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Starting Monday, all graduate and undergraduate students must have a Dean's signature to add or drop a class.

Sports This Week

Keith Hamilton looks at UMSL goalies Dulle and Lynn. Read *Hamilton's Headlines*.

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Schwetz Says Her Tickets Not Fixed

by Max Montgomery
news editor

Julie Schwetz, Student Government Association vice president, said last month's disclosure by the *Current* about having her parking tickets fixed by the Student Court is unfounded.

"There has been absolutely no wrongdoing on my part," Schwetz said at the first 1991-92 Student Government Association meeting. "I went through the process [appealing tickets] just like any other student can."

According to records from the UM-St. Louis Police Department, Schwetz received six tickets during the Winter 1991 semester. Schwetz said she hadn't paid for any of them.

"The court found my reasons were valid and approved my appeals," she said.

No disciplinary action has been taken against Schwetz for having her parking tickets fixed, but a committee has been formed by the Student Government Assembly to investigate the matter further.

SGA President Mark Grimes said

"There has been absolutely no wrongdoing on my part."

**-Julie Schwetz
SGA vice president**

he will not look into the situation until substantial evidence warrants an investigation.

"I need substantial evidence brought to my desk," Grimes said. "I'm not going to act on allegations. I'm not going to look for [evidence]. It's not my job."

The newly formed committee will be chaired by Kathy Groh, SGA representative. Other members of the committee will include Gary Garuffi, Timothy Jennings, Laura Bernardino and Catherine Boatner.

A report of their findings will be given by the committee at the next SGA meeting on October 9.

Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor

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KMOV-TV



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Evelyn Garner, a UMSL student, makes a mock weather forecast as part of the CBS College Tour brought to UMSL by University Program Board and Student Activities.

Facts and Myths About Sexual Harassment

MYTH: Sexual harassment is not a serious problem for universities since it affects only a few women.

FACT: At Harvard, 32% of tenured female professors, 49% without tenure, 41% of female graduate students, and 34% of undergraduate women report having encountered some form of sexual harassment from a person in authority at least once while they were at the University.

MYTH: It is harmless to harass women verbally at school or on the job. Women who object are prudish and have no sense of humor.

FACT: Harassment at school or on the job is humiliating and degrading. Women victimized by sexual harassment suffer emotionally and physically.

MYTH: If a woman really wants to discourage unwanted sexual attention, she can do so. If she's sexually harassed, she must have asked for it.

FACT: Many men believe that a woman's "no" is really a "yes," and therefore do not accept her refusal. Moreover, men's greater physical, economic, and social power enables them to persist and coerce an employee or student believing that they can overcome her temporary resistance.

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Don't 'Goggle' At Women, Expert Says

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

Barry Shapiro tells the story of two men on the telephone at a university in the Eastern part of the United States. One works at a registrars office, and both men jokingly plot their next move on a female employee.

"The phone rings: 'Oh, hi Al. What's up. What. (Both men start laughing). Sure. Ok. Bye-Bye.'"

"The man goes back to the female employee and says, 'That was my friend Al on the phone. He is bringing a rope down and we are going to tie you up and rape you in a room down the hall. Ha-ha-ha.'"

Shapiro, an expert in sexual harassment prevention seminars, told true stories like these to UM-St. Louis faculty, staff and students earlier this month. The sexual harassment sessions were sponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity.

Shapiro continues the story. "Upon hearing that, she [as trouble breathing and she goes into the bathroom. She doesn't come back until she is sure that both men are gone. How did they know that she was raped by two men when she was 17?'"

He cited a trend of women, both students and tenured faculty, who have been sexually harassed. For example: "A study at the University of Florida revealed that approximately 31% of the women graduate students and 26% of women undergraduates were recipients of sexual

advances from faculty.

"At Harvard University, 32% of tenured female professors, 49% without tenure, 41% of female graduate students and 34% of undergraduate women report having encountered some form of sexual harassment from a person in authority at least once while they were at the University.

"A brochure by the UM-St. Louis Office of Equal Opportunity says men and women can be sexually harassed; however studies indicate that more than 95 percent of the victims in college are female. According to national surveys, at least 20 percent of female college students have been subjected to some form of sexual harassment.

The Office of Equal Opportunity, headed by Norman Seay, said sexual harassment "may be defined as unsolicited, non-reciprocal behavior of a sexual nature by an individual who is in a position to control or affect another individual's job or status as a student and who uses that position to cause that individual to submit to sexual activity, or to fear that he or she would be punished for the refusal to submit."

"Sexual harassment may take any of these three forms," Shapiro said. "Offers of employment or academic rewards for sexual rewards or sexual favors. Threats of employment or academic punishment if sexual favors are not given and creating a hostile environment by verbal acts, physical acts or graphic displays which unreasonably interferes with the recipient's work or academic perfor-

Student Moves On With Sexual Harassment Suit

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

A clinical psychology graduate student says while university officials have taken steps to prevent sexual harassment on campus, she is still moving on with her sexual discrimination suit against UM-St. Louis.

Carolyn West is close to getting her doctorate in clinical psychology and she alleges a UM-St. Louis staff member made several sexual overtures to her over a four-year span.

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mance."

He said other types of sexually harassing behavior includes pressure for dates, sexually suggestive looks or gestures and pressure for sexual favors.

"People will say, 'What do you mean a guy can't look at a girl anymore,'" he said. "No. It's not that you can't look, but you can't goggle or leer."

The Office of Equal Opportunity said if you are sexually harassed, you should,

- Tell the harasser to stop as forcefully and directly as you can.
- Discuss with the incident(s) with other students, co-workers, parents or other close relatives.
- Discuss the incident(s) with someone who has au-

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Arguments For More Student Financial Aid Set For Fall

by Janet Seiberg
College Press Service Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON- Students soon may find more grants in their financial aid packages.

Higher education associations have been fighting to expand grant eligibility while simultaneously arguing that a decade-long trend toward loan-based aid should end. The battle will climax this fall when Congress rewrites the Higher Education Act, the blueprint for all federal aid programs.

National student leaders say the battle can be won if students are willing to join the fray.

"It is going to be an incred-

ibly tough battle and you need to call your congressmen," said Selena Dong, legislative director of the United States Students Association (USSA).

The House Postsecondary Education Subcommittee led the reauthorization effort, holding more than 45 hearings during the past two years.

The subcommittee has finished its hearings and is expected to begin marking up the bill early this fall. Mark-up is the crucial phase for all bills because congressional representatives go over the bill section, proposing new rules to replace ones they do not agree with.

When the subcommittee finished, the House Postsecondary Education and Labor committee will

examine the bill before it goes to the full House for debate.

The Senate also will begin later this fall marking up its versions of the Higher Education Act. When the House and Senate pass their versions of the act, a conference committee will try to combine the two bills into one, which must be approved by both houses.

Dong said this mark-up process gives students a chance to fight for proposals they favor, such as switching financial aid emphasis from loans to grants.

"A lot of people say, 'What difference does it make to call your congressman?' But a lot of changes have to be made and congressmen do read their mail," Dong said.

Protesters Claim Racism

Signs saying "Touhill supports racist Wente" and "Stop racism at KWMU" were seen Tuesday when Winnie Sullivan, who is suing the University of Missouri alleging racial discrimination, and two other people held a small protest at the main entrance to North Campus.

Artie Solomon, 50, said they were protesting because of the phrase "The University supports the station and the station manager," made by University spokesman Bob Samples, in response to a downtown rally on July 14.

"They have the right to express their views, a right I respect," said Patricia Wente, KWMU general manager. "However, the charges of racism on their signs are untrue."



