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UMSL's Budget Cut By \$1 Million

Chancellor Announces Departmental Cuts

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

In an expected move, Chancellor Blanche Touhill said Friday that UM-St. Louis will face a \$1 million budget cut. Campus officials also said another budget cut could come as early as January if Missouri's economy doesn't pick up.

Since last Monday, Touhill met with the Senate Budget and Planning Committee and asked each director to submit a report in how to take cuts. The call for the cuts came from University of Missouri President-Designee George Russell Oct. 4.

"It was a very painful project," Touhill said, "because we know this is not the direction we want to go in."

The hardest-hit department on campus was Arts and Sciences.

Touhill said the department, headed by Dean Terry Jones, faces a reduction of \$300,000, including the possibility of laying off ten staff members.

Jones could not be reached for comment, but Touhill and Associate Arts and Sciences Dean Martin Sage said they are confident layoffs would not occur.

"I have no intention of laying off anyone," Sage said.

Touhill said, "I am willing to work with Arts and Sciences in the current cost problem. There will be no campus freeze."

Sage said Arts and Sciences has looked at every cost-cutting measure, including layoffs, because the department doesn't have any open positions. Other departments are putting a freeze on hiring new personnel.

But Touhill is warning vice-chancellors and chairpersons to prepare for another three percent budget cut in January. That call, she said, may come from Gov. John Ashcroft's office.

"If we get another three percent cut, it would be a disaster," Sage said. "I don't see where we would get the money from. I can't see a reasonable way to do that."

"I have been here since 1974, and this is the worst I have seen. It may be worse the following year, especially if Proposition B doesn't pass," he added.

Proposition B is a \$385 million education tax package set to go before voters on November 5.

David Lendt, director of University Relations for the University of Missouri, said if the Proposition B doesn't pass, all four UM campuses will face more cuts.

"The governor will have no choice. I think a lot will be told by the Christmas season," Lendt said.

Other cuts include the deletion of Saturday Evening College hours and a cut-back in student assistants in various departments.

"But I am not going to cut classes," Touhill said. "I think classes will be merged, and a few classes will not be offered. We will be able to do less, and people who work with students must pick up the slack."

See CUTS, page 4 BIG LOSS: UMSL Chancellor Blanche Touhill announcing university budget cuts Friday.



Photo: Dirk Fletcher

All Four UM Schools See Similar Cuts

Chancellor Blanche Touhill's announcement of UM-St. Louis losing \$1 million is about an eighth of what the entire University of Missouri System will lose.

At the University of Missouri-Columbia, Chancellor Haskell Monroe told faculty the school would face a \$4.14 million budget cut.

Some of the hardest hit programs at UM-Columbia include close to \$2 million in campus repairs and renovations and \$1.5 million in the University Extension Continuing Education program.

But Monroe said no faculty would be laid off for now.

George Russell, chancellor at UMKansas City, also had bad news for

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Computer Fees Keep Labs Open

by Christopher Garza
of the Current Staff

An informal poll conducted by the *Current* revealed that some students believe the computer fee that is tacked onto the semester fee statement was used to pay clerical workers to key in their registrations.

But the computer fee, which raises roughly \$800,000 per year, is spent on the support of the open computer labs as well as the purchase of software, which has clear instructional purpose.

"The original concept was to provide computer facilities to those who need it. Now a student may walk into an open computer lab and work on a course assignment, or use his or her own software for word processing, or do whatever they want," said Jerrold Siegel, coordinator of Campus Computing and Telecommunications.

The computer fee also goes
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Photo: Dirk Fletcher

COMPUTER FEES MAKE IT HAPPEN: Sheila Burnett, freshman accounting major, reads through her notes while using the writing lab in SSB. The lab is open to any UMSL student and student employees are available for assistance.

Horizons Offers Alcohol Awareness Week Program

by Pam Wilson
Current Correspondent

Located in 427 SSB is a unique student organization: Horizons, a program composed of students for students.

Horizons is a peer counseling and career resource center that offers its services completely free. From the crisis situation where you feel you need to speak to someone immediately, to the exploration of careers, Horizons is there to assist.

Director Jeep Hague, UM-St. Louis junior, said they are there to provide service for students.

"My philosophy is that all the peers are working as a group," Hague said. "We're here to listen, to talk to and to provide access to career information."

Hague and the Horizons staff have planned activities for the National

Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which is this week. This is an on-campus program that targets the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. Hague said all nationally-funded universities are required to do an alcohol and drug awareness program, but they don't want to do just what's mandatory. "We don't want to do just enough to get by, we want to really DO something," she said.

All week, Horizons will be showing movies promoting alcohol and drug awareness. "Clean and Sober," "Barfly," "Days of Wine and Roses" and "I'm Dancing As Fast As I Can" will be shown Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the

University Center Summit. Free snacks and lemonade will be provided. Exact times of the movies are on flyers around campus or available

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Grant Awarded For Rape Victim Research

by Michelle McMurray
associate news editor

UM-St. Louis psychology professor Patricia Resick received a \$1.7 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to study post-traumatic stress of victims after a rape. It is the single largest grant received by a researcher at this university.

Resick said she spent a couple of years doing pilot studies and submitting grant proposals before she was finally accepted.

The five-year study will be done by a staff of eight researchers who will study the effects of rape victims at one week and three months after the attack. Resick said the test subjects will be referrals from the police, prosecutors and other victim assistance programs. "We will send them a letter and then follow up with a phone call," she said.

The research will consist of interviews, some of which will be taped, to



Patricia Resick

study non-verbal behavior and symptoms of stress. Some of the topics discussed with the victims will be their beliefs about safety, intimacy, self-esteem, what kind of support they are getting and how they are coping with what happened to them.

Resick said the reason for the study is to determine what helps victims recover from a rape, and which victims are more likely to have stress disorders such as nightmares and flashbacks.

"We are excited to get a grant to do a study of this size. We want to look at victims' reactions early and identify them for better intervention," Resick said.

Airport Expansion Is Campus Concern

by Max Montgomery
news editor

The safety of UM-St. Louis students and faculty, noise levels on campus and interruptions of campus programs are three concerns of the University Senate concerning the F-4 Expansion Plan of Lambert International Airport.

The Senate adopted a letter Tuesday to be sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) addressing these concerns and asking that they be investigated. The FAA has been asking for testimony on environmental impact of the airport expansion.

The letter stated that the "trajectories of the proposed runway system will have flights passing directly over the center of the University's main campus." It was for this reason that astronomy professor Richard Schwartz, and David Ronen of the business department, brought the is-

"From an administrator's point of view, we don't want to say we are for or against the expansion of Lambert Airport. We want to study now it is going to affect the campus."

-Blanche Touhill, Chancellor

sues to the attention of the University.

The letter is not to suggest the University is either for or against the expansion, Schwartz stated, but to address the concerns of the University. Joe Martinich, associate professor of operations management, presented the letter to the Senate.

"We simply want the impact on this campus to be considered," Martinich said.

Under the plan, which is considering the new locations for the airport's runways, UM-St. Louis is in line with the main runway, meaning planes will

be passing over the center of campus throughout the day. The letter states that this increase of the danger of a plane wreck on campus "would be unacceptable."

The letter goes on to say that the new flight patterns could affect campus programs, especially research projects that require high degrees of stability. Also, flights over the campus may make the campus observatory useless because of "atmospheric turbulence" from the jet engines.

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Jenkins Appointed New Dean of UMSL Nursing School

Ruth Jenkins has been appointed associate dean of the UM-St. Louis School of Nursing.

Jenkins, who has been at UM-St. Louis since 1981 when the nursing program began, helped set up the undergraduate curriculum and is an associate professor.

Since 1989 she has coordinated the graduate program in the nursing school. Some of her duties will entail filling in for Shirley Martin, the current dean, and administering the master's programs and future doctoral programs.

