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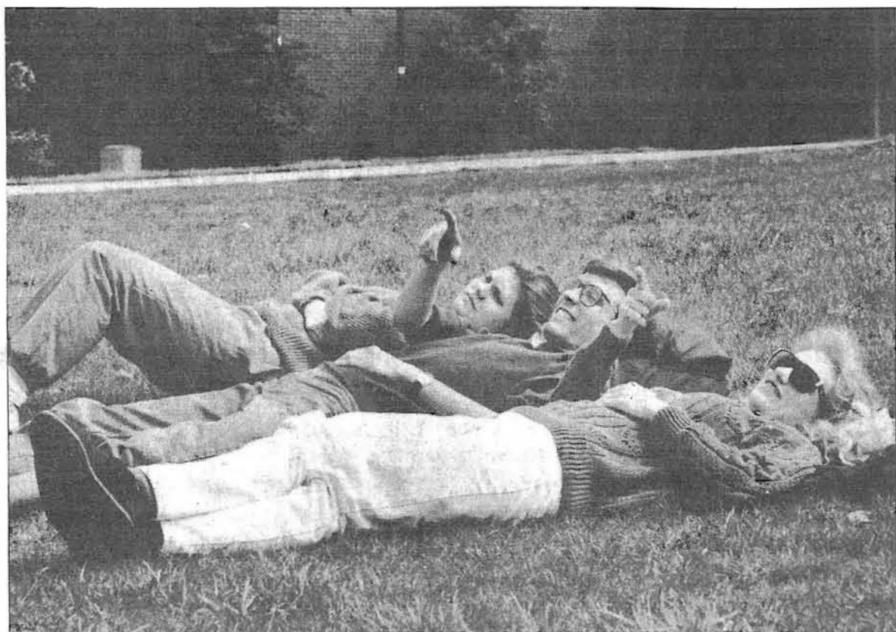


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Three students seem to be searching for the Starship Enterprise while relaxing in the beautiful spring weather. The students are from left, Stephanie Jensen, Paul Kircher and Michelle Raney.

Voter Turnout Usually Low For SGA

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

Do Student Government Association leaders really serve the students?

Not according to election results. A *Current* examination of how many students vote in the annual SGA elections shows, at the most, 900 votes cast.

Last year, Mark Grimes won 376-254 over Frank Tucci. Julie Schwetz beat Melissa Green, 386-233.

With 14,000 students on campus, Grimes won only the support of approximately three percent.

"You need to have at least five polling places—one each in Mark Twain, Stadler, South Campus, SSB and Lucas Hall," said former SGA president Jerry Berhorst. "You just can't get voter turnout from small flyers and handouts."

Former SGA presidential hopeful Scott Lewis said low voter turnout stifles the chances of other candidates.

"I think it's a shame that the people didn't come out and vote," Lewis told *The Current* in 1988. "If they were really concerned about how their money is getting spent, they would have taken the time out to vote for somebody who could have made a difference."

The 1988 election featured Berhorst, Lewis and Steven Wolfe on the ballot. Berhorst, a UM-St. Louis graduate, won by receiving 235 votes.

A total of 419 people voted in that election.

In the 1987 elections, Steve Bratcher captured 381 votes. His opponent, Jerry Eulentrop, received 259 votes.

The 1989 election ended with similar results, but with more contestants. Terence Small won 283 votes, while David Rothman, Steve Meinhold and Jeffery Scott each received less than 275 votes.

But that election year was marred by a failed publicity stunt by

Meinhold's running mate, Shaun McDonald, and allegations that Karen Aldridge, Rothman's vice presidential candidate, was seen campaigning next to a ballot box.

Aldridge said at that time the charges were "an outright lie."

In addition, Rothman and McDonald were accused of unethical conduct because they were sorting ballots after voting was completed.

Rothman said Bratcher needed their help because of a staffing shortage.

"But one of the problems," Rothman told *The Current* in 1989, "with student involvement here is that you can't get volunteers to help with the ballots."

The elections this year will be held on April 29 and 30. Anyone who wants to run for an office must apply by April 10. Anyone who would like to volunteer to count votes call Bob Schmalfeld At student Activities at 553-5291.

Kelly Issues Audit On Entire UM System

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

State Auditor Margaret Kelly recommended the University of Missouri System review several areas, including three self-supporting operations at UM-St. Louis.

The audit, which took about nine

months, said athletics, food services and the University Child Development Center were "operating at a loss."

UM-St. Louis Spokesperson Bob Samples said "a number of issues raised in the report have been resolved and those that have not will be."

"The University started the process to end or reduce subsidies to all auxiliary units— including athletics,

Child Development Center and Marillac campus food service— before the auditor's report was issued."

Samples said UM-St. Louis is in the "process of removing all subsidies for athletic programs because of continuing budgetary restraints."

"This move does not mean we consider athletics unimportant," he said. "Our athletic program—grounded

in the philosophy that a college athlete is a student first—are an essential component of the university."

Samples said the subsidies to the Child Development Center will be made up by increasing user fees. Vending machines have been installed to replace food service on the Marillac campus.

Kelly also said that the Memorial Union/Brady Grill Food Services and the A.L. Gustin Golf on the UM-Columbia campus were losing money.

She said the University of Missouri is providing subsidies to "entities that do not appear to need them."

"The Columbia campus is providing about \$670,000 annually to the athletic department. In 1990, athletic department revenues exceeded expenses by \$1,059,469. In addition, the athletic department maintains a reserve account that had a balance around \$1.5 million at May 31, 1991," the audit said.

The Kansas City campus subsidizes its bookstore operation, which made a net profit between \$190,000 and \$334,000 each year since fiscal year 1987.

"All subsidies should be reviewed periodically for soundness," Kelly said. "There appears to be no need to continue subsidies for programs that routinely operate at a profit."

Kelly said University officials agreed with her recommendations and said "actions were either under consideration or being taken to address many of the auditor's findings."

In addition, Kelly said the UM System has no policy requiring faculty to teach a minimum number of hours per semester. On the average, Kelly said University personal estimate nearly 40 percent of their time is in "instructional activities" like teaching, preparing, advising students and holding office hours.

The audit said faculty who spend less time teaching are compensated more than those who spend more time in the classroom.

She recommended that UM officials create a course load policy for faculty and review teaching loads to "determine of the amount of time spent teaching in comparison with other duties is in accordance with the University's mission."

Kelly also said UM officials should review staffing and organization to guarantee the appropriate "mix" of faculty employees to students

University of Missouri records, according to Kelly, indicate that some UM faculty members work 1,000 hours per year in the consulting activities. She said a 1990 nationwide survey indicated most faculty "work between 150-200 hours annually of outside work."

Picked Off

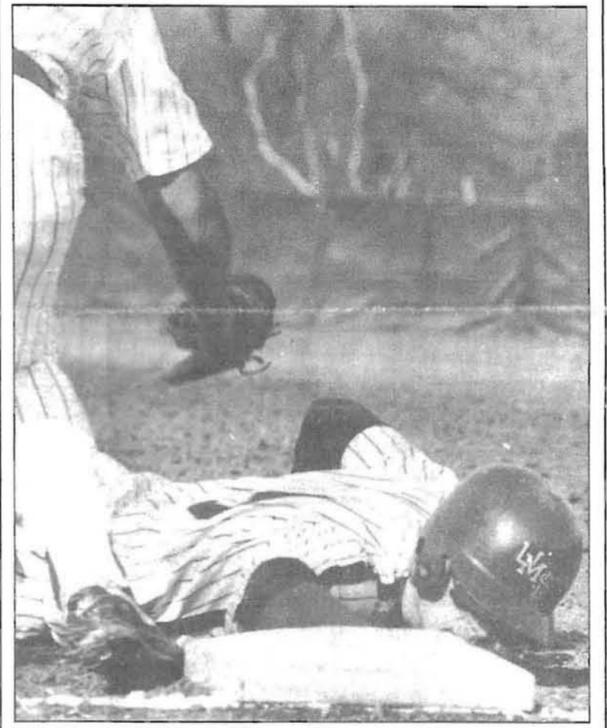


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UM-St. Louis Rivermen Baseball won against McKendree Tuesday afternoon at Rivermen Field.

