

## News Photographer Asked To Leave Meeting

by Michelle McMurray  
news editor

A cameraman from KMOV-TV Channel 4 was asked Wednesday to leave a lecture about gang activity in the McDonnell Conference room in the Social Sciences Building.

Scott Decker, chairman of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department, asked the cameraman to turn off his camera because media coverage was not desired, sources said. The lecture, advertised on a flyer around campus as a "brown bag lunch series," was to discuss the influence of gangs on the image of St. Louis. The criminology department is in its second phase of a three-year study on gangs.

According to a source who did not wish to be identified, "The cameraman came in late to set up his equipment. Scott (Decker) said to him 'we do not want media coverage of this event.' The cameraman waved the press release advertising the lecture at Decker, and he said 'this (press release) did not come out of our office and was not approved by us.'"

Decker said the cameraman was quite happy to turn off the camera.

"He was welcome to stay and listen. I am reluctant to become file footage for TV. They sent no reporters. I would prefer not to be exploited in that way," Decker said.

He added that the flyer which was posted on bulletin boards was intended only for the campus community.

UM-St. Louis Spokesman Bob Samples, who sent out the press release, said that in the future his office would get approval from the sponsors before releasing a media advisory.

"My office did not properly discuss this with the Public Policy Research Center who co-sponsored it. Usually we issue a press release if we feel the general public would find the event interesting," Samples said.

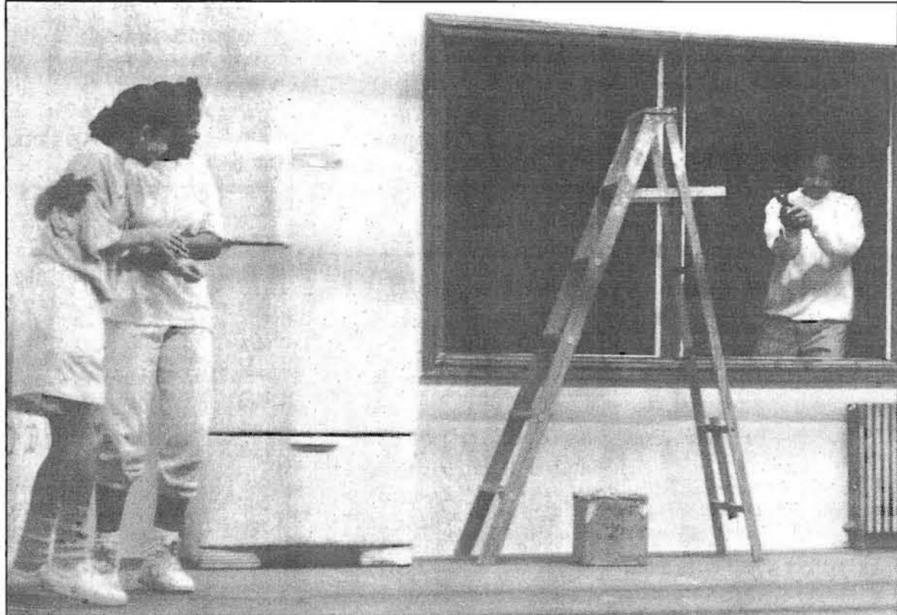
The news release sent to *The Current* and other media outlets said the lecture was "free and open to the public."

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington D.C., said the problem was lack of communication between the parties involved.

"This leaves a lot of egg on their face. It's questionable to restrict the

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## Action!



Grand Finale: The drama participants of the Kids on Campus program ad lib a three minute skit for friends and family. This was the last performance before the program gets cut. Photo: Jeff Parker

## Campus Police Arrest Flasher

by Michelle McMurray  
news editor

Two recent incidents on campus had one suspect in custody and another on the loose. UM-St. Louis police say 12 Art Carved class rings were stolen from a display case at the campus bookstore.

"Apparently the door to the case was left open," said Captain James Smalley, of the UM-St. Louis police department.

The rings were last seen by bookstore employees March 31, and are estimated to be worth \$3,575, police said. Notices and pictures of the rings have been sent to all area pawn brokers.

The eleven men's and the one ladies' rings have different serial

numbers which have been put into a national computer system for law enforcement agencies, Smalley said.

"We were in shock. We thought it was an April Fools joke," Gloria Schultz, manager of the bookstore, said. "I can't believe any of our students would want a ring that wasn't relevant to the degree they have worked so hard for."

There are no suspects at this time.

In another incident, a 30-year-old man was arrested after exposing himself to a female student in the Thomas Jefferson Library. Smalley said the woman was studying on the fourth floor, when the man began walking back and forth by her table and proceeded to sit down. The woman told police she became fearful and got up to leave when she noticed the man

had exposed himself and was masturbating. The woman was able to give police a description and the suspect was apprehended in the second floor restroom. Smalley said the man is a frequent visitor to the library and has been forbidden to set foot on university property.

"Warrants will be applied for this week for indecent exposure. If we catch him on campus again he will be arrested for trespassing," Smalley said.

## Staff Member Wins Journalist Of The Year

by Matt Forsythe  
Current news reporter

Max Montgomery, managing editor of *The Current*, was awarded the Missouri College Journalist of the Year Award at the Missouri College Newspaper Association conference in Joplin, Mo., April 10-11.

A panel of his newspaper peers selected Montgomery from a group of seven skilled college journalists. This is the first time in *The Current's* history that a staff member has won this prestigious award.

"We were looking for someone who was really well-rounded in leadership, professional skills, academic success as well as rapport building with the staff," said Sylvia Edwards, advisor for the *Longview Current* of Kansas City, Mo., and chairman of the panel that selected Montgomery.

"The real clincher was his deciding to finish his education instead of going off to the real thing. So he met real professional standards. His humility and humbleness tipped the scales in his favor," Edwards said.

Thomas J. Kovach, editor of *The Current*, pointed out many of Montgomery's traits that made him the Journalist of the Year.