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C.

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EDITORIALS

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All Hurt By Budget Cuts

Friday's ax of \$1 million was something UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill did not want to deliver.

But reality has struck. UM-St. Louis was asked from University of Missouri President-Designee George Russell to meet with campus managers in one week to trim an already thin budget. You can criticize the shortage of time to cut the budget, but give credit to Touhill and all campus employees that went to the meetings last week.

During that time, department heads were asked to find ways to make budget cuts. Staff members were vocal, saying layoffs are the last thing to think of. Everyone had a say in what may happen. This is the first time staff and faculty told administrators how they really felt.

The cut, however, translates to a one-year fiscal crisis. What determines the real future of Missouri is what you do on Nov. 5. On that day, voters will be asked to make a decision that will affect every child's future. Saying Yes to Proposition B- a \$385 million education tax package- may not be the solution, but it is a very large step in securing our children's future.

The next few weeks will have every educator in Missouri on a ledge. Education officials don't like budget cuts. Students, staff and faculty hate them to. Everyone is hurt, from pre-schoolers to college students.

But the way to ease some pain is to understand that we are all in the same boat. If Proposition B doesn't pass, we are cutting our throats. If it passes, we may need to borrow the famous passage when man stepped on the moon.

Five Months, Two Hours: No Organization In SGA

Something must be done.

Organization is a key word in this situation, which is to say the least, a disaster.

Last Wednesday's Student Government Association meeting lasted for two hours. What was accomplished? The re-election of the organization's secretary, parliamentarian, treasurer and chair. Although the positions had been filled at the prior meeting, it was discovered that the parliamentarian was not an official SGA representative. Therefore, the officers had to be re-elected. Does anyone know what is going on?

When it takes 45 minutes to discuss what the job of the treasurer should be, and not coming up with a solution, something is wrong.

Maybe that something is SGA President Mark Grimes.

The assembly members have called for an agenda, over and over. No agenda has been given. If Grimes could even present a piece of paper with writing on it- something- anything- the assembly could at least see some sort of progress. Grimes and Schwetz have been in office for almost five months. An agenda should have been a number one priority. Grimes wants a Black Studies Program on campus; a much needed program. However, there are other issues that should have been addressed earlier, and that should be dealt with now.

The ball is not rolling and someone needs to give it push-or at least find it.

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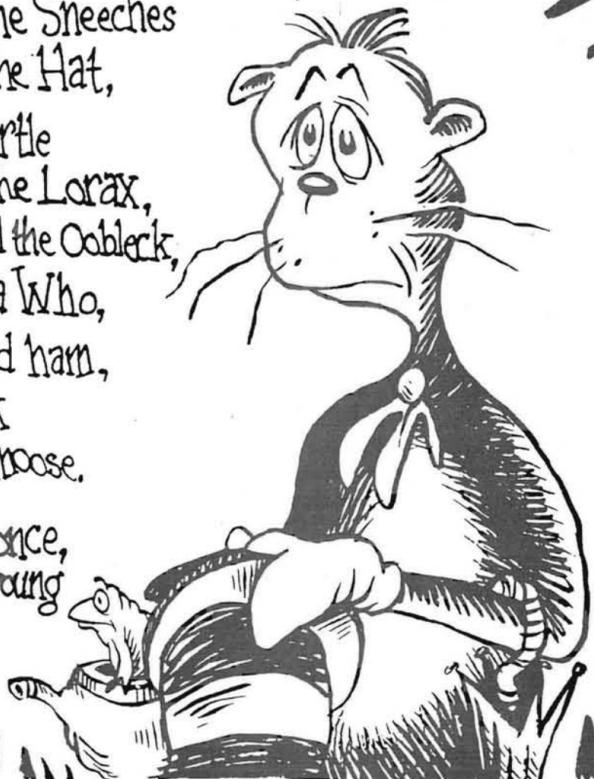
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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Smokers: Your Smoke Does Kill Non-Smokers

Dear editor:

I am writing this letter in reference to the Oct. 7 edition of the *Current* from Mr. Mark Gamance. He had wrote in to complain of the no-smoking policy on campus. I, for one, am sick and tired of the smokers on this campus, belly-aching about this new policy. It has been in effect since June.

It is also apparent that Mr. Gamance has not been paying attention to the media reports of how thousands of people die each year from second hand smoke. Is Mr. Gamance proud of the fact that he contributes to this figure each year? I should hope not.

Mr. Gamance also claims he is being treated like a second-hand citizen. To my knowledge, there is no allowance in the constitution to pollute a work place with cigarette smoke.

And one more thing, Mr. Gamance was concerned with contracting pneumonia this winter. What he should really worry about is what he is doing to his lungs on a daily basis. But, then again, that's his problem isn't it?

I think I speak for a lot of the non-smokers on this campus when I say, "Mr. Gamance, can it!"

Andrea D. Ellerman

New Shuttle Service Pleases One Passenger

Dear editor:

I suggest that your article on the shuttle (*Current*, 10/7/91) missed the point. The campus shuttle is still a relatively new service. Part of the problem seems to be not enough vans on the road at peak hours. UM-St. Louis is an underfunded campus and cannot afford more than four vans it runs already. What students don't realize, and the *Current* failed to point out, is that this campus is currently undergoing severe budget cuts. Services like the shuttle might be discontinued for lack of funds, especially if the administration gets the impression the shuttle isn't working.

We are darn lucky to have the shuttle at all. The shuttle might not even be permanent (when you're speaking of budgets what is permanent, anyway?). I use the shuttle a lot and sometimes I have to wait too long. Sometimes, I give up and walk instead. It's not that long a walk from one campus to the other, even in the winter when it snows.

I am glad the shuttle is there, though, so I don't have to walk all the time. Thanks to the drivers, who keep it running, and thanks to the administration for keeping the drivers.

Ted Ficklen

Lift Aerobics From Student Activity Fees

Dear editor:

I am writing to you because I see an unfair policy in regard to the aerobics classes held in the Mark Twain Building. I will begin with a slight background regarding these classes, and then address the issue which I see as questionable.

While enrolling in past aerobics classes, it would be necessary to pay one set amount (varying between summer or fall and winter semesters) and we were allowed to take day or night classes, which fit into one's schedule on a specific week. This semester, we are being charged an equal amount, but restricted to only three classes a week, even though the classes are being taught nine times a week.

Because aerobics is considered a predominantly female form of exercise and because the Mark Twain building is a predominately male en-

vironment, I feel that this type of exercise is being treated differently than other forms of exercise available. There is no charge to use the weight room, the racquetball courts or the basketball courts (all of which are used more by men than women). They also do not restrict the amount of times the facilities can be used by any one individual. I feel aerobics, in general, is not considered a serious form of exercise because it does not traditionally appeal to men, and that is the motivation behind the lack of funding by UM-St. Louis for aerobics classes.

It is my belief that aerobics classes should be flexible enough to fit into anyone's schedule and should be free of charge, just as the weight rooms, the pool or any other facility are. I would like to know the reasoning behind it because I want to get a male-oriented system to recognize the views of women.

Four Hours For C-Base Is A Waste Of Time

Dear editor:

I am full-time business student, working a part-time job. I have little to no time to satisfy basic human needs such as eating and sleeping, to maintain some sort of communication with my family and to generally interact with society.

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I am in my second semester here

and, prior to this, I have had two classes at UM-St. Louis. In my case this test is going to evaluate how well I was taught at Meramec!

This test may be reliable, but how credible are the results going to be? Are the results really going to reflect the degree in the University of Missouri system?

I cannot speak for anyone else, but four hours is very important to me as a full-time student.