Drivers Beware Of "Death Valley" On Florissant Road

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

"Slow down and pay attention."

That's what Cool Valley Police Officer Gary Kramer tells drivers as they make their way on Interstate 70 from Hanley Road to Bermuda Avenue.

Law enforcement officials are calling 1-70 that stretch of road "Death Valley" or the "Bermuda Triangle."

The statistics back up Kramer's words. In 1991, there were 49 accidents along I-70 around S. Florissant Road.

The Division of Planning for the Missouri Highway Department of Transportation says from Hanley to Bermuda, there were 167 accidents in 1990. For the first nine months of 1991, 107 accidents occurred.

Kramer said most accidents on the highway start east of S. Florissant Rd. If drivers are heading westbound and they have just passed the Bermuda exit, Kramer said, "the road disappears. They then hit the brakes and jerk to the left. They lose control. After hitting the brakes, they bounce off the median wall. And that's when the multi-car accidents start."

Kramer recalls a time when a driver of a pick-up truck hit that median wall and was ejected. The driver was hit several times and it looked

like his head was "decapitated."

The vehicle then rolled down a hill and broke through a fence before stopping.

In the Feb. 4, 1990 edition of *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Jennings resident Danny W. Hossier recalls an accident he was in September, 1990.

Hossier came over the hill east of Bermuda Avenue in his white Dodge Dart. Cars were stopping in front of him. He tried to stop, but "there's no way to stop when your wheels are bouncing six inches off the ground."

Hossier's car hit the back of Cecilia Templin's Grand Prix. Her car suffered about \$300 in damage.

Templin said she lowered her speed because a car had entered the interstate at New Florissant Road and cut across three lines to pull in front of her.

But Kramer said the design of the roads do not lead to accidents.

"The road engineering isn't that bad," he said. "You can go 141 miles per hour there under normal driving conditions. That's if you have no bumps."

The Missouri Highway Department estimates that 120,000 vehicles travel that stretch of highway daily.

A flashing yellow sign warning drivers of lane blockage was added on last year on 1-70 east just west of Hanley Road.

Cycle of Violence

Battered Women Can Find Help In St. Louis, But Beds Are Few

by Max Montgomery
managing editor

Second of three parts:

There are only two domestic violence shelters for women and children in St. Louis, one in St. Charles and a network of only 20 privately owned safe homes in St. Louis and St. Charles Counties.

When considering domestic violence is present in at least one-fourth of all marriages, and when there are only 45 domestic beds in St. Louis City and County, battered women are "a terribly underserved population," said Dianne Creagh, community outreach manager of ALIVE Inc.

"[It is] a population at risk because of the lack of available services for the women who need them," Creagh said.

She said shelters in St. Louis have been turning away 800-1200 battered women annually because of the lack of domestic violence bed space and these women sometimes face isolation from friends and family because of the abusive tactics of the man.

"Without the shelter they may have no other place to go," Creagh said.

ALIVE (alternatives to living in violent environments) is a non-profit social service agency that offers services to battered women and their children.

Unlike the Women's Center of St. Charles, St. Martha's Hall in St. Louis and the St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project in St. Louis, ALIVE is an "underground railroad" of people's homes throughout the area where battered women can find a place to spend the night while receiving, through

the ALIVE office, therapy, counseling, referrals and court-ordered protection.

Locations of the ALIVE office, the safe homes and the shelters are all confidential for the safety of the battered women.

Creagh said ALIVE began in 1983 as an all-volunteer network and has expanded into a full service agency with 11 employees, 80 volunteers and 65 members of Friends of ALIVE, a volunteer group that builds community awareness and holds fundraisers. ALIVE primarily is funded through individual and group donations.

Creagh said when a woman calls the hotline, at any time of day, the first priority is to make sure she is safe from her batterer, and tend to any medical needs. She said once the woman is safe they begin working on short term planning and assist her in emotional soundness. Then they teach the battered woman about the cycle of violence so she can learn what to expect in her relationship.

"Face-to-face intervention is our ultimate goal with her," Creagh said.

Across the Missouri River in St. Charles is a large home called The Women's Center that can house 17 women and children who are seeking refuge from their abusers.

Pam Moussette, director of The Women's Center, said the Center almost always is filled to capacity with

battered women from all over the St. Louis area and of all races, ages and socioeconomic backgrounds. She said she has seen women who have been shot, had guns held to their heads, locked out of the house in the middle of winter with no clothes, had a pet killed in front of them and even set on fire.

Moussette said while the women live in the Center they cook, clean and take care of their children, if they have any, just as they would in their own home. While the women are there, they can attend group meetings, see counselors and, just as with ALIVE, they can get help obtaining an order of protection.

Moussette said the public needs to take domestic violence more seriously because it is a crime that's not going away.

"We need to address this as a serious problem for all of us, because it is," she said.

All of the shelters and programs offer information and help to the abused woman about what the justice system can do for them. According to The Women's Center, the justice system is taking a stronger stance against domestic violence. In 1984, the report of the U.S. Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence reaffirmed the need for an improved criminal justice response to domestic violence

stating, "The legal response to family violence must be guided primarily by the nature of the abusive act, not the relationship between the victim and the abuser." Police, prosecutors and judges seek to arrest and convict batterers.

Orders of protection that can order the abuser to stop threatening and/



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Give Touhill A Break

School districts do it. Universities follow the same suit. So why is UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill catching flak for using UM-St. Louis stationary, mailing lists and bulk-mail permits to let former and present students know about the benefits of Proposition O?

In an article in *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* last week, opponents of the Proposition made the Chancellor look foolish. Of course, they want any edge they can gather to make voters think twice about the "benefits" if it passed.

Notice the word benefits. At no time did Touhill tell voters to vote "yes" on the April 7 issue. In fact, the letter said passage of Proposition O would mean a "premier" \$16 million diving and swimming complex to be built at UM-St. Louis.

The letter stated: "The facility will be the site of swimming and diving competition during the 1994 Olympic Festival— and hopefully a future Olympics and other international events."

"The swimming and diving complex will serve as a lasting community asset. The (outdoor) pool will be accessible to the public, and the complex's operation will be maintained through a partnership between the city, county and the university."

The letter is an information piece and doesn't ask the public to take any action or vote.

Shoot Concealed Gun Bill

First, the St. Louis Police Department started a gun buyback program in hopes of ridding the streets of guns in an attempt to reduce possible crime. The program was heckled and criticized, but the guns kept pouring in. The department considered it a success.

But while the program was in its prime, the city witnessed over 200 murders, the highest number ever. The *Post-Dispatch* ran daily articles reporting this tragedy. For a while, it looked like something was actually being done to combat crime.