"Max has worked hard all year long as well as the first day that he walked into *The Current*. When you work with Max you see a lot of initiative and that's what it takes to be a

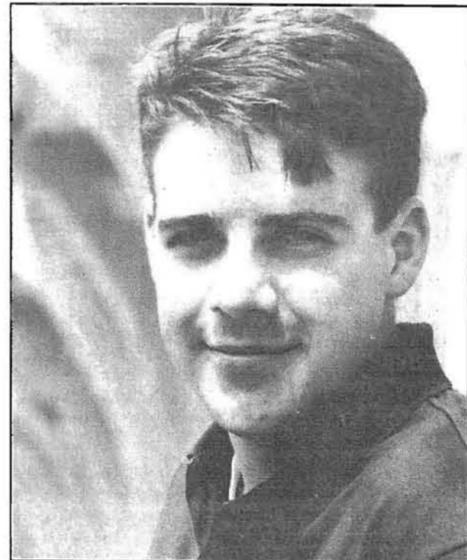


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Max Montgomery

## Mayor Calls UM Curator's List A 'Waste'

by Thomas J. Kovach  
editor

St. Louis Mayor Vincent C. Schoemehl Jr. said University of Missouri Curator John Cozad's request for a list of all guest speakers on the campuses this year is a "waste of time and tax dollars."

Schoemehl's remarks came a day after Cozad asked for the list, as well as information on how student organizations are funded.

"As a citizen and an alumnus of the MU system, I am outraged at what seems to be an attempt by a university curator to intimidate the faculty," Schoemehl said in a letter to Cozad. "As a taxpayer, I am angry at the money and time wasted gathering up your list."

"Waste your own time, not the taxpayers' money," Schoemehl, a candidate for governor, added.

On April 7, Richard Wallace, vice president of academic affairs for the UM system, sent a memo to all four chancellors about two requests for information Cozad requested. Cozad had already made one request about outside speakers.

"I received a written request from Curator Cozad today which asks for more information on this topic than was included in my original request," Wallace's memo said.

Cozad is requesting the name of

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## Lecture On Endometriosis Presented By Women's Center

by Nancy Lewis  
of The Current staff

A program on endometriosis at the Women's Center on April 15, presented information about the disease and current methods of treatment.

Endometriosis is defined as the presence of endometrial tissue outside of the uterine cavity. Endometrial tissue is the lining of the uterus that normally sheds during menstruation. The endometrial tissue cells sometimes "migrate" to other pelvic organs, where they implant and begin to grow. This causes pain and may lead to other complications, such as infertility, especially if the tissue grows on or in the fallopian tubes.

"There are two current theories about the causes of endometriosis," Dr. Caroline Werner, OB-GYN for Genesis OB-GYN Services at Christian Northwest Health Center said. "One theory is retrograde menstruation, which means that the menstrual blood and tissue may not flow normally through the vagina but may flow backwards into the pelvic area. The other theory is that the endometrial cells are somehow spread through the circulatory system. Then the cells attach and grow in other places. But

## High School Students Honor Chancellor

by Trezette Stafford  
Current news reporter

Students at Beaumont High School selected UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill for the first ever Hall of Fame Award.

The award is to recognize an alumni of Beaumont who has reflected a positive image and has great accomplishments.

There were four others who were considered for the award. The students presented the award to Touhill April 10, at a ceremony at the school.

Charles Brasfield, principal at Beaumont, said the students made the decision on their own.

"The students look to her as a great role model. She made most of her achievements in St. Louis and stayed in St. Louis," he said. "I am glad to have Blanche to be the first in the Hall of Fame."

these are still theories. Basically, we do not know yet what causes endometriosis."

"The problem with endometrial tissue that grows outside of the vagina is that it thickens and responds to the hormones of the menstrual cycle, even though it is not in the uterus. Some of the symptoms of endometriosis are pain before and during menstruation, pain during sexual intercourse and heavy or irregular bleeding. But some women have no pain and no symptoms," Werner said.

It is estimated that 15 percent of all women develop some degree of endometriosis before reaching menopause. It occurs most commonly in women between the ages of 25 and 40, and can occur at any time during a woman's reproductive years. One-third of infertile women have endometriosis.

Treatment options for endometriosis involve either surgery or hormonal medications. Surgeries vary from total hysterectomy to laparoscopic electrocautery (cauterization of tissues or lesions). Hormonal therapy may involve oral contraceptives, high doses of progesterones, male hormone derivatives or gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonists. The GnRH chemicals produce a "chemically induced menopause, and the effects are totally reversible," Werner said. She advised any woman who may be experiencing symptoms to see a gynecologist and have an honest and frank discussion about the symptoms.

The second perspective on endometriosis came from Michelle Benko, a representative of The Endometriosis Association. She spoke of her own experience with the disease and of the benefits of the support group sponsored by the association. The local chapter of the Endometriosis Association meets monthly at St. Luke's Hospital and produces a bi-monthly newsletter. Benko said that the "care and share" sessions at the monthly support meetings were very helpful for her. For more information, call 726-6122 or their national crisis line at 1-800-992-ENDO.

The third speaker was UM-St. Louis student Irma Banales, who gave a powerful account of her own pain from endometriosis. She related the problems she had finding acceptable treatment and effective medication. One doctor told her that her problems

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## UM-St. Louis Debate Team Racks Up Honors

by Diana Davis  
Current news reporter

Two UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate Squad members set a new school record for the highest national honors in individual speaking events at the 14th Annual American Forensic Association National Individual Event Tournament (AFA-NIET).

The event, held April 10-13, was hosted by UM-St. Louis.

Jerrie Hayes, co-president of the UM-St. Louis squad, finished in the top 12 of the 126 students who had met the rigorous qualifying standards for the extemporaneous speaking event. She competed in the semi-finals before she was edged out. In addition to competing, Hayes coordinated the public relations and the tournament booklet, referred to by officials as the best in recent history.

Kristine Ockuly finished in the top 12 in the persuasive speaking semi-finals; she also placed in the top 24 in extemporaneous speaking before being eliminated in the quarterfinals.

Bradley University won the sweepstakes for the 12th consecutive year. Karen Bowers of Bradley was the top individual speaker and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. The University of Texas-Austin took second place, and George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. captured third.

Since all three UM-St. Louis entries in the tournament ended in the elimination rounds, our university achieved its all-time high national ranking of 26 of the 123

schools in the contest and ranked number one of the five Missouri universities.

Over 700 students and faculty members from around the nation attended the tournament, an increase of 38 percent over previous years. The Department of Communication was extremely pleased at the whole-hearted cooperation of the other departments which enabled UM-St. Louis to host this national event. UM-St. Louis first bid to host the 1991 event, but lost to Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. UM-St. Louis bid again in 1990 to host this year's event and won over Rice University of Houston, Texas. This tournament required three years of planning and coordination by Scott Jensen, local faculty host.

