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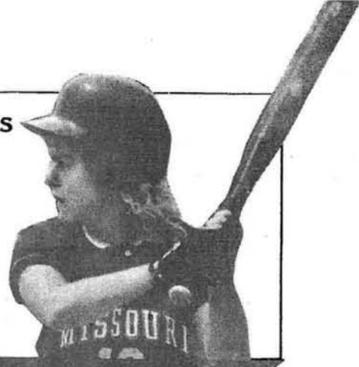
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Ashcroft Confident of Tax Increase, Praises Touhill For Dedication

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft said he is confident voters will pass a \$385-million education tax proposal on the Nov. 5 ballot and praised Chancellor Blanche Touhill for her dedication to UM-St. Louis at the annual UM-St. Louis alumni awards banquet June 11.

"Now I am grateful that Missourians will have an opportunity to elevate their commitment and the productivity of our system of education

with what I think will make our state a leader in education reforms come this next November," Ashcroft said.

"I must commend the legislators for their willingness to work to assemble a package which is not only something given to the people upon which they can make a choice. But the people have an opportunity to choose a constructive



John Ashcroft

recipe for success."

The tax package was met with opposition by many state legislators who were upset when House Majority Leader Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) and Senate President Pro Tem Jim Mathewson (D-Sedalia) put together the plan with Ashcroft behind closed doors. But the package passed on May 16, the last day of the legislative session.

For elementary and secondary education, the proposal includes:

- \$150 million for the foundation formula, the program that funds state

aid to local school districts.

- \$15.3 million for incentives for smaller classes in kindergarten through second grade.

- \$5.7 million for Parents as Teachers, a program for young children and their parents.

- \$8 million for low-income and disabled students.

The package also calls for guaranteed school diplomas. This means a school would cover the cost of remedial education for any student whom an employer or college identified as lacking in basic skills.

The school year would also be lengthened one day every time the state added \$20 million to the foundation formula.

At the banquet, faculty service awards went to Thomas McPhail, chairman of the communication department and Anita MacDonald, dean of the Evening College. Jan Frantzen, an administrative associate on political science, received the Staff Service Award.

Tom Robinson, a manager with the Equitable Financial Cos., received the Association's Volunteer of the Year Award.

Distinguished alumni awards were given to Carol Caruthers, an executive with Price Waterhouse; Jack Connors, vice president and general manager of WICS-TV of Springfield, Ill.; James Dixon, executive director of the Education Monitoring and Advisory Committee for the U.S. Federal Court in St. Louis; and John Hancock, state representative from the 86th District.

Ashcroft said UM-St. Louis will be a leader in the educational field for the next decade.

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UMSL Goes Smoke Free

by Max Montgomery
news editor

Since June 1, smokers at UM-St. Louis have been forced to drag themselves outside to fulfill their nicotine cravings.

On that Saturday, the university's new smoke-free campus policy went into effect, prohibiting smoking throughout all campus buildings.

All four University of Missouri campuses are currently implementing and following through with similar no-smoking policies, following a decision of the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

The program, which was initiated in the university system about two years ago for health reasons, is being phased in at various campuses, said Bob Samples, acting director of com-

munications for UM-St. Louis.

Under UM-St. Louis' policy, students, faculty and staff are prohibited from smoking any type of tobacco inside any campus building. There are no designated indoor smoking areas.

Students and faculty members interviewed last week said they supported the policy, although many conceded it would be an inconvenience for smokers.

"I think it will be a definite help for all of those students who don't like smoking and feel offended by other persons infringing upon our rights to have a smoke-free environment," said Doug Rambaud, 24, a senior majoring in history.

Rambaud said he doesn't have a problem with people who smoke as long as they don't do it in a manner in

which is irritating, like someone blowing smoke in his face.

One University Grounds Department employee, who wished to remain anonymous, said she welcomed being able to eat in the cafeteria without breathing smoke. She added that she was not bothered so much by walking down a smoke-filled hall.

Joan Wykoff, a clerical worker in the School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, said she is thrilled about the new policy.

"I'm extremely happy. Only one person in my office smokes and they smoke probably two packs a day," Wykoff said. "That's all I breathe."

No formal penalty has been established for violators of the policy, Samples said, adding that he doesn't think there will be many problems.

Pow Wow

Native American Festival Proves Fun For All



UM-St. Louis Office of Equal Opportunity and Anthropology Alumni Chapter sponsored a Native American Fest and Pow Wow on Saturday, June 8 at the Missouri Historical Society in Forest Park. Free activities, arts and crafts sale, Native American Dances and other events filled the day. All proceeds will fund scholarships for Native American Students at UM-St. Louis.

(Above) One little Indian appears to be tired after a day of events.

(Left) Indian father Rick Bornefeld exposes 10 week old Meagan to Native American culture.

Dirk Fletcher photos

The Job Search

Career Placement: Keep Good Attitude

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

With some surveys indicating that college graduates are having a difficult time finding that first job, UM-St. Louis' career placement director says keeping a positive attitude is a must towards finding employment.

"Even with companies laying off, they are still hiring new graduates," said Deborah Kettler. "Everybody wants first class students, so students have to be prepared for the job market. You need to keep a positive attitude."

Kettler said seniors who are graduating in May of 1992 should "maximize their options" by September.

"The job market doesn't wait for you," she said. "The heaviest recruiting is in the fall semester. You need to keep your options open, like geo-

graphical territory, type of positions and type of companies."

A downfall for many graduates, Kettler said, is poor communication skills. During an interview, one must be "confident and assertive." Kettler has five guidelines she gives students who come into the Career Placement Office in 308 Woods Hall.