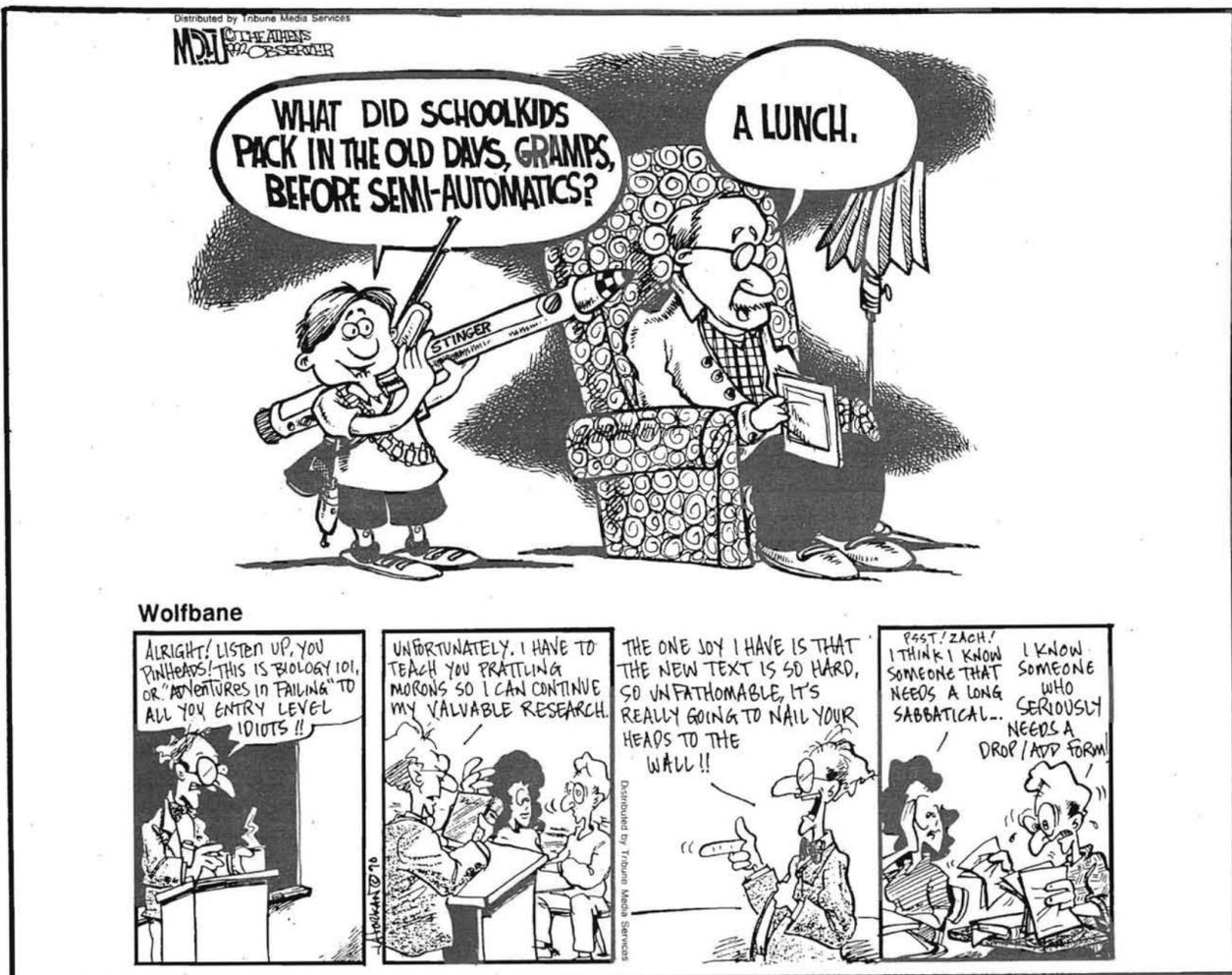
And how is the Missouri legislature helping? By trying to make it easier to commit crimes. Wait a minute! What's wrong with this picture?

The Missouri House of Representatives has already passed a bill that will allow anyone over age 21, who has not been convicted of a felony or has been diagnosed as having a mental disability, to carry a concealed weapon. The measure is scheduled to head to the Senate next.

Police across the state have voiced their opposition to the bill, stating that it allows an additional threat to law enforcement officials, and many of these officers are members of the NRA and do not advocate gun control.

While many people would like to carry concealed handguns to protect themselves, many more would abuse the law by using concealed weapons to commit crimes. And these criminals already carry hidden weapons. While the measure would be beneficial in some cases, it would mostly add to an already rampant problem.

If the bill manages to elude opponents in the Senate, let's hope that Gov. Ashcroft has the sense to veto it. The last thing we need is a legitimate and legal outlet to help criminals.



Making It Look Good, While Cleaning Sidewalk

by Max Montgomery
of *The Current* staff

Some people think I'm rich, but I'm poor.

Gotta make it look good.

How many times has the news

Commentary

The concrete floor of the basement bar was far from clean and far from warm but the words were as close to the truth as I've heard in a long time.

It was Tuesday night and the lead singer of the group had written the song only three weeks earlier. It went a little like this:

There's blood on the sidewalk, from someone I might know.

I stepped around it so I wouldn't get it on my sole,

on my way to work in Washington D.C.

My name is America but I pronounce it George.

shown women cleaning blood off the sidewalk? How much gang graffiti depicting murder and theft can fit on one wall? How much money is being spent on the Presidential campaigns and how much money is being spent on finding a cure for AIDS?

This country is not rich. This country is not poor. This country is destitute. The recession shows that. Companies are downsizing and across the

nation people are retiring early in order to save. Save what, money or morale?

For the past 20 years, the American people and the national government have been putting up a facade that could not be broken. But now that we've been hit in the face with reality, some people are finding it hard to cope with. These are the people that will continue trying to live the high life without a cent in their pockets. These are the people that cannot swallow their pride and give up a little. These are the people that will end up worse off in the end.

But the strong ones, the ones that do what they have to for survival, will make it.

UM-St. Louis is not immune to the recession. Cuts have been made and cuts are still to come. Chancellor Touhill said last week that it has been tiring and she will be glad when its over. She has worked for the good of the University and for the good of the school. She stepped into the position of Chancellor at one of the most inopportune times but she does what she has to for survival. We will make it if we follow our chancellor's role and swallow our pride so we can come out ahead when its over. Chancellor Touhill, don't give up but keep the blade of the axe as dull as possible.

As for those who can't sacrifice, that's your loss.

Gotta make it look good, even while cleaning off the sidewalk.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Little Written On African Women

Dear Editor:

March, being designated as Women's Month, allows women of all backgrounds to break the code of silence governing their contributions to the world. People are waiting to hear from women during March. They are more tuned in to the issues, topics and struggles women face and have faced for centuries.

Little is ever written about the battles that women have had to fight, and the contributions of African women occupy an even smaller space in the pages of Her-story. African women have a vast history of struggle. Whether in our homes or in the fields, we have always confronted and resisted oppression. Passive, meek, docile and quiet are foreign terms when it comes to describing African

women. We have never sat back and allowed any form of oppression (colonialism, slavery, sexism or racism) to hinder us from struggling.

Her-story is filled with strong, zealous and non-conforming sisters who were "sick and tired of being sick and tired." The Portuguese colonization of Angola came at great cost due to the fearless military resistance of the people led by Queen Nzingha. It was only upon her death in 1663 that the Portuguese began to occupy Angola. Later the Dutch, Spaniards, British, French and practically every other European country was able to colonize Africa, resulting in the killing and enslavement of hundreds of millions of Africans.

Despite this brutal, inhumane and tragic event, African women continued to struggle. The leadership of Harriet Tubman with the Underground Railroad enabled hundreds of Africans to escape slavery.

It is written that she carried a pistol as "motivation" for those who were reluctant to take their freedom. Slavery produced many female leaders around the world. In the Virgin Islands, during the nineteenth century, there were violent labor revolts in opposition to the economic peonage which replaced the slave labor system on the sugar plantations. The leaders of many of these were women. One name that is revered in the islands is Queen Mary Thomas, whose militant efforts against oppression were relentless and legendary.

This same resistance to oppression has continued during the current century, from Anna J. Cooper in the early 1900s to Amy Garvey, Shirley DuBois, Mbalia Camara and Titina Silla. These and many other women were on the front lines of the liberation struggle, in Africa and around the world. Assata Shukur became known as the "Mother" of the Black Panther Party in the late 1960s. She is still struggling for African liberation today.

