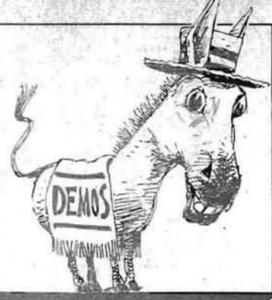


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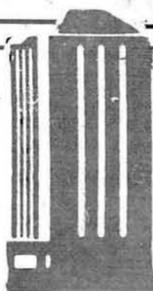
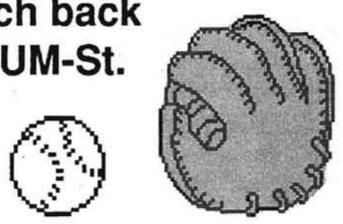
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SGA Freezes Funds For Missed Meetings

by Melissa A. Green
news editor

Student Government Association voted to freeze approximately \$20,000 of student organizational funding on Monday, Feb. 4.

The names of the organizations who had their funds frozen were given to Bob Schmaldfeld, director of Student Activities.

The assembly voted to freeze funding for any organization that has missed more than three assembly meetings, a rule set in the by-laws. Along with freezing funds, all the organizations will lose their recognition within SGA.

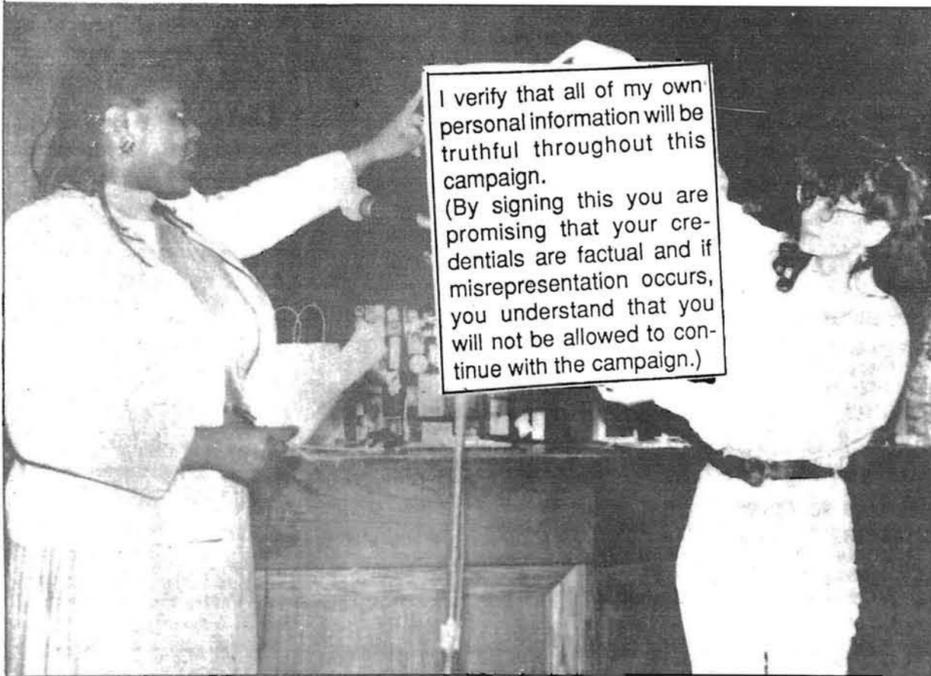
The quorum of the assembly has been lowered since 41 organizations lost their recognition.

Notification letters were sent to the advisers, representatives and organizations concerning their absences at the meetings as well as to notify them of their frozen funds. Several organizational representatives stated that they did not receive any letters.

Other representatives objected to the freezing of funds.

"I opposed it because of the possibility that people are not getting notified," said Ed Mock, SGA representative and president of the Evening College Council.

Mock would like to get a proposal for an amendment to the SGA by-laws stating that notifications be sent by registered mail when an organization has missed two meetings and



READ THIS La Donia Payne and Alla Pruzhansky present the new question added to the applications for president and vice president for 1991-92. (Photo by Max Montgomery)

when their funds are frozen. "Spending \$4 to freeze \$500 is worth it. We want to make sure people get notified and attend the meetings, not to freeze their funds to get their money," Mock said.

Organizations with frozen funds can appeal the decision through Student Court.

Mark Grimes, SGA vice presi-

dent, announced that the Chancellor Selection Committee has narrowed its choices to three. The candidates include Blanche Touhill, UM-St. Louis interim chancellor, James Haefner, Jackson State University President, and Thomas George, dean of natural sciences and mathematics at the State University of New York. Grimes said that minorities are

well represented in the candidates.

Originally, 123 applicants answered the position for chancellor. That number was narrowed to seven and given to UM System President C. Peter McGrath for selection of the final three. Interviews will be conducted during February and the new chancellor will be announced at the March meeting of the Board of Cura-

tors held at UM-St. Louis.

The proposed "clean campaign" for the upcoming elections has been dropped. Administrative Committee Chair La Donia Payne, changed her original idea for the campaign. Instead she has added a question demanding truthful responses on the applications for all students running for offices, which was voted on by the executive committee. An amendment was passed to have the question pertain to the items contained within the application.

Payne is looking for interested poll workers from organizations to help with the April 15-16 elections. Interested individuals can pick up sign up sheets in the SGA office in University Center.

At the Feb. 17 meeting, Payne will discuss the revision of the Constitution. Each representative will receive two copies of the Constitution. The proposed changes in the document will be bolded in one copy.

The Social Committee is planning a campus-wide night at a St. Louis Blues hockey game. The game will be one of four nights chosen. The games include Feb. 21 against the New York Islanders, Feb. 28 against the New York Rangers, Mar. 1 against the Minnesota North Stars, and Mar. 28 against the Islanders. Any organization interested in tickets, call the SGA office and talk to Julie Schwartz.

During this past year, Pruzhansky

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Curators Approve New Center

A six percent tuition increase was approved by the Board of Curators during the Jan. 30-31 meeting in Jefferson City.

The increase will go into effect in the fall of 1991. The increase per credit hour averages out to be \$3.50 for lower level undergraduates, \$3.80 for upper level undergraduates and \$4.70 for graduates.

This increase will follow another six percent increase that starts during the summer semester, for a total of a 12 percent increase in tuition fees. The increase in dollars averages to approximately \$100 per semester.

The five percent increase of faculty and activity fees approved by Student Government Association during the Dec. 2 meeting were approved during the Curator's meeting.

In other business discussed during the meeting, construction for the new computer center was approved. The 62,000-square-foot center will complete the Quadrangle. The center will be built in between Lucas Hall and the SSB Tower. The center will also have disabled accessibility.

The low bid for the contract was \$4,592,000, which was submitted by K&S Associates. Ground breaking ceremonies will be held later this month.

UMSL Campus Needs Disabled Reforms

by Tim O'Brien
Current staff

A national consultant for disabled student services said the greatest concern for UM-St. Louis is improved inter-institutional communication.

"A lot of questions were being raised in the beginning of the academic year on whether our disability support services were adequate to meet the needs of disabled students at UM-St. Louis," said Karl J. Beeler, assistant to the vice chancellor for Student Affairs. "So the University decided to take a good look at it."

In response to an on-site visit to evaluate the status of disability support services on campus, Jane Jarow has released a report to the University. Jarow holds a Ph.D. in Communicative Disorders and Sciences. She has conducted training programs at campuses such as Indiana State University, Ohio State University and Michigan State University. Jarow is currently executive director of the Association on Handicapped Student Service Programs in Post-Secondary Education (AHSSPPE).

Jarow interviewed several

people related to the disabled issue, including Marilyn Ditto, Administrator for Special Student Programs; Lowe, "Sandy" McLean, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Gloria Leonard, Director of Procurement, Risk Management and Communication Services; and Phyllis Lee, Coordinator, Student Health Center.

One purpose of Jarow's visit was to provide recommendations for access and suggestions for action or investigation. Although, according to Beeler, she was quite happy with the present program, she gave in her report at least a dozen "recommendations for action."