Denise Yost Steuber

I have put together a petition which I intend to forward to Chuck Smith, director of athletics, and L. Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor of student affairs and the Mark Twain Recreational Facilities Advisory Committee to enlist their help in changing this unjust policy.

I would also be very interested in what percentage of the funding for the Mark Twain Building is paid by female students and what percent is paid by male students through their

student activity fees. I am also curious of what ratio is of women to men using the various forms of exercise available. I believe the two facts will probably show that females pay for much more than they use.

This could be remedied by making aerobics class more accessible and by not forcing payment above and beyond the student activity fees.

Marilyn Brown
Office of Computing

Kool Boy M Isn't Really That Cool

Dear editor:

It is a blessing and a curse that my eyes greedily read everything that falls into my hands, and the "Kool Your Head" column (*Current*, 10/7/91) happened to be in front of me today.

Dear King Boy M, you speak of Mu, your primal God of Chaos. He (or she) should have told you that Leif Erikson is the Son of Erik the Red, a famous Viking of the Middle Ages. Did you skip seventh grade social studies when they explained that Co-

lumbus was not the first to land on North America? Good old Leif was here before him, and I doubt that he was bop-bopping bare-chested and crooning disco hits. Ah, yes, you must have meant Leif Garret. You know, counterpart of Shaun Cassidy and that bunch.

My shame over knowing that fact is overshadowed only by the shame of actually reading this silly column!

Mu Mu.

Elizabeth Oaks

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POLICE BEAT

The following criminal incidents were reported to campus police during the period Oct. 3 - Oct. 9, 1991. If you have any information that could assist the police investigation, please call 553-5155. This information is provided by campus police as a public service to promote awareness. Remember: crime prevention is a community effort.

10-3-91 A student reported a radar detector taken from his parked automobile between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The automobile was parked on the third level in Parking Garage "N."

10-3-91 A visitor's auto was stolen from Parking Lot "B" between 11:30 a.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday. The owner lost his car keys on campus prior to the auto being stolen.

10-3-91 A staff member reported a tail light lens stolen from his automobile while the vehicle was parked on the third level in Parking Garage "H." The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

10-4-91 (Delayed report from 9-30-91.) Between 9 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., a student's purse was stolen from Room 215 of the Social Sciences Building. The student forgot the purse when leaving the classroom and, upon her return, the purse was missing.

10-8-91 A student reported a purse stolen from a work counter in Room 312 in the Research Building. She left the purse unattended while she left the room from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Support Group Will Continue RAP Sessions

The RAP-AROUND meeting, held Oct. 7 for returning students, was a big success, and plans for future meetings are underway, according to Gloria Lubowitz, coordinator of the RAP-AROUND.

"We had 26 very enthusiastic students," Lubowitz said. "Most were 35 years old and up. We felt their needs were special and that it was a good way for them to meet other returning students."

Lubowitz said the goal of the group is for students to meet and give each other support.

"We will discuss a different topic at each meeting such as time management, anxiety and financial aid," she said.

The group, headed by Lubowitz and Merrill Hessler, a graduate student, will meet every other Monday and Thursday in the Summit Lounge. The next meeting is Monday, Oct. 21, in Room 75 in the J.C. Penney building. For more information, call 553-5711.

Airport from page 1

Chancellor Blanche Touhill, who was introduced to the issues about two weeks ago, thanked Schwartz and Ronen for their work and said the University is going to look into the issues as well as ask the FAA to make a study.

"From an administrator's point of view, we don't want to say we are for or against the expansion of Lambert Airport," she said. "We want to study how it is going to affect the campus."

The Senate also requests that the university administration begin its own study of how the airport expansion will affect the campus physically and psychologically. Touhill said she will consult Larry Schlereth, vice chancellor for administrative services, for advice on how to handle the study and what approaches to take.

CUTS, from page 1

"Register early," Sage added. "There will be a sub-shortage of classes."

Arts and Sciences also faces a reduction in teaching assistants and the student retention program. Faculty members will also face cutbacks in travel.

Travel cutbacks will also be felt in the Schools of Business, Education, Optometry and the Center for Metropolitan Studies.

At a Staff Association meeting last Wednesday, several staff members were concerned about their future at UM-St. Louis.

One unidentified staff member angrily told Touhill he would rather

see programs like the Monday Noon Series and the shuttle buses canceled, instead of facing a payout or a layoff.

"I have two kids to feed," he said. Former Staff Council President Mushira Haddad said the some administrators divide faculty and staff into the "touchables and the untouchables."

Haddad is concerned about what UM-St. Louis can do to staff members if layoffs are necessary.

"It's one group against another. They pick on the weakest group (staff)," she said. "It gives us the impression that we aren't important. Without the staff, how could the university run?"

SCHOOLS, from page 1

that campus. The school faces a \$1.7 million budget cut. The main library, Nichlos Library, will not be open on Sundays, and will only be available to students for only five hours on Saturdays.

In addition, Audio/Visual and Conservatory equipment will not be fixed.

Russell also said while there will be no layoffs, the university is cutting

back on teaching assistants.

On Thursday, University of Missouri-Rolla Interim Chancellor John T. Park announced a \$1 million cut-back. At press time, no specific figures for departmental cuts were available.

The total budget cuts for the University of Missouri System is \$8.7 million.

AIDS Memorial Quilt Is Coming To St. Louis

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is coming to St. Louis Oct. 18-20 at Forest Park Community College, 5600 Oakland.

The AIDS quilt was started in 1987 in San Francisco by Cleve Jones who made a panel the size of his friend's grave who had died from AIDS. Soon friends and families of other people who died began adding names and panels to the quilt.

The first national display of the quilt was in Washington D.C. during the Lesbian and Gay March. This will be the second time the quilt has been in St. Louis. There are now more than 14,000 panels representing the entire United States and 26 countries.



Volunteers are need for various tasks such as helping to make panels, transporting materials and people, and emotional support. For more information or to volunteer, call 772-9868 or 553-6709. To make a panel for a loved one who has died of AIDS, call 879-8115.

Fees from page 1

toward the purchase of software for different courses for different departments. Siegel said several departments rely on the fee for various software needs, but the key element in purchasing software is it must clearly show an instructional purpose.

"In other words, we can't purchase software just because a professor likes it and can rearrange a course around it," he said.

Siegel also explained that since students make up a good portion of the tutoring services, a "significant portion" of the computer fee goes right back into the students' pockets.

"I would like to think that now a few more students have an opportunity to work in these labs and get more 'hands-on' experience than they would receive elsewhere."

Siegel also said that if the average student paid \$100 per year in computer fees, the total amount at the end of four years would not even come

close to enabling a student to purchase a personal computer, software, and a printer.

"In other words, what this fee does is pool together money to give the student something he or she on his or her own might not be able to afford," he said.

Presently, there are open Apple Macintosh labs available for student use in the Thomas Jefferson Library and the Social Sciences Business Building. IBM personal computers can be found in Clark Hall and in Lucas Hall.

Siegel added there are future plans for open labs coming in the Science Complex and South Campus.

"This is the way it is today," Siegel said. "Students need some computing background, and the open labs are there for them."

The open labs are available to both students and alumni of UM-St. Louis.

Horizons from page 1

or available at Horizons, 553-5730.

Horizons has been in existence for many years and will continue its role to offer students a place to go and talk to peers trained in the helping profession, as well as offer career resources. In the past month, more than 150 students were assisted in the Horizons career resource center.

Horizons staff members are available Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 7 edition of the *Current*, Rivermen soccer player Doug Wiese was incorrectly identified as scoring the game winning goal against Gannon University. The goal was credited to Rivermen Brian Kelleher.

Wiese assisted on the goal in the 1-0 victory Oct. 6.

Also in the Oct. 7 edition of the *Current*, Tracy McMurry, a junior, and Leslie Bennett, a sophomore, quotes were accidentally switched in the "What's the most embarrassing situation you've ever been in?"