These legacies of generations of strong and militant African women continues today. One representation of this is the lyrics of rap artist Sister Souljah, whose music exemplifies the strength of African women. New generations, like her, must take the baton of struggle with pride. Our destiny is in our hands. In the words of the popular song by "Mama Africa", Miriam Makeba, A LUTA CONTINUA—THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES.

Sisterhood Exchange

Urinating, Ya' Don't Say Gets One Reader Mad

Dear Editor:

There is a fine line between class and trash...and you have crossed it! I am referencing items included in the March 23 issue of *The Current*.

The first repulsive item I noticed was the illustration of three "Rivermen" urinating over the side of a balcony of a hotel. The caption underneath said, "They don't call them the Rivermen for nothing."

Then when I turned the page I found yet another source of humiliation in the "Ya Don't Say?" column. Now as a former English teacher, I find the title of the column disheartening...but that complaint notwithstanding, I am outraged by the content of this particular column. Here we read about a man stripping in public, a woman exposing her breasts for baubles, a professor being undressed by women (what, women against his will?), students having sex in the J.C. Penney Building, a student stealing and thrilled by not being caught and a pledge marching naked in the U-Center.

The Current not only represents

those students who personally write and edit the paper, but also represents every person associated with the university. As a member of the UM-St. Louis community, I take extreme offense by your allowing such material to be published in the student newspaper. I take teaching at the university level very seriously as it is partly my job to encourage professionalism among my students. When I see such unprofessional behavior in the university newspaper, I must question my business here. For example, am I willing to continue giving so much heartily to a place which encourages such blatant unprofessional behavior?

In speaking with the 30 students in my class, I have found that they concur with me in believing that you have shirked your responsibility by projecting a skewed reflection of us.

I hope and trust that you will print this letter. I am sending copies to several university administrators as well.

Mimi Paris
Communication Department

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Campus Crime Tips

Here are some tips from the UM-St. Louis police. Remember! Crime prevention is a community effort.

1. Do not hesitate to call Police when confronted.
2. Keep your residence room locked.
3. At night always walk in groups of at least two and stay on walkways.
4. Familiarize yourself with the location of emergency phones on campus.
5. When parking remove valuables from plain view inside your car. Lock them in the truck. Lock your car.
6. Engrave your valuables with your social security number or driver's license number.
7. Make copies of credit cards and other valuable papers in your wallet.
8. Report all losses that occur on campus to the university police immediately.
9. Stay in control. Do not allow abuse of alcohol or drugs to put you at risk.
10. Do not leave personal property unattended.
11. If you think something appears suspicious or unusual call the police. We would rather check and investigate before then after.

Security for vehicles.

1. Park in well lighted areas.
2. Lock your vehicle.
3. Set burglar alarm
4. Anti-theft steering wheel lock bar and the "Club" are recommended by the police.
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6. Kill switch-prevents engines from starting. If anyone on campus ever needs assistance call the UM- St. Louis police at 553- 5155.

Student Support Service To Host Awards Presentation

The success rate proves that Student Support Services works. A study conducted for the Department of Education by Systems Development Corporation found that students who receive Support Services are more than twice as likely to finish their first year of college as students who do not receive the services.

The program provides eligible college students with supportive services such as uniquely designed workshops, personal counseling, academic support and assistance in obtaining financial aid. Eligibility is based on family size vs. income, level of parental education and other factors obtained through testing and counseling. Once students are accepted into the program, they are assigned to workshops, activities and seminars on courses that will enhance their skills and abilities. Student progress is monitored on a regular basis.

The programs were initiated under the Title IV act of 1965 and named some original programs known as the TRIO programs: Talent Search, and Upward Bound.. Student Support Service is located in the Center for Academic Development, which is located on the fifth floor of the SSB Tower.

Students who have achieved academically at UM-St. Louis will be honored at the Hawthorne Room on Wednesday.

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phenomena."

Trojcak was instrumental in creating the Access to Success program, which recently received national recognition from the American Council on Education as an example of an outstanding public school initiative. In 1987, she was on a planning committee for a similar program called BRIDGE which offered college classes to qualifying high school students. Trojcak saw the need for a similar program for younger children who were "much more malleable." The Access program which serves 6th, 7th and 8th graders was a result of this need.

Trojcak calls this program the most significant program she's been involved with throughout her whole teaching experience. It is an opportunity to put theory into practice, to get involved with children who need a great deal of help.

"Sort of 'in the trenches'," she says with a smile. "It also gives elementary education majors a multicultural experience that they would not have otherwise."

The Access Program consists

of seven points:

1) **The Saturday Academy:** Every semester for eight Saturdays elementary education majors tutor 65 students from Bishop and Central Schools in Wellston in math, science and communication skills on the UMSL campus.

2) **Computer Clubs:** Eleven schools in University City, Wellston, and Normandy have computer clubs for 286 children. Teachers meet monthly which also gives them a support system. Monsanto donated \$5000 to the program which enabled Trojcak to take five teachers to the National Science Teachers Association meeting in Boston in March.

3) **ARC (Access Resource Club) and BARC (Brittany Access Resource Club):** A room is set up with teaching stations to accommodate six to eight students on a pull-out basis for enrichment. These are staffed by education majors.

4) **Weekly Tutoring:** Education majors are assigned to students for tutoring. This also fulfills their clinical experience requirement.

5) **EXCEL (Expanded Communications and Education Link):** \$100 donations are solicited

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or abusing, order the abuser to avoid any contact with the victim, give custody of children to the victim and order the abuser to undergo counseling. Orders of protection are available at local courthouses. Police can arrest the abuser for violating the order.

Next week *The Current* will profile a battered woman and describe her personal account of an abusive relationship.

Women needing help or information on finding a shelter can call The Women's Center at 946-6854, The Women's Self Help Center at 531-2003 or ALIVE at 993-2777 day or night.

Women seeking information on obtaining an order of protection can call 454-6910.

SGA Applications Due In

Any students interested in running for 1992 Student Government Association positions who wants to be placed on the ballot must apply by noon on Friday, April 10. Applications may be picked up in the SGA

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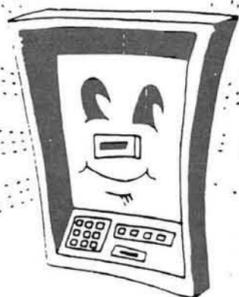
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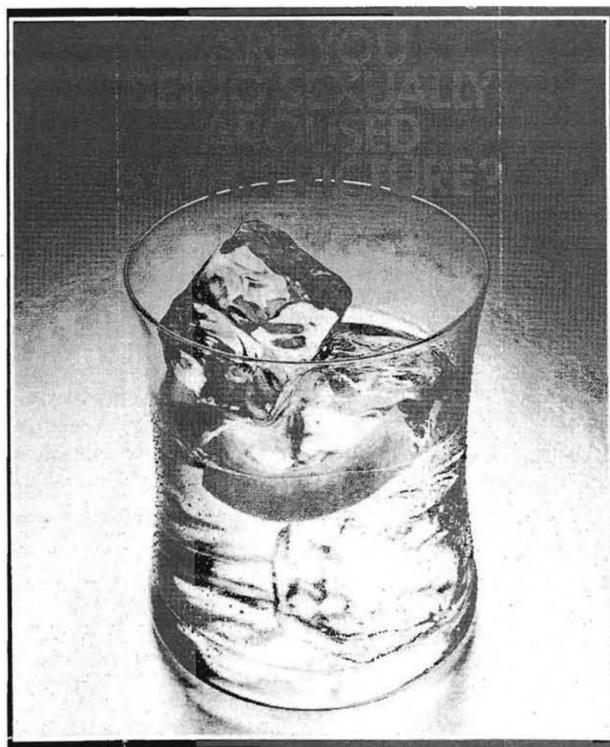
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Unsung Heroes at UMSL? It's True!

by Hil Newton
Current features reporter

Who is Marilyn Ditto? Her name may not be well-known, but her achievements in assisting the disabled and international students at the UM-St. Louis are.