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Artie Solomon protesting Tuesday on Natural Bridge Rd.

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To the person who left the toilet on Bellerive Dr. Isn't it a little cold sitting out there?

Live From UMSL CBS Comes to Campus as Part of National Tour

UM-St. Louis students got a taste of Hollywood and more last week, when the University Program Board in conjunction with Student Activities brought the CBS College Tour to campus.

A total of eight booths, each ran by a real CBS announcer, were set up on campus Monday and Tuesday, with different events for all students.

After registering, participants received a punch card. From there, they went from booth to booth playing games ranging from The Price is Right to Family Feud. Also available was a booth set up as a miniature movie theater, one for mock productions of newscasts, and one for play-by-play sports announcing.

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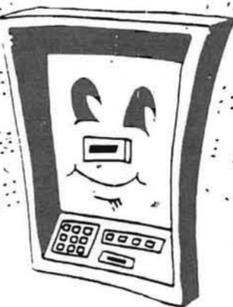
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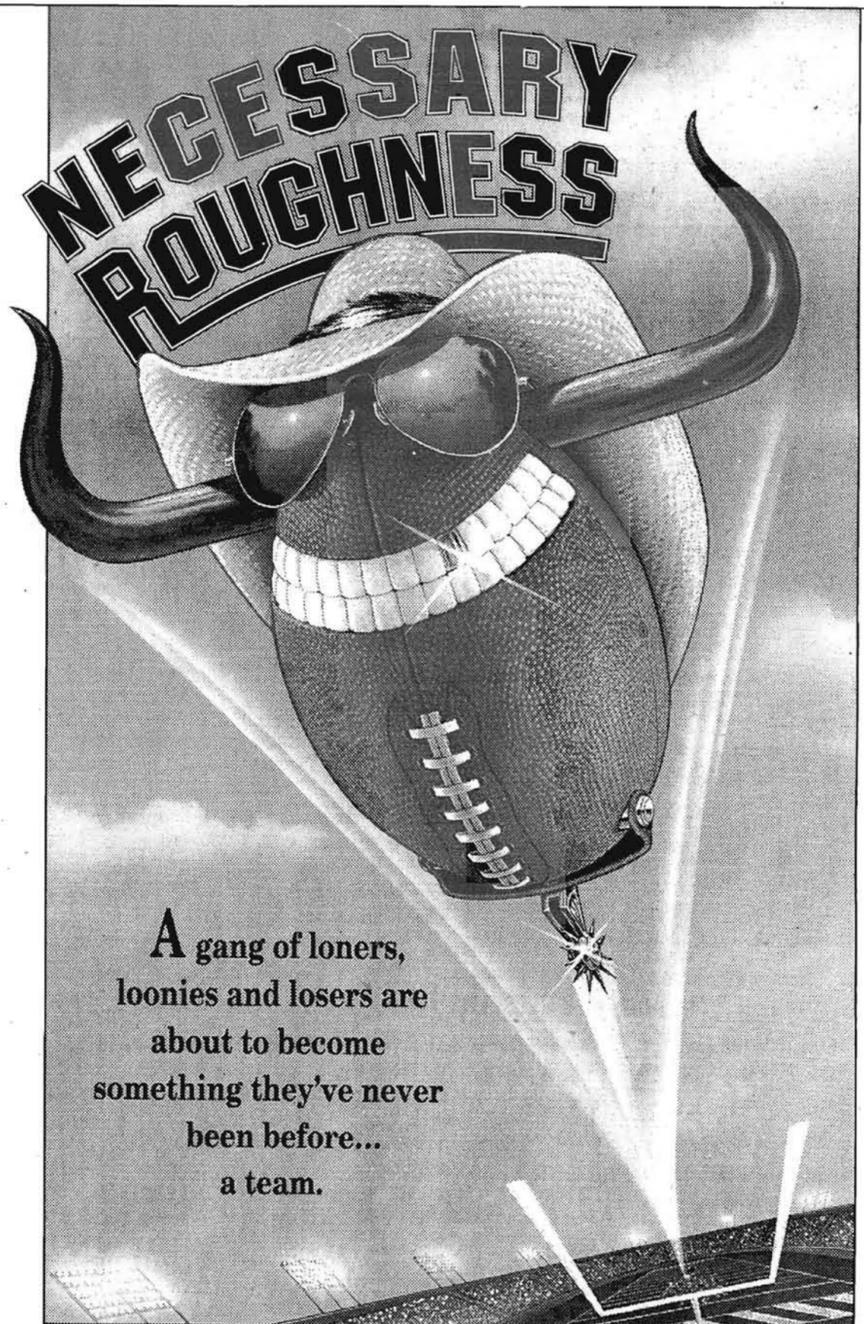
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Answers, Not Questions

Words have been hurled and voices have cried out for justice. Students demanded last week what will happen, if anything, to Paul Matteucci.

Assembly members, however, came out of last week's SGA meeting wondering if standing up for a cause is really worth it.

Sandy MacLean, vice-chancellor for student affairs, was drilled by assembly members about the *Current's* disclosure of Matteucci, the student representative to the Board of Curators, for falsifying a travel expense voucher. Matteucci reimbursed UM-St. Louis about \$1000, the cost of the trip, three weeks after the *Current* began a complete investigation of his travel expenses. The \$1000 came out of Student Government Association's account, which is funded by student activity fee money.

Students who were upset at Matteucci should now feel the same anger towards MacLean. He said the public is not going to be told if Matteucci received any disciplinary action. The reason, he said, is because disciplinary actions are a private matter.

Private matter? With taxpayers money? Matteucci willingly knew where he was going, what the real itinerary plan was and what ski resorts he would go to. On the travel expense voucher Matteucci said he drove from Fraser to Boulder Colo. three times during the week of March 2-9. Depending on weather conditions, that drive is 90 minutes to two hours one-way.

So after Matteucci knew about the *Current's* investigation, he reimbursed the money, expecting the entire issue would end.

Student groups, however, saw different and called for his resignation. Many of those student groups want either a petition to circulate or have Gov. John Ashcroft and the UM Board of Curators ask for his resignation. But George Russell, interim UM President and Webb Gilmore, UM Board of Curators President, said the matter goes back to UM-St. Louis.

Even if MacLean does not take any action against Matteucci, why won't students, who almost had their activity fee money taken away, know the results?

It is hard to fathom why MacLean, who is usually upfront and honest, will not reveal the outcome. There is a good possibility that a "higher" in the UM system put a spin on the matter. To avoid the public knowing what Matteucci did, they may have sent it back to the UM-St. Louis campus and told MacLean to be quiet.

There are so many scenarios that could have happened. And students need to worry about those scenarios because they may never be answered.

Taking A Step Forward

While the wheels are still turning with UM-St. Louis' sexual harassment policy, Carolyn West is spinning her way to the top.

The UM-St. Louis graduate student filed a sexual discrimination suit against UM-St. Louis. She said a former colleague sexually harassed her for four years. While experts say few women step forward with claims of sexual harassment, rape or assault, going against the odds, like West did, can make a sizeable difference in policies. UM-St. Louis' policy is good, but it can be improved even if one person steps forward.

The Office of Equal Opportunity and the Women's Center now want any students, faculty or staff members to know sexual harassment is an issue UM-St. Louis will not toss aside.

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Crime Brings A Dose Of The Real World

by Max Montgomery
news editor

So there I was. Friday the 13th.

Me, a friend of mine- Dave, and a 53-year old homeless man named Herman.

What do we have in common with a bum in the middle of downtown St. Louis? We were all violated. To be more specific—mugged.

