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Committee Votes To Keep Policy On Signs

by Bill Farnsworth
Current news reporter

Fraternity and sorority members are calling Thursday's unanimous vote by the Senate Student Affairs Committee to keep posting regulations the same a victory.

"It is been a long time coming and I think that it is time that we put this behind us," Rick Strifler, president of Sigma Tau Gamma, said.

Strifler was one of twenty-five greek members that lined the walls to voice their concerns and opinions regarding the committee's possible recommendation on student organization advertisements on University grounds.

The issue of changing posting regulations came up last month when Matteucci said the signs advertising fraternity parties were a form of sexual harassment.

Rick Blanton, assistant director of student activities, said UM-St. Louis' posting regulations is the result of decision made by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, (NASPA), the National Association of Collegiate Activities (NACA) and the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). These are national organizations and the policy was developed in 1985.

Blanton then circulated pictures of the signs that were under question to the committee.

"There is no photograph of the sign that contains the phrase 'Come on I want to lay you' since that sign was removed when it was discovered that no request for approval had been submitted to the University Center [Office of Student Activities]. However, it was removed due to a lack of approval, and not because it was offensive or because it violated the concept or the policies that were in place," he said.

"[The committee] might also consider the far reaching implications of censorship, freedom of expression and other constitutional guarantees prior to deciding whether or not these signs, and similar signs posted in the past, and likely [signs] to be requested in the future, should be allowed," Blanton said.

"It is my opinion that the signs are not in violation of local, state or federal statutes, they do not violate

Election Update

Frat Member Wants Democracy In SGA

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

Saying that he is "not running for the Greeks, but for the people," Mike Tomlinson threw his hat into the Student Government Association (SGA) presidential race.

Tomlinson, Pi Kappa Alpha member, said he will make it official when SGA sets the filing deadline. That decision is expected to come at today's SGA meeting.

Tomlinson and his running mate, Dave Roither, said their decision to run was based on what SGA President

Mark Grimes and Vice President Julie Schwetz had accomplished.

"We have been noticing a lack of democracy in SGA and noticing negative remarks that are directed toward other organizations," Tomlinson said.

"It's time to restore democracy and put checks and balances back into SGA."

Tomlinson said he is forming a group called "The Right Party." The coalition is the backbone of Tomlinson's campaign because it will involve not just Greek members, but also students from the Evening Col-

lege and Athletics, for example.

"Our goal is to run a very positive election, with the aspect of getting the student body involved," he said.

Tomlinson said he can't control the tuition increases over the next five years, but he will fight "tooth and nail" if additional fees are proposed. "As far as lowering tuition, it can't be done," he said.

Tomlinson also said if university officials raise admission standards, it would be a "blow to minority stu-

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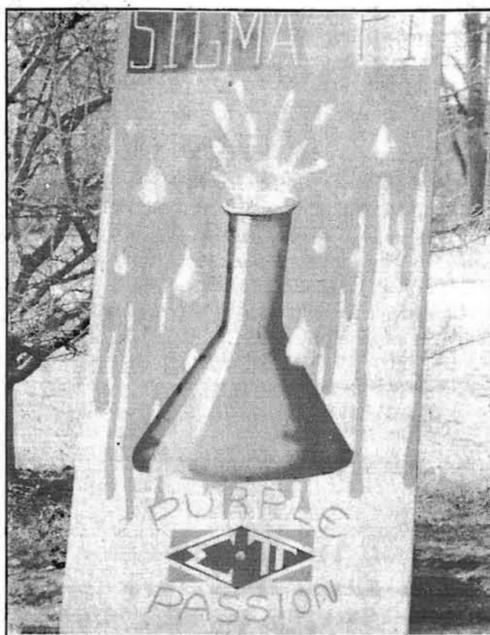


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PROVOCATIVE? A sign located on North Campus that some student leaders find a form of sexual harassment.

current University policy, and therefore should not be disallowed," he said.

The procedures Matteucci called into question involved the completion of an application and a deposit of \$25, to be returned if the sponsoring organization removes the signs within 24 hours after the expiration of the approval by the Student Activities Office.

"Were these procedures in fact, done for these signs?" Matteucci asked.

"Absolutely. We've still got the checks, as a matter of fact," Blanton replied.

The points brought up by fraternity members were that the sign stating "Get Screwed" by Sig Tau was, in fact, a theme party where the participants each received a piece of hardware that corresponded with another piece that someone else at the party was holding, the point being to pair up with the corresponding nut or bolt.

In addition, the sign promoting "Purple Passion" by Sigma

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Kids On Campus Program Gets The Ax

by Matt Forsythe
Current news reporter

Kids on Campus, a program organized and underwritten by the School of Continuing Education and aimed at giving grammar school children a different kind of educational experience, will be cut Apr. 11 due to lack of sufficient funding.

The classes taught included everything from improvisational acting, to sculpting, conversational Spanish, and physics. The program provided a broad range of topics that children could choose from and study, and focused on experiential learning with challenging topics. "Too bad it's going. It's an outreach to the community that the campus is going to miss," Pat Albers, director of the Kids on Campus program, said.

"It was not for gifted children. It was for children who wanted to get experiences they really can't get at school" Albers said.

Unfortunately, the program fell under the ax of reorganization this year as the School of Continuing Education had to make cuts.