Marilyn Ditto has been the Administrator for Special Student Programs at UM-St. Louis for the past 12 years. She does all she can to make the lives of disabled and international students on campus a little easier.

"I worked with three groups of students (disabled, minority and international) for probably a good six or seven years. Then we narrowed it down to the two. Currently, I just work with disabled and international students," she said.

Ditto originally had her sights set on a different career. She majored in elementary education and minored in physical education at Harris Teacher's College (now Harris-Stowe). During her junior year, she was a substitute teacher, and after graduating she taught a

combined second and third grade class at Field Branch School in the St. Louis Public School District.

"I like the middle grades better. I wanted to be a fourth grade teacher, but I got second and third when I first started out," she said lightheartedly.

After her teaching years, Ditto was a housewife for eight years. This was when the idea for her present career was formulated.

"My ex-husband was a rehabilitation counselor ... and counseling, working with people and talking with people ... was always something that I seemed to do well. So when I went back to work on my master's, I got a master's in counseling, and my emphasis was in rehab," she said.

After receiving her master's degree from UM-St. Louis, Ditto went on to do an internship at St. Louis Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled. She then went on to work at St. Louis Association for Retarded Children (SLARC), where she worked with two-to-five-year-old children with such disabilities as Down's Syndrome, or those with brain damage.

Later, she worked at Metropolitan Employment Rehabilitation Services (MERS), where she helped evaluate disabled people to determine their suitability for various types of training, education, or employment.

In August 1980, she was hired by UM-St. Louis. Her original title was Coordinator for Special Services for Handicapped, Minority and Foreign Students. After a year, she changed her title, exchanging the words "disabled" for "handicapped" and "international" for "foreign." "Probably the best thing I find in this job is that there are many intrinsic rewards," she said. "The fact that I've been here now, it'll be 12 years soon...I've been here to meet my students when they first arrive, and I'm at every commencement ... so I see them from the very beginning through to graduating ... and that's just fantastic."

"I think Miss Ditto is a very dedicated and energetic worker," Chancellor Blanche Touhill said. "Her work with the handicapped has been an asset to the campus."

Sophomore Cheri Robertson, an applied psychology major, was blinded two years ago and has been



Photo: Dirk Fletcher

SAY CHEESE! Marilyn Ditto has been with UM-St. Louis for 12 years, and has been an instrumental factor in the placing and graduating of many students who may need extra assistance with their enrollment.

attending UM-St. Louis for three semesters. She said that Ditto was a big help in assisting her in finding tutors,

getting books on tape and books in Braille. Marilyn Ditto is one of UM-St.

Louis' unsung heroes. Her name and her accomplishments deserve recognition.

Ya Don't Say? What Is Your Idea Of The Perfect Date?

by Michele Lawson
photographer



"A man who is kind and cool and loves to eat dinner at Blueberry Hill. He loves to wear his 'blue and white' out to party on Friday night."
—Mindy Harmon, Junior, Business Administration



"Bungy cord jumping from the arch, followed by an evening of watching the planes fly by the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant with the perfect date."
—Karaja Kiburi, Junior, Computer Science



"A man who has style, charm, a weird sense of humor ... and of course, a Geo Storm!"
—Cory Filstead, Sophomore, Secondary Education/History



"I need a woman who has common sense, can make me laugh, and has the ability to teach me something."
—Thomas Kreuzkamp, Senior, Business Administration



"I need a body builder with a goal in life. He's got to be able to dance—so he can keep up with me on the dance floor."
—Holly Richards, Freshman, Business Administration



"In early afternoon we would walk around Westport Plaza, talk, laugh, and just be ourselves. We wouldn't put on a show or a mask. We would sit down by the lake and watch the sunset. Then we would go to a restaurant that wasn't too formal or stiff. If you're with the right person it doesn't matter much what you do. She would just have to know what real love is."
—Brad Panassow, Junior, Business Administration

Sex and Dating: Doing It The Right Way

by Robin Mayo
features editor

A small, socially aware and interested few sat anxiously in their chairs. A medium sized man in his late 20s stood calmly in front of the curious audience. Across his sweatshirt was quite an eye-catching phrase.

"Just because we're dating, don't mean we're mating."

"Or as some people prefer to read it, just because we're mating, don't mean we're dating", said Bob Hall at a lecture in the JC Penney auditorium Wednesday titled "Hands Off, Let's Talk," concerning sex and dating.

"Hands Off," Hall said, stands for respect in relationships, not anti-sex but anti-force, and "Let's Talk" signifies the need for direct and honest, open communication between partners.

Bob Hall is the owner of Learning To Live With Conflict, a company that deals with conflict resolutions

involving corporations, businesses, schools and more recently, sexual conflict between college students.

Hall has been lecturing at colleges across the nation for the past five years.

Initially Hall talked to only women's groups or at women's centers on college campuses about dating, sex, date rape and sexual assaults.

He feels that even though all people are not affected directly by rape or sexual assault, the violent acts indirectly affects the environment in which everyone lives.

"Being a guy that has never been affected by a rape or sexual assault still affects my ability to have a relationship, so it's real difficult to say it affects just women or just men," Hall said.

Many campuses will not consider bringing Hall's program to their schools, because, Hall says by offering and announcing this type of lecture people would think "We have a problem here on this campus." He

said colleges don't want to send that type of message, and it's bad for admissions.

"No parent is going to send their children to school where there are

problems with date and acquaintance rape," Hall said.

Growing up, children in most
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Photo: Tina Leu

WATCH THOSE HANDS! Bob Hall demonstrates a "first move" on a date with the help of Merissa Burnett, chairperson of the University Program Board.

Access To Success Creator Honored With Thomas Jefferson Award

by Linda Jarrett
Current features reporter

Doris Trojcek, UM-St. Louis Professor of Education was awarded the Thomas Jefferson Award March 19, in ceremonies on the UM-St. Louis campus.

This award is given annually to an educator from one of the four university of Missouri campuses who best exemplifies "personal influence and performance of duty in teaching and writing and scholarship, character and influence, devotion and loyalty to the University."

Trojcek has been an educator for 33 years, devoting much of that time to insure that young children are provided with the greatest possible opportunity to learn and to enjoy the learning experience.

Trojcek feels very strongly that the attitude of the elementary teacher is every bit as important as what he or she teaches day after day. She re-

ferred to a quote in *A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform*, published by the U.S. Department of Education which says, "Elementary teachers in particular must foster enthusiasm for learning."

"The problem is not so much with kids as with the teacher," says Trojcek. "You have to breakdown their (teacher's) fear of science and help them rediscover their sense of curiosity. That way, they'll learn." She continued, "Teaching is a lonely business at the elementary level. Teachers have little interaction with adults."

A native of Taylorville, IL, Trojcek became a nun and received a bachelor's degree in biology from Webster College. After teaching parochial schools for nine years, she decided she couldn't handle the rigidity. She was released from her vows and taught in the Ladue School District. She remained affiliated with Webster College which, at that time,

was the "powerhouse" for math and science curriculum. Through her affiliation, she was instrumental in developing a curriculum for plants in the science department for Ladue schools.

Recognizing her interest in science, Trojcek felt she needed more education and, through a Ford Foundation Grant, was able to attend Indiana University. She was one of the first students to utilize a four year graduate program that combined method instruction with supervision. Among her courses were those which dealt with teaching how to learn science in order to teach it to children. She graduated from Indiana University with master's and doctoral degrees in science education.

Through the years, Trojcek has developed a way to motivate children.