Last Thursday I had an experience I'll never forget. A 'coming of age' experience, if you will. I realized, for the first time, that crime does exist and that your life is much more precious than you know.

Dave and I were walking out of a popular downtown club at about midnight, when I was approached by two guys with a knife, and he was approached by two guys with a gun.

They were asking for money,

and when I reached into my pocket to pull out what money I had, I was quickly threatened to get my hands out of my pockets or the knife would be used.

I couldn't really understand what was happening because it all really does happen so fast. We were told by the robbers that we were going to take a little walk.

Luckily, we got away before this "little walk," but not before they got away with Dave's wallet and my car keys. I was a little better off than Dave; I didn't get busted in the nose.

As we stood there with a cop car in front of us, a cop car behind us, and a total of five cops all around us, something interrupted our report to the police.

We all looked up to the exact spot where we were robbed, not a hundred feet from us, and there was

Herman getting beaten and robbed.

The St. Louis City Police did a great job and they arrested one of Herman's muggers.

Unbelievable.

That's all I kept saying. Unbelievable. I had never really seen crime in action like that, but it happened twice in one night, in the exact same spot. This was crazy.

Herman didn't have anything of material worth. As a matter of fact, his only belongings were a duffel bag and a bottle of rubbing alcohol. Herman said he was mugged because he was in the wrong area. He was on the wrong "turf."

I kept thinking, "But, it's a free country. He should be able to walk wherever he wants. He wasn't doing anything wrong."

I was wrong. You can't just walk anywhere you want, and that is what's sad. My keys are replaceable

and Dave's wallet is replaceable.

Regaining your ego after being beaten up for walking down the wrong street, is a little harder. Especially when you were beaten up by someone young enough to be your grandson.

I was telling Herman how I couldn't believe what happened. How crazy the world is. How dangerous it is to even go out, and Herman looked up at me with his bloodshot, watery eyes and said something I'll never forget—"Welcome to the real world, boys."

I have heard that phrase over and over before, but that was the first time it ever meant anything to me. Herman was right. The real world isn't picture perfect. I'm lucky I don't have to deal with that type of crime every day, like Herman does.

Take care of yourself, Herman.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Students Are In Drivers Seat For Parking

Dear editor:

I went to the administration building. I wanted some statistical information. I think I actually talked to the chancellor. She was ordinary and innocent looking. She directed me to the registrars office to find my answers. There, a secretary forwarded me to Don, who had no knowledge of "how many total credit hours were sold" this semester. Thus, Don went me to see Allen, who only knew last fall's total credit hours sold to us 13,361 students.

He said it was over 100,000 credit hours. This works out to an average of about \$580,000 of paid student parking fees a year. There is another \$120,000 paid from faculty parking fees. There is even more money added from summer sessions parking fees.

Therefore, a total of \$700,000 was collected from parking fees. This amount is enough to pay 15 police officers each a possible \$20,000 salary and buy 15 police cars and purchase 10 trucks to plow snow. UM-St. Louis would still have \$80,000 left over every year. This assumes the parking garage is paid for.

I was told by Communication Professor Dr. Don Shields last week that last years parking money was used to remodel the student union. Is that true?

I thought to myself that I now need help in understanding this problem.

Linda, a day secretary at the Music Building, said the same problem has existed for the past 7-15 years. I have seen the morning UMSL traffic stopping Natural Bridge Road's flow regularly. It is a parking lot problem.

I want to know why more has not been done about the alleged misappropriated funds and the parking. I am, however, only one student and when I sense that I am being screwed about money matter, I rebel.

I wrote a state representative about the parking and some other little grievances. She wrote the chancellor back, who, in turn, wrote me back and asked me why I went to the representative first. And nothing was done.

I did not believe the parking problem was or is the blessed chancellor's problem. If it were truly her problem, it would have been solved yesterday.

I think it is my problem. Faculty has said so many times that it is the students problem. They even sometimes think it is a conversational tool to earn extra UMSL pocket cash.

I do know voting "yes" for Proposition B is going to help very little, if at all. It will probably digress distribution further. It will

not stop the existing financial problems.

Because of the UMSL parking experience, I shall vote "no" for Proposition B. I may be wrong, but the UMSL system must allocate its funds properly and fix parking before I consent to giving taxation the rule.

I also did not agree with innocent, peaceful President George Bush giving UMSL funding without closing examining UMSL's state of affairs. Do you think we are an example business for all of America's standards? Yes? Again, I need some help there.

I do not feel qualified to object progress, but if I choose to try and improve UMSL by complaining about the parking fees and other problems, does it really help me?

My complaints have been heard, but nothing has been done.

My attitude now is this: I pay to park, even though that is not a right, I do not pay money to wait to park. I pay for UMSL's quality service, not anything less than QUALITY.

If anyone else agrees with some of this and wants some free postage and the names, addresses and work phones of any State Senators, Representatives or officials to write or communicate with, or if there is another higher authority who can stop some of UMSL's parking and associated maintenance problems, please let me know. I will help you.

Henry J. Coughton III

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Students Work To Bring Back UMSL Drama

Some UM-St. Louis students are trying to resurrect the theater department which closed down in the fall of 1989.

Dean Terrence Jones cut the program because the College of Arts and Sciences did not have the funds to support it, due to the budget deficit.

The University Players, originally called the Drama Club, started in 1971. It was run by the Communications Department and put out an abundance of productions in the 70's and 80's.

This year the group managed to get \$5,750 from the Student Budget Committee. John Hoell and Grisvard of the Communications Department expressed an interest to direct a production in April.

"There are a lot of positions available in costuming, acting and stage managing," Hoell said.

There will be a meeting for all interested students on Sunday, September 29, at 3:30 p.m. at Benton Hall, Room 119. For more information call 921-1321.

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for Student Affairs, conducted an investigation dealing with the process of ticket appealing. He told the SGA Assembly that he did not investigate any one person, but investigated the process as a whole.

"I'm dealing with the policy, not the individuals," MacLean said. "I am very, very concerned about the process and the [student] court."

In other business, the proposed members of the 1991-92 Student Court were not elected as scheduled.

The Assembly moved to postpone the elections until the proposed members could be present at an SGA meeting, to be introduced and possibly questioned. The proposed members include four new justices and three from last year.

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that position to cause that individual to submit to sexual activity, or to fear that he or she would be punished for the refusal to submit."

"Sexual harassment may take any of these three forms," Shapiro said. "Offers of employment or academic rewards for sexual favors or sexual favors. Threats of employment or academic punishment if sexual favors are not given and creating a hostile environment by verbal acts, physical acts or graphic displays which unreasonably interfere with the recipient's work or academic performance."

He said other types of sexually harassing behavior includes pressure for dates, sexually suggestive looks or gestures and pressure for

sexual favors. "People will say, 'What do you mean a guy can't look at a girl anymore,'" he said. "No. It's not that you can't look, but you can't goggle or leer."

The Office of Equal Opportunity said if you are sexually harassed, you should,

- Tell the harasser to stop as forcefully and directly as you can.

- Discuss with the incident(s) with other students, co-workers, parents or other close relatives.

- Discuss the incident(s) with someone who has authority over the harasser.

- If you are not satisfied, file an informal or formal complaint or call the Office of Equal Opportunity (553-

5695) or the Women's Center (553-5380).

"Experience has shown that it is possible to stop many kinds of sexual harassment and solve most harassment complaints through mediation and confidential resolution," Seay said. "But such resolution can take place only if sexual harassment is confronted and condemned. You have a right to learn and work in an environment free of abuse and coercion."

