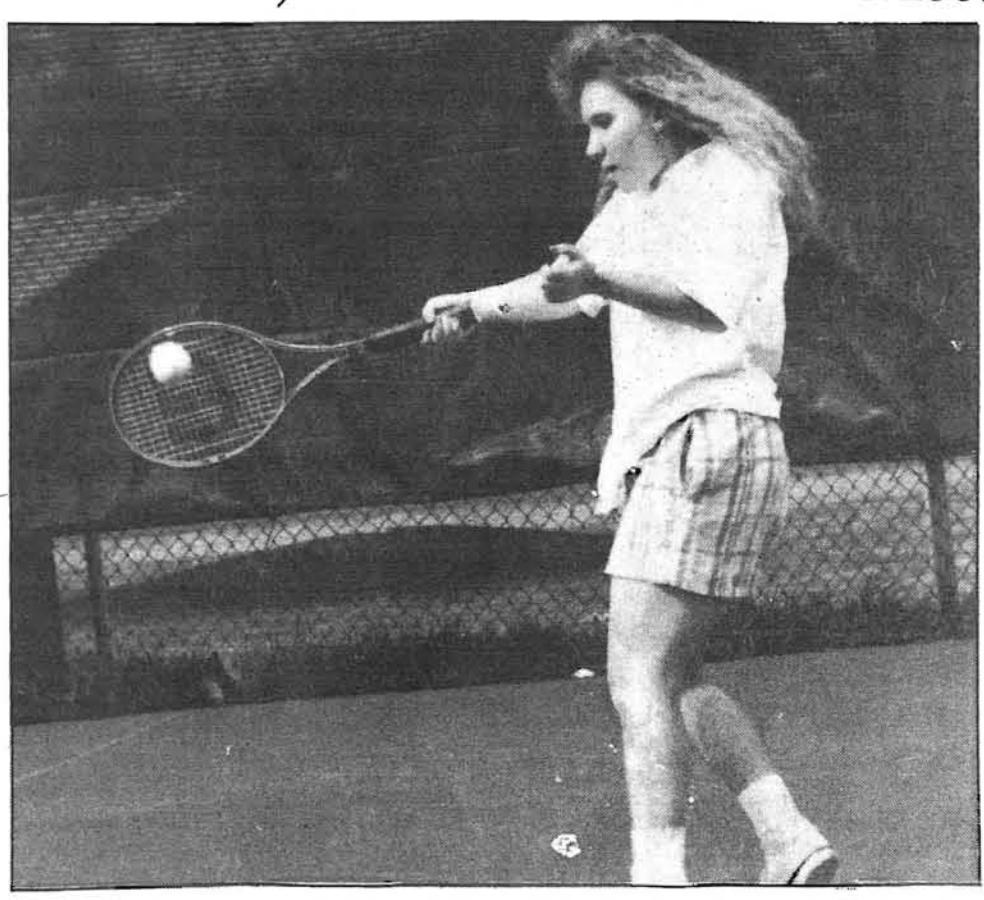
This victory concludes the women's tennis season. The Riverwomen will now compete in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association tennis championships with eight other conference schools.

"If we come in seventh place we will be happy," said Steinmetz. "Most of the other schools have scholarship money. If we can stay out of the basement we'll be happy."

Central Missouri State, Northeast Missouri State, Northwest Missouri State, Southwest Baptist, Washburn University, Lincoln University, Missouri Southern State, and Missouri Western will all be competing in the conference.

"We're hoping for surprising victories at the tournament," said Steinmetz. "You just never know."

See page 8 for winning tennis scores



SWINGING HARD: The UM-St. Louis women's tennis team member is practicing for her next match on the Mark Twain tennis courts. (Photo by: Nicole Merike)

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Jim Foley

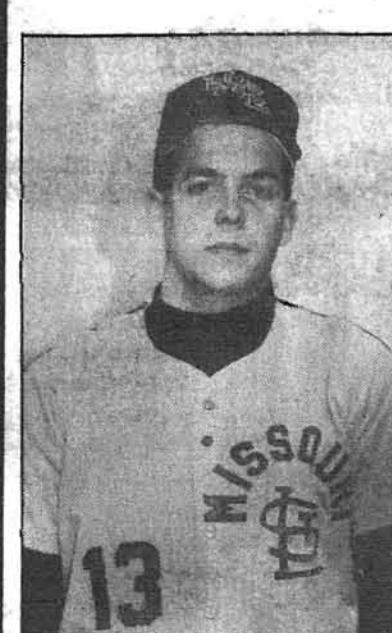
•Baseball

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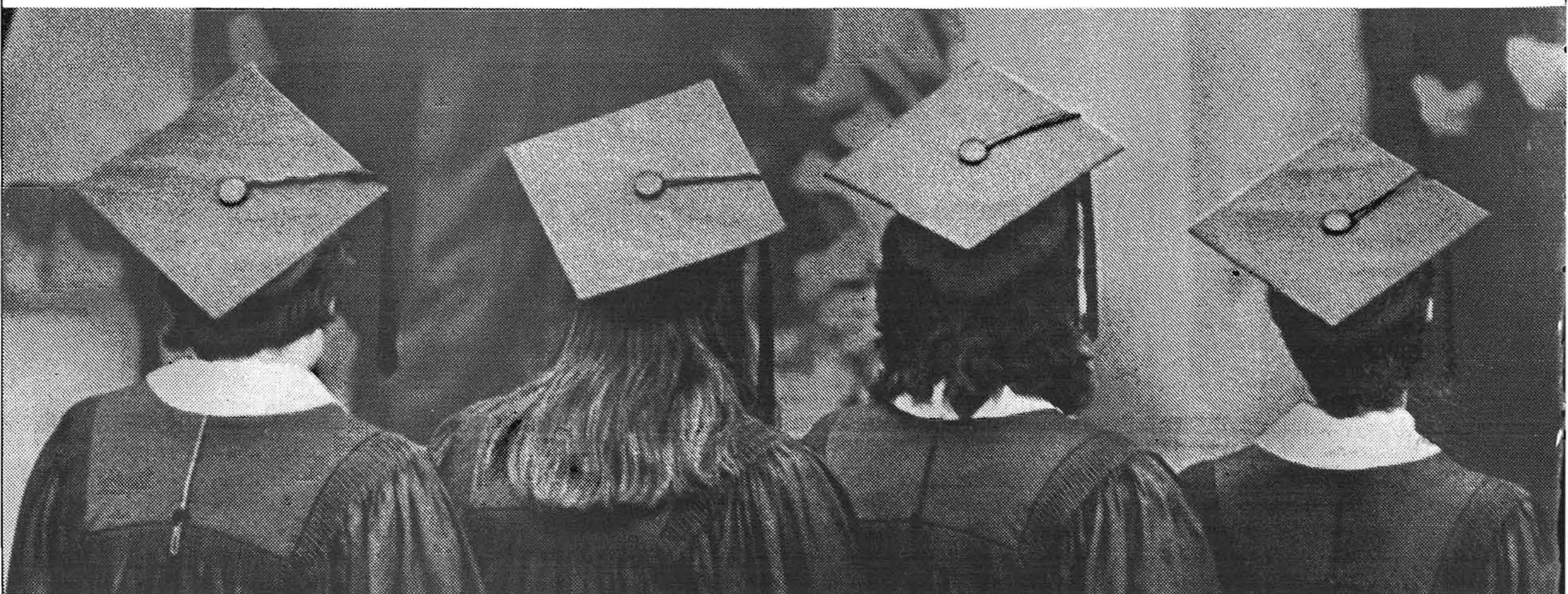
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