"You have to tap their natural curiosity," she said. "Despite the way kids are hooked on Nintendo and

shopping malls, little kids have a burning sense of curiosity, and you need to realize kids will best learn by interaction with objects and natural

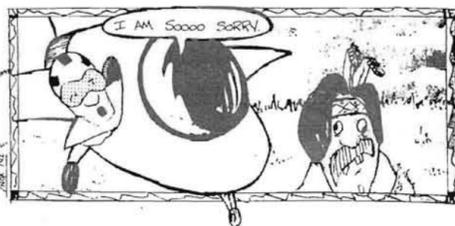
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DORIS TROJCEK

by Tom Knox

MO-THE-SPACE-GUY



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families were never given permission to talk about issues involving sex, and so most children learned about sex from friends, older brothers and sisters, on the bus, through movies and from watching television.

Bits and pieces of information, some right and some wrong would formulate a child's idea of what sex was really all about, he said.

"I'll guarantee we didn't all hear the same things, put the same way, from the same sources. A lot depended on your religious beliefs, your family's values, the kind of environment you grew up in, how much television or movies you watched, whether or not your friends were sexually active or if you came from a home where there was physical, emotional or sexual abuse," Hall said. "All these things play a role in the attitudes and expectations of dating and relationships."

When we reach our adult lives, we act upon the thoughts and conceptions learned as children, and after a certain point, have closed the door on gaining new knowledge about sex, Hall said.

Another factor is the comfort level people have when talking about sex. Hall said some audiences may not be as at ease with the topic as others.

Double standards and inconsistencies are common in society, and children growing up can easily receive mixed signals, he said.

Women are perceived as passive and gentle creatures who do not initiate sexual contact, allowing men to decide when and what will happen and how, he said.

Men are stereotyped as the aggressors, who make all the decisions, including ones concerning sex.

Hall said even the labels assigned to men and women show the scales are not balanced. When referring to a male who is "good with the ladies," he is referred to as a "stud," connoting positive characteristics. On the other end of the spectrum, a female who performs in the same manner is stamped on the forehead with the term "slut."

Orientations may not be the same for people who begin dating or who are in a relationship. Instead of communicating thought and feelings, couples will keep it to themselves, otherwise a conflict may arise, Hall said.

"We might be thinking to ourselves, 'What would they say or do if

they knew I wanted to do this later on this evening?' or 'How would they feel if I didn't want to become sexual?' Hall said. "Would they still be with me tonight? Would they still have paid for dinner?"

Instead of people saying what is on their minds, Hall said they develop hidden agendas and secret strategies to try to assert those agendas.

It is human nature to avoid conflict. Hall said it starts like a small fire, smoldering inside. As it grows, unreleased conflict blazes into a raging inferno, usually causing the per-

son to get burned. This reinforces the idea that conflict is bad and should be avoided.

Talking about your feelings is usually the best solution, and Hall offers this advice.

When partaking in creative, nocturnal activity, stop every so often and check in with your partner. It takes three seconds to say "Is this okay?", so you can be sure you are not overstepping the bounds of a relationship. This allows a partner to know that it is okay to say "Stop" or "No, I don't want to."

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ment recently," she continued. "A father came up to me one day and said, 'This is the only thing that has helped my daughter.'"

As an added bonus, Dr. Trojcek said that some of the elementary education majors are now taking jobs in Wellston, Normandy, and University City as a result of their multicultural exposure through ACCESS.

"They see the need and are responding to it," she said.

Dr. Trojcek has seen a need and has responded in a large way.

Donald H. Driemeier, interim vice chancellor for Academic Affairs said, "Dr. Trojcek is the type of faculty member and administrator who makes learning a joy for all ages. From that sense of pleasure, those she has touched have come to value the principles of reason and logical thinking, which form the cornerstone of her practice."

Other awards received by Dr. Trojcek

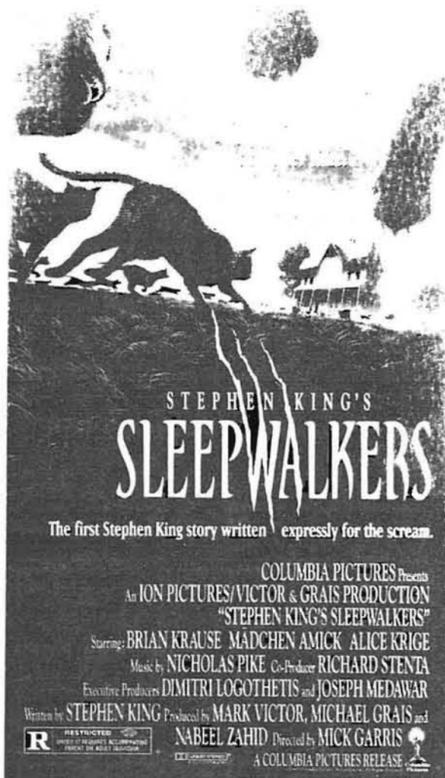
include the AMOCO Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching; the Outstanding Young Science Educator Award from the Association for the Education of Teachers in Science, National Science Teachers Association; and she has been listed in "Outstanding Educators in America" as well as "Leaders in Education."

"You have to have a love of learning," Dr. Trojcek summed up, "You can never be complacent."

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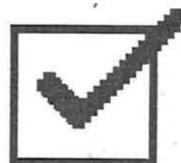
Stephen King, the author who has scared millions of book lovers and movie goers for years, is now going to show you what scares him in Stephen King's "Sleepwalkers," a film based on the first original screenplay ever written by King.

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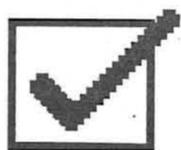
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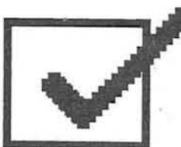
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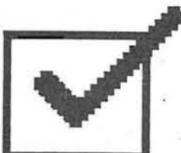
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In This Corner



Biondi And Ziegler; Not Foolin' April 1

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

Last Wednesday was an April Fools day that will "live in infamy" among the St. Louis sporting community.

In a 24 hour span, the National Hockey League players union announced that they would go ahead with their threat to strike and St. Louis University basketball head coach Rich Graver "resigned".

First, some thoughts on the NHL players strike. In the leagues 75 year history there has not been one strike by the players. Their 560-4 vote to strike came after rejecting the NHL owners new collective bargaining agreement.

This stance, by the players, marks the first time they have had the guts to stand up to the leagues archaic thinking. Owners cite huge losses in profits and escalating salaries as a reason for not accepting the players package.

Well, obviously they are not following the rest of the professional sporting world. Most pro bowlers make more money a year than the pro pucksters. If Brett Hull hit home runs like he scored goals he would be making \$10 million a year playing baseball.

A lot of fans and journalists see this event as the leagues "end of innocence". Major League Baseball has struck three times in the last 20 years and the National Football League has struck twice in the last 10.

One of the biggest contributors of the players frustration is the lack of exposure on network television.

Disregarding the last three All-Star games, the last time a game was televised on a network was 1980. CBS broadcast the final game of the Stanley Cup. And what a game it was. Bobby Nystrom scored the game winner against the Philadelphia Flyers, in overtime, to give the fledgling New York Islanders their first Cup. I remember thinking after that game, "wow" with the action, emotion and fan fervor just witnessed by all of America the NHL would breath some network life.

Wrong! Even after that game, and the telecasts of the U.S. Olympic hockey team winning a gold medal, the league decided to turn it's cold shoulder to the rest of America devoid of an NHL franchise.

Just think. After the Super Bowl what do sports fans really have to choose from except basketball? Let's see. There is exciting bowling action. Can Pete Weber pick up the spare for win? Oh God, I can hardly stand the drama. There is also a lot of golf tournaments being played during the winter months, and don't get me wrong I'm an avid golf participant, but watching a bunch of guys playing golf in Florida or Hawaii is not something I want to see during the month of January, in St. Louis.

If the players and owners can reach an agreement by the start of the play-offs-Wednesday- the league and the networks should get together and plan for some games of the week for 1992-93.