Shapiro is the founder of Barry M. Shapiro and Associates of Oakland, Calif. His book, "The Women Say/The Men Say: Issues in Work, Sexuality and Power," is used in women's and men's studies classes throughout the country.

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The suit was filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. West's allegations first appeared in the August 15 edition of *Black Issues in Higher Education*.

She said a white male colleague at UM-St. Louis displayed what she described as "inappropriate sexual behavior" toward her and "invitations to spend more time." The advances, she said, included remarks about her body, innuendo and double entendre, inappropriate touching and comments such as "perhaps you would feel more comfortable lying on my desk".

West said she was hesitant to file a complaint because of her colleague's

race. "It was difficult for me because you never know if (the incidents) were motivated by sex or race," she said.

Phil Hoskins, a University of Missouri legal council member, said sexual harassment grievances are a private matter and the colleague's name can't be made public. He had no further comment on the matter.

West said the colleague is not in a position of authority, but remains employed by the university.

But West said university officials have taken action in dealing with the problem.

"I think some steps have been

taken," she said. "They are making more progress. Now, they have been supportive."

West said while it is difficult, sexual harassment victims need to step forward.

"There have been numerous complaints," she said, "but I can't speak for the other victims. You need to tell somebody and keep telling people until there is a response."

West has conducted research on sexual assaults of white women and black women. She is currently doing her dissertation on violent dating relationships between African-American college students.

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Strong Statements Made Through Weavings At Gallery 210

by K.C. Clarke
reporter

Lilian Tyrrell has many of the qualities Gallery 210 Director Thomas Kocheiser looks for in an artist. For one thing, she is a woman, and Kocheiser admits that his shows often offer a feminist slant. Kocheiser says this is because he believes women artists get a bad shake in the art world, so he tries to correct that. Kocheiser also admits he has a fondness for art that is political. One look at Tyrrell's "Disaster Blankets," and you'll understand where politics come, literally, into the picture. And the third reason Tyrrell caught Kocheiser's eye is a little more unusual. Lilian Tyrrell is a weaver, and as Kocheiser quite flatly states, "Most weaving is boring. Hers is not."

Tyrrell's hand woven "Disaster Blankets" are far from boring. Her images are carefully chosen to incite and disturb. Her colors, both sombre and vibrant, consume you with fire or deep foreboding. And then there's the wonderful dichotomy between the traditional beauty of her medium and the horrifying subjects she's chosen to portray.

Born in England in 1944, Tyrrell began weaving in 1976 as a hobby. She bought her first loom at a garage sale, and although she sat in on one weaving class at Kent State University, she claims to have had no formal training.

Tyrrell's first forays into her art were basic tapestries depicting the landscapes and farm buildings of the small Northeastern Ohio community where she had settled with her husband. Before long her landscapes had gained some modest recognition and a few commissions. Yet as Tyrrell's skills began to grow, so

did her desire to use her art to portray more than just pretty pictures.

Tyrrell began to experiment with light and color and her landscapes took on a darker, bolder overtone. Clouds boiled before impending storms, lightning bolts split the sky, and hedgerows and abandoned barns suggested a lurking evil behind their shadowy shapes. Tyrrell recalls that period as a time when she wanted to do more "atmospheric pieces," but her paying clients still wanted beautiful landscapes. She remembers clashing with one client who had commissioned her to do a gigantic piece which took her over two years to complete. They wrangled over her stormy visions and she finally made one small capitulation to his demands.

"He said to me, 'Will you at least give me some birds?' So I threw in some birds." It would not be long before Tyrrell would maintain total control over the body of her work.

Tyrrell's first vision of disaster came while she was out driving one day in 1986. She saw a burning building and she stopped to watch firefighters battle the blaze. The images excited her, and when she got home she began a series of drawings in preparation for her final weaving. As the pictures took shape, Tyrrell's slow wrought ideas of danger began to evolve.

"I decided not to do a fireman," Tyrrell said. "I decided this guy was going to be suspicious, he was going to be an arsonist."

The seeds of disaster spread quickly, and from that point on Tyrrell had no lack of subject matter for her subsequent "paintings." It is an unfortunate commentary on the human condition that the images Tyrrell sought could have been pictures taken anytime,

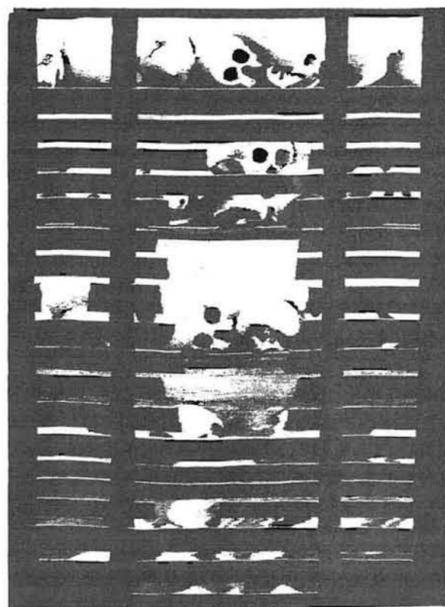
anywhere, from our daily newspapers or lifted from our nightly TV news.

It is this commentary that forms the basis for a certain kind of cleverness in Tyrrell's works, for the "Disaster Blankets" literally represent the fabric of our world. The threads of man's inhumanity to man and his alienation from his environment are woven inextricably through our daily lives.

The "Disaster Blanket" series as presented by Gallery 210 features eight weavings in wool, linen and cotton. Although the images may at first appear to be simplistic, one should appreciate the many difficulties involved in working with this medium. For one thing, the weavings are done on gigantic steel looms that take up the space of an average room. The artist must work with the image in reverse, constantly moving around the piece to check its progress. The pieces are usually quite large, some over six feet in length by four feet in height. One piece takes an average of six to eight months to complete.

Unlike traditional painting, as in oil-on-canvas, Tyrrell emphasizes that a weaver creates from nothing. Where once there was empty space, a whole, multidimensional product comes into being. There are also the inherent difficulties in working with color in fiber. Unlike paint, the different colored threads cannot be mixed together to create a new color. Tyrrell must have hundreds of colors of thread on hand to weave in the colors she needs.

The most striking thing about many of Tyrrell's pieces is that they are truly beautiful. One blanket, entitled "Religious Warfare," has a distinctly Southwestern flair. Tyrrell's blend of muted blue and purple



shades shot with threads of vibrant white and orange bring to mind the colors of the canyons and mesa's of Arizona's Painted Desert. If you were to remove the tanks and soldiers from Tyrrell's landscape, you might have such a scene. But Tyrrell has no intention of

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It's Wild, It's Wacky, It's . . .



Weddings on Wheels!!!

by Greg Albers
of the Current staff

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Is Life Really Just A Bowl Of Cherries?



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by Greg Albers
spiritual guru

For as long as I can remember, I've wondered about the greater questions of life. Who am I? Why am I here? What does it all mean? What exactly is Fahrvernugen? All this wondering, speculating and theorizing lead me nowhere, until one day, quite by accident, I stumbled upon all the answers. I discovered the meaning of life. Be patient now, little grasshopper, for if the answer is to mean anything to you, you must first learn about the process from which it was generated.

I have always been somewhat of an amateur twelve-pack philosopher. I say amateur, because I haven't yet found someone willing to pay me to do it, but that's beside the point. Throughout my life I have discovered, adopted and eventually disproven many personal philosophies. I used to look back upon my past philosophies as foolish and a waste of time. I thought, "I didn't know better then. I didn't know the real truth." The real truth, of course was my new and improved philosophy of the month which was to be the final and definitive answer. But now I see that each phase was a necessary step on the ladder of Truth.