- Start early. Begin investigating career options when you start as freshmen.

- Take classes that are not in your major. For example, an Arts and Sciences major should take a few classes in accounting and marketing.

- In your junior year, visit the placement office for co-op and internship programs. "It gives you the

"Even with companies laying off, they are still hiring"
-Deborah Kettler

edge," Kettler said.

- Know the job market and your abilities.

- Research the companies. A recent national survey by the Michigan State University Collegiate Employment Research Institute showed employers expect to hire 9.8 percent fewer new college graduates this spring than last.

- "It's the worst job market I've seen since I've been, and that's including the last recession," said Carolanne Sloss, director of job placement at Delaware County Community College in Pennsylvania.

- Approximately 1,300 people were interviewed by 400 employers last year. The Michigan State survey covered 549 employers in business, industry, education and government.

Rebecca L. Robbins, editor of the *Higher Education Advocate*, contributed to this story.

Local Gas Prices Drop

Gasoline prices began falling last week, taking the heat off many St. Louis commuters' pocketbooks.

Mike Right, a Missouri Auto Club spokesman, said gas prices dropped for the first time since late March and there are signs that prices will not change.

"On the average, gasoline prices should be under a buck (by this week)," he said.

The American Automobile Association reported last week that the average price of self-service regular unleaded gas nationwide fell for the first time in nearly three months.

An Automobile Club of Missouri sur-

vey of 30 St. Louis-area stations showed an average price of \$1.019 per gallon last week.

The last time the survey showed a price decrease was March 26, when the average was \$1.089 a gallon.

Right said there are four reasons for prices falling.

"Crude oil prices are down," he said. "The spot-market prices are down noticeably. Demand isn't that strong as anticipated and supply is not nearly as soft as projected."

Right said gasoline prices should be stable for a few months.

Touhill Announces Kerry Memorial Fund

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill has announced the establishment of the Julie and Robin Kerry Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships will recognize and assist sophomore, junior and senior students who have exceptional academic credentials and are working part time to supplement their educations.

The fund is named in honor of two former UM-St. Louis students who allegedly were sexually assaulted on the Old Chain of Rocks

Bridge and then pushed into the Mississippi River some 90 feet below.

Julie Kerry, 20, was found April 26 in the Mississippi River near Caruthersville, Mo., about 200 miles south of St. Louis. The body of 19-year-old Robin Kerry has yet to be found.

Four suspects have been charged in the case. On April 7, Marlin Gray, 23, of the first block of Juno Drive in Wentzville, and Reginald Clemons, 19, of the 6600 block of Barken Avenue in Northwoods, were arrested. The two were charged with rape, murder and felonious restraint on the following day.

Two youths, Daniel R. Winfrey, 15, of the 200 block of Keith Drive in St. Charles, and Antonio D. Richardson, 16, of the 4300 block of Edgewood Boulevard in Pine Lawn, will face criminal charges as adults.

On June 5, the youths pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and rape, three counts of felonious restraint, and one count each of first-degree assault and first-degree robbery.

Contributions to the memorial scholarship fund can be made by calling UM-St. Louis Development Officer Cathy Piwarczyk at 553-5759.

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"It is the future. It's a promise and an opportunity," he said. "And I am delighted that not only I will have an opportunity to work with you, but other leaders from around the state will feel the heat of the quality of your effort here."

"I think it was Mark Twain who said there was nothing quite so aggravating like a good example. I think that Blanche Touhill will be a good example for the state of Missouri of individuals committed to improving our educational environment."

Ashcroft also commended the university for receiving the American Council for Education Anderson Award for the best partnership between corporations and public schools. Programs like this, he said, are ways to serve the community.

"I am grateful for the partnerships that have been created between this

institution and the business community in the Greater St. Louis area that provides the energy which drives this institution and compels it forward," Ashcroft said.

Last month, President George Bush singled out UM-St. Louis' Parents as Teachers program during his announcement of America 2000 educational package.

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Checks And Balances Don't Check Out With SGA

Newly-elected Student Government Association President Mark Grimes and Vice-President Julie Schwetz have made their first real decisions that obviously show their intentions — doing what's in their own best interest and not the students'. In a letter dated April 26, 1991 to Vice-Chancellor Sandy MacLean, Grimes and Schwetz stated that they want the "independence of student organizations and the autonomy they (student organizations) need to enjoy immediately."

In other words, Student Government Association, a student organization, does not want their funds nor those of the other 100 groups to be watched by the Student Activity Budget Committee (SABC).

The system of funding student organizations works like this: UM-St. Louis' 15,000 students pay a small amount from tuition to fund these organizations. What SGA wants to do is take our money and do...well...no one will know because SGA doesn't want anybody to know.

SABC is not a group that scrutinizes organizations on a consistent basis. The only time SABC questions an organization's spending practices is when all campus groups reapply for funding for the next year.

So is SGA hiding information?

Perhaps. But do our two SGA officials understand that a democratic government operates on a checks and balances system?

There are many questions to be answered and no one quite knows the motive behind SGA's move.

Stay tuned.



"WE CAN'T GIVE YOU A BRAIN, BUT WE CAN GIVE YOU A DIPLOMA!"

Students Must Challenge, Not Be Politically Correct

by Tomas P. Klvana

In November, 1989, the students of Czechoslovakia took to the streets and launched a revolt that toppled the Communist regime. The students were inspired by Tomas Masaryk, the founder of the democratic republic that existed from 1918 until its destruction by Hitler in 1938. Masaryk, in turn, was a great admirer of the American political tradition, and in part modeled the Czechoslovak constitution after its American counterpart and Jefferson's Declaration of Independence. Masaryk valued the importance these two documents placed on individual freedom.