INTO NEXT WEEK...

Next week, *The Current* will take a look at the recent budget cuts and how they affect the University, its faculty and staff, and its students.

Stay tuned.

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A Toast to KWMU!



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Patricia Wente, general manager of KWMU (left), shown toasting the new look of the station with Mitch Ramsey, vice president of Representation of National Public Radio (center), and Blanche Touhill, UM-St. Louis chancellor (right).

KWMU (90.7 FM) hosted an open house Thursday, October 10, to celebrate its recent renovation of offices and studios.

Blanche Touhill, UM-St. Louis chancellor, was

on hand to officially cut the ribbon during a ceremony.

The renovation, which was accomplished over the summer, is the first for the station has gotten a face lift since it began 19 years ago.

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Parking 101: Future UM-St. Louis Class?

Jenny Doll
Current Features reporter

Have you heard the latest? There is a juicy little rumor circulating around campus about a new class being offered for the winter semester ... Intro. to Parking 101.

Although no official word on such a magnanimous opportunity has reached the ears of this Current reporter, the UM-St. Louis parking situation does warrant some administrative action.

The first item of business in such a class (a guaranteed full house for SSB Room 126) would be to explain the unexplainable. The parking professor could solve for the class the campus enigma ... why is it that although UM-St. Louis administration never oversells parking stickers, every lot and garage is filled with green stickered cars — and so are the hillsides and sidewalks? Student mathematicians

have calculated and recalculated, yet somehow the number of spots and the number of green stickers never seem to come out equal!

Furthermore, imagine the spark of enlightenment in our college students' eyes as Professor Parkmeister explains the elaborate process involved in choosing the specific color shade for the semester's parking sticker! Perhaps a guest speaker would be appropriate. The class could meet those "behind the scenes" people who dictate the latest trends in auto adhesives.

Also of interest to the unquenchable artistic side of college students would be Professor Parkmeister's presentation of the various methods of arranging the stickers on the rear window of the automobile. Auto fashion experts could display diagrams of patterns

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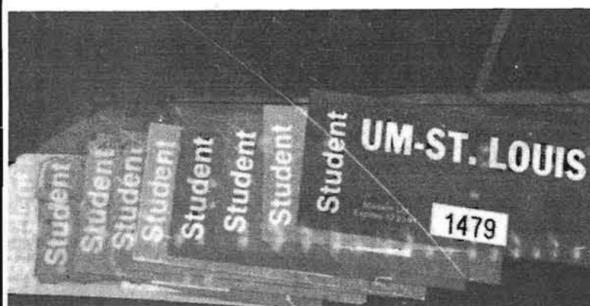


Photo: Nicole Menke

THE LAYERED LOOK: For students who want to make a statement.

What Happiness is to a College Student

shades of grey

one taco and a side order of pickles; just because. Our only explanation is because we are in college. The quirk is that people will accept that explanation. The flip side is that we are actually considered adults who could contribute to the world in some way besides creating a way to study and sleep at the same time. See—we get the best of both. We get to be kids or adults according to our whims. We have more freedom but still get to fall back on our peers or parents when we're in trouble.

The reason college people have perfected the life of good times and spontaneous wildness is because we have figured out that these are the best days of our lives. When we were in high school people told us those were the best days of our life. They probably were, but we didn't know it. College is a continuation of "the best days of our life", the big difference is that now we know these are the best days of our life. Too deep for you? Let me try to make it simpler.

A pig is in a mud hole and thinks it is disgusting until another pig comes along and tells him how much fun mud is and they squish around happily ever after. Okay, so I'm not so good with analogies but you get the point. Besides I like pigs.

I guess one of the great things about college is we get to be whoever we want and don't have to come up with any excuses. For example, today I am wearing green shorts that used to be sweat pants, a black and white polka dotted shirt, a red sweater, white socks and black shoes. I wouldn't be caught dead in this atrocity in a normal situation but at college it just means you slept late. Or in my case it was the only thing clean lying on my floor. I know it was clean just because I know. (Men have the sniff test ... women—they just know).

Anyway, go out today after classes and do something wild, stupid or fun. If you have to work, wait until your day off. Since I have nothing better to do with my time I think I'll just go to Taco Bell. Hats off to Charmin, Victor, and Stacey for making my stay at Taco Bell more than an enjoyable afternoon, but an experience in human life itself. For the rest of you enjoy yourselves. ... These are the best days of your life.



Jocelyn Arledge
columnist

Happiness is sitting outside on a sunny autumn day at one of those round concrete tables with a good friend and a full tray of Taco Bell. Okay this may not be everyone's dream but it is part of mine. Have you ever noticed how college students view the world in a different light than everyone else? No? Then step back from yourselves a minute and take a look at the unique breed of humans you belong to.

College students take life differently. Therefore happiness is relative. Sure we are all headed towards that grown-up, out in the real world, having a real job, not living with your parents type of happiness, but for the time being happiness is much simpler than that. The yuppie down the street says happiness is a brand new Volvo station wagon. I say happiness is two more hours of sleep. Okay I'd settle for just five more minutes, but if I'm wishing I may as well wish right. Right?

It is so much easier to get excited about the little things in life when you're in college. This is probably so because all a college student can afford are the little things in life. Being poor is a given but if we weren't would we be able to quote off the top of our heads the maximum amount of food that one could buy at Taco Bell for under three dollars? (five tacos or seven of any of the fiesta items and other combinations.)

Happiness is being asked on a date. You don't have to actually go, it is just the principle of being asked. If they can find the time to go college students don't count on a night at Tony's with dancing after. (see above reference about Taco Bell for harsh reality.)

The thing about college is we are at the perfect age. We get to act stupid, see fraternity brothers paint someone's behind blue, pile 57 people in a convertible and then drive through Taco Bell and order 55 cups of water,

T.V.'s New Superheroes in Search of New Competition

Jocelyn Arledge
of the Current Staff

It's the newest hit in syndicated television. It's where normal everyday people get to compete in an arena filled with challenging games and obstacles. The catch is that during the whole sporting event, huge, muscle bound men and women who call themselves Nitro, Gemini, Gold, Zap, Laser, Blaze, Thunder, Ice, Malibu and Diamond, get to chase after you with the intent of capture and destroy. This combination of Hollywood glamour and athletic excitement is The American Gladiators. And the Gladiators have packed up and headed the bus for St. Louis.

The tour will be looking for St. Louis' best, to enter in head-to-head competition with Nitro and the gang. This is for real, so if you think you can defeat a gladiator and you are 18 or older, head down to the Arena on Thursday and give it a shot. The tryouts will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will consist of a physical fitness test which entails sit-ups, push-ups and 40 yard dashes. The contestants may also have to play one of the gladiator games called Powerball. Application forms for the tryouts are available at all participating 7-Eleven outlets, and at the Arena.

American Gladiators haven't given anyone much training time, so start pumping the iron. If you make it through the tryouts, it's on to battle it out with America's favorite Gladiators on November 17, in a two-hour program with power-packed events. Eight male and eight female contenders will be eligible to become finalists and to compete in The American Gladiators National Finals in Atlantic City for over \$50,000 in cash and prizes.

Wondering just who these gladiators are? Maybe they aren't as tough as they look on television. Don't bet on it. Most of the Gladiators have been athletes from the word go. The collective weight of the male gladiators is 1,250 pounds, the lightest being 220. Several of the male Gladiators have played football, and Gemini and Thunder have also studied martial arts among other sports. All but one of the men have been involved in television commercials, and some have been on TV series and movies. Malibu has guest-starred in shows

including, "In Living Color", and "Married ... with Children", and has starred in motion pictures including "Predator" and "The Killing Zone". Only two of the male Gladiators, Thunder and Malibu, are single. However, Thunder is engaged to be married later this year.