The report states that, "It appears that many of the problems and concerns expressed are related to misperceptions about the responsibilities and functions of the Administrator's position," referring to Marilyn Ditto. According to Jarow, Ditto "has been burdened with the unreasonable expectation that she fill a 504 Compliance Officers role. However, she has not been given the title authority, budget or power of the position. This

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UMSL Prepares For The Coming Of Light Rail

by Robin Mayo
Current staff

The construction of the MetroLink Light Rail began on Feb. 1, on the UM-St. Louis campus, closing off part of West Drive and Bellerive Drive, and causing the loss of ten parking spaces this semester.

Introduced to UM-St. Louis in 1988, the construction was approved in an easement agreement with the Bi-State Development Agency to allow construction of a light-rail system along the UM-St. Louis campus at the Board of Curators meeting January 30-31, 1991, in Jefferson City, Mo.

Laurence G. Schlereth, vice chancellor of Administrative Services, said he thinks the new system will be a major improvement for students who are currently riding the bus to campus, as well as driving.

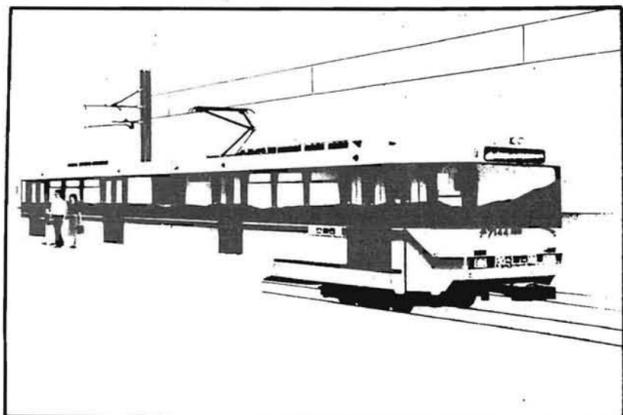
"I think it will benefit the entire student body. People don't think about going down town for lunch, but now a group of students can go down to the Central West End to eat during a

break," said Schlereth. Bi-State purchased 31 passenger vehicles from Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc. of Germany, for \$45.4 million dollars. The cars are similar to cars in Pittsburgh's transit system. The cars are approximately 89 feet long, and made of light weight, welded low alloy, high tensile steel. The cars will get their power through an aesthetically designed overhead catenary system, which is a curved electrical line suspended between two points.

Each car will be climate controlled and have 72 fireproof, fiberglass seats with fabric inserts. There will also be room for an additional 100 comfortably standing passengers.

Built on continuous welded rail, the MetroLink track will have a low noise level and a smooth, quiet ride. Retaining walls along some parts of the light rail will also buffer noise from the cars.

The words "light rail" may confuse people as to what exactly it is. It is a streetcar-type transit railway, constructed on city streets, very simi-



SPARKLING NEW A proposed version of the light rail cars.

lar to a trolley car.

A feeder bus will carry passengers to and from transit stations.

The light rail will be a benefit to the Bi-State bus system. Opposed to buses, the light rail is more efficient and conserves more energy.

The overall cost for the light rail is

\$288 million. With Congressional approval, \$56 million has been allotted for the 1991 fiscal year, the total amount financed by Congress is \$273 million. The first groundbreaking ceremony was May 31, 1990, at North

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Left Behind For The War, Parents Remember

by Max Montgomery
associate news editor

Many UM-St. Louis students have had their studies and lives interrupted to serve in the Middle East. When Roger Engelhardt left for Saudi Arabia he only had two more weeks of school before he would have received his diploma.

Roger Engelhardt, 22, is a UM-St. Louis student in the Marine Reserves. He left for duty on November 30, 1990, and arrived in Saudi Arabia on January 1, 1991.

With American flags and Desert

Storm service flags adorning their front porch, Ray and Dorothy Engelhardt, Roger's parents, support their son and all servicemen in the Middle East.

Dorothy, Rogers mother wears a yellow ribbon and she said she will wear it everyday until the war is over and her son comes home.

Roger and his fiancée were to be married on April 6, 1991. Instead they got married shortly before he was shipped out.

Roger was in Saudi Arabia when

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Ray and Dorothy Engelhardt

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

NO BONES ABOUT IT: The Women's Center will feature chiropractor, Linda Smith, who will discuss osteoporosis and why it is such a major health problem affecting women. The lecture will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in room 211 Clark Hall. For more information, call 553-5380.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

THREE PERSPECTIVES ON THE PERSIAN GULF: A lecture will be held on why the U.S. should leave the Persian Gulf at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 997-8585.

MONEY MATTERS: The Economics Club invites anyone interested to attend a seminar on careers in economics. Jeffrey Olson from Southwestern Bell will speak from 1-2:15 p.m. in room 331 SSB. Refreshments will follow.

MARKETING: The American Marketing Association Meeting will meet at 1 p.m. in room 229 in the J.C. Penney Building. Meeting will conclude at CASA.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

DATE RAPE: Zeta Tau Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha will sponsor a presentation on date rape and answer any questions that arise. This event is open to students and faculty and will be held in the J.C. Penney Auditorium from 4-6 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 11

A "GOLDEN" OPPORTUNITY: Judith Golden, professor of art at the University of Arizona will present her lecture, "Myths and Masquerades" at noon in room 229 J.C. Penney and at 5:30 p.m. in room 100 Lucas Hall. She will discuss her photographic art, both past and present. For more information, contact Tom Patton at 553-5975. This lecture is free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

VIOLENCE IN PROSTITUTION: The Women's Center will show a documentary video entitled "Prostitution: A Matter of Violence Against Women". The video will be shown from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 7-8 p.m. in room 211 Clark Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

CONTRACT LAW: Learn about the basics of contract law. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7-9:30 p.m. ending on Feb. 27 and Wednesdays beginning April 3-17 at the same time. Both sessions will be held on campus and the program fee is \$165. To register, call 553-5961.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

TICKLING THE IVORIES: Pianist William Triplett will perform in the Summit Lounge from noon-1:30 p.m. as part of the Chancellor's Luncheon Series. Bring or buy a lunch and sit back and enjoy.

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PERSONALS

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Captain, Happy Anniversary! This has been a great year together, and I know we will have many more! You mean more to me than I could ever say! I love you, Chief

My dearest Teddié, if you think we should be more careful then maybe we should abstain from doing anything. I am getting tired of your smart ass attitude. I decided to forgive you for your wild excuses but enough is enough. Sincerely, Poopsie

Chipster, Don't worry about me while I'm in Naples. I won't be there. Since it was your favorite place, I am going someplace that I want to go. I'll think of you when I'm in Jamaica. I hope the ponies were worth it, because I'll be very lonely without you, and there's no telling what I'll do by myself in the hottest spot in the Caribbean. Yours, Muffi.

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Make Action

Someone famous once said never mistake motion for action. How true that is when it comes to UM-St. Louis, the UM System and most arms of the local, state and federal government. Some people have the time and money to grease the wheels of the system to their favor. Then there are those who just have to persevere, however hard, in the hopes of getting anything done. Some of the most persevering are the disabled on the UM-St. Louis campus.

Jane Jarrow, who holds a doctorate in Communicative Disorders and Sciences, recently evaluated the status of disability support at UM-St. Louis. While the university has taken action on some of Jarrow's recommendations, response to the problems facing the disabled has been notably slow.

Many disabled students at UM-St. Louis aren't shy about raising public awareness concerning their mobility and accessibility problems on campus and the problems they have concerning the lack of reliable specialists to aid them in their course work. Students often have to wheel long distances just to get to bathrooms that are supposed to be equipped for the disabled. Many times the revenues aren't available for students who need assistance seeing or hearing. These are only a few examples of some of the problems facing people with disabilities.

While the university recognizes these problems, taking appropriate action to correct these problems is another story. How easy it would be to point the finger at the administration and demand rectification. Unfortunately, the finger also needs to be pointed at the UM System's policy (or lack of) for dealing with disabilities and then at the state legislatures. Although Senate Bill 353 is specific about making monies available for special school districts, it is vague about money being made allocated to aiding disabled students in higher education. What do they think happens to disabled high school students? Society needs a shove too. Pointing a finger isn't going to get the job done. Maybe the finger pushing a pen on a piece of paper and sending it to state legislatures would make action.