UM-St. Louis student Gina Adamo served as local student host for the event. Professor Guy Yates of West Texas State University, national tournament director, said that Adamo and the rest of the UM-St. Louis student staff was the most outstanding group that he had ever had the pleasure of working with in the five years he has directed the tournament. Adamo was appointed by Yates to serve on the national tournament committee, one of only two students to receive such an honor.

Forensics Advisor Tom Preston and his assistant Scott Jensen were justifiably proud of the efforts and self-sacrifice of everyone who contributed to the success of this venture.

Information contributed to this story by Marcus Buggs.

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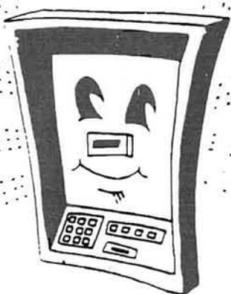
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## Being Kept In Dark

University of Missouri Board of Curator John "Woody" Cozad knows how to say one thing, and then turn around and mean something else.

Cozad is catching serious flak from administrators and government officials for requesting a list of who has been and will be guest speakers at the four UM campuses this year.

Earlier this month, Cozad requested specific information about speakers. He requested information regarding the name of the speaker, the subject matter, who sponsored it, how much the speaker was to be paid and how would that speaker be paid.

Cozad told the *The St. Louis Post Dispatch* last week that he was not seeking any "political balance" and had "no particular motive" when asking for the information.

Now he is telling reporters that there may be too many "left-wing" speakers that appear on UM campuses. He says students should be exposed to different points of view.

All of Cozad's motives still remain unclear.

According to *The Maneater*, the student newspaper at UM-Columbia, Cozad recommended a \$50 student fee increase to UM President George Russell. The letter asked Russell to consider issuing bonds to fund endowed chair positions in academic divisions.

A few weeks later, Cozad requested information on speakers and how student groups are funded.

While Cozad says he has no "particular" motive, the writing is on the wall. He is obviously pushing all four campuses to follow his political viewpoint.

Then again maybe the press, administrators and government officials have him pegged wrong. Perhaps Cozad just wants to read about what each campus offers.

But there has to be a motive, and the public is being kept in the dark.

## Open Meeting Confusion

Miscommunication between two departments could have resulted in hard feelings between the press and UM-St. Louis.

Last week, the media was informed that there was a conference on gangs and graffiti. Criminology and Criminal Justice Department Chairman Scott Decker said he refused a KMOV-TV cameraman from covering the event for "safety reasons."

The cameraman waved the media advisory in the air. Decker explained the situation. The cameraman understood and left.

Bob Samples, who sent the press releases, said his office will now check with each department before informing the media about events.

Still, the conference was publicly announced and, therefore, open to anyone. The risk for violence toward anybody who was mentioned in the conference was high. The names were written on flyers posted around the University for everyone to see.

UM-St. Louis can't afford to lose media coverage. There are things this University achieves that the St. Louis community doesn't know about it.



## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

### Readers: Don't Outlaw Concealed Gun Bill

Dear Editor:

When I read the editorial in the Apr. 6, 1992 issue of *The Current* (Shoot Concealed Gun Bill), it seemed that the author/editor would have you believe that criminals legally would be permitted to carry concealed firearms. Wake up! They already do.

Criminals already take the liberty of carrying concealed weapons regardless of the law, and the law-abiding public is helpless when confronted by criminals.

First, the bill would require a background check along with proper training (like the police get) sanctioned by the issuing department. Homicide studies show that the overwhelming majority of murderers are career criminals with life long records of violence. The typical murderer has a previous history averaging at least six years, with at least four major felony arrests.

These criminals also are likely to be substance abusers with a record of traffic and/or gun accidents. Those

same studies also show that those who accidentally kill also have similar records.

We should support restrictive controls on the access of firearms by ex-felons, but law abiding citizens are only left to be victims if we are not allowed to protect ourselves. Fifty percent of American households have guns and 78 percent of all Americans say in national surveys that they would use a gun for self-defense.

There were more than 400 reported instances of rape in St. Louis last year, with only two convictions. It's obvious that the police can't protect everybody. And with the news of future police force cuts, the number of violent crimes against law-abiding citizens is likely to increase.

So I ask you, how could a criminal benefit from a concealed-carry permit? Answer: he wouldn't!

Criminals would have to think twice before they would victimize members of an armed public who are well-trained to defend themselves.

Marvin Vinson

Dear Editor:

Isn't that cute? *The Current* is playing grown-up; it sounds just like the *Post-Dispatch*, knee-jerk tendencies and all. The passage of House Bill 1261 is a sane step in "taking back the night." It's time criminals had a reason to second-guess their tendencies to prey on the weak.

Your statement saying that "many more (of the people carrying concealed weapons) would abuse the law by using concealed weapons to commit crimes" is ridiculous (Shoot Concealed Gun Bill, April 6, 1992, *The Current*). The process used to issue permits will put guns in the hands of responsible citizens—much like you and I, who would never dream of committing a crime, much less an armed criminal act.

There are currently 15 states—including Missouri—without a concealed weapon bill. These states include California, where two madmen massacred innocents in a schoolyard and at a McDonald's; New York,

where a woman was violently gang-raped in Central Park; Texas, where an armed man ran wild in Killeen; Illinois, where a woman toting a weapon killed a number of schoolchildren; and let's not forget Wisconsin, where Jeffery Dahmer was more or less given a green light to excite his criminal side.

Florida passed a concealed weapons bill in the late 1980s amid the same media and law enforcement hysteria being generated here. Result: the crime rate dropped by more than 5 percent. Meanwhile, the rest of the nation saw crime rise over 10 percent. I suppose when trying to sway opinions, you don't want facts getting in your way.

When will the media stop its crusade to misinform the public with hysterical fallacies? Get out from behind that word processor and visit reality. Left-wing gun control laws never have, and never will, stop criminals from obtaining the tools of their trade.

Lenny G. Kostecki

### UM Curator Resorts To Joseph McCarthy Tactics

Dear Editor:

In February 1950, Joseph R. McCarthy, a Republican senator from Wisconsin, made a speech in Wheeling, W.Va., in which he charged that the U.S. State Department had been infiltrated by Communists. We are all sadly aware of the terrible aftermath of that speech.

Although the State Department was exonerated, McCarthy, in his second term, became chairman of the powerful Government Operations Committee—the Senate's permanent investigations subcommittee. In this highly publicized and powerful position, McCarthy and his Senate aids conducted widely publicized hearings from 1952 to 1954. Using unidentified informers and unsubstantiated charges based on rumor, mere associations with others, and innuendo, McCarthy, through tactics of fear, ruined the careers of many in the arts, theater, film, politics and academe.