The women add up to a collective weight of 740 pounds of body building power. Every one of the female Gladiators have won body building competitions with some of them being very prestigious. Gold is one of the top professional bodybuilders in the world. She won the 1991 Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic, the 1991 Grand Prix, the 1989 Ms. International Classic and finished fourth in

the 1988 Ms. Olympic contest. Most of the the Gladiators are working into an acting career. Some of the women have already started. Zap has acted in some small film roles, playing an arm-twisting seductress in "Skin Deep" and Diamond and Ice have been in commercials and television shows. All the female Gladiators continue to be very athletic outside their days on the set. Blaze is currently working toward the 1992 Olympic squad in the javelin and has practice throws that near 200 feet. She will be competing in the U.S. Olympic Festival '91 in Los Angeles this summer.

Once a contender makes it to compete against these gladiators, they must go through events like the Joust,

Breakthrough and Conquer, Powerball, The Wall (a climbing event) and others. The events take skill of both the contender and the Gladiator. Assault is just what it sounds like. A Gladiator is located on a platform at one end of a large playing area, armed with a tennis ball server, ready to fire a total of 25 tennis balls. The contender starts at the opposite end of the playing area and has 60 seconds in which to hit a target above the Gladiator by using weapons located at each of five safe zones. The contender receives points if he or she hits the target before being hit with a tennis ball or runs out of time.

If a contender gets through these see Gladiators, page 6

THE AMERICAN GLADIATORS LIVE TOUR

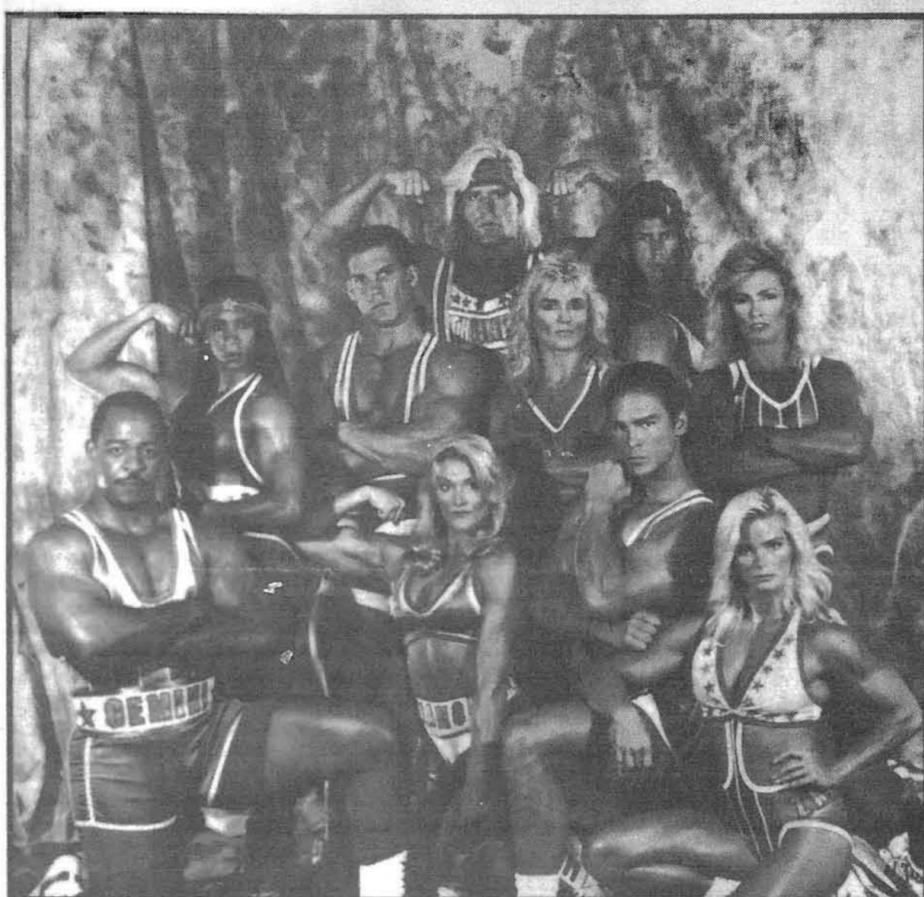


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'Fisher King' Has Real Substance, A Must See

by Brad Touchette
movie critic

A new Robin Williams movie? It's a scary proposition. Will it become another classic like "Good Morning Vietnam" and "Dead Poet's Society"? Or will it be another dismal blah like "Cadillac Man"? Fortunately, the former is closer to the truth.

"The Fisher King" is a movie of real substance. Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges team up in this new film and their chemistry is instantaneous.

Bridges plays Jack Lucas, New York's hottest shock DJ. During a show one day, one of his regular callers gets on the air with him and starts talking about a girl he had met the evening before at a local yuppie bar. Jack seizes the opportunity and strikes a blow for all the yuppie-hating fans he has. He degrades them and tells the caller that all of them are out to crush everyone in their rise to wealth. Little does he know that the caller takes him seriously enough to return to the club that night with a rifle and wastes about

eight of them before killing himself. Three years pass and Jack is distraught and crushed. His possible TV show was swiped from him due to the incident and it has become a complete success and he's living on top of a video rental store with the owner, Anne (played by Mercedes Ruehl). Being nearly impoverished and haunted by the catch phrase of his TV show, Jack tries to end it all.

Before he can make it to the bridge, he gets beat up by some street punks. Enter Parry, a street bum armed with

a bow and suction cup arrows who saves Jack from the beating. Parry (played by Williams) thinks he's a knight in search of the Holy Grail. Jack later learns that Parry used to be an English professor at a local college, but became dysfunctional after his wife was killed in the night club slaughter. Jack's guilt keeps him near, but it's Parry's simple innocence that eventually fascinates Jack.

From here the movie is all Williams'. Once again, he gets to improvise and run amok in this film. This is what makes a Williams' film special. The comedy is great. Bridges and Williams seem like they've been a comedy team for years, and strong performances from Ruehl and Amanda Plummer (who plays Parry's new love interest) ice the cake with art and precision.

This is Bridges finest performance. It is far above his work in "The Fabulous Baker Boys" and shows his talent better than "Against All Odds" and "Starman" did. Bridges may finally be coming into the stardom he deserves.

What more can I say about Williams? Another great performance in a film that is more along the lines of "Dead Poet's Society" than anything else he's done, but it's not as deep. This is sure to be director Terry Gilliam's biggest hit. Gilliam (of Monty Python fame) shows a creative level that is hard to find in today's high-budget, low-intelligence films. This film is a definite must-see. Thoroughly enjoyable. Four and a half stars out of five.

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Parry (Robin Williams), a former professor of medieval history, and Jack Lucas (Jeff Bridges), a penniless, prospectless DJ, meet on the streets of downtown New York.

Half Time



Cuts In Athletic Dept. Crop Concern

by Christine M. McGraw sports editor

Just when the fall sports teams were heating up, a cold wind from the north (north campus that is) ushered in news Athletic Director Chuck Smith didn't want to hear.

Dr. Lowe "Sandy" McClain, vice chancellor for student affairs, announced last Friday a 3 percent budget cut (\$10,000), is eminent in the athletic department.

On top of the 3 percent cut, Smith has recently learned that a shortage of athletic fees puts him even further under.

When the athletic department received the budget figure last April, statistics indicated that there would be more student fees via high enrollment. The enrollment is down 1.5 percent which leaves the athletic departments with an \$8,000 set back.

With this nearly \$18,000 cut hanging over his head, how is he going to handle it?

- All professional travel will be sliced in half.
- There are potential payroll cuts in intramurals, but no layoffs are anticipated.
- Cuts in the equipment and expense budget for intramurals.
- Position of a full-time trainer will not be filled.
- Senior clerical position will not be filled.