'Democratic Haven' Just Case Of Sour Grapes

by Kevin Kleine
columnist



No wonder the university system is so screwed up, this campus is a "haven for Democrats!"

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Well, at least that's the view of the Missouri Republican party and our favorite son, Christopher S. "Kit" Bond. Sen. Bond stated last week that the campus is like the farm team for the state Democratic party. Judging by the people here and most of their attitudes, I would say the opposite is true. This campus' population can be so conservative at times, it makes Ronald Reagan look like a

trust me

card-carrying member of the ACLU.

The only reason Bond's hackles are raised is that the campus isn't a breeding ground for the Republican party. Sounds like a bad case of Sour Grapes to me. Why must the university always be dragged into political squabbles that do nothing but divert attention from the real issues such as underfunded programs and improving the quality of education?

The Republican party makes it sound as if E. Terrence Jones and Harriet Woods had collaborated on a curriculum to produce the ultimate democrat and were using taxpayers' money to do it. Maybe it's one of those super-secret, sacred-cow-type programs that the government has been hiding for years. You know the one's I'm talking about, "how to raise taxes without really trying",

"Arms for Hostages?", What arms for hostages?" etc.

I would like to know if or when politicians will ever grow up enough to quit slinging mud when their party is in the minority. When the Republicans were in control of Congress, the Democrats bitched and moaned. Now the republicans are guilty of the same offense now that the Democrats have gained control.

Get a grip guys.

I recently made a discovery that many people struggling to get through foreign language courses will be glad to hear. Here it is: Sometimes you may get a chance to use your foreign language skills on the job!

Yes, there is a purpose for those never-ending vocabulary quizzes and translations of important phrases like; "Where's the bathroom," and "I need a beer."

My discovery came to me about 1

a.m. while I was working at the South County Journal. I was working on a page that had a story about a man opening a German-decorated steak house in South County. The Story had a cutesie headline on it that tried to say "welcome" in German, except it was grossly americanized. It read, "Willkommen." I smiled wryly and wrote a note on the page to the editor as to the correct spelling. Two years of high school German and an additional four semesters in college had finally paid off. I got to correct one word! So look on the bright side the next time you have to drag yourself into Spanish or French or whatever obscure language you decide to take. As your high school adviser used to tell you, "You'll never know when you'll need it."

Someday you may use your foreign language on the job, or maybe you'll just need a beer after you find a bathroom in Mozambique.

LETTERS POLICY

The *Current* welcomes letters to the editor. The writer's student number and phone number must accompany all letters. Non-students must also include their phone numbers. Letters should be no longer than two typed, double-spaced pages.

No unsigned letters will be published, but the author's name can be withheld by request.

The *Current* reserves the right to edit all letters for space and style.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take A Stand Against This Administration

To the editor:

George Bush recently sent out a condescending letter to the campus newspapers of America to ask for student support of his terrible war. Bush wants his war to be "different" from Vietnam. By this he means that he wants to carry out his imperialist crusade for a "New World Order" without the student uprisings and protests of the 1960s. Fortunately the outrage and protests against Bush's war far exceed anything which occurred at the beginning of Lyndon Johnson's war.

Mr. Bush claims to be outraged by Saddam Hussein's pillaging of Kuwait. Yet, he has nothing to say about China's invasion of Tibet, South Africa's invasion of neighboring countries or his own invasion of Panama. The Kuwait invasion only outrages Mr. Bush because of the role of certain oil companies in the region which hold an enormous influence on U.S. policy. In any event, nothing in the U.S. Constitution authorizes the U.S. government to take on the role of 911 to the world.

Moreover, Kuwait was a wealthy enough country that it could have defended itself - if its subjects had thought the Kuwaiti dictatorship worth defending. If every man, woman, and child over the age of, say, eleven had owned

an automatic assault rifle, Mr. Hussein's thugs would have gotten nowhere.

Instead, Kuwait depended on a standing army, an army which fled to Saudi Arabia as soon as they received Hussein's phone call that the Iraqi troops were on their way! Likewise, an appropriate remedy exists to defend the interests of the oil companies for the \$15 billion per year it costs to station them in the Saudi desert, a quite minor operating expense for these companies. As it is, far more innocent civilians will die and get hurt than would have in the absence of Mr. Bush's war.

Mr. Bush calls for a "New World Order." Americans familiar with the history of the 1940s and 1950s know that the "New World Order" was and is a code word of totalitarian socialists who sought and seek to impose their One True Way upon the world via the United Nations.

These were and are extremely insecure people who foam at the mouth at at any hint of an alternative lifestyle to the one which these authoritarians seek to impose on us all. Some of these totalitarian socialists, former senator George McGovern and columnist Alexander Cockburn for instance, already dance with glee at the new prominence Mr. Bush has given to the United Nations. This organization, created by the imperialists and

warmongers of the World War II era, bears responsibility now for both the U.S. government's war against Korea and the U.S. government's war against Iraq. The Libertarian Student Network calls for nothing short of total abolition of the United Nations.

Mr. Bush claims that Iraqi control of 20 percent of the world's current oil production would wreak economic devastation on the world. I'm a graduate student in economics and I assure everyone that Bush's claim is just complete nonsense. The oil industry is highly competitive. Consumers set the prices by bidding on the oil available. Twenty percent of the current output is trivial. If Hussein refuses to offer Iraqi oil at world market prices, we'll buy our oil elsewhere and other oil companies will step up production. It is Bush's war which threatens our economy by putting all Mideast oil in jeopardy.

Finally, Mr. Bush's claim that he is defending the principles on which the nation was founded is nothing but a bald-faced lie. As our last great president, Grover Cleveland, pointed out, "it is the policy of Washington, of Jefferson and of Monroe - peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none." George Washington made it clear in his farewell address and Thomas Jefferson made clear in his inaugural address that one of the most important principles upon

which this country was founded was the principle of staying out of foreign wars!

I urge all of you, stand with the Libertarian Student Network and the millions upon million of Americans outraged by the policies of the current madman in the White House. Stand with us in protest and defiance. Help us bring down this administration. End this war and bring the boys and girls home.

Terry Inman
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RETRACTION

In the Jan. 30 issue of the *Current*, Professor Mustapha Pasha was misrepresented as being a spokesperson for the Islamic community. He was speaking as a political analyst.

Some quotes attributed to him were actually those of another panelist and some were taken out of context.

The *Current* regrets the mistake and any confusion this may have caused its readers.

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Hanley and I-70, where a concrete retaining structure was erected to contain the rail alignment.

To boost community awareness of the MetroLink Light Rail in May, Bi-State publicized limited edition "Inaugural Groundbreaking" T-shirts, for a donation of ten dollars.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, 1990, at the Power House at the DeBalievre Garage, approximately 200 people came to the open house presentation of the MetroLink stations.

Life-size models of the stations were erected inside the Power House, and architects and engineers were given the opportunity to perform tests on the materials, lighting, and engineering techniques.

Normal Bi-State bus routes will vary little, in fact they may increase in distance to reach a Metro Link station, and some routes may end at Metro Link stations. By having Metro Link, Bi-State will be able to increase its capacity where it is needed, which Bi-State says is the bottom line.

Metro Link is scheduled for completion in 1993. It is to be an 18 mile, 20 station setup, from East St.



DIGGING IN Construction began on the North campus for the incoming Light Rail on Feb. 1 (photo by Nicole Menke)

Louis, across the Eads Bridge, all the way to Lambert Airport. Stops will include Laclede's Landing, the Central West End, Forest Park, Page Avenue, St. Charles Rock Road, UM-St. Louis' North and South campuses, Hanley Road, the airport, and Berkeley.

UM-St. Louis Vice Chancellor for student affairs Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, said that UM-St. Louis is fortunate to have two stops on campus, that we are the only campus that does, and it's a good thing.