As one of the leaders of the 1989 revolution, and as a young journalist covering these events as they took place, I share Masaryk's appreciation for the American legacy of freedom, especially freedom of speech and press. I was therefore saddened when I arrived in the United States only to learn that this legacy is coming under attack on America's own university campuses.

I have some experience with university restrictions on free speech. For three years prior to the 1989 revolution, I studied at the Faculty of Journalism at Charles University in Prague. This school was created in 1972—four years after the Soviet invasion had reinstated a neo-Stalinist government—out of the remnants of the former Faculty of Social Sciences and Journal-

ism. Reformist professors were expelled, and new, uneducated "politically responsible" cadres (i.e. loyal, communist hardliners) took over. They weren't accountable to the Ministry of Education, but instead reported directly to the Central Committee of the Communist Party. In addition to "teaching," many worked as agents of the StB, the Czech secret police.

The curriculum of the new Faculty of Journalism had no room for real philosophy, political science or literature. Instead, Marxist-Leninist ideology permeated almost all subjects, lectures and seminars. And of course, there was no freedom of the press for the students of the Faculty.

In early 1988, with changes sweeping through our big brother to the east, my friends and I launched a new magazine, *PROTO* ("Because"). In the journal, we tried to revive the spirit of academic freedom as we explained aspects of *Perestroika* and *Glasnost*—which the Czechoslovak communist leadership was fighting hard to resist. Although we were allowed relative freedom to write about culture, overall we were censored heavily by the authorities.

In November, 1989, the students of Czechoslovakia were finally given the chance to speak freely. Led by twenty-year-old Pavel Zacek, students from the Faculty started a new, nationally distributed bi-

weekly, *Studentske Listy* (Students' Paper"). Its aim was to provide a voice for the generation least compromised by the previous regime, serving readers of all ages with intelligent analysis of political and economic issues.

By early 1990, *Studentske Listy* had a circulation of 150,000, a huge number in a country of 15 million people. During its first 18 months the paper improved substantially as its editors and writers gained experience. The names of columnists and reporters like Dan Hruby, Radko Kubicko, Bohumil Pecinka and Klara Pospisilova are now nationally-known. Top aides to President Vaclav Havel readily gave our journal exclusive interviews, helping the paper gain a real following in political and intellectual circles.

But generational conflicts soon appeared. Unlike the vast majority of the present Czechoslovak establishment, those who came of age during reform communism of the 1960s, the leaders of our generation are solidly committed to free-market reforms and western-style democracy. After the utopian experiments of the last forty years, we have little patience for democratic socialism or the so-called "Third Way" between capitalism and communism. The editors of *Studentske Listy* clearly understand that the best government governs least and gives citizens their natural right to pursue happiness.

The clarity with which we express these opinions frightens many of those who still favor 1968-style "socialism with a human face." Some of our elders have labeled our non-conformist opinions "un-professional," and have called our investigative reporting "sensationalistic." But *Studentske Listy* has and will continue to tell the truth as we see it.

With these events fresh in my mind, I have been closely following the debates about free speech at American colleges and universities and especially the recent disputes over "political correctness." I see disturbing parallels between the "politically correct" professors in America and the Czechoslovakian establishment that came of age in the 1960s. I deeply hope that American students will never hesitate to challenge the stale orthodoxes of their elders, and that absolute freedom of speech prevails on this country's campuses.

Like most students in Central Europe, I have come to believe it is essential that every democratic nation be made aware of the authentic opinions of its younger generation. May the two-century-old American heritage of freedom continue to inspire young people in Czechoslovakia and around the globe, and may no one seek to suppress that freedom.

Tomas Klvana is a former student at Charles University in Prague and a freelance journalist.

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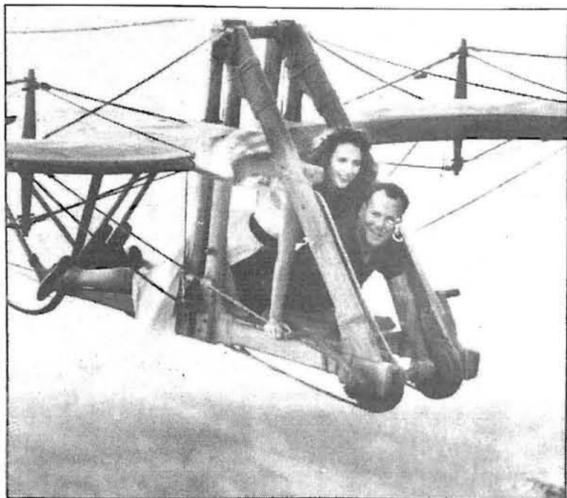
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Bruce Willis and Andie MacDowell in "Hudson Hawk"

Movie Mania

The movie industry has unloaded an onslaught of flicks promised to provide more fun than the sun ever could. Most of the films this summer are comedies—and all the films get more hype than Madonna. It is hard to decide which movies to see, as there are at least 26 movies playing at a theater near you as we breathe.

Summer blockbusters are the topic of conversations everywhere as the phrase, "I wanna see that" is uttered over and over by the American public.