Just the thought of the New York Rangers missing out on their first Stanley Cup title since 1940 is enough to bring tears to my eyes. Then again, so has the play of our beloved Blues this year. If the rest of this season is canned, it may have saved Brian Sutters job.

Okay, with that out of the way, let's turn our attention to "As St. Louis University turns". It looked for a moment that Channel 5's Mike (Mookie) Bush had lost a relative as he announced Grawers demise. Yeah, he was real upset wasn't he? Just a few weeks prior Bush himself sounded Grawers

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For Kelly, Pitching Isn't Childs Play



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

CHILD THING: UM-St. Louis pitcher Kelly Childs led Lafayette High to a state championship in 1987.

by Pete Dicrispino
Current sports reporter

If you happen to catch a UM-St. Louis Riverwomen's softball game this year, there is a 70 percent chance you will see right-handed pitcher Kim Childs toe the rubber.

The Riverwomen rely heavily on the arm of Childs, who is slowly becoming the pitching ace of the team.

Childs, a junior English major, is in her first year at UM-St. Louis having transferred from Columbia College in Missouri. She not only brings a solid arm to the team, but also carries a resume of impressive credentials.

A three-time most valuable player at Lafayette High School, Childs helped the Lancers to a state championship in 1987 and a state runner-up finish in 1986. She also helped Columbia College win two district three titles in her two-year stint with the team.

"Kelly has excellent control and doesn't get rattled out on the mound," Riverwomen coach Harold Brumbaugh said.

Childs believes she has tried to bring some of her winning experience to the Riverwomen this year.

"I try to keep everyone up during the games, and help the team maintain a good

attitude," Childs said.

Catcher Stephanie Adelman likes what Childs has brought to the team.

"Kelly keeps everyone going during the games, the girls know she'll be there when we need her," Adelman said.

Though Childs' record of 4-6 is subpar, the rest of her pitching statistics are by no means subpar. She has pitched 57 innings, and has a 1.70 earned run average.

"I feel comfortable putting Kelly out there," Brumbaugh said. "She'll only get better as the season goes on."

What can opposing hitters look for when they face Childs? How about an assortment of pitches from an inside-outside curve, to a change-up, a roll-over, or slow curve. Childs has about eight pitches all together.

"Kelly not only has good control, but she's also a smart pitcher who knows what to throw and when to throw it," Adelman said.

Childs now more than ever will be a key to how the Riverwomen finish.

The Riverwomen not only lost four of five games in the MIAA South Division Tournament on Mar. 27-28, but they also lost two starters to injuries.

Right fielder Amy Deal may be lost for the rest of season with a knee injury, and

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Photo: Alfie M. Ali

PUCK STOPPER: Matt Ocello earned a shot at a hockey fans greatest dream.

UM-St. Louis Goalie Heads Up-River To Peoria

by Jack C. Wang
Current sports reporter

Growing up in Affton, UM-St. Louis' Matt Ocello always wanted to be a hockey player. At the early age of 5, he decided that he wanted to be a hockey goalie.

Recently, Ocello got his chance. Wayne Thomas, the assistant coach of the St. Louis Blues contacted Ocello about joining the Blues' minor league team in Peoria.

"It was the best experience in hockey," said Ocello, who was signed to a tryout contract. He was the backup goalie to J.C. Beregon on an emergency basis. While Ocello never got into a game, he calls the experience "a posi-

tive one."

Ocello was originally signed to be with the team for only a few games. But with the injury to Curtis Joseph, the Peoria Rivermen needed a backup goalie. He ended up staying with the team for two and a half weeks.

Ocello, 6 feet 175 pounds, considers himself to be an angle goalie, similar to Curtis Joseph. He likes to come out and challenge the shooter and to cut down the angle.

Even though Ocello was released recently, he still thinks highly of the experience. Ocello says that before leaving for Peoria, he wasn't sure if hockey was what he wanted to do as his career. But after going down to Peoria, he realized that "I can play at this level."

The release from the Rivermen doesn't disillusion him from minor league hockey. "I was pretty excited about the entire thing," and he was happy to be with the team for an extended period.

As a child, Ocello decided to become a goalie because it was a challenge to him. He believes that it is the hardest position to play in any sport, because "you have to move quick."

His older brother is a role model and influenced him to play hockey. Ocello grew up watching his brother play hockey, and "he is the reason I started playing."

"Peoria is a great place to play," Ocello said. "The team gets fantastic support, and the first night I arrived, the game against Phoenix was sold out." Ocello adds that everyone in town knows who you are if you play hockey.

The only weakness in Ocello's ability as a goalie is his concern with his mental concentration. Ocello believes playing at the minor league level is 90 percent mental. "The physical part of the game is something that you should know how to play already," he said.

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HOCKEY

Rivermen Face Mo. Southern In Key Conference Play Have Won 11 Out Of Last 13

by Greg Albers
Current sports reporter

Despite the cold weather, the UM-St. Louis baseball Rivermen continued their hot streak last week.

After splitting a weekend double header with UM-Rolla, the ballclub beat McKendree, SIU-Edwardsville and Eureka on successive days to run their overall record to 14-8. With the victory over Eureka, the Rivermen had won eight of their last nine games and 11 of their last 13.

"I'm happy with the way the team is playing," said head coach Jim Brady. "We beat a good team (Wednesday) night."

The victory Brady was referring to was the come-from-behind triumph against SIUE that was played in near freezing temperatures. Aided by a two key errors, Brady's bunch staged a four run eighth inning rally that put the team ahead for good in the 6-4 win over the Cougars.

Sophomore Donnie Jolliff and freshman Jason Wilson contributed key hits and junior Blaine Shetley was credited with the victory. Junior Chuck McNelly pitched the final two innings to nail down the save.

"Chuck has really been throwing the ball well," said Brady. "We had used (Jim) Foley the night before so we brought Chuck in with men on first and third and he got the double play."

On Thursday the team put on their hitting shoes for a 22-1 trouncing of Eureka that was capped by an 11 run sixth inning. The club sets school records for hits in an inning (13) and hits in a game (29). All the regulars notched at least two hits and Jolliff and sophomore Jeff Eye each collected five safeties to tie another school record. Jolliff raised his team leading batting average to .402 with the performance. Junior Bob Mutnansky got in the carnage by delivering two home runs over the left field wall and collecting six runs batted in.

The offensive show almost overshadowed a brilliant pitching performance by freshman Dave Schroll. The six-foot-eight lefty overpowered the Red Devils en route to a two-hitter. The victory was his first in the collegiate

ranks.

"He's my project this year," said a proud Brady. "I'm really high on Dave. He's a hard worker. He's got a lot of potential."

The team is shaping up well for the upcoming conference schedule. The team batting average is up to a robust .325, while the hurlers have limited the opposition to a paltry .223. The defense, however has been suspect at times. The team has committed 53 errors in 22 games. They have lost seven of the 12 games in which they committed three or more errors.

In addition, several pitchers have struggled through bouts of wildness. Brady attributes much of the difficulties to the cold weather.

"My biggest adversary so far has been the weather," said Brady.

"It's hard to get loose when it's so cold. The season really should not begin until April and should not end until June."

Brady was happy with the performance of the team the past two weeks, but his sights were set on the three games against Southwest Baptist over the weekend (April 3-4).

"We've got to focus on this weekend," said Brady. "If we can sweep Baptist, this team is really going to take off. These are games we have to win. They're a good team, but we should beat them. If we win all three games we'll be in good shape for Missouri Southern (April 10, 11)."



Photo: Dirk Fletcher

POW WOW: Skipper Jim Brady conferring on the mound last week.



Photo: Dirk Fletcher

BIG BOPPER: Rivermen infielder David Leeper gets congrat's after a home run last week.