"That's how we'll come up with that kind of money," Smith said.

Fortunately, the Athletic Department manages it's budget well. It can produce income for the department in other ways besides the financially crunched UM System.

"We will have to work a little harder in raising funds... and try to get as many people as we can to go to the games..."
-Chuck Smith

With a gung-ho attitude on the sports department, Sports Information Director Jeff Kuchno, along with other Athletic Department members, will need to put on their thinking caps and give fund raising due notice. They will have to work a little harder in fund raising and try to sell more tickets at athletic events.

And Smith is ready and willing to put this philosophy into action.

"We will have to work a little harder in raising funds," he said, "and try to get as many people as we can to go to the games so we can sell more tickets... students, faculty and staff."

According to Smith lay-offs and sport team budget cuts are the last things he will consider.

"I don't want to reduce any of the sports budget if I can help it," he said. "They need the money. And the one most important thing were trying to protect is that no one loses their job."

If there continues to be a shortfall of tax dollars to Missouri, it is possible that another cut will occur in January.

Smith doesn't have a solution for that.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed."

Rivermen Shut-out Four In A Row Wins Over Missouri Southern, Lockhaven Put Record At 11-1-1

By Keith Hamilton associate sports editor

The Rivermen gave head coach Tom Redmond a treat by extending their shutout streak to four games and their season total to eight, with three wins last week.

The Rivermen struggled to a scoreless tie with nationally ranked Oakland on Sunday to take the Central Region Classic title by goal differential.

UM-St. Louis goalkeeper Mark Dulle was credited with the shutout in the Oakland game.

UM-St. Louis forward Steve Valle was voted the outstanding offensive player in the tournament. Valle had both goals in Saturday's 2-0 win over Lockhaven, and had a shot that deflected off of the crossbar with ten minutes remain-

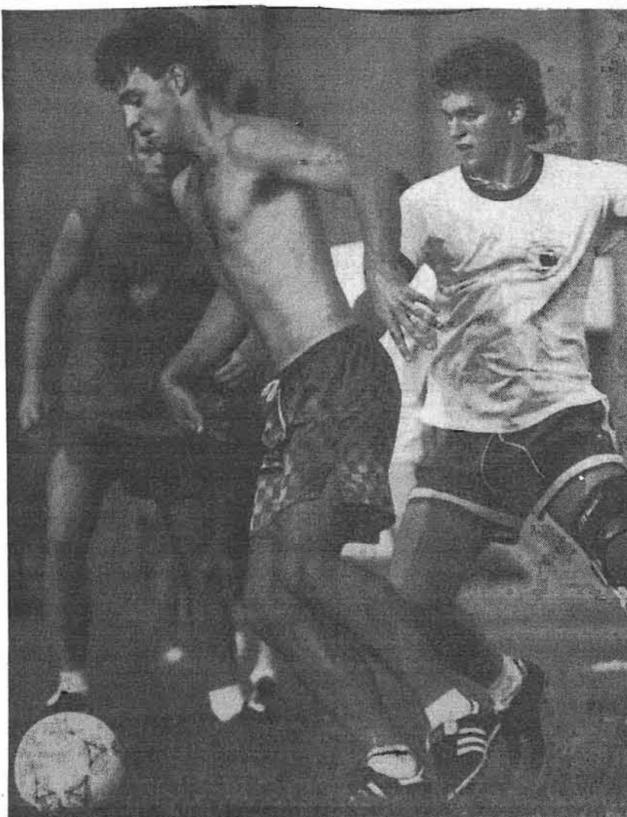
ing against Oakland.

The Rivermen topped Missouri Southern 2-0 in a game totally dominated by Redmond's team. Mark Lynn recorded the shutout. The three wins bring the Rivermen's season record to 11-1-1.

The Rivermen bring their six game unbeaten streak home starting this Friday with a game against regional foe Northeast Missouri State University.

The NMSU game is the first of a four game homestand that ends October 29, with Southwest Missouri State traveling to the Don Dallas Memorial Field.

UM-St. Louis students are admitted to all home games at no cost.



GETTING ROUGH: Players Kevin Hennesy (right) and Tom Edgar engage in practice on the intramural field.

Oct. 18 Field Dedication Scheduled

by Christine McGraw sports editor

The official dedication ceremony of the UM-St. Louis Soccer field, to the late Don Dallas is scheduled for Oct. 18, when the Rivermen host Northeast Missouri State.

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved a request from UM-St. Louis to change the name of UM-St. Louis Soccer Stadium to the Don Dallas Memorial Soccer Field.

The change is being made in honor of Dallas, who passed away last October after nearly 23 years as coach of the Rivermen.

Dallas won 236 games at UM-St. Louis and led the Rivermen to the Division II national championship in 1973. In 1987 he was honored as the Division II national coach of the year.

"(Don Dallas is) one of our long time and very very successful coaches," said Athletic Director Chuck Smith. "He had been so successful and put in 23 years of dedicated work to the university. The coaching staff and athletic staff thought it was very appropriate that the field be named in his honor... we got a lot of support to do that."

Former state senator, and currently Sheriff of the City of St. Louis, Jim Murphy, former UM-St. Louis Rivermen soccer players and members of the Dallas family will all take part in the pre-game ceremonies. 100-200 area youth soccer players will also play a part in the ceremony. Many representatives attend Transfiguration School in North St. Louis, where Don and his wife Eunice devoted many years to the soccer program.

A scholarship fund in the honor of Dallas was announced during the pre-game season dedication at the Sept. 7 game against Washington University.

A promotion was kicked off by the athletic department to encourage donations. For a \$2 donation, supporters will be eligible for several prizes. They include two round trip air tickets (courtesy Coca-Cola and Northwest Airlines); a luxury box for a 1992 Cardinal baseball game (courtesy Grey Eagle distributors); two tickets to the Missouri Athletic club soccer banquet (courtesy Bill Hebron); and a trip to Chicago for a 1992 Cards-Cubs weekend series (courtesy Cardinal Travel).

Donations can be made during the game against Northeast Missouri State and winners will be announced during half-time.

"This was an outstanding coach and we have an outstanding team, Let's fill the stands," Smith said. "That would be a nice tribute."



DON'T FALL: New comer Alicia Bushman (right) pushes the opponent out of her way.

Photo: Nicole Menke

Riverwomen: 2 Shut-outs

by Christopher Sans Souci Current sports reporter

The UM-St. Louis women's soccer team continued to overcome numerous injuries and posted two shutouts over the weekend. On Saturday, the Riverwomen, ranked number 15 in the nation, battled Wisconsin-Green Bay to a scoreless tie as goalie Chris Rufkahr collected her third shutout of the season. Yesterday,

Kelly Donahue and Julie Intagliata each scored a goal and goalie Linda Allen posted her second shutout in a 2-0 victory over Lewis. The win improved the Riverwomen's record to 5-4-4.

"I was very pleased with our play, especially the defense," said coach Ken Hudson. "Alicia Bushman played very well as did Kelly Donahue. Overall, we didn't allow [our opponents] any-

thing."

Coach Hudson has had to jockey his lineup around lately due to several injuries, which have depleted the team's bench. Still, Hudson believes his team has a chance to make the play-offs, though he admits chances are slim.

"We have six games left and they're all at home. Currently we're ranked number four in the South Re-

gion behind Barry, SIU-Edwardsville, and Quincy. Really, we've got to win all six games to have a shot to make the play-offs."

This week, the Riverwomen host SIU-Edwardsville on Wednesday at 7 p.m., Gannon University on Saturday at 2 p.m., and Louisville on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Volleyball Coaches "Pleasantly Surprised"

by Chris Buhr Current sports reporter

The Riverwomen dropped from 14th to 18th place in NCAA Division II last week, despite winning eight straight matches.