On April 7, 1992, Richard Wallace, University of Missouri vice president of academic affairs, sent a fax—which has since been widely distributed on campus—to the chancellors of the four campuses asking they comply with a request from UM Curator John "Woody" Cozad. The request was for certain information related to faculty and student activities. So as not to distort the request, Wallace quoted Cozad directly.

Wallace wrote, "...could you obtain a list of all guest speakers who have appeared or are expected to appear during the 1991-92 academic year on any of the campuses. I would ap-

preciate it if this list would reflect the following information:

- (a) Name of speaker
- (b) Topic, subject matter, or seminar title on which or at which the speaker appeared
- (c) Sponsoring group (e.g., Political Science Department, Young Republicans, Missouri Student Association, etc...)
- (d) Fees and expenses paid to or for the speaker
- (e) Source of funding for such payments

Mr. Cozad would not be satisfied with only the above information; he wanted more. Again, so as not to distort the message, Wallace again quoted Cozad directly.

Wallace wrote, "...I understand that the student body on each campus has a certain amount of money available to it from students' fees, which it disburses to various student organizations and interest groups. I would like to see a list of those expenditures showing the name of each organization and the amount of money it received for the most recent academic year for which the information is available. I would also like to receive a detailed description of how the decision is made as to which organizations get this money and in what amounts, including how the members of the various groups are selected."

The immediate question that comes to mind is: Why would a UM curator or anyone want such information? Is it significant if the name of the speaker is Dan Quayle or Jerry Brown? Or is it only significant if it is a particular Dan Quayle or a particular

Jerry Brown? Why is the "topic, subject matter, or seminar title" so important? Is a guest speaker's topic more or less important if it is, for example, "The Benefits of a Free Market Economy" or "Antonio Gramsci and Hegemony"? Why is it important to know if the Political Science Department or the Young Republicans sponsored any particular guest speaker to speak on any topic?

Any request for such information, as innocuous as it might be, smacks of political correctness in its most pernicious form. It's even more significant when such requests come from government officials. The mere request itself has a "chilling effect" on free speech on the already politically bland campuses of the University of Missouri. With almost daily threats of financial cutbacks, program discontinuance, staff and faculty layoffs and continued student fee increases, the administration and the Board of Curators' strategy is taking on the characteristics of "manage-

ment by fear."

In this case, fear works in the following manner. A curator uses his position to "request" a high ranking UM administrator to have lower ranking administrators order faculty and students to report certain information about their campus activities. Although a UM curator has no legal authority outside of the body corporate of the Board of Curators, any formal request from a ranking administrative officer, such as UM vice president, must be complied with or a member of the faculty is subject to charges of insubordination. Not coincidentally, insubordination is legal grounds for dismissal, even if a faculty member refuses to comply with an administrative order on the grounds that it is an infringement of a right. One must first comply with the order, then file a grievance.

Cozad's request will further deplete what little morale remains on the UM campuses.

Charles Fazzaro  
Educational Studies Professor

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media," Goodman said. "The TV stations might feel like they were burnt once and not come back again."

A St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter stayed for the lecture but decided not to run a story.

"We were under the assumption that it was a public meeting. They were concerned about the safety of the people involved. The lecture was basically a lesson in interpreting graffiti and gang symbols," said John Curley, assistant city editor of the

Post-Dispatch.

"At this particular lecture we gave out a lot more information than usual and it was more detailed. We didn't want it to be misconstrued by anyone. It was done for safety reasons," said a source who requested anonymity.

"The department has done media coverage before. We enjoy PBS, but we do limited coverage," the source said.

Pete Barrett, assignment editor at KMOV said, "We understand if

someone doesn't want their picture taken. We try to respect that. In this case it was not worth it to possibly put someone at risk. If it was something we felt the public needed to know we would have stood our ground," Barrett said.

The lecture was described as a "smashing success" and when the study is complete, those involved will present the results to parties who funded the study.

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could be alleviated if she would get pregnant, and other physicians told her that the problem "was all in my head. I was told to live with the 'discomforts of being a woman.' And every physician indicated that I was overreacting (to the pain)," Banales said.

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**COZAD from page 1**

the speaker, its subject matter, the sponsoring group, fees and expenses paid to the speaker and the source of funding to pay the speaker.

Wallace's memo said, "Curator Cozad asks that we not delay sending him the information already in process, but, if it possible to get the financial information at the same time, that would be most helpful to him."

Cozad said he has "no desire to keep speakers from speaking at the University of Missouri."

"All schools of thought," Cozad said, "should be aired for our students. University faculties, in the polls I have seen, have controversial issues that are to the left at the public-at-large."

UM-St. Louis Spokesman Bob Samples said the school has already sent the information to Cozad.

But Schoemehl, a UM-St. Louis graduate, said Cozad's request sends a "chilling message of a 'thought police' checking up on the decisions of MU faculty members and department chairmen. Second, it places an unreasonable administrative burden on a system that, quite frankly, already has too many intrusions from a minutiae-obsessed member of the Board of Curators."

At the end of Schoemehl letter, he enclosed paper and pencil "for you to use the next time you decide to count viewpoints at MU." In small type, Schoemehl wrote that the letter was "not produced at taxpayers' expense."

William Maltby, chairman of the UM-St. Louis history department, said while Cozad's request doesn't affect his department, "he ought to explain himself."

Andrew Twaddle, chairman of the sociology department at UM-Columbia, called Cozad "a loose cannon."

"He is pushing a political viewpoint," he said. "There are concerns at all four campuses that this is an attack on academic freedom. It has a potential chilling effect."