Even the less prominent movies are still in the fight as everyone tries to come up with something new and exciting. "Hudson Hawk" is a film about the world's greatest cat burglar who has spent his time in the penitentiary and plans never to return. However, some powerful rich guys need a thief and only the best will do. They give Hawk an extra incentive to return to his profession—if he doesn't, they'll kill his best friend. The movie turns out to be "The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" for adults. The plot was more than predictable and was followed up with acting that could have been done by a high school drama class. The film was unrealistic and choppy. Once one realizes the writers need a reality check, the film can be entertaining. But, with this storyline, drama would have conquered slapstick comedy.

Viewing opportunities are infinite; from "Drop Dead Fred" to "What About Bob?" the lines to laughter are endless. The clincher of the sizzling summer season is a flick called "Don't Tell Mom The Babysitter's Dead". The title alone makes me want to puke and Christina Applegate is definitely on my list of Academy Award nominees. Of course, who could doubt a movie whose slogan is "No rules, No curfews, No nagging, No pulse." This season, I guess we've got to take the good the bad and the ugly.

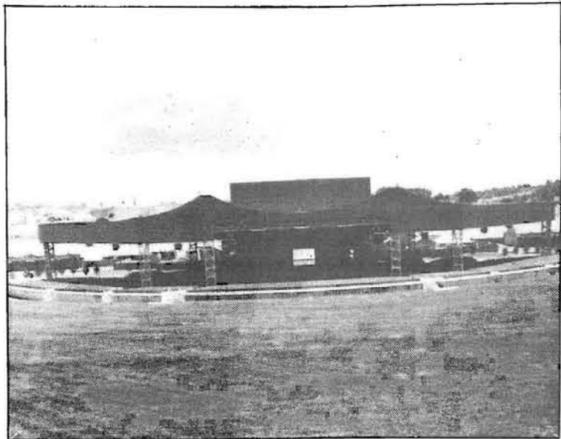


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Riverport Amphitheater

Modern Melodies

by Catherine E. Senderling
Current staff

Backers of St. Louis' new Riverport Amphitheatre are banking on the outdoor venue's ability to draw big-name acts.

So far, they're right on the money. Riverport has lined up a summer concert series, sponsored by Budweiser and Coca-Cola, that features such acts as Whitney Houston, Chicago and Nelson. (At press time, sources said Yes and the Doobie Brothers also had confirmed concert dates.)

After a long stint at the Muni in Forest Park, Budweiser discontinued its yearly Starfest in favor of the new amphitheatre. Steve Lipman of the Fox Organization—the group in charge of Starfest—was unavailable for comment on the split.

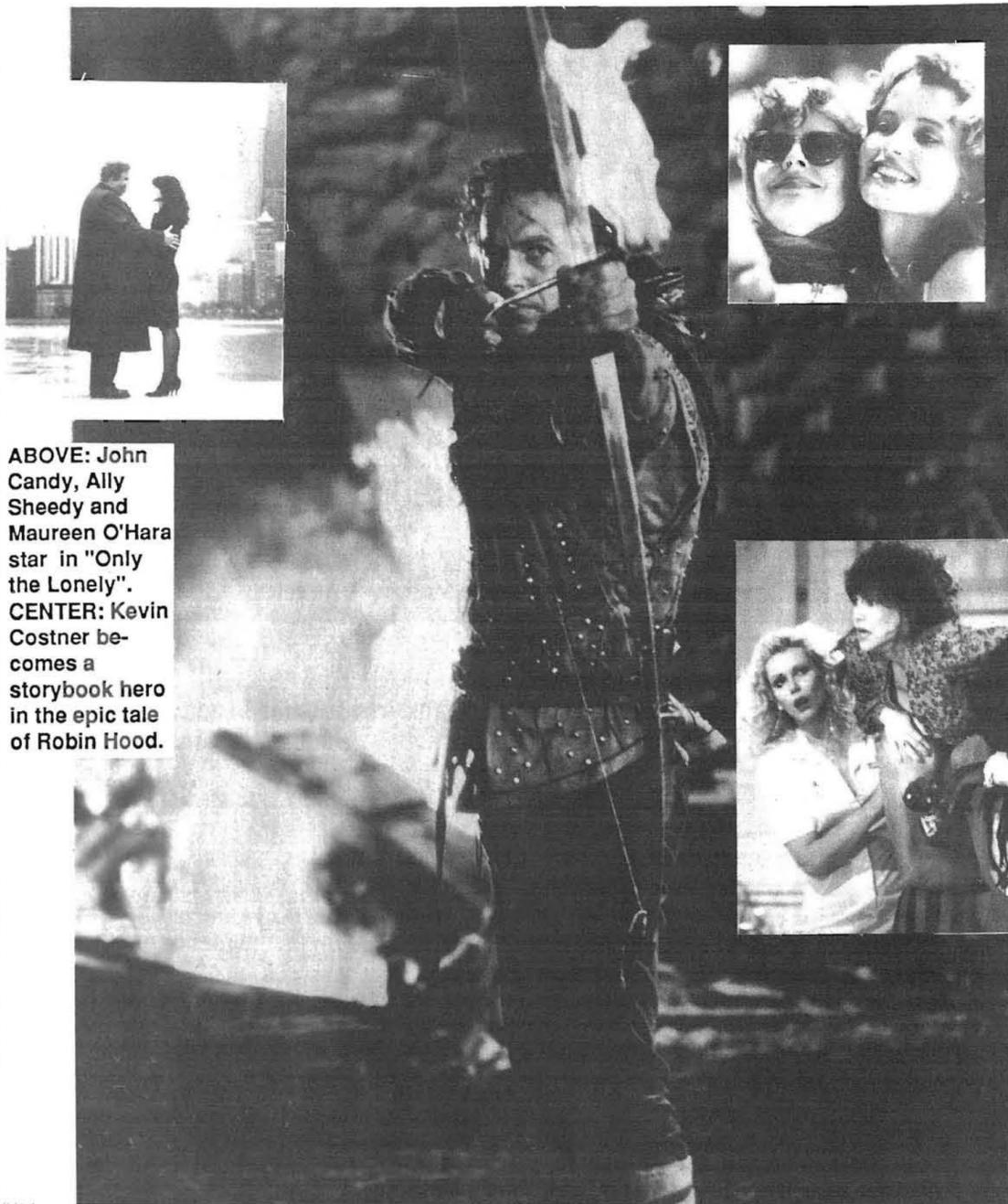
Riverport's reserved seats total 7,000 with lawn seats upping the count to 20,000; the Muni holds 11,467 including its 1,456 free seats. The St. Louis Arena's capacity is near 15,000.