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and Grimes have curtailed their traveling to save up for a banquet to honor members of the assembly.

"The banquet is to honor those students who put in effort this year, who deserve a chance to enjoy themselves," Pruzhansky said.

The Inaugural Dinner will recognize the new president for 1991-92. The banquet is tentatively set for Friday, May 10. SGA is looking at dance halls to host the banquet. More information will be offered at the Feb. 17 meeting.

The University Center Expansion committee stopped meeting for a short time until more student representatives were added to the list of current representatives. Now the student representation includes students from South Campus, the Evening College, minorities and disabled students. The meetings will resume the week of Feb. 11.

University Program Board announced that Mirthday is on Wednesday, April 18.

The Ad-Hoc committee investigating SABC funding has been disbanded. The assembly voted during the Dec. 2 meeting for the time limit of the investigation to end with the Feb. 3 meeting. The final report was to be delivered by the committee's head, Terrence Small. Small did not attend the meeting.

The next SGA meeting will be held on Feb. 17, when the revision of the Constitution and by-laws will be discussed.

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the war broke out. His mother recalled her feelings when she had heard the news.

"It was unreal. I can remember when President Kennedy was shot and it was the same kind of unreality," said Dorothy. She is very proud of her son, and at the same time she is scared senseless.

According to the Engelhardts, getting through a crisis like this is tough and it tries your patience. Dorothy said an hour doesn't go by that she doesn't think about it.

"You're glad to go to work because it gives you something else to think about. If you didn't, you could sit, watch TV all day, think about it and go crazy. You're glad to go somewhere and think about something else," she said.

Ray said he supports the troops but he wishes his son was fighting for a better cause. "As far as fighting for his country- I'd take his place in a minute. There is no question about that."

The Engelhardts said they had not talked to their son since he left, however his wife, Lisa, had talked to him and she said that although he didn't want to be there, his morale was high.

The Engelhardts don't know when they will get to talk to their son or what exactly they will say.

"You try to stay away from the big topic because no one wants to talk about that," said Ray. "And I try to be real careful to not say anything non-supportive."

When and if the Engelhardts talk to their son, they said they plan to ask him how he is doing. Then talk about the basics such as the weather, the

family etc.

"It's real hard, with the situation, to carry on a normal conversation because it gets too emotionally charged," said Dorothy.

For the Engelhardts, one hard part of the whole situation is the uncertainty of their son's welfare.

"You raise someone for 22 years...it's just, you know, war is such a frightening thing. I feel such a helplessness with the whole situation, particularly if you're the kind of person who likes to take control of the situation, which I am. You just feel so helpless," said Dorothy. "It's like living in never-never land everyday. Where is he? What's really happening? Is what we are hearing really true? What is he doing?"

The Engelhardts don't belong to a huge support group for parents and families of servicemen, but they try to let each other know what is going on because talking to their children that are serving is so rare.

"You don't know where they are, you don't know what they are doing, so we let each other know so that at least you have some sort of contact," said Dorothy.

The Engelhardts said Roger was annoyed by the situation, needless to say, because everything was moving toward the peak in his life that he had worked for, and it bothered him a lot that he couldn't finish school.

Dorothy said that when your life is interrupted like this, adjustments have to be made and dealt with.

"I think that after a while, some priorities are greater and your greater priority is, 'I have to make it through this,'" she said.

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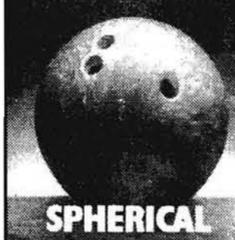
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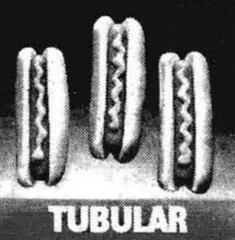
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Education Key To Society's Acceptance Of Homosexuals

by Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

In last week's issue of the Current, four UM-St. Louis students shared their personal experiences of what it is like to grow up being gay. This week, Carla, Kim, Scott and Steve talk about some of the attitudes gays must face both on campus and in the workplace.

In the past, society has reacted to homosexuality with a negative attitude. Gay people feel that the emotional and physical badgering they face stems from misconceptions heterosexuals have about homosexuality. Because of these stereotypical fears, homosexuals are not always allowed to be open about their feelings. Carla, Kim, Scott and Steve feel that generally, people are uneducated about homosexuality and therefore, do not understand or accept it.

The UM-St. Louis campus has an organization called the Lesbian/Gay Campus Organization (LG-CO). This organization is open to homosexuals and those interested in homosexual issues. Even though this organization is present on campus, Kim feels that students don't realize some of their fellow classmates could be gay.

"I don't know how many times I have been in a classroom when people make fun of [homosexuality]," Kim said. "After a while, I just didn't feel anything about it anymore. I know they aren't talking about me when they talk about gay people because

they obviously don't know gay people when they sit there and tell the jokes that they do.

"You would think college would give people a better understanding and intelligence on being able to view this objectively."

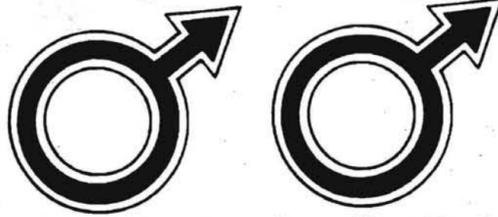
Steve feels that an effort should be made to enlighten those that are ignorant of the concepts of homosexuality. He said that people need to become more personally involved before making judgments.

"Until the college public makes an effort to meet someone on a one-on-one basis to formulate their own opinions and until they start to look at the world in terms of differences in people being a plus, then they can't become educated people," Steve said.

The group said that prejudice against gays is basically like other prejudices except homosexuals can hide the fact that they are gay.

"When you're sitting in a classroom, a professor isn't going to tell a black joke. But you are invisible—no one knows about you," Carla said.

The group feels it is nice to have homosexuals that are in the public eye, but that not all homosexuals are ready to take that step. Steve said that



when people get older, they are more willing to take risks by letting people know up front that they are gay.

"You want them to know about your difference," Steve said. "If they can handle my difference then they are worthy of my friendship and time. I've been hurt too many times before by knowing people for years until they found out I was gay. Prior to that minute when they found out I was gay, I was a nice kid, but because I am gay, I am no longer worth associating with. If I tell people right up front that I'm gay and that doesn't bother them, we can go on from there. But I'm not going to string a friendship along just to be hurt again."

One misconception about homosexuals is that they are on the same psychological level as criminals. The group said that when someone finds out another person is gay, they often assume this gay person is attracted to

them or will try to hit on them.

Kim said, "I told my best friend when we were about fourteen. I said, 'I think I like women,' and she said, 'no you couldn't like women, you don't like me.'"

Some religious groups feel that gays try to entice others to become homosexual.

In his book, "Homosexuality: Its Cause and Its Cure," Jimmy Swaggart says that homosexuals will go to all lengths to lure people into becoming a part of their lifestyle.

"The homosexual school teacher or scoutmaster will constantly be on the alert for those susceptible to recruitment into their lifestyle. This places our children and our grandchildren in jeopardy whenever they sit under these teachers or leaders. Whenever homosexuals are allowed to work in places of public employment, they will once again seek to draw others into their web of bondage—preying upon those with whom they have working contact—preferably the young and inexperienced," Swaggart said.

The group feels that people with opinions like these are hilariously misguided. Just like a gay person can not be talked out of being gay, a straight person can not be convinced

to become gay.

"There are people who are miseducating the mass majority about homosexuality. In the case of Jimmy Swaggart he is using fear tactics. As long as people send him money he will pray for them so they won't become gay. The only way to combat this fear is through education," Steve said.

Steve feels that society sees homosexuals as having a disease or that their gayness is contagious.

"A gay person can not instill their will on someone else if that person is not predetermined to have homosexual feelings in the first place," Steve said.

Some people react to homosexuality in an extremely negative way. It is as if that person feels that, by associating with a gay person, they could become gay themselves.

"It's not like anybody can touch you and you're going to turn gay. That's what some strange people think, that if I came by and touched them they would turn gay," Steve said.