Assistant coach Erik Kaseorg said though he was disappointed in the ranking, he is "pleasantly surprised" with the girls. He explained improvement from last year's team was "a good mixture of experience and new players filling in holes."

One of those holes has been filled by freshman Rita Shultz who Kaseorg considers a starter. Kaseorg also emphasized the teams togetherness as a reason for their success.

Last weekends Wayne State tournament was a good test, according to the assistant coach.

The Riverwomen traveled to Wayne State to compete with host Wayne State, Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech. The Riverwomen beat all three teams including the number six ranked school in the nation, Northern Michigan.

This could up their ranking in the NCAA Division II poll. Results of the poll will not be available until Wednesday.

Kaseorg stresses the MIAA conference round robin tournament in Central Missouri State as another important test.

The Jennies of Central Missouri have ended the Riverwon's quest for MIAA title the last five years and have won the title nine years in a row.

Baseball Marathon

UM-St. Louis Baseball Team To Play 100-Innings

The UM St. Louis Rivermen have announced The 100 Innings of Baseball Marathon which is slated to run Oct. 18 through Oct. 20.

The marathon is open to all participants who will play nine innings of baseball against the Rivermen.

The highlight of the event will pit the UM-St. Louis Rivermen against the St. Louis Media Celebrity Team on Saturday, October 19 at 12 noon.

The Celebrity team will feature Mike Bush of KSDK Channel 5 sports, Mark Curtis of KTVI Channel 2 sports, Smash of KSHE 95, Rich Gould of

KPLR Channel 11 sports, and many other media celebrities who have yet to be announced.

Teams can sign up at hourly intervals at the Athletic Department.

Participation requires a three dollar donation per player to play nine innings or one hour, whichever comes first. Teams with a minimum of seven players are preferred.

Admission is only one dollar.

Donations may also be made on a "per inning" basis.

For more information, contact the Athletic Department at 553-5641.



Rita Shultz

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Athlete Of The Week
Steve Valle



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- Men's Soccer
- Forward
- Awarded outstanding offensive player honors in the Central Region Classic.
- Scored both goals in 2-0 win over Lockhaven.



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DEAR ZELDA

Dear Zelda,

This is Absolutely in Love again. I took your advice but now it seems he has too much time on his hands, but the hands aren't on me. He recently quit his second job, so he has spare time and I want it to be with me, but when I called one afternoon wanting to spend my spare time with him, he was making plans to go out with a friend and I only wanted two hours with him, then he could have the rest of the evening with his friend. What do you think?

Signed,
Absolutely in Love

Dear A.I.L.,

It seems to me that if he has all the spare time now, he will spend it the way he wants to, even if you're not included. If he knew you wanted to spend two hours with him before work and could have waited to see his friend, then that should tell you something. He either is doing because he knows it makes you mad, or his priorities are to put other things before you. Is this the kind of boyfriend you want?

Dear Zelda,

My boyfriend is very open about relationships and he feels it is okay, if both partners agree, to see other people in a sexual manner. I totally disagree with this and he understands my viewpoint, but I'm afraid in the future he may do it even though I don't agree.

Totally jealous

Dear T.J.,

Like I asked above, Is this the kind of boyfriend you want? There are couples out there who have open relationships, and if you think you're boyfriend will see others in a sexual manner, he probably will. Unless you want to play along and not let it bother you, make it clear to him again, exactly how you feel.

Dear Zelda,

There is this girl that I'm really in love with. But every time we go out, she gets drunk and makes a fool of herself (i.e. she becomes an exhibitionist). Should I stay with her? If so, how can this problem be solved?

Sincerely,
Intoxicated with Love

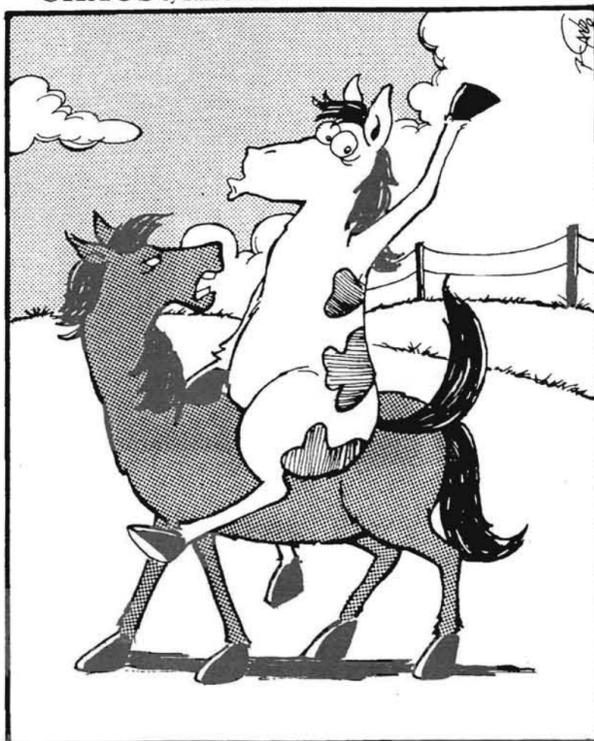
Dear I.W.L.,

Just because someone wants to expose themselves in public while intoxicated is no reason to leave them. If anything, you need to explain to her that it is wrong to do such things, and help her to overcome this problem. Good luck!

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63121, OR DROP OFF IN ANY CLASSIFIED AD BOX ON CAMPUS!!

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"My turn, My turn!"

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Suitable
- 4 Workman
- 8 Trust
- 12 Cheer
- 13 Toward shelter
- 14 Great Lake
- 15 Transgress
- 16 Reptiles
- 18 Move along the edge
- 20 Pitch
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 In music, high
- 23 Sagacious
- 27 The sun
- 29 High card
- 30 Substance
- 31 Either
- 32 Fruit seed
- 33 Brick-carrying device
- 34 Agave plant

DOWN

- 1 War god
- 2 Recreation area
- 3 Tremulous excitement
- 4 Male deer
- 5 Sudy brew
- 6 Cuddle up to
- 7 Railroad station
- 8 Renovated
- 9 Bitter vetch
- 10 Falsehood
- 11 Affirmative
- 17 Attached to
- 19 Sun god
- 22 Perform
- 24 Italy: abbr
- 25 Surfeit
- 26 Large's pen name
- 27 Soft drink
- 28 City in Russia
- 29 Ventilate
- 30 Witty remark
- 32 Pounding instruments
- 33 Cut of meat
- 36 Note of scale
- 37 Military hat
- 38 Talk glibly
- 40 Profits
- 41 Latin conjunction
- 43 Babylonian deity
- 44 Aroma
- 45 Comfort
- 46 Mature
- 47 Pigeon pea
- 48 Guido's high note
- 49 Food fish
- 50 Period of time

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College Astology
by Joyce Jillson

New moon Monday; keep in mind as you smile, nod and carry through, that you're starting something. Relationships, especially, can be renewed, refreshed, patched up tight, or begun, whether with friend, lover or professional advisor. On Tuesday, folks are touchy; on Wednesday, they're enterprising, but quite opinionated; on Thursday, the Scorpio moon is possessive, but good for concentration.

On Friday, the sensible approach works; confidence is high and competition is stiff. The one whose eye you'd like to catch will be impressed by good sportsmanship. On Saturday, independence reigns; get off campus and enjoy some time with friends. It's a perfect time for a party. Besides, when the moon enters Capricorn on Sunday, a serious mood comes over the world, and everyone thinks they'd better hit the books.