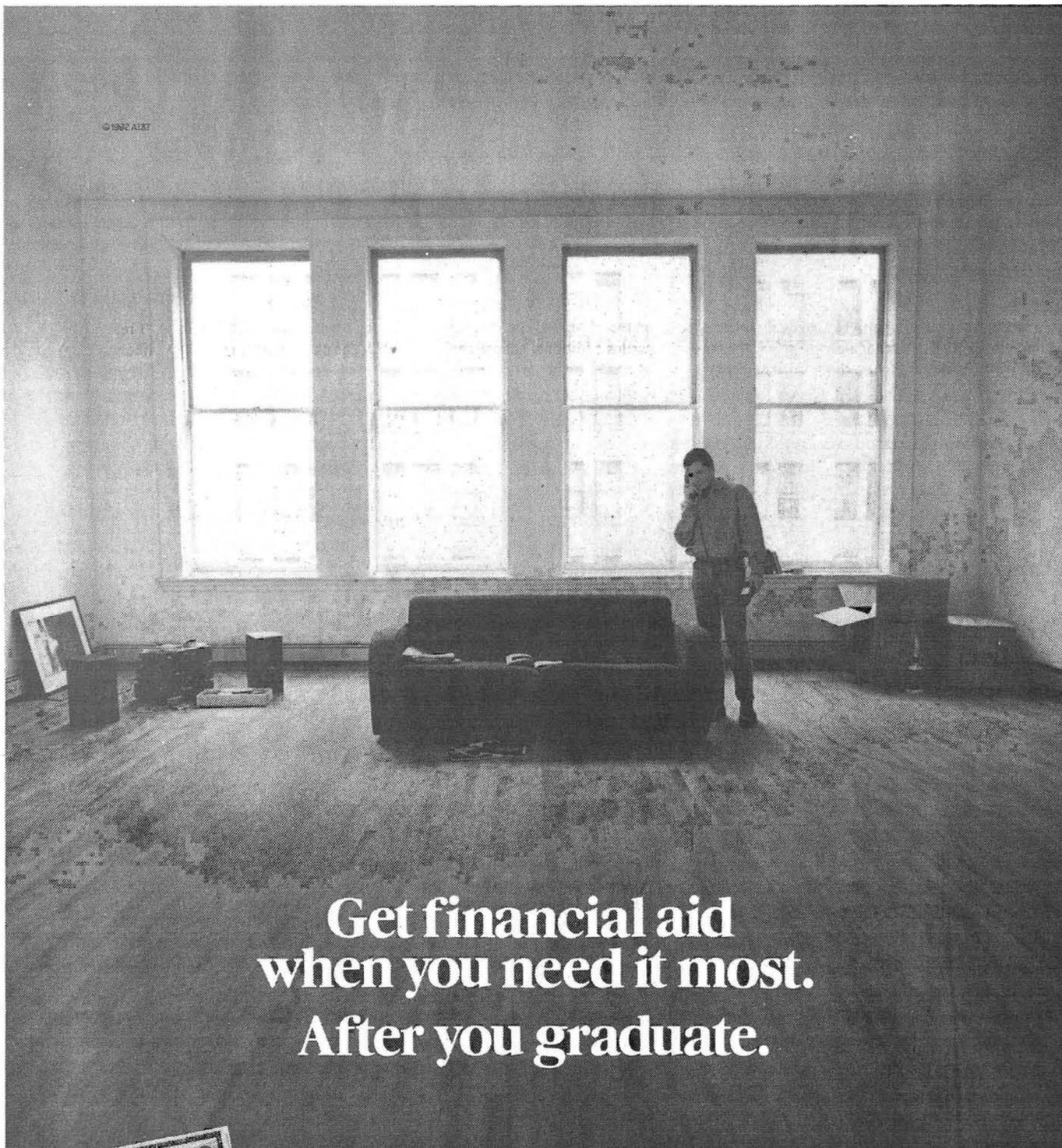
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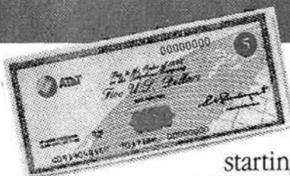
Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he complied with Cozad's request.

"It's my job to provide the Curators information they need to make decisions," MacLean said. "That's public information."

MacLean said he has "pride" in how the process of funding student groups at UM-St. Louis works.



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## Tropical Ecology Center Educates Campus

by Lauren Tsugita  
of The Current staff

The UM-St. Louis International Center for Tropical Ecology provides many programs and activities, and works to increase awareness about tropical ecology.

The Center was created through a cooperative agreement between UM-St. Louis and the Missouri Botanical Garden. This alliance fosters a unique intellectual climate for the development of solutions to the global crisis arising from the destruction of tropical ecosystems.

A major role of the Center is to provide fellowships for graduate students who wish to study ecology, evolution, systematics or conservation biology in pursuit of an M.S. or Ph.D. in biology at UM-St. Louis. This fellowship allows biology graduate students to participate fully in the innovative curriculum in conservation offered at the University, as well as seminars and discussions sponsored by the Center.

Through its association with the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Center offers unprecedented access to research facilities on three continents and in 14 countries including Costa Rica, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Brazil, the Malagasy Republic, Tanzania and China.

The Center also enables students to intern with a conservation or environmental agency in the United States

or in a tropical country. Working with internationally recognized experts in conservation and environmental policy, students see first-hand how public policy decisions are made.

Currently, the Center has many activities planned. On Apr. 26, The Earth Summit: The View from Earth Day will take place.

This United Nations pre-conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will be beamed in live by satellite and will be viewed at college campuses around the nation. It will explore the global crisis and how the United Nations is working to protect the environment by hosting an Earth conference in Brazil in June 1992.

The major topic is how citizens can positively impact the outcome of the Earth Summit. The interactive format of the

evening will allow the audience to question speakers after the conference. The invited speakers are Maurice Strong, Earth Summit secretary general; Al Gore, U.S. senator; Nancy Pelosi, U.S. representative; Norman Dean, Greenpeace; Rafe Romerance, World Resource Institute; Bruce Anderson, Earth Day USA and Barbara Pyle of the Turner Broadcasting System. For more information call Bette Loiselle, 553-6224.

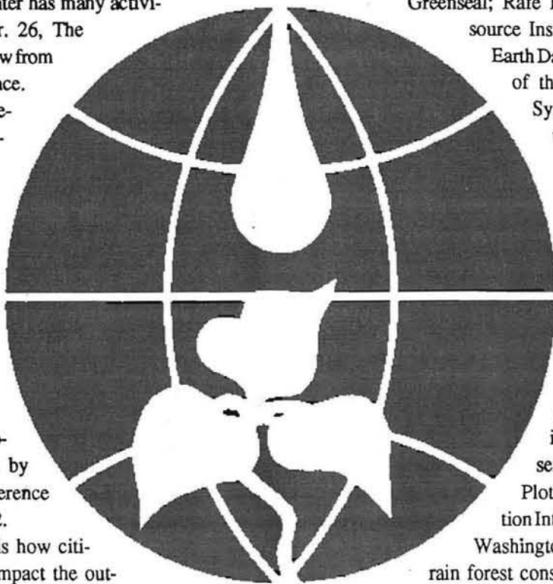
The Center also will be presenting the Jane and Whitney Harris Lecture on May 7. An internationally recognized scholar is invited to UM-St. Louis to deliver a public lecture on a key issue in ecology or conservation. This year, Mark Plotkin from the Conservation International Foundation in Washington, D.C., will lecture on rain forest conservation and the search for new jungle medicines. In addition to focusing attention

on the latest research in ecology and conservation biology, this annual lecture enables students and faculty to meet and share ideas with outstanding scientists from around the world. For more information call John Blake, associate director of the Center at 553-6578.