The work place is another situation that can be affected by negative attitudes towards homosexuals. The group said that it isn't something anyone could prove, but gays are discriminated against like other minorities in a career. They said that it is subtle, but if someone knows about their homosexuality it could be used as a factor in judging job performance.

"You're gay so you're worth 25 cents less an hour than someone else. It's not specifically stated as such, but

It's not like anybody can touch you and you're going to turn gay.

—Steve

if it was, it wouldn't matter because there are no laws to protect us," Steve said.

The general attitude of the group was that education is the key in changing the misguided attitudes of society about homosexuality. When people realize that gays are not murderers or child stealers, that they are not trying to turn everyone around them into homosexuals and that opinions of people should be formed only when a one-on-one experience has taken place, then society can begin to change.

When people begin to take into account the good qualities of someone instead of only seeing them as being gay, then understanding and acceptance of that person can occur.

"Being a good neighbor, being a good citizen, being a good American is all for nothing. You are a gay person - you are different from me. Therefore, you are bad. People who will discriminate against one group of people will discriminate against other groups. Those are the people who don't see the world in colors. They only see it in black and white. The world is far too beautiful to see in only black and white." Steve said.



Competitors Battle For 'Ms. Hog' Title



by Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

shades of grey

over this atrocity. To each his own, but I don't think the world will collapse if the ground hog has to set his alarm clock a little earlier.

There's one more thing I'm a little confused about. Is there just one ground wood hog chuck that reveals himself once a year to enlighten the world? If so who gets to pick that one special hog to do the honors?

I have concluded that once a year the members of the ground hog pep club organize a "Be a Hog" contest. With the queen of ground hog land acting as M.C., it would occur something like this: (at this point please shake the paper you are reading back and forth violently so that the words are blurring creating the appropriate special effect when entering a dream phase of a story) Welcome Fuzzies and Fuzziers, during early competition the judges narrowed down the contestants to five finalists. During the dirt throwing competition Ms. Texas was in the lead. However, Ms. Arizona added points to her score with an excellent nose twitch during the lettuce eating competition. Next up the swimsuit competition right after these messages from Ferret Extra-Dry the official deodorant of the "Be a Hog" pageant... (end dream phase).

All I can say is good luck to all the contestants for next year. My only advice is this - don't kiss the winner. You know you don't mean it. All it does is knock off her crown and get lipstick everywhere.

Weather or not you take a day off work to sit next to the ninth hole at the country club golf course for the newly crowned Ms. Hog to appear and predict the future, doesn't really matter to me. If you do however, maybe you should fold up the lawn chair and find some serious help. If you would like to find out more about the Ground Hog it appears in many animal tales. Try one of my favorites from Cherokee history, "The Origin of the Groundhog's Dance". Look out American Bandstand.

This year the ever wise ground hog has predicted we will have another six weeks of ice, sleet, snow and other nasty things like sleet (special rain, sleet, snow combo) and freezing rain, which I haven't quite figured out yet. Our lives for the next few months have been determined by a little rat-like thing that stays underground so he won't have to deal with the impending weather.

The question of the day is who is the person who thought up this Ground Hog Day thing? Does it seem logical to anyone to think that maybe groundhogs don't really know all that much about meteorology? Although I've never been within the tunnels of a ground hog home, I doubt they've got little tiny weather satellites hooked up in there.

I have subjected myself to the horrors of the campus library, a place I try to steer clear of, to get to the bottom of this. First of all in the World Book Encyclopedia, under the word "ground hog" it says see Woodchuck. Well that just blows the whole Ground hog holiday for me. I just can't allow myself to realistically honor an animal that can't figure out how much wood it would chuck if it could chuck wood.

Ground hog day is based on a custom that people from Germany and Great Britain brought over and we all know the story of how this creature pops its head out of its hole and is such a little chicken that it runs from its shadow. Here's the kicker, when Missouri officially established February second as honorary rodent day a bunch of old-time farmers got a little hot under the collar. See they think that February 14 is the right day for sowing and planting and decided to raise a big brouhaha

Student Profile: Pilot Sets Sights Sky High

by Max Montgomery
associate news editor
and Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

though commercial flying is not as exciting as private but there is no money to be made in private flying. When starting out as a commercial pilot one must first practice on a simulator.

"Everyone has got to start somewhere. Before they let you fly they put you on a simulator. The simulator is exactly like the plane. With a student in the simulator I could add wind or fail an instrument on them," Christianson said.

Christianson has his commercial license, instructing license, and others dealing with radio technology. He received his private pilot's license in 1979, and his teaching license in 1985.

The plane Christianson flies is a Cessna. The plane is large enough for four, average sized adults, and powerful enough to fly at 18,000 or more feet. However, being in a Cessna is far from traveling in a 747.

Depending on how high or low you are, cars, people, even dogs and cats are clearly visible on land. The plane can go slow enough to even open the windows allowing air to rush in, blasting through the cockpit.

Besides pulling a negative "G," Christianson demonstrated other tricks with the plane.

A positive "G" is exactly the opposite of a negative "G" in that you are rapidly pulled up against the natural gravitational force, creating an immense amount of pressure against you. Christianson likes to teach his students turns and rolls, but not just for fun.

"Teach them rolls not so they will know how to do them but so they will know how to come out. Not all in-

To pull a negative "G" is like having a rug pulled out from underneath you. Instantaneously, body weight is thrown into the wind and the sensation of floating freely takes over. This phenomenon is created when, while flying, the plane is lowered rapidly pulling your body down faster than the natural gravitational pull.

Steve Christianson, a graduate student working on his masters in Administration of Justice at UM-St. Louis, can create that wonderful weightless sensation while piloting his aircraft high above the land.

Between classes, his job at the Sherriffs dept., and family life, Christianson finds nothing else more exciting than flying.

"Doesn't it get in your blood? When you're done you are so excited," said Christianson. "It's a natural high."

Christianson, who flies out of St. Charles airports, is a commercial pilot and would like to someday fly for American Airlines. He said that even



Steve Christianson

College Bowl Winners To Roll Into Regionals

by Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

On February second three teams competed in the first UM-St. Louis College Bowl. This is not a football game but a game of the mind.

The three teams, Oligopolists, Pierre Laclède Honors College, and Dugh, consisted of four players and an alternate. Jackie Rupert was the judge, David Thomason Moderated the event, Stephanie Wader kept score and Deborah Baldwin and Rick Flynn were time keepers.

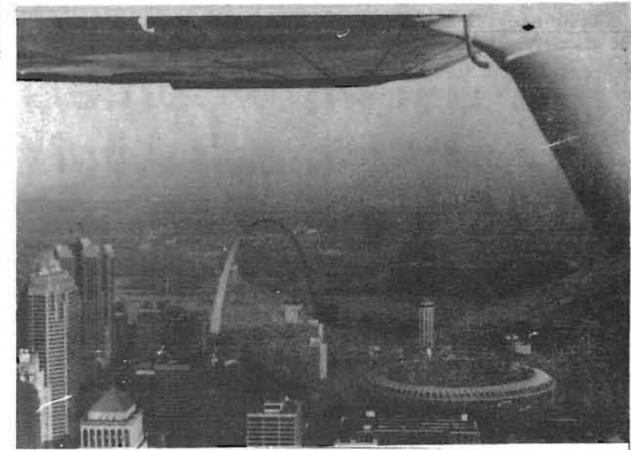
The contest began at 1:00 p.m. with questions that were sealed until

the contests began.

The contestants tried to answer questions pertaining to current events, history, science, English and other topics.

The winning team, Oligopolists, will receive a trophy and plaques and have a chance to go on to the College Bowl regional contest in Kansas City March 1-3. If the UM-St. Louis team places in this contest they could go on to the National Competition in April.

Jackie Rupert, member of the University Program Board and coordinator of the event said she thought everyone enjoyed the contests and is looking forward to it next year.



OLD ST LOU... While piloting a Cessna aircraft Steve Christianson flies through downtown St. Louis. (Photo by Max Montgomery)

structors teach their students rolls but if someone gets caught flying solo and ends up in a roll I want them to be able to get out safely," Christianson said.