I shall start at the beginning. The first step was taken in high school. That was when my brain went off the auto-pilot of childhood and I figured out that my parents really couldn't make me do anything I didn't want to. That's right, I had discovered my own free will, which I immediately turned over to my fellow classmates in an attempt to be popular. For then, to be popular was the meaning of life. Life was good.

However, in my over-eagerness to please the "cool" people and in my relative inexperience in the grown up world of high school freshmen, I committed a couple of minor social blunders which left me the butt of the class jokes for several weeks. That's when the meaning of life became, "Don't do anything

stupid that other people can make fun of you about." And since I didn't really know what other people would decide was stupid, that philosophy quickly evolved into, "Don't do, touch or say anything." Life was bad.

Towards the end of my senior year, I realized that, while I had avoided the pains of persecution, I hadn't really had much fun. That's when I decided, "Live for today, because there may be no tomorrow." Life was good.

Well, this philosophy lasted as long as my savings account. So then I started thinking "Chances are, there is going to be a tomorrow, so you'd better be prepared for it when it comes." Life can be good, but it can also be bad.

Meanwhile, I had also decided that, in retrospect, those awful things that happened to me in high school weren't really that bad. It had just been the normal oversensitivity of a confused adolescent that had made it seem so. The other kids picked on me because that's what kids do. It was simply immaturity. People are basically good and deserve the benefit of the doubt. Life was good.

Well, needless to say, that philosophy left me vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation by less-than-honorable people who were always on the lookout for wide-eyed naive little rugrats that thought they knew what they were doing, like myself. So, my perspective took a 180 degree turn and I concluded that people suck. Life was bad.

Then I met a few people that I thought I could trust and I decided that while most people suck, you can trust a few. Life was good. Then, one of the people that I trusted the most turned on me and the new philosophy became "Most people suck, but you can trust a few, but don't trust them too much because they may turn on you." Life can be good, but it can also be bad.

Confused? Then you understand the state my mind was in when I stumbled upon the meaning of life. Now, little grasshopper, now you will learn.

If life had any meaning, then someone a lot smarter than me would have figured out what it was a long time ago. The best you can do is the best you can do, and that really isn't so bad.

Go now, little grasshopper. Go and live.

St. Louis Salutes Guns N' Roses

by K.C. Clarke
of the Current Staff

commentary

If you haven't already heard, Guns N' Roses' long awaited dual release is now available at record outlets throughout St. Louis. Die hard fans are breathing a sigh of relief for good reason. G n' R has kept them waiting since 1988, with nary a bone to throw their way except for a few hard to find Japanese EPs and a single from the movie "Terminator Two."

For fans in the city of St. Louis, the two new albums, titled "Use Your Illusion I" and "Use Your Illusion II", have a special significance. Many still have fond memories, chairs and amplifiers from G n' R's climactic concert at the Riverport Amphitheater on July

2. And, since band leader Axel Rose apparently has a few fond memories of his own, he didn't forget to include St. Louis in the list of dedications for his new album.

In light of the lawsuits and general ill will created by the Riverport melee, Axel's little memento is hardly surprising. For a band well known for the kind of controversy that invariably follows young, rebellious rock n' rollers, you'd almost have to expect Axel to get in his licks. Yet it's amazing the kind of response four little words, buried in the middle of a paragraph, can have. Some people are not amused. Some are. But many are nod-

ding their heads wisely because they know, while scholars, fans and radio disc jockeys earnestly debate Axel's pointed use of the "F" word, the resulting publicity translates into a sound far sweeter than a new G n' R single. It's the sweet, sweet sound of money, and it seems that in St. Louis, the Axel controversy is very good for business.

Whatever the hype may be, both the media and local retailers have been quick to cash in on the Axel craze. Several record chains took advantage of the added publicity and an early release date to open stores at midnight last Monday to satisfy anxious fans. And, in a town where a good news day for the local media means yet another debate over the

importance of football, Axel and his antics are just icing on the cake.

Like many stores across the nation, Music Vision opened their doors at midnight, Monday, to accommodate waiting fans, some who had been camping outside the door since 10 p.m.

Susie Hopper, manager of the South County Music Vision at 44 Ronnie's Plaza, said about 70 people stood in line there to snap up advance copies of the album. Hopper said all the hoopla over Axel's tribute to St. Louis hasn't hurt record sales one bit.

"It hasn't stopped yet," said Hopper. "Most people think it (the

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Hamilton's Headlines



Dulle, Lynn Battle For Top Spot

by Keith Hamilton
associate sports editor

Last year the Rivermen were afraid they would be starting this season without a quality goalkeeper.

Big problem. It turns out they have two quality goalkeepers.

Big problem. After the first four games of the year, the Rivermen are 4-0, with only one goal against and three shutouts. One is credited to second year starter, Mark Dulle. The remaining two belong to Freshman Mark Lynn.

"Right now these two are playing pretty well," said Assistant Coach Gary LeGrand.

The one goal that was scored came in the second half of a 5-1 effort over C.W. Post. Dulle was in the net, but had no chance at it.

"The goal they got was just an excellent header," said forward Steve Valle. "There was really nothing Mark could do about it."

Dulle, an All-American product of CBC High School, posted 19 shutouts his senior year while leading his team to the Class 4A state title. He signed with Indiana University after high school, and following a redshirt season, signed with UM-St. Louis for a full scholarship his remaining four years. He has had reconstructive surgery on his shoulder.

Lynn, a Parkway Central graduate, compiled 15 shutouts in his final two years of high school. Lynn also played for the Busch Soccer Club that won the Under-17 national championship in 1988. He has had surgery to remove bone chips from his knee.

Two outstanding goalies who have suffered through rehabilitation to be able to play the game, must now fight for one job.



Mark Lynn & Mark Dulle

The two goalie system will stay in effect for a few more games.

Dulle is slated to tend goal against UM-Rolla, Lewis University and Tampa University.

Lynn will mind the net against Drake University and Missouri Valley.

"We'll decide who our starter is after the Tampa game," said LeGrand.

Which means just in time for the final game of the UM-St. Louis Soccer Classic, October 6.

The Rivermen will play five consecutive home games starting this Saturday against Lewis at 1:00 on the Don Dallas Memorial Field.

Come and decide for yourself who belongs in goal.

Regardless if you're a big soccer fan, you can appreciate the Rivermen's 4-0 start and the competition between our two outstanding goalies.

Rivermen Off To 4-0 Start



COOL VALLE: Forward Steve Valle is looking to break out of his offensive slump. Photo: Nicole Menke

By Russell L. Korando
Current staff

Before the first game of the season, UM-St. Louis Rivermen Head Coach Tom Redmond, said that if after a few games his defense could match the offenses skill level, the teams chances of reaching tournament play would increase dramatically.

After the first four games the Rivermen (4-0) have scored 14 goals and only given up 1. The team average for shots allowed is an outstandingly low 7 a game.

One of the things Redmond stresses in practice is not to look ahead in the schedule. The Rivermen had a fairly soft opponent in St. Joseph on Sept. 14, and a tough one in C.W. Post the next day. After beating St. Joseph 7-0, the Rivermen dominated C.W. Post 5-1.

"Tom told us that was the best game UMSL played in the past three years, we got on them at the start and never let up," Senior Forward Steve Valle said.

First year Back Pat Galkowski has provided stability to the defense, and in the Gardner Cup Classic at Northeast Missouri State he took the honors of outstanding defensive player.

"The addition of Pat has really

helped, he's a big strong guy and intimidates the other team in the backfield," Valle said.