The amphitheatre's designers even tried to make lawn seating enjoyable. Extra 700-amp speakers have been added, and giant video screens give everyone a view of the onstage action.

And here, "onstage" takes on a new meaning for the performer—it's air-conditioned, with many backstage amenities for a down-home touch. These include a game room and kitchen, as well as laundry facilities (in case Jimmy Buffet needs to wash out his Hawaiian shirt, one supposes).

Financially, Riverport is supported by Contemporary Productions, the McDonnell Douglas Realty Co. and Sverdrup Investments. Contemporary, founded in 1968 by Irv Zuckerman and Steven Schankman, can lay claim to booking a large portion of local and national events, and Riverport seems to be right up the company's alley.

Steve Winwood's June 14 performance kicked off Riverport's first season in fine style, with no reported mishaps—technical or otherwise.



ABOVE: John Candy, Ally Sheedy and Maureen O'Hara star in "Only the Lonely". CENTER: Kevin Costner becomes a storybook hero in the epic tale of Robin Hood. ABOVE: Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis star in "Thelma and Louise". BELOW: A star-studded cast cleans up in "Soapdish".

Summer Films Flood Theaters

Robin Hood (PG 13)

A most exquisite telling of a classic tale is the best way to describe this action-packed rendition of the story of Robin Hood. It is rare to see a movie enthrall its audience the way this one does. It is full of excitement, intrigue and romance. Whether or not you are a Kevin Costner fan, Robin Hood is definitely a must see. This is one movie that deserves all the hype and promotion it is getting.

Nothing in this movie seems out of place. It is so believable that I left the theater speaking with an English accent as if I had been to Nottingham myself. All the characters were well-portrayed. Morgan Freeman, who plays Azeem, Robin's sidekick and friend, portrays a man from a far-away land and does it beautifully. There is one delightful twist in this film. (All I can tell you is look for a surprise character at the end.)

Story book characters are not often brought to the screen with such flair and validity. The image of a hero is brought to life in this film that will most definitely take America by storm. --Jocelyn Arledge

Soap Dish (PG 13) Nurse Nan is Maggie's daughter, and Maggie is having an affair with Dr. Rod Randall while they look after a young mute girl who attacked Maggie while she was serving it up at a local soup kitchen.

This is what hits the American public every weekday on "The Sun Also Sets," the topic of the off-the-wall comedy "Soapdish." However, the soap behind the soap is less than squeaky clean.

Celeste Talbert, played by Sally Field, is struggling to not let her stardom in the soaps slip through her fingers. In the meantime, her past comes back to haunt her when her niece, Lori Craven, played by Elisabeth Shue ("Adventures in Babysitting") finds out that Aunt Celeste is really

Mom. Jeffrey Anderson, played by Kevin Kline, returns from off off Broadway and changes from disgusting to debonair and also finds out his new role includes being Lori's real-life father.

"Soapdish" has more intricate plots than a real live soap opera, and it's hard to figure out whether to root for the good guys or the bad. Soap opera fans will love this fun-filled flick that changes the public's outlook on the soaps. This film is a must see. The only other thing I can say about this film is that I liked it—I really liked it. --Fera Black

Backdraft (R) On the surface, "Backdraft" shows a part of firemen's lives most of us never see—the gritty, gutsy, dangerous side of hosing down the engine outside the station. Look underneath, however, and the movie rings hollow. In the film, Kurt Russell and William Baldwin play the McCaffrey brothers, firefighters at the same station. The two are at odds throughout, but it's obvious that, deep down, they love each other.

Donald Sutherland, brilliant in the role of a psychopathic pyromaniac, is the one factor that keeps "Backdraft" from self-combusting. It's unfortunate the directors couldn't capitalize on more of the talent they hired.

Some enormously talented actors are wasted in this film, victims of cliched dialogue and cheesy plots. The amazing fire scenes are what one remembers, and even those could have been better. Concentrating more on the firemen themselves, and less on useless subplots, would have done wonders. --Catherine Senderling

City Slickers (PG-13) For all the hype City Slickers is getting on television advertisements, the producers must be expecting it to do great. And the first weekend it grossed, well, a lot, so the crowds are definitely going. However it may not be all that the T.V. plugs are making it out to

be. The film is a comedy with a lesson for all middle age people who don't know how to find themselves. It paints a sorry picture of the future for the youths of America. The comedy of Billy Crystal is good with the dry, sarcastic laugh-getters we all know and love.

It's a good summertime movie, that leaves the audience with a sense of wellness. The end is predictable but probably what all red-blooded Americans long to see. Three stars. --Robin Mayo

Thelma and Louise (Rated-R) This film is action-packed, full of chase scenes, sex scenes and comedy. A harmless adventure turns into a nightmare for two women after one of them commits murder.