Upcoming Rivermen Games

- April 7 Southeast Missouri State
- April 9 McKendree
- April 10 Missouri Southern
- April 11 Missouri Southern (2)
- April 13 Northeast Missouri State

Golf Squad Place Second In Tommy Armour Invitational

Freshman Dave Rhoads took top individual honors as the UM-St. Louis golf squad finished second in the annual Tommy Armour Rivermen Invitational on March 30, at Bogey Hills Country Club in St. Charles.

Rhoads shot the low score of the day with a 1-over-par 70 to pace the Rivermen, who finished just three strokes behind tournament champion SIU-Edwardsville. SIU-E defended its 1991 tournament championship with a score of 305, followed by UM-St. Louis and Millikin, both at 308.

The Rivermen entered two separate teams in the 20-team tournament, and both performed well. The "Red" squad was led by Rhoads, who finished three strokes ahead of SIU-E standout and tournament runner-up Tom Sweetwood. Rivermen freshman Andy Davison fired a 76 for his best score of the spring. Brothers Morgan and Levi Gonzales both shot 81, and sophomore Chris Sanders came in at 82.

The "Gold" team placed 10th in the team standings with a score of 325. Tom Cullinane led the Rivermen with a 79, followed by Andy Turner, at 81, Scott Worley, at 82, Tim Canoy, at 83, and Darren Sutch, at 88.

"I was pleased with the performance of both teams," UM-St. Louis Jim Niederkorn said. "Some of the guys were disappointed with their scores, but others picked up the slack. Overall it was a good day for us."

-Compiled by Jeff Kuchno

Upcoming Matches:

- April 6-7 Missouri Intercollegiate 7:30 a.m.
- April 10-11 Bradley Invitational TBA
- April 17-18 Blue Classic 1:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.
- April 24-25 Missouri-Rolla Best Ball 12:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.

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deathnell on his "Sports Plus 30" program.
The beleaguered Graver won't be sailing on any ships named the "Bounty" in the near future that's for sure.
His teams dismal 5-23 finish sure didn't help his cause, but what did I tell you a couple of weeks ago about the "magic bullet theory"? You can bet a Billiken that every-one of those players that walked off of the team were coerced to some degree by the local media's crying.
This you can take to the bank. Whatever happens regarding the NHL strike and the SLU ordeal won't effect the positive athletes and coaches here at dear ole' UMSL.

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second baseman Jennifer Sinclair could miss some games due to a possible broken nose.
In addition to the injuries and after playing five games in two days with only two pitchers, the Riverwomen could use a rest.
"I'm praying for rain in our upcoming games," Brumbaugh said.
If you want to see some exciting softball, come out and see Kelly Childs and the rest of the Riverwomen play at St. Ann's Field in St. Ann.
The Riverwomen will play McKendree Apr. 9, and St. Louis University Apr. 16.

Dan Flaherty contributed some information for this article.

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Ocello feels that his experience at Peoria will give him an advantage for minor league tryouts next year. "Hopefully, I'll be able to play at that next level."
Depending on the situation next year, Ocello will either return to UM-St. Louis' hockey club or sign with a team after tryouts, which start before the school year. The dream of playing professional hockey is something that you dream about all your life, says Ocello.
Harold Snepsts, the former defenseman for the Blues and current coach of the Peoria Rivermen told Ocello that he would be happy to give recommendations to other teams, and "that gives me lots of encouragement for next year," Ocello says.
Ocello, 22, is a sophomore at UM-St. Louis and is majoring in business with an emphasis in marketing and accounting. Ocello will only lose his amateur status if he signs a professional contract with a minor league team.
Hopefully, Ocello will be able to sign on with a minor league team and pursue his dream of playing professional hockey in the National Hockey League.

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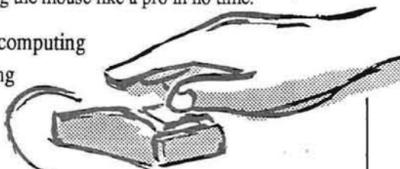
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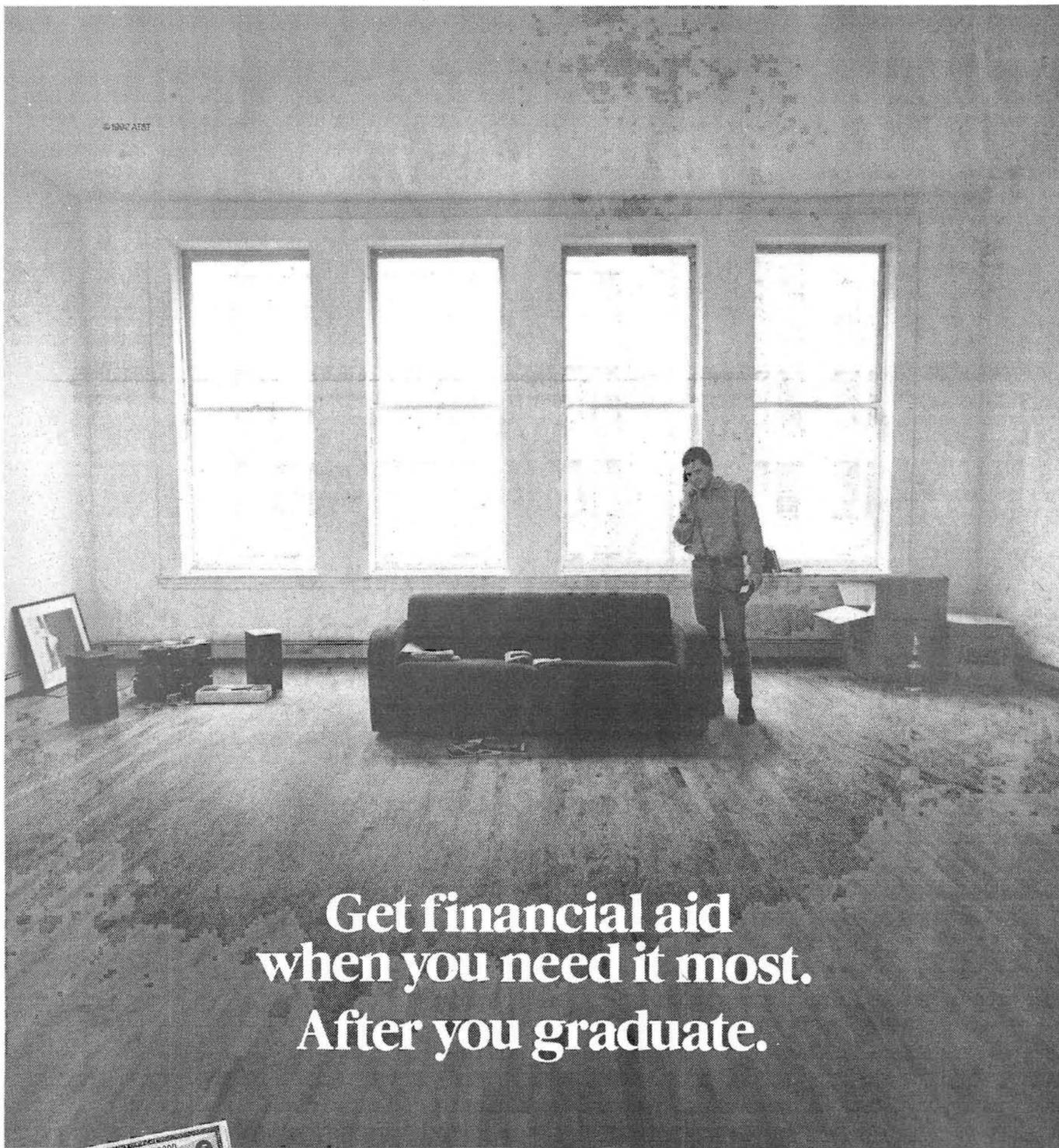
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