As an instructor Christianson is very patient and safety conscious. He said one of the most difficult things for people to learn is how to land. There are so many factors involved - level of the plane, position of the tail, air speed and altitude - that one must constantly be alert during a landing.

In a Cessna a pilot can basically fly anywhere they want ninety per-

cent of the time. There are some areas of restricted airspace but basically pilots never have to tell people where they are going. The range of this type of plane is 400 to 500 miles before refueling is necessary.

Christianson said he enjoys instructing and that most people enjoy flying. He said it can be difficult to find students at times and that is why he keeps his job with the sherriffs department. If you are interested in flying or getting a pilots license you can call Steve Christianson at 441-6666 for information.



IT'S ON THE TIP OF MY TOUNGUE... Students participate in UM-St. Louis' first College Bowl. (photo by Kris Kuessel)

'Once Around' Best in 1991

by Brad Touchette
movie critic

If you're Buddhist, the title for this film is way off base considering reincarnation and all. But since I was raised Catholic, I get stuck with the theory that coincides with the movie title.

"Once Around" is a heart-warming comedy about Renata Bella (Holly Hunter), an Italian woman who finds herself being pushed towards marriage by her family. Not that she's not eager to take the vows herself, but her boyfriend is about as prone to marriage as a cat to water.

After he tells her to get real, she leaves him for a job in the Bahamas selling condos. There she meets Sam Sharpe (Richard Dreyfuss), the company's top salesman. As fate would have it, they fall in love. The only problem is Sam is substantially older than her.

Sam is also quite eccentric, self-assured, and a little obnoxious. Renata falls for his zest for living and his ambitiousness. Her family is less than impressed.

Danny Aiello plays Renata's father, a man with strong convictions towards family and loyalty. He initially dislikes Sam, though he doesn't know why. The rest of the family reacts in a very similar way. The confusing aspect of this film is the fact that Sam is generous, caring, and sincere to this family, yet his mere presence causes chaos within the family unit. But that makes the film all the more real. In many relationships, there are inexplicable factors that tend to tear people apart. No one ever knows why either.

Dreyfuss turns in a commanding performance and Hunter is totally endearing as the young, confused adult. Aiello is given one of the best performances of his career in one of the best films of his career.

Dreyfuss plays Sharpe with conviction and sincerity. He takes the well-to-do arrogance of this multimillionaire and gives him a heart and a soul. Amidst the whirlwind of his obnoxious nature is a man who needs

love just as bad as anyone.

A little bias comes into play when I critique Holly Hunter. She was hypnotizing in her earlier films "Broadcast News" and "Always," in which she also starred with Dreyfuss. Her portrayal of a young lady with the desire to grow up under a fear of disapproval commands your attention. You can relate to her character while watching her try to gain approval from both her family and her lover. She finally grows up when she realizes that the only person she must always keep happy is herself.

This was by far her best performance to date.

Danny Aiello has been in so many movies lately. The sad part is that most of them either are second-rate films or only do second-rate at the box office. His work in this film is by far the best he has done. He conveys a fatherly image in this film so well that sometimes you forgot that these guys really aren't family. Aiello is perfect as the old man.

There are also strong performances turned in by Laura San Giacomo ("Pretty Woman," and "Sex, Lies, and Videotape") and Gena Rowlands ("Light of Day"). Giacomo plays the little sister who got married first and Rowlands plays the typically overly concerned mother. Both are believable and entertaining to watch. They compliment Hunter's performance to a T.

And what can I say about the script and directing? This film never had a slow moment. The script pulls you into the movie like a magnet and never lets you go. Director Lasse Hallstrom shines as he manipulates the setting and camera angles to near perfection to milk every emotion out of each scene. He lets no one down with his second movie. His first movie, "My Life As A Dog," received huge critical acclaim.

This movie is one to see more than once. Even though the year is still young, it is one of the best films of 1991. There won't be too many other films this year to equal it. If there is, I'm in for a great year of critiquing. Five Stars.

Metropolitan Center Shows Scenic St. Louis

by Jennifer Doll
Current staff

Have the pressures of second semester limited your sightseeing to I-170 and Natural Bridge? Why not drink in the sights of the city between classes—without leaving campus? For a limited time, St. Louis can be viewed from the third floor of Clark Hall.

Through the end of February, selections of Herb Weitman's photographic series, "Seeing St. Louis," are on display in the Center for Metropolitan Studies, Room 362. The photographs illustrate Seeing St. Louis, a published guide to the sights of the city, written by Barringer Fifield and published in 1987. The book assumes the reader will be sightseeing by car. Weitman, currently the Director of the Department of Photographic Services, and an Adjunct Professor of Photography in the School of Fine Arts at Washington University, tried to take the photographs to depict as well as he could the angle the writer took in the book.

"I drove the script and tried to see what the writer saw," Weitman said.

His photographs include a wide range of St. Louis sights—from the steeple of the Old Cathedral to people shopping for watermelons at Souldar Market. Dennis Judd, chairperson of

the political science department at UM-St. Louis, commented, "Weitman's photography captures the essences and nuances that make the city unique."

At a well-attended reception last Thursday, January 31, Weitman's students, along with many other friends and admirers, crowded into the Center to witness the opening of this exhibit. Someone not familiar with Weitman's prestige may have thought this enthusiasm signified a first-time public appearance for his work. However, Weitman's photography can also be enjoyed at the St. Louis Art Museum, the Steinberg Gallery of Art, and many private collections in the St. Louis area—not to mention Seeing St. Louis, or his photographs in the Post-Dispatch and many national publications.

The "Seeing St. Louis" exhibit is not by any means something new to the Center for Metropolitan Studies. Weitman's "Seeing St. Louis" series is the 98th exhibit displayed in the Center. Jean Tucker, research associate, says that the monthly exhibits highlight art and photography "primarily with an urban theme." She proudly refers to the small hallway-turned-art-gallery as a "non-traditional gallery," and welcomes viewers to stop by and enjoy the scenery anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

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WHERE IS EVERY ONE?: Freshman Nancy Hessemann looks desperately for a teammate to pass to. (Photo by Dave Bari)

Riverwomen Run Losing Streak To 4 Games - 2-7 In MIAA Conference

The University of Missouri-St. Louis women's basketball team dropped two more games last week, running their losing streak to four games.

The Riverwomen enter this week with a 9-9 overall record, 2-7 in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Riverwomen suffered a 78-38 loss at Southeast Missouri State Jan. 30 and lost 81-74 to Pittsburg State on Feb. 2.

The lone bright spot in an otherwise dismal week was the play of Kelly Jenkins against Pittsburg State. Jenkins led the Riverwomen with a

career-high 31 points and 11 rebounds. Beginning with the Feb. 4 non-conference game at Quincy, the Riverwomen face four games in the next eight days. The play at Missouri-Rolla on Feb. 6, then host Central Missouri on Feb. 9 and Northwest Missouri on Feb. 11.

The Riverwomen will also face three of the top teams in the MIAA this week. Missouri-Rolla, 15-5 overall, defeated UM-St. Louis 84-73 earlier this season. The Lady Miners have won nine straight meetings with the Riverwomen.

Nationally-ranked Central Missouri **see WOMEN, page 8**

Baseball: Brady's Bunch Is Back

by Brad Touchette
current staff

As the 1990-91 UM-St. Louis baseball season starts to roll around, high hopes for another great year are starting to brew. No one is more hopeful than head coach Jim Brady.

After a highly successful 25-16-1 season last year, the Rivermen are hoping to add to those numbers this year with some post-season action.

The big disappointment last year came when they lost two games in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Tournament and failed to receive a bid for the NCAA Division II national tournament. But the good part was the fact that they remained ranked in the top 20 schools of the Collegiate Baseball Division II for eight consecutive weeks.

One big question remains: How well will this season's team do considering the loss of many key players to graduation? Will this year's team be able to compete?

"Absolutely" said coach Brady with a smile. "I feel we're as good as any team we play this season."