As the friends, Thelma and Louise, (Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis) journey across the Midwest, they meet people and get into even more trouble. Both women come to terms with their lives, and by the end you realize they can't do anymore than that.

This a very powerful movie, and the ending is a strong one that leaves you wondering, Why?

Sarandon and Davis are excellent in the roles that they are cast and bring believability to this not so normal storyline. --Robin Mayo

Only The Lonely (PG 13) Officer Danny Muldoon is a lonely, good-hearted Chicago cop who finally finds true love when he meets Theresa Luna, the shy daughter of a local mortician. Unfortunately, their romance has a dramatic effect on Danny's relationship with his cantankerous, overbearing widowed mother. This film is somewhat predictable but has quite a few unexpected laughs. --Fera M. Black

Fun Filled Tips To Stop Financial Fiasco



by Jocelyn Arledge
features editor

"Can you loan me five dollars? I get paid Thursday; I'll pay you back, I promise. I know I've borrowed a lot from you, but just put it on my account."

The problem with being in college is money. I happen to have a lot of nice friends who will loan me money. Of course, that presents a problem, too,

shades of grey

because most of the time they don't have more than the change in their ashtrays to give me.

To help myself and my fellow college students I have come up with a few solutions to this financial fiasco.

Most college students work, and the right job choice can make all the difference. For example, right now I have three jobs; they aren't the greatest but they pay. The three most advantageous jobs for a student are at: a restaurant, a clothing store and an apartment complex. That covers the basics: food, clothing and shelter.

There are other ways to rake in the dough, although some may be a little

unorthodox. A perfect example is to become a Plasma donor. I hear you can get 10 to 20 bucks for your Plasma. In my whole life I don't think I've ever said to myself "Oh I feel like my plasma is a little low today". Therefore, I have no problem with donating. I do have one question though. Just how often can you donate plasma. Once a week? Well that just doesn't pay the bills. Honey, feed me some orange juice and cookies and keep pumpin'.

Getting money is a problem but there are a few little-known tips to help save money. Most sentences about saving money include the word scam. Denny's (Lenny's) has this wonderful offer where you get a free meal on your birthday. There are 18 Denny's in this town and if there's enough gas in your

car that's 18 free meals (don't forget the Alka Seltzer, which you can get free in a campus trial pack or maybe in the mail).

If living on your own, here are a few things you must remember. Saturdays at grocery stores. I'm not saying this is the best day to shop; the lines are too long. Grab yourself a cart, throw in a few items and travel the circuit of free food sample tables. Once you've had your fill and thanked the ladies for the coupons, politely deposit your cart in an inconspicuous corner and run. Hopefully, the rest of the world is not as desperate as I am but if so, be creative with your own money-making and -saving techniques. Just think of the stories you'll have to tell your grandchildren.

Practice Pays: Two St. Louis Southpaws Make It Professionally

by Christine McGraw
sports editor

Two "boys of summer" saw their hard work finally pay off last week, when they were drafted into professional baseball.

Scott Buchheit and Terry Farrar, both lefthanded pitchers, have been recruited by the Texas Rangers and the Baltimore Orioles, respectively.

Farrar, a junior history major at Missouri Baptist College, has been playing baseball since his sophomore year of high school. He played for Francis Howell and was voted Most Valuable Player during his sophomore year. He finished the season at Missouri Baptist with a record of 5-6 and three saves. During his sophomore year at Missouri Baptist he earned all-conference, and all-district titles, and after the 1991 season he was voted to the district all-tournament team.

Of the more than 100 draft rounds,

21-year-old Farrar was drafted in the eighth round by the Baltimore Orioles. He has been assigned to play for the Bluefield Orioles, a rookie league team in W. Va.; as a signing bonus

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-Terry Farrar

Farrar will earn close to \$30,000.

"As soon as I heard the guy's voice on the phone, I told him to hold on a minute, covered up the phone and yelled 'Yea!'" Farrar said. "I'm excited, a little nervous and anxious.



I'm just glad it's over with. It was making me nervous and I was getting sick about it."

Buchheit, a physical therapy major and three-year letterman, left Southwest Missouri State University with a 1991 record of 6-2. He attended St. Dominic High School, playing varsity baseball there for four years. During his senior year, Buchheit was voted MVP; he still holds the record for the most strike outs in St. Dominic history.

The St. Louis Cardinals drafted Buchheit in the 39th round of the amateur draft during his senior year of high school, but Buchheit rejected the offer in favor of college.

The 21-year-old has an edge over other minor leaguers. He was drafted in the 32nd round to play for the Texas Rangers class-A team, completely skipping the rookie league.

"I was so excited, I had been looking forward to it. I felt really relieved," Buchheit said. "I had been waiting



Scott Buchheit

and I was getting nervous. I was really shocked to hear I am going straight to A-ball. I'm ready to see what I have going for me career-wise."

Farrar, who weighs 180 lbs. and stands 6 feet, 1 inch tall, said he thought this was the year he would get drafted.

"I have just continually improved. My coaches have been encouraging me and it really helps a lot," Farrar said. "I just had this feeling."

Farrar's biggest asset is his fastball, which is clocked in the upper 80's to low 90's.

"I have always had pretty good control of my fastball. Control to some people is a weakness - to me it's an advantage," he said.

Buchheit claims his biggest assets are his fastball and slider, clocked consistently in the upper 80's.

"If I throw on a regular basis, I have great control. All in all, I'm very confident with my fastball," he said. "I need work on my change up. I need more positive thinking when a base runner is on."