One of the biggest surprises of the year has been Valle's lack of offensive production. Through the first four games he is second on the team in shots, (11), but has only scored one goal.

"Personally I haven't been playing well." It's not for any particular reason, I just have to get in a groove," he said.

The only quandary so far, may well turn out to be a blessing. Goalkeepers Mark Dulle and Mark Lynn have been rotating in goal, and until they catch some real heat there is no way the coaching staff can set on one starter.

Dulle has the edge in experience, and would seem to be the odds on favorite unless he slips. Lynn is untested, but is an exceptional athlete, and has two shut-outs.

"Mark (Lynn) started playing goal for our league select team, that was when he just started high school, and I helped him a lot there." He's been playing some great ball," Dulle said.

"I play three out of the next five, and I'll get the start against Tampa, which is the first game of our (U-M St. Louis Soccer Classic) classic," he said.

Women's Soccer

Riverwomen Cut Up By Razorbacks; Get Big Win Over Little Rock On Road

by Christine M. McGraw
sports editor

The Riverwomen, who were on the road again last weekend, split a pair of games between Division I schools Arkansas University and Little Rock Arkansas.

Talk about a string of bad luck. It all started two minutes into the game as the Riverwomen took on the Arkansas Razorbacks in Arkansas Sept. 14.

First, starting-goalie Chris Rushahr took a cleat square in her face. Then, second string goalie, Linda Allen took the reins. But she probably felt like she was kicked in the face by her defense as the Razorbacks scored a quick goal and held on for a 2-0 victory.

"Linda came in and due to a mistake on the defense part, they scored immediately. It wasn't Linda's fault," said Head Coach Ken Hudson.

The Riverwomen held them during the first half, but the division I team dominated by scoring late in the second half.

"We did a good job, but we couldn't put it in the goal."

The Riverwomen fared better the next day against University of Arkansas at Little Rock, winning 4-0. Riverwomen goals were scored by Monietta Slay, Michelle Landa, Christine Berry and Tammy Hudson.

The assists were earned by Carmen Llorico, Julie Intagliata and Kelly Donahue.

"Being the third day on the road, we were tired, but we stuck it to them in the second half and came out strong," Hudson said. "We played smart."

Hudson said his team lacks ball control, but otherwise is pleased with their performance.

"Were not doing bad. We've beat three Division I schools and we beat our regional team, Rolla. We're fairly re-



Photo: Nicole Menke

BOOT IT: Conditioning is part of the Riverwomen's daily workout. "We just need to play with a little control and play smarter at times. Our conditioning is helping us."

Hudson is optimistic about upcoming home games against Barry University and Mercyhurst College on Sept. 28 and 29.

"We're doing the things we need to do to win the game. Hopefully we can keep that up," he said.

Volleyball Takes 8th In Central MO State Challenge

by Christine McGraw
sports editor

The Riverwomen didn't live up to their expectations in the Central Missouri State Challenge last week.

With the gym being used for the chancellors inauguration, the team was left with virtually no practice time. As a result the team was 3-3 and took eighth in the 12 team tournament.

"We were unable to prepare properly," said Head Coach Denise Silvester. "As a whole the team didn't play to its potential."

They originally wanted to be 4-2 and make the championship pool. One more game-win against 20th ranked Angelo State, in which the Riverwomen beat 3-2, would of put them ahead and qualify them for the championship pool.

The Riverwomen opened tournament pool play Friday at noon against North Dakota State. They lost 1-3 but, gave the number one ranked team in the country, a fair share of competition.

"They were by far the best in the tournament, Silvester said. "We would have had to play outstanding to beat them. But I think we did okay."

Minnesota Du-Luth also beat the Riverwomen 3-1 that day, pushing them into the consolation pool.

On a brighter note, the team made a comeback. They played in the same tournament last year and were only 1-5.

"It's definitely an improvement from last year," Silvester said.

The Riverwomen compiled wins over Mankato State, ranked 16 in the country, and Lewis University, 3-1, 3-0 respectively.

Senior Pam Paule represented the champions on the all-tournament team. It was the second time in as many weeks that Paule has received all-tournament honors.

The weekend of Sept. 20 finds UM-St. Louis in

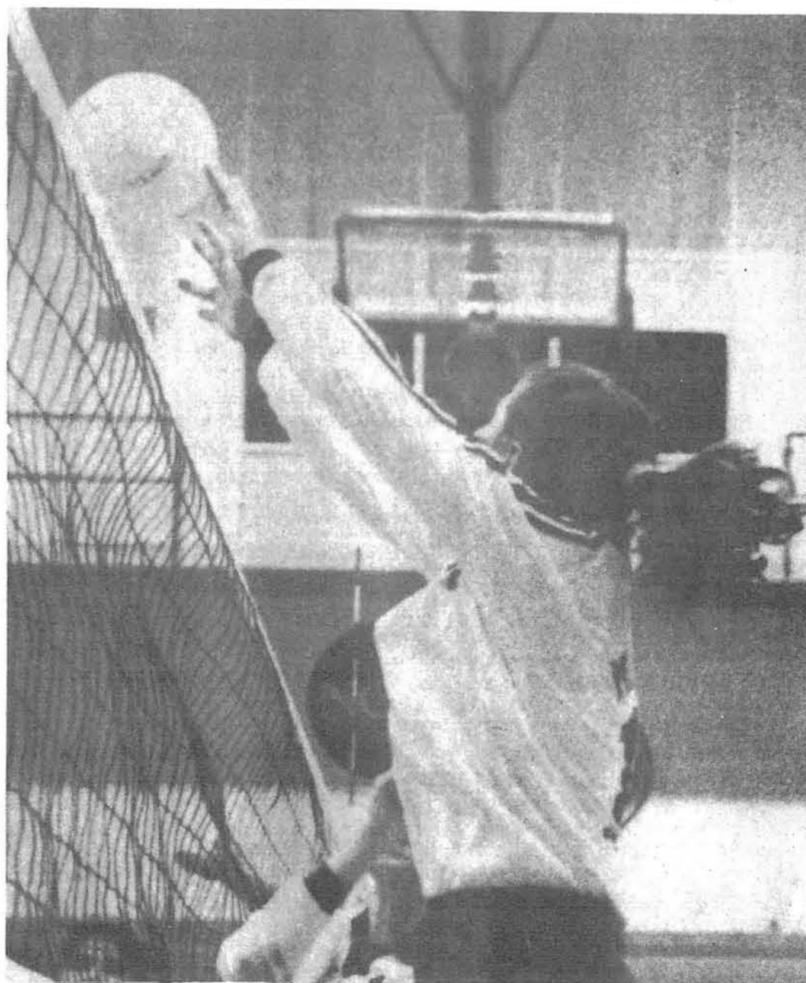


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AIM HIGH: A UM-St. Louis player dinks the ball over the net during a game against St. Josephs. "Even though we don't know much about the teams we are playing, we should go undefeated in the conference."

Don Dallas Scholarship Fund Drive

First Donation From Grey Eagle Distributor; \$5000

by Christopher Sans Souci
Current staff

On Sept. 7, UM-St. Louis kicked off the Don Dallas Memorial Scholarship Fund. Dallas, the founder of the men's soccer program and head coach for the last 23 years, died last October of a heart attack.

To assist in raising money for the fund, the Athletic Department has initiated a contest with prizes donated by corporations and individuals.

"The idea is for this to be an ongoing project, with the hopes of becoming an endowment," said UM-St. Louis Sports Information Director, Jeff Kuchno.