That's saying a lot if you look at the team's schedule. The Rivermen's first eight games are against pre-season ranked Division II teams. And with stiff competition within their own conference coming from teams like Missouri Southern (who won the con-

ference last year), Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, Northeast Missouri State, and Central Missouri State, the team will have a tough fight ahead to post similar or better numbers than last year.

"We want to take it a step further this time," said Craig Porter, a fifth-year senior from Aquinas-Mercy and member of the 1990 All-Central Region Team. Porter, an outfielder who posted a .362 batting average last year and 50 RBIs, 5 of which were game winning (team high), feels this year's squad is "much more improved." He added, "We're working really hard here everyday, and anything less than the MIAA title this year will be a big disappointment. We've worked so hard that we're not going to come up short."

"Yes, we lost a lot of talented players to graduation last year," said Brady, "but I think this year's seniors will fill any holes left by the graduates. The names have changed but the work ethic hasn't. I expect this year's seniors to be the backbone of the team, and they won't let us down."

Coach Brady cites Porter, and catcher Dennis Turner, to be the key return players to watch this season. Turner's .321 batting average, 14 RBIs, and 11 stolen bases last year make him a formidable opponent.

"He's (Turner) got all the tools," said Brady.

Another player to be heavily counted on will be outfielder Mike Musgrave. Last year Musgrave, along with Porter, was named to the first team all-conference and second team all-regional. He also led the team in runs with 37.

Other key players for the team this year include Brian Rupp, who hit .300 as a freshman last year, and a crew of freshmen including Jeff Eye, Bill Hansel, Donnie Jolliff, and Rich Rudisaile. All of these players put up impressive numbers in high school.

"Changing to college ball is a rough adjustment," admitted Brady, "but with our strong senior group to lead them, they will gain invaluable experience and adjust well. A lot of these guys will be simply incredible by the time they become seniors."

Every good team needs a good bullpen, and UM-St. Louis is no exception. Leading the team this year are junior Rob Rixford and senior Jim Kinnett. Kinnett was 4-1 last year with a 3.48 ERA, and Rixford went 5-1 with a 4.38 ERA. Sophomore Andy Runzi will also be looked to for contributions.

Brady describes Rixford as "...not flashy. Every year he wins four or five games and doesn't get the attention he deserves."

Brady added, "There is a lot of talent in this bullpen, and a lot of

pitchers working hard for playing time. Players like Tim Cochran and Chris Meador will fill a variety of roles on the mound this season. But we still need a closer, and I'm anxious to see who emerges as our ace."

Brady said that the Rivermen have the capability to beat any team they play this season, but time will tell if ball bounces their way.

"We've already lost two pitchers to injury that we were counting on heavily," confided Brady. "Kevin Enlow broke his scapula in a car accident and Tim Howard (a Central Missouri State transfer) has a rotator cup injury." Both are out for the season.

Despite the two big losses, Brady remains extremely optimistic.

"Every player on this team is really talented and can contribute toward a winning season. We just have to wait and see if that intangible thing called 'heart' shows through. Our everyday lineup will be very competitive. Plus we have the depth to back it up."

"If the kids don't get too down on themselves or too high up and everyone stays healthy, then we have a good chance of having another great year. Our main goal this year is to keep an even keel and be patient. If we can do that, our competition is going to have their hands full."

Rivermen Win 3 - Headed for Tough Competition

by Christine M. McGraw
sports editor

Life at the Mark Twain Building has been sweet this season for the University of Missouri-St. Louis men's basketball squad. The Rivermen edged Pittsburg State 88-85 Saturday, Feb. 2 to improve their home record this season to 10-0. The Rivermen entered Monday's game Feb. 4 at Quincy with a 13-4 overall record, 6-2 in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and brought home another win making the overall score 14-4.

"We've done very well at home this season," says head coach Rich Meckfessel. "But we have some extremely difficult home games coming up."

Not that Saturday's contest was a breather. The Rivermen struggled in the first half and trailed 41-33 at intermission. But they came out roaring in the second half and kept their perfect home record intact.

Senior Chris Pilz, who scored 24 points in Jan. 30 losing game against Southeast Missouri State (90-74), scored 20 of his game-high 27 points in the second half against PSU. He was most deadly from the free throw line, hitting 10 of 11 charity tosses. As a team, the Rivermen hit 25 of 30.

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen basketball team has some stiff MIAA competition ahead of them.

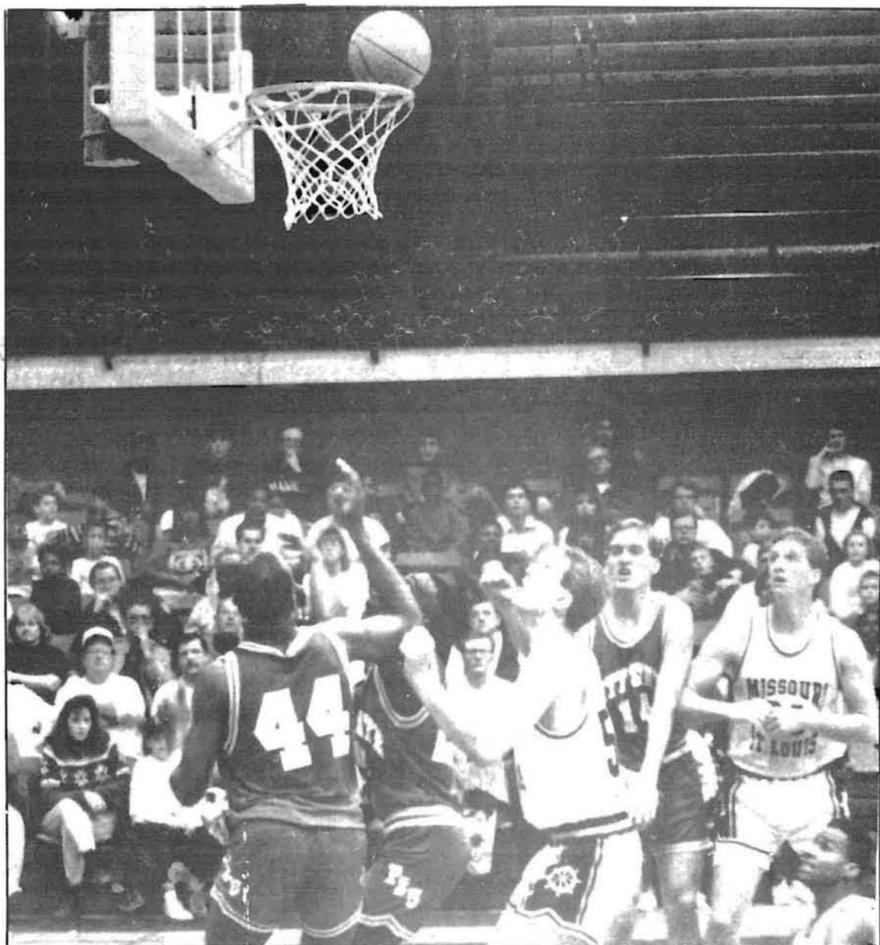
After Monday's non-conference game at Quincy, the Rivermen return to MIAA play when they go to Missouri-Rolla on Feb. 6 and come home and put their 10-0 home game record on the line and face two nationally-ranked schools: Central Missouri State(4)-Feb. 9, Southwest Baptist(5), Feb. 13.

"We are playing two of the best teams in the country, it will be real challenging," said head coach Rich Meckfessel. Along with high rankings the opposing teams also have some of the best players in the country.

Central Mo. is 7-1 in MIAA conference play. Armando Becker, one of the key players for Central Mo, was voted Division II All-American last year and leads the MIAA in scoring.

Southwest Baptist has 6 foot 10 David Harns, a division I transfer student from Texas A&M, starting for the team. Harns currently leads the MIAA in block shots.

"We have played well at home all year," Meckfessel said. "I hope we were good enough to win one or both of the games."