Farrar said his chances at making it to the big league are enhanced because he is more diligent than most players.

"I think I have the ability to make it," he said. "I work harder than most. . . I push on even when I don't want to."

When Buchheit spoke of his chances to make it to the big leagues,

he said, "I have a good shot. I have a good throw for a lefty, if I perform to what I'm capable of I'll have a good shot. It will be a hard road."

Farrar said his family is behind him no matter what happens in the future. They showed their support by throwing him a party.

"We had a big celebration party, it was great. Most of my friends and close family were there," he said. "Everyone wants free tickets and a job someday."

Buchheit said that though he will miss his friends and family, especially his girlfriend Rhonda, they are all excited for him to go.

"They have really encouraged me, they want me to do well," he said. "I guess they are glad to see it happen. It's the best thing for me at the time."

Both pitchers said this is just the first step, and you can bet both will set new goals on their way to the big leagues.

New Recruits Three Additions To Men's Basketball

by Christine McGraw
sports editor

Height, height and more height is what to expect from the Rivermen basketball team in the 1991-92 season. Three top-notch players have signed letters of intent to attend UM-St. Louis and play basketball for the Rivermen, head coach Rich Meckfessel announced.

Lavon Kencaid, a 6-foot, 2-inch guard from Kirkwood High School in St. Louis, signed in late April along with Cory Oliver, a 6-foot, 3-inch standout at Mineral Area Junior College in Flat River, who can play big guard or small forward. Ray Clayton, a 6-foot, 6-inch center from Florida College in Temple Terrace, Fla., also signed in late May.

Meckfessel said he is confident about next season and said Clayton and Oliver will fill the voids left by Kevin Hill and Clarence Ward.

Clayton, a native of Gary, Ind., averaged 11.3 points and 11.3 rebounds this season at Florida College and was ranked second in rebounding among all junior college players in Florida.

"Ray fills a need for us," Meckfessel said. "We lost our best rebounder and inside scorer in Kevin Hill. But I'm sure Ray will be a fine rebounder as well as a scoring threat inside."

Oliver, a product of Gordon Tech High School in Chicago, Ill., averaged 18.5 points and 6.7 rebounds this past season for Mineral Area, which finished with 21-9. He was second in voting for player of the year honors in the highly competitive Chicago Catholic League.

"Cory is a terrific competitor, a scorer and a winner," Meckfessel said.

"He will fill quite nicely the void left by the graduation of Clarence Ward."

Oliver was a first team All-Region 16 selection this past season at Mineral Area. "Cory is a good one," said Mineral Area head coach Tim Gray. "He is such a winner, he won't let you lose."

Like Ward, Oliver has outstanding offensive abilities. Meckfessel, however, likes Oliver's complete package of skills.

"He can shoot the 3-pointer, and he is good around the basket," Meckfessel said. "But he is also a committed defensive player."

Kencaid, a first team All-Suburban West Conference performer, averaged 15.6 points and 4.5 rebounds a game this past season at Kirkwood High School. He served as team captain and helped the Pioneers to a 25-3 record.

"Lavon is exactly the type of young man we want to have in our program," Meckfessel said. "He is a terrific basketball player, an excellent student, and a wonderful person."

An outstanding shooter, Kencaid connected on 70 of 144 attempts from 3-point range for 48.6 percent. He also led the Pioneers with 50 steals and ranked second on the team with 87 assists.

In addition to earning all-conference honors, Kencaid was a second team all-district selection and an honorable mention all-metro pick.

"Lavon is a great shooter, a hard worker and extremely coachable - all the things you want in a player," said Kirkwood head coach Kave Holley. "He's also one of the best off-the-ball defensive players we've ever had. When we needed him to shut down a player, he did it."

Houska Receives All-American Title Named First Team Division II Softball All-American

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Senior softball player Lisa Houska capped off a celebrated career at UM-St. Louis when she was named a first team Division II All-American by the National Softball Coaches Association in May.

Houska, who was a second team All-American in 1989, becomes the first two-time softball All-American in school history. Laurie Aldy is the only other softball All-American at UM-St. Louis, earning second team honors in 1987.

Houska said that she felt very honored to be named to the team. "It was wonderful, I was really surprised," she said. "It was like a dream come true."

Despite a team record of 19-28, the four-year starter remained unaffected and pulled off an outstanding season, including two school records. She batted .387 with two home runs, 15 runs batted in, 18 stolen bases and a team-high



Lisa Houska

30 runs scored.

She leaves the college with school records for the most career hits (176), doubles (32) and triples (15). Her .346 career batting average is also the highest in school history.

"Lisa has been a great player for

us," said Head Softball Coach Harold Brumbaugh. "We're certainly going to miss her."

Houska said that she would like to coach after graduation. As her statistics show - she apparently has the drive.

Riverwomen Basketball: Two New Recruits

Elizabeth Squibb, a 6-foot, 1-inch center, and Danielle LaMette, a 5-foot, 4-inch point guard, have cast their lot with UM-St. Louis. Both were standouts this past season at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo. and have signed letters of intent to attend UM-St. Louis and play basketball next season for the Riverwomen.

"We needed a big player and a point guard with college experience," said Morse, who loses two seniors from this year's 13-14 squad. "I hope

we've solved our problems with these two players."

Squibb averaged nearly 10 points and six rebounds a game this past season at State Fair. LaMette, meanwhile, led the team in assists with four per game. She also chipped in six points per outing.