An expedition to the Amazon region of Brazil will be sponsored by the Center and will be led by Loiselle and Blake. The expedition will explore wildlife reserves, ecological stations and national parks in the Amazon and Brazil from Aug. 9 - 23. This expedition is ideal for those interested in conservation, or for adventurers who would enjoy exploring the wilds of the Amazon and Brazil. The expedition is limited to 18 participants. For more information call Bill Baine at Betchart Expeditions Inc., (800) 252-4910, or Loiselle at 553-6224.

"I hope that the activities of the Center will raise people's awareness of the ecological problems in the world today," Blake said.

The Center also is responsible for hosting the World Ecology Day, which is an annual meeting of committed public personalities and the foremost researchers and policy makers in the field of ecology. The day-long symposium provides an occasion for awarding the World Ecology Medal to an outstanding individual promoting environmental awareness. This year's recipient was Jacques Cousteau, and John Denver received the prestigious award the year before.



## Staff Of The Month: Monica Farrell Defines Dedication

by Bhavana Hingorani  
of The Current staff

Monica Farrell has dedicated the last 10 years of her life to education, counseling, research and UM-St. Louis. Farrell is an academic advisor for the College of Business Administration where each year is involved with more than 1,500 local and international students.

In 1985, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and Psychology. In 1991, she completed her Masters of Education in Counseling.

### movie review

## Acting Is Good And Scenery Is Great, But Expect No Awards

by Don Barnes  
Current features reporter

I was stoked driving to Ronnie's 8 last Wednesday to review "Thunderheart." I dig Native-American themes in film because of the mysticism and natural beauty they normally involve. I also rather enjoy plots that revolve around government exposure, FBI cover-ups and that sort of thing. The advertising told me I wouldn't be disappointed on either account, and for the most part I wasn't.

The movie was directed by Michael Apted and starred Val Kilmer, Sam Shephard and Graham Greene. I'll rid the review of Kilmer as quickly as possible and get the

negative aspect out early. What this guy was doing in this movie is beyond me. With the degree of care that was taken in selecting some of the supporting actors, you would think that the casting director would have given the same consideration to his first name draw. Kilmer drew lead credit rating, top billing and was the "star" of the movie. His performances in "Top Gun," and more recently "The Doors," have established him as a fine young actor. But this was not a role for him. I'm not sure whether it was just a bad casting call or poor acting in general. Either way, it was the most, and nearly the only, disappointing part of the movie.

I was impressed, as always, by

Graham Greene's skill as an actor. He plays Walter Crow Horse, a reservation sheriff who allies Kilmer despite the rookie's obvious pretentiousness about Indians and disgustingly gung-ho attitude. His dialogue was quick, witty and intelligent, and Greene's delivery was so natural that you had to like the guy. If you go see this movie, listen closely to his dialogue or you might miss some of his most comical quips.

I would like to mention a couple of the supporting roles for the simple fact that they made an impression on me. Remember I said I liked mysticism? In every Indian movie there is a medicine man and a warrior, that's why I like them.

Well, "Thunderheart" had the best medicine man I've ever seen, and the warrior was too intense for words.

Grandpa Sam Reaches, played by Chief Ted Thin Elk, is a medicine man with heap big magic. I mean heecccrap big magic. He only speaks English two or three times in the movie, and Greene translates the rest. But it wasn't his words that impressed me. It was the way he used his expressions to act. To see this guy's face - the way the crevices sink into his features - is like having a topical map of the Grand Canyon. I don't know where they found this guy, but he looked like he was a thousand years old.

John Trudell played Jimmy Looks Twice, the warrior. I like warriors ... something about their confidence, I suppose. Warriors do to me what Rambo does for ROTC cadets. Jimmy is the character you've seen in the commercial advertisement jumping off a truck hood and passing his feet through handcuffed wrists, in the air, while dodging bullets. Yowza! I love warriors! You might be a little taken back by his cockiness, but I enjoyed it, and I think his part came off with

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Farrell is a "people person." She loves to help people. She loves to work with students and it is very rewarding to her when students do well and come back next semester. She stresses that "it's a team effort. Teachers, students and the advisors are all intertwined, and work together and help each other out."

Even though Farrell is very busy with her work, she said, "I really like what I do, I really like working with the students. They make it fun."

She has fun after work hours, too, by participating in activities related to her favorite hobbies: writing poetry, working out at the UM-St. Louis weight room, playing softball and supporting the Cardinals.

She calls herself a "bookworm" especially when it comes to English history. She likes ice skating and loves to travel. She's a film-buff—"Woody Allen mostly; I don't like violent movies."

Farrell says she not only helps students pick their classes or give them career information, but part of her job also is to educate students about the rules and regulations of certain courses and majors. Before she graduated, Farrell was nominated by the graduate school for the "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges," an organization that recognizes students for their leadership abilities and educational background.



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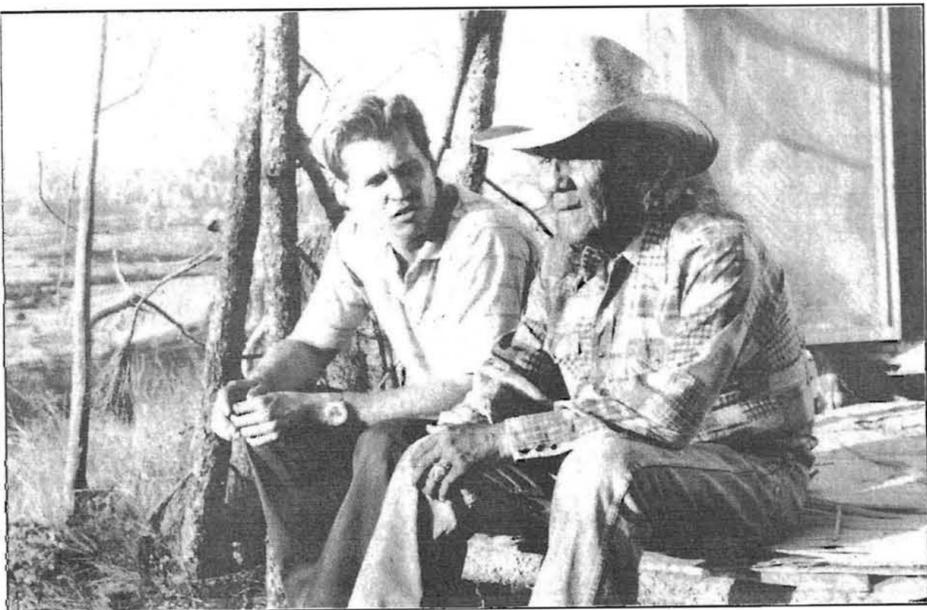
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by TOM KNOX