HEADS UP: The UM-St. Louis Rivermen gaze at the hoop with anticipation of two points. (Photo by Dave Bari)

Ice Hockey Team Defeats Bradley U.

by Shelle Hassenforder
Current staff

The UM-St. Louis Ice Hockey Club traveled home from Peoria, Ill. Feb. 1 after playing an excellent game and defeating the Bradley University Braves 7-4.

Four minutes into the game, UM-St. Louis jumped ahead 1-0 with a

goal by Dave Dagenais. Two minutes later UM-St. Louis scored again, then the Bradley Braves put one in with three minutes left, to end the period 2-1.

UM-St. Louis came out strong in the second scoring three goals in the first 6 minutes. The third goal was blast from the left wing by freshman

Doug Storms, his first of the season. With three minutes left in the second period, the Dagenais brothers assisted on a goal by Neal Aherron to make the score 6-1.

The Braves tried to make a comeback late in the third period scoring three goals, but it wasn't enough as UM-St. Louis won.

SPORTS BRIEFS

SCOREBOARD

Rivermen:	Riverwomen:
UMSL 74, Southeast MO 90	UMSL 38, Southeast Mo 78
UMSL 74, Pittsburg State 81	UMSL 88, Pittsburg State 85
UMSL 96, Quincy College 73	UMSL 86, Quincy College 98

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Rivermen And Women Basketball
Feb. 9: UMSL vs Central MO State; Women 5:30, Men 7:30
Feb. 11: UMSL vs Northwest Missouri State; Women 5:30
Feb. 13: UMSL vs Southwest Bap; Women 5:30, Men 7:30

•Dates printed in bold are home games.

Bleak Streak For St. Louis Will End Via The Olympics



half time

by Christine M. McGraw
sports editor

Lately things have been looking bleak for St. Louis. The economy has dwindled to nightmarish proportions

due to layoffs across the board from Trans World Airlines, McDonnell Douglas, and the Chrysler Plant in Fenton.

To top it all off, we have elected officials who have the mentality of your garden variety cucumber, running the city. Between them they couldn't decide if they wanted fries with their Big-Macs.

Considering the economic situation of St. Louis and how badly jobs are needed, it's utterly disgusting to see one mayor intervene with tax-free dome stadium construction over two delapidated "historical landmarks" which serve as great housing facilities for the cockroach population of St. Louis.

While elected officials are piddling around with the economy over

frivolous points, a committee composed of St. Louisians, has achieved something that St. Louisians will appreciate for years to come. They have done in 18 months what it took San Antonio five years to accomplish. They have made arrangements for the Olympic Festival to be held in St. Louis in 1994. This will not only boost the economy tremendously, but it will also raise spirits around St. Louis.

In the immediate bleakness of a nearly dead housing market and layoffs galore, this festival is a blessing in every sense of the word. This festival will require the construction of a swimming/diving arena and an indoor bicycle track. That means JOBS! That means people will have money. That means more people will go out and

spend money. That means the St. Louis economy will start flowing again. THAT means St. Louis may not be hit as hard by the recession as it would have been before the arrival of the Olympic Festival.

One more dose of good news. In 1989, Cincinnati held their Olympic Festival and it brought an estimated \$125 million to the local economy. That means MORE MONEY! And on again starts the cycle I just previously diagrammed.

Let's take a moment to thank the committee for all of their efforts. Their success is our success, and their triumph is ours, too. Heck, we haven't even begun to talk about the stellar athletes that will be in St. Louis for the competition. This will

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Athlete of the Week

Kelly Jenkins

• Women's basketball team

• Junior-Forward

• Scored 31 points in Feb. 6 game against Pittsburg State.

• "Kelly has had some big games this year. The Pittsburg State game was certainly on of her best."

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University of Wyoming

"Chris Pilz is just a great ball player. . ."

Ron Shumate
Southeast Missouri State

"Chris is the most enjoyable player I've worked with in 23 years of college coaching. . ."

Rich Meckfessel
UM-St. Louis

Chris Pilz Career Highlights

- 3-time all-MIAA
- 3-time all-region
- Freshman starter on 22-9 national tournament team.
- 28 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals at Wyoming (1990-91).
- 15 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists at Kansas State (1988-89).
- 12 points, 5 assists, 6 steals at Ohio State (1987-88).

Porter Receives Pre-Season All-American Honors

University of Missouri-St. Louis baseball standout Craig Porter has been named a Division II pre-season All-American by Collegiate Baseball magazine

Porter, who set a single-season school record last year for most runs batted in, is one of 46 individuals to receive pre-season honors from Collegiate Baseball.

A first team all-conference and all-region performer, Porter led the

Rivermen last season with six home runs and 50 RBIs in just 37 games. He became the first player in school history to amass 50 RBIs in one season.

"Craig's numbers from last year merit All-American recognition," says UM-St. Louis head coach Jim Brady. "He was dominant force in the middle of our order, and he figures to be a force again this year."

Porter, a senior, batted .350 for last year's 25-16-1 squad. He is one of four starters back from a year ago.

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souri State brings a 16-3 overall mark into this week's action. At 10-0, the Jennies stand atop the MIAA standings.

The Riverwomen lost 64-52 at Warrensburg last season for their 19th consecutive loss against the Jennies.

Northwest Missouri State enters this week with a 15-5 record. The Bearkittens beat UM-St. Louis 62-43 last year in Maryville.

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be a cornucopia of athletic entertainment to see.

So, 1994 will not come too soon for St. Louis. If I may make a prediction, by that time St. Louis will be ready for the world attention and Schoemehl will not be Governor of Missouri. He'll be working under Virvus Jones remodeling his office with our tax dollars.

Oh well, some things of St. Louis will never change.

(Some information was contributed by Brad Touchette of the Current staff.)

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puts Ditto in an untenable position."

"While she recognizes what needs to be done, she cannot hope to effectively implement change, especially when it requires the cooperation of individuals, departments, or divisions outside of Student Affairs," Jarrow added.

The executive officer assigned to oversee compliance for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 should have the authority to report directly to the Chancellor. A vice chancellor would carry that level of authority, Ditto explained.

In an underlined statement in her report, Jarrow wrote, "The institution is fortunate to have someone of Ms. Ditto's experience and commitment available to assist students."

Some of the suggestions made in Jarrow's report have already been acted on. Special tables for disabled student use have been modified, and campus red emergency phones have been lowered for easy reach from wheelchair level. The Physical Plant has added power-assist doors in new locations such as the S.S.B. Tower and the J.C. Penney building.

Lisa Parker, president of the Disabled Student Union, said she is glad about the changes that have been made, because they have helped. But, she added, more attention should be paid to icy sidewalks. "These aren't snow plows," she said, referring to the "scooter" she was riding.

Under a section of the report labeled "Architectural Access," installing automatic doors at key locations is a priority issue.

In the case of the door installed in the J.C. Penney building, a lack of communication has left some people at odds over the definition of the clause "key location."

Bonnie Sims explained, the "key location" was the logical solution to an engineering problem, a wind tunnel, which would be created if the automatic door was installed near the elevator as some thought it should.

Dietrich Smith, a research analyst in the Administration of Justice Department, and a member of the Ad

Hoc Task Force for Campus Disabled Accessibility agrees. "In a compromise everybody wins," Smith said.

The words "key location" have another meaning to Ditto. "Students with extremely limited mobility shouldn't have to go out of the way. It is never easy to make a campus accessible." Ditto said.

She also said that when Jarrow was questioned where the money came from to make something accessible, if it was costly?

"Where does the money come

from when you are sued? You are forced to do it," Jarrow said.

According to Jarrow, the re-establishment of healthy communications among the various constituencies must be viewed as a process, not an event.

"UM-St. Louis may wish to consider conducting an internal review in six months, possibly followed by an on-site review by an outside evaluator, using the list of suggestions and recommendations as a baseline for measuring progress," Jarrow said.

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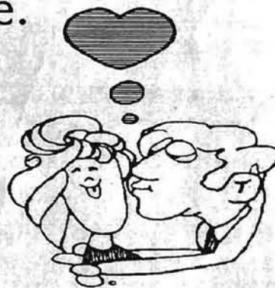
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