For a \$2 donation, anyone can help contribute to the memorial and become eligible to win one of these four prizes:

A weekend package in 1992 for a Cardinals-Cubs series in Chicago, courtesy of Cardinal Travel; Two round trip airline tickets to any U.S. destination, courtesy of Northwest Airlines; Seats in a luxury box for a 1992 Cardinal home game, courtesy of Grey Eagle Distributor; and two tickets to the Missouri Club soccer banquet, courtesy of Bill Hebron.

In addition to the scholarship, a fund has also been established to erect a memorial to place at the entrance of the soccer stadium in honor of Dallas. A committee has been organized to help raise money for both projects.

The official dedication of the Don Dallas Memorial field and the announcement of prize winners will be Oct. 18. The memorial ceremony will take place prior to the game against Northeast Missouri State and prize winners will be announced during half-time.

Prize tickets can be purchased through Oct. 18, at the men and women home soccer games. They will also be available in the Athletic Department.

The first contribution to the scholarship fund was given by Grey Eagle Distributor for \$5000.

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'91-'92 National Hockey League Preview

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After the Pittsburgh Penguins captured their first Stanley Cup last season, they became the seventh team in the National Hockey League history to win it after failing to make the playoffs the previous year.

The Minnesota North Stars, whom the Penguins beat in the finals, made the playoffs with a paltry 68 points. The North Stars knocked off the league's two point leaders (Chicago and St. Louis) and then needed only five games to beat the defending champs (Edmonton).

The North Stars this season will again be lucky to make the playoffs, but the Penguins are the real thing.

Pittsburgh General Manager Craig Patrick, in only his second season, has assembled a team that could dominate their conference for the next few years, because he has arguably the best player in hockey, Mario Lemieux, and several gifted wingers to compliment him.

The Penguins, however, face the loss of Bob Johnson, their head coach and inspiration. Johnson was diagnosed as having a malignant brain tumor the first week in September and could miss the entire season.

The stiffest challenge for the Penguins in the Wales Conference is the Boston Bruins. It has been 20 years since the Bruins raised the Cup, and are the only team in the Wales with the defense to stifle Lemieux & Co.

Normalcy will return to the Campbell Conference for 91-92, with the Calgary Flames, Blues and Blackhawks vying to be the top three teams in not only their conference, but the entire league.

For the past five seasons the Flames have the best regular season record, 236-120-44, in the NHL, but their failure in the playoffs is a thorn in the side. Since the Flames won the cup in 1989, they have been knocked out of the playoffs in the first round the following two years.

With the signing of Right Wing Jari Kurri the Los Angeles Kings have what they think is finally the right chemistry to challenge the Flames. Kurri and Wayne Gretzky played together on the Edmonton Oilers for seven seasons. The Kings have never made it to the conference finals, and Gretzky will be 31 this year. Time is running out for the "Great One" to earn the \$15 million spent for a cup.



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St. Louis Blues coach Brian Sutter, looks to face Mario Lemieux in '92's Stanley Cup Finals.

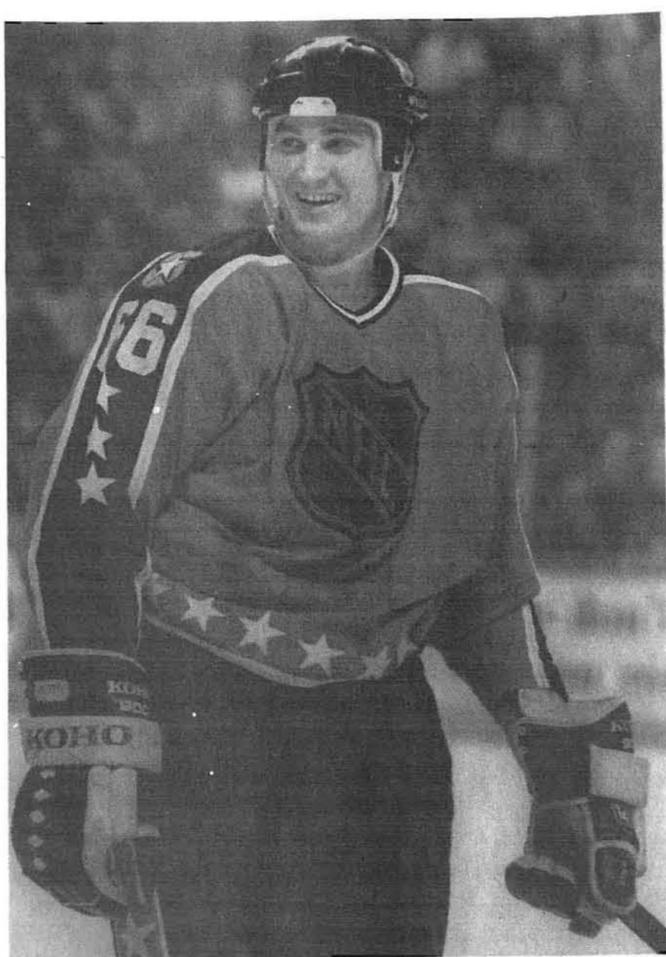
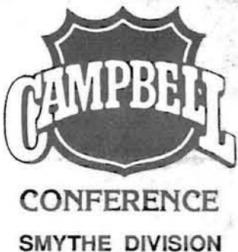


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Mario Lemieux laughs at the notion of the Penguins being one year wonders.

The Clarence Campbell Conference

NORRIS DIVISION



1. St. Louis Blues

The loss of Scott Stevens will cost the Blues in the goals against department, but with the additions of Brendan Shanahan and Dave Christian, St. Louis will now possess the most talented group of forwards in the league. If Adam Oates stays healthy for 80 games, Brett Hull is a likely candidate to become the first player in National Hockey League history to net 100 goals in a year. Such an equation, gives the Blues over a 1-0 lead, before the game starts.

2. Detroit Red Wings

Centers Steve Yzerman, Sergei Federov, and Jimmy Carson form the most explosive lineup down the middle there is in the league. However only Gerard Gallant can provide clutch goals on the wing. The defense is either too old or too inexperienced, but the Wings have a quality net-minder in Tim Cheveldae. Head Coach Bryan Murray will lead the Wings to second during the regular season, but if they choke in the play-offs like they did last year, Murray will be the one skating on thin ice.

3. Chicago Blackhawks

This is a perplexing team. Head Coach, and master player manipulator, Mike Keenan, has built a team from the goalie on out. The 'Hawks have Calder and Vezina trophy winner Eddie Belfour between the pipes, but remember one year does not make a career. Chicago also has one of the slickest, in your face centers, in Jeremy Roenick, 41 goals and 94 points. Chris Chelios anchors a defense that allowed only 211 goals, and Dave Manson is as good as he is tough. The problem is there, is not enough snipers up front to score at critical times, and how long will the team prosper under Keenan's ire.

4. Minnesota North Stars

By December, the North Stars front running fans, will be non-existent once again at the Met Center, wondering what happened to the team that came two victories from winning the Stanley Cup. What fans in the Twin Cities must realize is that there are three teams in their division much superior in talent. Minnesota may very well pull upset after upset again in the playoffs, but they are neither deep on offense or defense, and to many times rely on Goaltender Jon Casey to win games for them. On the bright side, though look for Defenseman Mark Tinordi and 21 year old winger Mike Modano to make their move as premier players.

5. Toronto Maple Leafs

New season, but the same old story. Constant turnover in management and coaching have stripped this once proud franchise into the laughingstock of the NHL. Only the Montreal Canadiens have won more Stanley Cups, but Toronto, for well over a decade, has had trouble qualifying for the playoffs in a format where 16 of the 21 teams are admitted. A sign of good fortune came in the off season when the Leafs made former Calgary boss Cliff Fletcher, president/general manager. Fletcher turned the Flames into a juggernaut, but as the old adage goes Rome was not built in a day. At least in Rome they had the people to do the job.