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the impact it was supposed to have on the story. This movie was shot on a reservation bordering the Grand Canyon, and the opportunity for impressive extreme long shots of the natural scenery were abundant. But the most impressive sequence of shots occurred in the first minute of the film. I can't tell you what it is because it would rob you of a natural reaction. Just be prepared when the lights go down, because this opening scene is a cinematic-graphic marvel. Overall, I like "Thunderheart." I wasn't as impressed as I thought I would be, but I may have been too hyped to be satisfied. I doubt that it will win an Academy Award, or any other award for that matter. But I enjoyed it, and I think you will too.

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**"EYEBALL":** Rivermen utilityman Jeff Eye completes the out at first base. Eye is one of the best power hitters on the team.

by Michael Hayes  
Current sports reporter

The UM-St. Louis men's baseball team almost guaranteed themselves a second-place finish in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association South Division with an 11-7 victory over divisional leader Missouri Southern in the middle game of a three game set last weekend (Apr. 10-11).

Missouri Southern, ranked fifth in the country, took Friday night's series opener 5-3 at Ballwin Park and captured the final game of this MIAA conference match-up 10-5 at UM-St. Louis. In the series finale, the nationally ranked Rivermen trailed by only one run going into the ninth, but after some missed opportunities in the seventh and eighth, Missouri Southern

struck for four runs to put the game out of reach.

"We had them by the tail and let them slip away. But we proved to ourselves we are every bit as good as they are and deserve our number nine ranking," UM-St. Louis Head Coach Jim Brady said.

After the loss Friday night, Brady's squad needed a win on Saturday. He said, "We were a little disappointed after losing the first game. We knew we could play with Missouri Southern. I told them we had nothing to hang our heads about. Just take it as another game and worry about tomorrow."

The Rivermen took Brady's words to heart in the first game of Saturday afternoon's doubleheader. The Lions jumped out to a 2-0 lead. The Rivermen responded in fine fashion with a four-

run third inning.

After Riverman Dave Leeper drilled a pitch over the second baseman's head for a single, designated hitter Bob Mutnansky stepped up to the dish with runners on first and second and one out.

Mutnansky wasted no time in testing the stratospheric conditions as he hit a towering three-run blast over the left field wall off MSSC's Matt Auer.

Missouri Southern came right back in the top of the fourth. UM-St. Louis hurler Bob Thompson set down the first two batters, but a two out walk spelled trouble. After walking in the second run of the inning, Brady brought in Blaine Shetley. Shetley walked in another run before getting MSSC's Brian Larson to fly out, ending the rally.

"Bob (Thompson) just got a bit highstrung and overanxious. He was letting the hitters dictate the game to him," Brady said.

In the eighth inning, with the Rivermen up by one run, 6 foot 200 pound Mutnansky was up again. The Chicago native took one for a ride in center field. His second three-run homer of the game gave UM-St. Louis a four run lead and solidified the victory.

"Talk about a knockout punch!" Brady blurted.

Junior left-hander Chuck McNelly, the starter for game two, entered the game in the eighth and recorded his sixth win of the year.

Why did Brady insert McNelly in this game when he was scheduled to start the next game? Brady responded, "I wanted to get a win. I made up my

mind the night before to let him close it out if we were winning or tied."

Game two of the doubleheader saw Missouri Southern score two in the first. Brian Rupp, five for five in the first game, got things rolling in the bottom of the first when he lead off with a smash over the centerfield wall for his second roundtripper of the day. One batter later, Mutnansky dialed long distance again with a solo shot to left.

The game was tied until the sixth when Missouri Southern touched McNelly for three runs. Brady left McNelly, in his eighth inning of work, in the game.

"When a guy is giving everything he has and has his track record, it makes a manager think twice about a change," Brady said.

UM-St. Louis came back with two in the bottom-half of the inning and looked as though they would tie it. But Missouri Southern's David Fisher ranged back behind second and made a great over-the-shoulder catch to rob second baseman Mike Landwehr of a run-scoring single. More missed opportunities plagued the Rivermen in the seventh and eighth. Missouri Southern added four runs in the top of the ninth to sink the Rivermen as they went down in order to end the game.

There is a good chance that the Rivermen (19-10 and 7-4 in the conference), will meet Missouri Southern (31-10, 10-2) in the playoffs.

Brady stated, "There is no doubt we are the two best teams in the conference. After this weekend, I have a better understanding of their ball club and can apply it in the future."



Photo: Nicole Menke

**NO DOGGIN' IT:** Bob Mutnansky showed his strength against Mo. Southern. Mutnansky hit two home runs in the Rivermen win.

The MIAA conference tournament is slated for Apr. 24-26 at the North Division winner's field. In all probability, UM-St. Louis will make it back to the NCAA Division II tournament after a one-year absence.

"It will be a war if we meet Missouri Southern in the playoffs," Brady said.

### Upcoming Rivermen Games

Today @ Washington  
April 21 @ Northeast Mo. State  
April 24-26 MIAA Tournament  
April 28 @ SIU-Edwardsville

## Maas: Playing Like A Winner On A Losing Team

by Pete Dicrisplino  
Current sports reporter

Looking for a bright spot on this year's UM-St. Louis Riverwomen's softball team is not easy. The team is 12-29 overall and will miss the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association post-season tournament for the third straight year.

However every dark tunnel has a light of hope and that hope may be freshmen centerfielder Jeri Maas.