"I hope Liz Squibb will be the big girl, someone who can make an immediate impact, that we've never had," Morse said. "She runs the floor extremely well. She knows how to re-

bound. And she's a hard-working, aggressive player."

LaMette was a second team all-metro choice her senior season at Lutheran High School in Kansas City, Mo. She is expected to ease the loss of four-year starter Lisa Houska, who holds the school's career records for assists and steals.

"We hope Danielle can replace Lisa Houska at point guard," Morse said. "She's quick, knows how to guard people, and she passes the ball really well."

Two New Soccer Players Signed

Pat Galkowski, a junior college soccer all-American, and Mark Lynn, a goalkeeper from Parkway Central High School, have signed letters of intent to attend UM-St. Louis and play for the Rivermen next season.

Galkowski, a defender, earned first team All-America honors last season at Florissant Valley Community College in St. Louis. He received first team recognition from both the National Junior College Athletic Association and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

"He's the type of player we need," said head coach Tom Redmond, who is entering his first season as head coach at UM-St. Louis. "We have plenty of skilled players who like to attack, but we need someone who takes pride in defending. He fills probably the greatest need on our team - a solid, pure defender."

The 6-foot, 175 pound Galkowski anchored the defense at Florissant Valley the past two seasons. He helped the Norsemen to the NJCAA national championship as a freshman and a Region 16 title last year. In both seasons, he received first team all-conference and all-region honors.

A graduate of Aquinas-Mercy High School in St. Louis, Galkowski

led the Falcons to the 1A-3A state championship in 1988.

Lynn, a 6-foot, 2-inch, 177-point two-sport standout at Parkway Central, will join returning goal keepers Mark Dulle and Matt Wohlstader in the battle for the starting assignment next fall. Dulle and Wohlstader, both of whom battled injury problems last season, split time as starting keepers a year ago.

"With the injuries to Mark and Matt, we felt the need to get another quality goalkeeper to strengthen ourselves at that position," Redmond said. "We're bringing him in to press the returning goalkeepers. It's going to be a pretty competitive situation."

Lynn registered 15 shutouts in his final two seasons at Parkway Central. His best season came as a junior when he posted 11 shutouts and earned first team all-conference honors. As a senior, he notched four shutouts in eight games before bone chips in his left knee put him on the sideline for the rest of the season.

"He's a good athlete," Redmond said. "He has good size for a goalkeeper. He's quick and extremely coachable. He has a good chance to play a lot for us."

And The Winners Are...

UM-St. Louis recognized and honored its student-athletes at the annual sports banquet, May 3. Thirty-two UM-St. Louis athletes received special awards.

Lisa Houska received the Judy Berres Award,

given annually to the senior female athlete who excels in both athletics and academics. Houska, a two-time UM-St. Louis Scholar-Athlete, was a four-year starter in both basketball and softball. She holds several school records in both sports.

Here are the winners of the other special awards:

Men's Basketball:
Best Defensive Player, Scott Crawford
Most Valuable Player, Chris Pitz

Women's Basketball:
Most Improved Scholar-Athlete, Tammy Putnam
Most Valuable Player, Monica Sheinhoff
Scholar-Athlete, Kim Cooper

Men's Soccer:
Most Improved, Bob Ferguson
Most Valuable Player, Scott Litschgi
Scholar-Athlete, Matt Wohlstader

Women's Soccer:
Most Improved, Cheryl Kamp
Most Valuable Player Scholar-Athlete, Carmen Llorico
Scholar-Athlete, Mary Pat Timme and Christine Berry.

Baseball:
Most Valuable Pitcher, Jim Foley
Most Valuable Player, Brian Rupp

Softball:
Most Improved, Jennifer Sinclair
Most Valuable Player, Kris Earhart

Swimming:
Most Improved, Shawn Menke
Most Valuable Swimmer, Jeff Heveroh
Scholar-Athlete, Nick Ranson

Men's Tennis:
Most Improved, Jim Leslie
Most Valuable Player, Joe Kirtchell
Scholar-Athlete, Dave O'Gorman

Women's Tennis:
Most Improved, Karen Kren
Most Valuable Player, Anna Polle

Volleyball:
Most Improved, Pam Paule
Most Valuable Player, Geri Wilson
Scholar-Athlete, Stephanie Jensen

Golf:
Most Valuable Player, Chris Sanders

SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL:

Three outstanding basketball players, Ray Clayton, Lavon Kencaid, and Cory Oliver, sign letters of intent to play for the Rivermen Basketball Team.

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Two junior college standouts, Elizabeth Suibb and Danielle LaMette, sign letters of intent to play basketball for the Riverwomen.

MEN'S SOCCER:

Two promising soccer players, Pat Galkowski and Mark Lynn, have signed letters of intent to play soccer for the Rivermen.

SPECIAL HONORS:

Lisa Houska is honored First Team All-American by the National Softball Coaches Association.

COMMUNITY:

Two college baseball stars, Terry Farrar and Scott Buchheit are drafted by major league teams.

ONE DECADE AGO:

College Football

1981: (College football) Marcus Allen of USC is named winner of the Heisman Trophy, with Herschel Walker (Georgia) and Jim McMahon (Brigham Young) finishing 2d and 3d in the balloting.

1981: Clemson, undefeated (12-0), was the top team in the nation.

College Basketball

1981: (College basketball) Ronnie Carr (Western Carolina) scores the first collegiate 3-point field goal in a game against Middle Tennessee after the Southern Conference adopts the rule on an experimental basis.

1981: The Indiana Hoosiers, led by coach Bobby Knight, win their fourth NCAA Championship. The Hoosiers defeated North Carolina 63-50.



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