1. Calgary Flames

The Flames have suffered a burn-out in the first round of the playoffs for the past two years. After winning the cup in '89 Calgary seemed to have all of the pieces to run off a few championships in a row. Theo Fleury is only 5'6", but scored 51 goals, and Center Joe Nieuwendyk, 45 goals, lead a balanced offense. If Al MacInnis wins the Norris Trophy it will be well deserved. MacInnis can turn the tide in a game with his high speed rushes down the ice, and his 28 goals last year attest to his booming slapshot.

2. Los Angeles Kings

Three years ago the Kings paid \$15 million for the games greatest player (Wayne Gretzky) to win a championship. This year they spent another small fortune for his ex-Edmonton linemate Jari Kurri. The price for Kurri was the Kings best defenseman Steve Duchesne. 40 year old Larry Robinson is still on the team because of the shortage of defense. All that talent up front will do the Kings no good if their constantly chasing down the puck in their own end.

3. Edmonton Oilers

The Oilers have never failed to qualify for the post-season in their 12 years in the NHL. Edmonton won five Stanley Cups, the first in 1984, and most recently as 1990. The core and support players for those teams though, with the exception of Mark Messier, have either been sold up the river or traded away. This team could erode like the New York Islanders did after running off four straight cups, but President Glen Sather is too shrewd to let that happen. If Messier can stay healthy, the Oilers could again pull off an upset or two in the playoffs this spring.

4. Vancouver Canucks

With the Winnipeg Jets in the middle of a coaching change and an expansion team in the division now, the Canucks are more than likely to make the playoffs for the second straight year. However it would be nice if the team could snap its 15 year string of losing seasons. The Canucks are deep at left wing, but lack a power center to feed them passes for 80 games. If Center Peter Nedved lives up to his status as the second player in last years draft, they may well have that man.

5. Winnipeg Jets

The Jets are one of those teams in which you can't be certain if the team is on the rise, or rebuilding. One year after winning 37 games, and finishing third, the Jets fell 22 points off the pace. Perhaps trading local icon Dale Hawerchuk wasn't such a good idea after all. The player they got in return, offensive minded, Defenseman Phil Housley, is a top-notch power play quarterback, but has little to choose from up front to pass to.

6. San Jose Sharks

Players on opposing teams in 1991-92 will be heard humming the words, "Do you know the way to San Jose".

The Prince Of Wales Conference



PATRICK DIVISION

1. Pittsburgh Penguins

Last year's Cup was no fluke. Super Mario will once again lead this team to the finals if he can keep himself away from the operating room. When he's healthy, he is the greatest impact player in the league. Ron Francis, Dan Gauthier, Jaromir Jagr, Mark Recchi, Bryan Trottier, Paul Coffey, Ulf Samuelsson, and Tom Barrasso. Enough said.

2. New York Rangers

Perennial second place finishers. The Rangers are deep up front, but most of their forwards are one dimensional. Mike Gartner will lead the offense once again at right wing. Brian Leetch is tops among offensive defensemen. Leetch led last years team with 72 assists and 88 points. Extremely fast skater. Mike Richter is a very effective goalie and will most probably remain with the team through the nineties. The Rangers missed the playoffs in '87 - '88.

That won't be seen again for quite some time. Talented.

3. Washington Capitals

Play-off underachievers. Their offense is average at best. Washington has traditionally been a defense minded team and this facet of their game is doing well. Kevin Hatcher has stepped up to make up for the loss of Scott Stevens through free agency. Hatcher led the team in goals (24), assists (50) and points (74). The addition of Al Iafrate makes this defense very solid. Look for Ken Lovsin to play a major role in this year's defense. Washington will be K.O.'d in the first round of the play-offs.

4. New Jersey Devils

This team is so weak up the middle it amazes me they didn't jump at the chance to have Rod Brind 'Amour at center. I guess they figured why serve beer nuts when you can have caviar. Scott Stevens makes this defense exceptional. Alexei Kasatonov provides an iron curtain of his own behind the blue line. Eric Weinrich is an improving player and Bruce Driver has been solid for the Devils the last eight years. No offense means not much chance for advancing past round one of the playoffs.

5. Philadelphia Flyers

The Flyers scored only 16 goals in their last eight games with seven of those goals coming in one game. Rick Tocchet was a major standout for the Flyers last year and should be the same this time around. Mike Ricci scored 21 goals as a rookie, which is impressive, but he needs to improve in that category dramatically this season if Philly is to qualify for the post season. Former King Steve Duchesne will patrol Flyer territory this year as their top defenseman. Ron Hextall needs to stretch his groin during every moment of his free time to keep this tiresome injury away. Boring team.

6. New York Islanders

The Islanders have a franchise player in Pat LaFontaine, and he desperately wants out. Who can blame him? New York will be asking Santa Claus for about eight wingers considering they have none worth mentioning here. The '91 draft landed Scott Lachance in New York. Lachance will be a superstar defenseman, but not for a few years. What this team really needs is an enema of at least average players.

1. Boston Bruins

By far the best outfit in this division. The loss of Dave Christian to the St. Louis Blues hurts, but an All-Star lineup that includes Andy Moog, Cam Neely and Ray Bourque is impressive. The free agent signing of Kevin Stevens makes this team even more promising this year. If Neely quickly returns from a thigh injury, and Bourque can equal his +/- ratio of +33 from last year, this team is looking at a spot in the finals.

2. Montreal Canadiens

The Canadiens top line folded last season. Stephane Richer and Denis Savard were both playing far under their potential, although Russ Courtnall was there to pick up the slack with 76 points of his own. This team needs to beef up their defense in order to be competitive. All-Star goaltender Patrick Roy, and defensive forwards Mike Keane and Mike McPhee made up for the week defense. General Manager Serge Savard needs to go to work to make champions out of this team again.

3. Quebec Nordiques

Surprise. Nordiques make playoffs in '92 with the help of Eric Lindros or whoever this team can muster in a trade for him. The addition of Lindros will provide Quebec with an overabundance of offensive talent. Rookie Valeri Kamensky is thought to be one of the greatest players in the world prior to his first National Hockey League game. Joe Sakic, Owen Nolan and Mats Sundin make this young offense extremely deep. If a Lindros trade is necessary (See Norris Division), their incredibly week defense will get a tremendous boost. Look for a quick turnaround in Quebec.

4. Buffalo Sabres

Dogs. The only reason this embarrassment isn't picked last is because Hartford is even worse. This teams Marquee players are overrated because of the division they are in. The rest of the team would get turned down in an even swap for Lindros. Dave Andreychuk and Dale Hawerchuk are proven scorers. They will both finish in the neighborhood of 75 points. Pierre Turgeon needs to match his '89 - '90 total (106 points) to be classified as one of the NHL elite. Uwe Krupp is a good defenseman and Daren Puppa is one of the leagues better net-minders. Still isn't enough to save this bunch. Head Coach Rick Dudley is history before season's end.

5. Hartford Whalers

Worse than San Jose, this organization needs to trade John Cullen and Pat Verbeek so they have absolutely zero talent. Ulf Samuelsson was given away in exchange for the unproven Zaryl Zalapski because of a personality conflict between Ulf and Head Coach Rick Ley. Actually the conflict was between Ley and the entire Whalers team. The Samuelsson move landed Ley in the doghouse with Whaler's president Richard Gordon and was given his walking papers on April 30. Major rebuilding is in order.