Aries (March 21-April 19).
Call or meet with the one you'd like to be close to while the moon is in a starting position for relationships. On Tuesday, frustrations result from trying to push; back off when confronted by obstacles in the form of stubborn lovers, roommates or creditors. Wednesday is more conciliatory, but get it done before Thursday, when the moon meets Pluto and you have a tendency to take offense easily. Don't travel Friday, but Saturday is great for a little getaway. You feel strong and independent right through Sunday, but it's more fun to be independent in twos. On Sunday, your ethics are showing, as you do the best job you know how.

Taurus (April 20-May 20).
On Monday, implement plans for increased efficiency in all practical matters and study habits. Any new habit you'd like to form will be easier to adjust to if you begin on this new moon day. On Tuesday through Thursday, you're in delicate territory, as moon emphasizes one-to-one relationships, and this can get intense. Jupiter is supporting development of romance, even true love, but you're on your own with a roomie who's as stubborn and set in their ways as you are. Wednesday is a most conciliatory day; do the talking then. On Friday and Saturday, concentrate on studies; the food is lousy at parties. On Sunday, make a note of ideas!

Gemini (May 21-June 21).
The new moon is your big chance to zero in on a new romantic relationship; first dates, first hellos, first smiles are all ways of using this moon to get off to the right start. Tuesday through Thursday is your chance to make real headway on assignments; write, figure or note observations on Wednesday, and use Thursday for reading, when Pluto aids your high-flying mercurial mind in shutting out all distractions with total concentration. On Friday, a woman makes life a little easier with sensible help. Saturday is made for a great date. Sunday is another good study day; let a fellow child of Mercury (Gemini or Virgo) be your coach.

Cancer (June 22-July 22).

Now is the time to give your loyalty. A female friend needs it, and so do the people with whom you share your home. You have a unique knack for bringing a warm atmosphere to residence, and others will appreciate you for it. On Tuesday through Thursday, the Scorpio moon triggers intense feelings in a love affair. If you have a tiff on Tuesday (there's pressure in the air), patch it up on Wednesday, when there's plenty of positive planetary energy. Thursday is best for flashing (or picking up) silent but meaningful looks. Routine chores and shopping for necessities is relaxing Saturday. On Sunday, love rules again.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).

Ask for directions, information, a date for the weekend and/or help with a difficult assignment on Monday. The answers will start you on a whole new direction of fun and discovery. Go somewhere new. Shop. Tuesday through Thursday, you'll be more or less homebound, and the best day to have guests join you there is Wednesday. On Thursday, you'll be busy obsessing over the dust in the dorm or meticulously polishing your rock collection, which diminishes your appeal as a host. On Friday, the moon slips into your romance department. On Saturday, keep that date you made Monday; you'll be very glad you did. Hit the books Sunday, right after the housework.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

The new moon indicates a bit of a money mix-up between you and one whose friendship you value. Don't let it drag on. On Tuesday, you've got pizzazz; don't try to work for hours at a stretch. Do a little, then take a break. Wednesday and Thursday are good for writing papers and letters. On Friday, have a get-together, or do some cooking or other practical stuff. On Saturday, everyone you live with gets along fine. And on Sunday, there are plenty of chances for romance, and your creative side comes out too. Repair something. Your handiwork can be a source of income; what are you good at that would be of value to others?

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Monday is your 'personal new year' day, Libra, so make some self-improvement resolutions. Spiff up possessions, go to the cleaners and bargain hunt on Tuesday, but don't make big decisions. On Wednesday, thorough cleaning of home and reordering of priorities are certainly in order. An ultimatum from one you love could make Thursday tense. Don't travel Friday, though you feel restless; take walks or bike rides instead. On the other hand, get off campus with a friend Saturday. If you go home, they'll be so glad to see you. And if you stay on campus and spend Saturday shooting the breeze with buddies and Sunday cleaning house, that's OK too.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The new moon calls for a close look at ideals and ambitions, making sure that your school experiences are

not distracting you from long-term purpose; if your major subject isn't as fascinating as you'd hoped, be honest with yourself and consider a change. On Tuesday, you've the advantage of moonlight, so talk someone into doing something your way (you know how you love to talk people into things). Wednesday is most agreeable, with enjoyable classes and maybe some good marks on returned work. The weekend is terrific, except it's easy to spend too much money on Saturday. There's a scholarly sky on Sunday; write or study with friends.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec 21)

The new moon on Monday is in your social doings sector; call an old friend, join an organization or just meet with a gang for coffee. Loyalties and responsibilities are reconfirmed. On Tuesday through Thursday, bury yourself in books. Extra cash from home on Wednesday, or maybe a record-breaking tip total on the job. Friday and Saturday are power days, calling for extroverted action. On Saturday, especially, you're bound to win in any games or debates. Leadership is important to Sagittarians now; join something and take on some responsibilities — it'll look great on your resume. On Sunday, studying with a group is favored.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

The new moon suggests a certain confusion in relationships that could be quite distracting, if you aren't careful. Natural taste and discrimination in choosing companions should serve you well now; there's a little snob in you somewhere and this is a good time to bring it out. On Wednesday, class or club meetings can include a coup for you; don't miss a thing, ask questions, speak right up in planning sessions. On Saturday, keep it low-key; let those around you do the partying, have patience with noisy pals. On Sunday afternoon, the moon enters your sign, and you perk up; find a mentor to coach you in courses.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

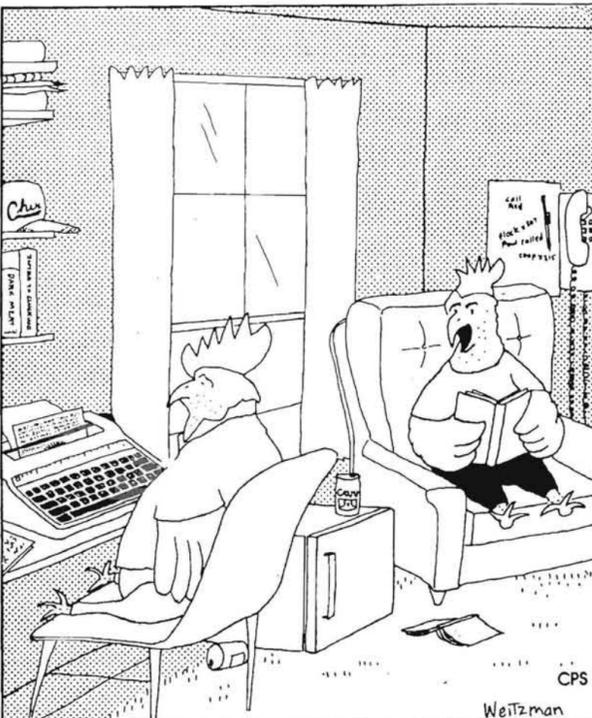
The new moon brings news from long distance; if an older family member is ailing or going through a big change, you can plan to travel home this weekend, but the stars look positive for this person's recovery. Through Thursday, the moon is in your authority sector, and the shift from negative potential to positive is quite interesting: On Tuesday, it's easy to touch a sore spot in a professor or administrator, quite by accident. But Wednesday is very positive for getting guidance from those more experienced. Relax with some serious socializing on Friday and Saturday. You need a break. Sleep late Sunday, and read the boring stuff in the afternoon.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).

Restlessness can be channeled into creative pursuits. The trick is to set up a realistic study schedule with frequent breaks — some diversion with truly enjoyable people (you have too many neurotics in your sphere now; weed out a few), and walks to keep the circulation flowing. As long as you don't procrastinate the study part, you're OK. You don't read as rapidly as other signs (though you often learn more from your reading than others do), so you must allow enough time on a regular basis to keep up. On the weekend, responsibility for group activities dominates; you're the driver or organizer.

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"Peck! Peck! Peck! Why don't you learn to type!"

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"Ok now, if you don't hand over all your's money I'm gonna have to plug this sucker in before I dry off. And I mean it, I'll do it."