Maas, a graduate of Hazelwood West High School, has been one of the lone bright spots this year for the Riverwomen. Maas leads the team in

almost every offensive category. She is first on the team in batting (.325), runs scored (17), hits (41), stolen bases (12), walks (12), slugging percentage of (.405) and she has hit the team's only home run this year.

"I followed Jeri in high school and recruited her hard," Riverwomen Coach Harold Brumbaugh said. "I expected a lot from her and she's had a good year."

One might think the pressure of leading a team's offense as a freshman might be tough. Not for Maas.

"I came into this year wanting to be an All-American, so I put a lot of pressure on myself," Maas said.

All the pressure of succeeding has not bothered Maas' play. "She is a

quiet girl who handles the pressure very well," Brumbaugh said.

Maas, who helped Hazelwood West to four straight conference championships, has made a smooth transition to college softball. "Probably the biggest adjustment was just getting to know everyone," Maas said.

After four consistent winning years, Maas unfortunately has had to make the adjustment to losing.

"It doesn't feel right losing, but it becomes easier because everyone on the team has kept a good attitude," Maas said. "We're very close as a team and everyone tries to keep each other up."

Up is exactly where Maas would

like to see her batting average go. Three weeks ago she was hitting .390 until a recent slump knocked her down to .325. "I have six games left to get my batting average up," Maas said.

After a great freshman year, Maas is not at all concerned with a letdown next season.

"I will spend a lot of time in the batting cage, there is always something to improve on," she said.

Maas, a centerfielder who played third base in high school, will probably end up at third base before her career comes to an end.

She is a rare combination of speed and power, and has a bright future ahead of her.



Jeri Maas

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### Sports Shorts From UM-St. Louis

Even though the NHL Strike has ended, some students had this to say on the issue.



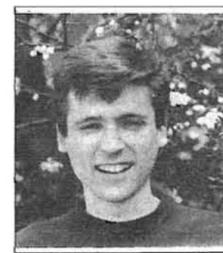
Paul Kercher-senior, Math Certification

"I think the players have been giving in to the owners long enough. Hockey players' salaries have not kept pace with sports such as baseball and football. I think it's high time that the players get the compensation they deserve."



Steve Roder-senior, Business Administration

"The players have been acting like puppets for too long now. For hockey to take the next step into the classification of a major sport, the owners are going to have to give in to some of the players' demands."



Paul Berryman-senior, Accounting

"Even though the strike came at the most important part of the season. Striking before the playoffs, where the owners make the most money. Besides the Blues are going to lose to Chicago in four straight anyway."



Lavon Kincaid-freshman, Biology

"I don't know much about the strike, but I think sometimes the players get taken advantage of. Just because they own and run the teams doesn't mean they can treat the players like dirt."

by Michele Lawson  
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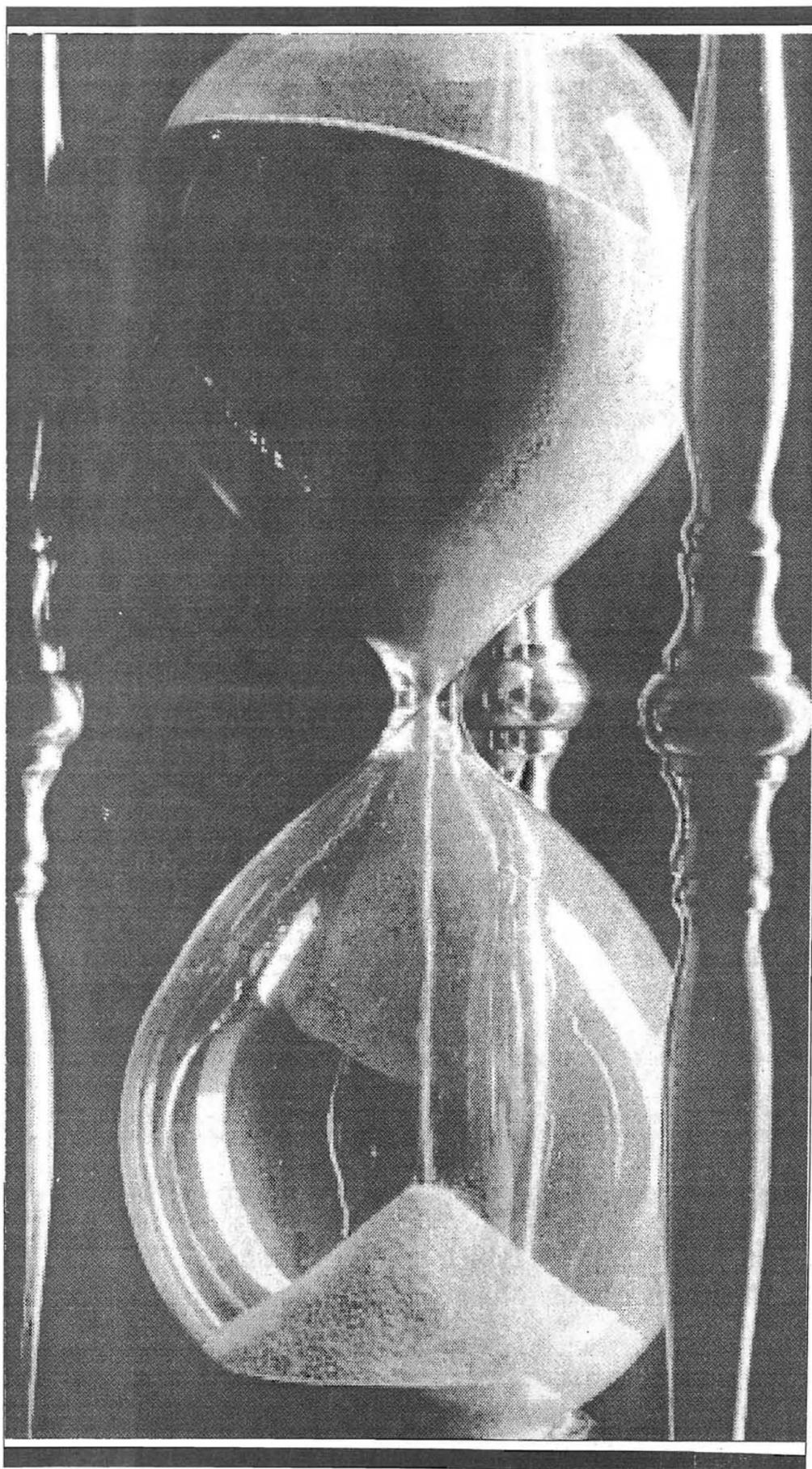
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