Dean of Continuing Education Wendell Smith said, "We regret having to lose this program. Enrichment of young people is important to the community, but with reallocation, we had to look at what the university considers its core mission

and judge programs according to that. This program was not paying its own way, so in view of this fact and the university's more rigid core mission, we had to make a tough decision. This is the price we pay in difficult economic times."

The program was very well received at UM-St. Louis and had as many as 16 classes running in a given winter or fall semester session. Classes were made up of children in first through eighth grade. Children were grouped by grade and attended programs for an hour and a half on six Saturdays of a winter or fall semester. During the summer, the program ran five days a week for two weeks, with classes lasting 80 minutes.

The program was created in 1986 by a group UM-St. Louis faculty who were concerned about getting children interested in science. Since that time, the program has broadened its subject matter and recruited several area teachers and professionals to its ranks to help teach the program's diverse curriculum.

The instructors for the program are anything but average. Chris Goodyear, the instructor for the acting class, is a Broadway and TV actor and has done graduate work at Yale. In addition, he has directed 150 musicals and toured the United States with the New York City Opera Company. He and the rest of the instructors are committed to showing the children a

college level experience with college level ideas.

"The program was an introduction to a campus style form for the kids. We treated them the same way they are going to be treated in college. The main goal was to make education fun by getting a hold of their interests," Goodyear said. "The students were really motivated - get them in and they were really sold on your program."

Another instructor, Bob Lombardo, who taught a sculpting class and an art class, commented on the loss of the program: "It's a hell of a shame. No kid did not like it. I've taught graduate seminars in California, and in these classes I discussed things with kids the same way I discussed things with graduate students. There was some genuine information being exchanged in that class. The kids really grew. It was a valuable experience for everybody, myself included," Lombardo said.

Lombardo also expressed his anger because, in his view, "Art programs are offered up first. Liberal Arts education is about broadening bases. That base has been getting narrower and narrower. Some students' real concerns are not met until the college level. That's why it is important to present students with the broadest possible base in order that they have more choices in the future," he said.

Jacques Cousteau To Receive Award At UMSL

by Bill Farnsworth
Current news reporter

Jacques-Yves Cousteau, world-renowned underwater explorer and environmentalist, will receive the World Ecology Medal Wednesday.

Cousteau, 82, will receive the award from the International Center for Tropical Ecology. The Center will present the award to Cousteau in a ceremony that begins at 11 a.m. in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. The medal is awarded annually by the Center to an ecology activist who demonstrates a commitment to focusing international attention on the environment and environmental concerns.

Cousteau is currently promoting and mounting a global campaign that will ultimately amend the United Nations Charter with a "Bill of Rights for Future Generations." His

aim is to create provisions in the U.N. Charter stating that future generations "have a right to an uncontaminated and undamaged Earth."

He has said that the "two fluids of life, air and water," are being polluted, contaminated and damaged by ignorance, neglect and greed.

Cousteau maintains that everyone has an obligation to prevent "irreversible and irreparable harm to life on Earth." He proposes that, as one possibility, people should stop relying on pesticides and develop revolutionary agricultural methods.

"We have to cease using the ocean as a universal sewer," Cousteau said in reference to the common practice by luxury liners dumping trash and other waste overboard into the seas.

His Bill of Rights for Future Generations proposes that "All appropriate measures, including education, research and legislation, shall be taken

to guarantee these rights and to ensure that (You left out a word here) not be sacrificed for expediencies and conveniences."

The Bill has, to date, generated support in the form of a petition that contains more than one million signatures. The petition has been circulating since May 1991. Cousteau says that as many as 10 million signatures may be required to attract international attention to the petition. His goal is to place his Bill of Rights for Future Generations on the docket to be discussed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993.

Cousteau will speak about the Petition for Future Generations and will answer questions at the press conference at 10:15, preceding the award ceremony. The petition will be available at ceremony. The public is invited and admission is free.

Proposition O Passage Could Mean New Swimming Facilities At UM-St. Louis

by Bill Farnsworth
Current news reporter

The UM-St. Louis campus is a primary site being considered for an Olympic-calibre swimming and diving facility.

The 1994 Olympic Festival will be held in St. Louis, and facilities to accommodate the athletes and the competitions are being planned. The only obstacle that has to be overcome is Proposition O, a proposition that will allow the levy of a property tax up to \$.04 per \$100 assessed value of property. This translates roughly to \$5 a year for a \$70,000 home, the average value of property in the St. Louis area.

The vote on Proposition O will take place on Apr. 7. If passed, the tax will provide funding for an Olympic-calibre swimming, diving and water sports facility; a multi-purpose facility to host track and field, gymnastics and fencing events; improvements to existing baseball and softball facilities; and a cycling facility. These facilities will be open to the public when not being used for competitions.

If Proposition O passes, five-

member panel commissions will be created to pick sites for the new facilities.

"This is the best thing that has happened to St. Louis since the 1904 World's Fair," Jack Weinert, vice president of the 1994 Olympic Festival Committee, said.

Weinert said that the Festival, which will be held July 1-10, 1994, will consist of 37 Olympic-style competitions. He also said that many of the athletes that will compete at the Festival "go on to become Olympic athletes or are former Olympic athletes."

A flyer for the passage of Proposition O states that benefits of the new facilities will be realized through the creation of new jobs for the construction and improvement of facilities, the economic "boom" created by hosting the Festival itself and the possibility of being selected to host the 1998 International Goodwill Games.

Weinert estimated that over the next ten years \$1 billion in revenue can be created, directly and indirectly, through the passage of Proposition O.

Weinert cited Minneapolis as a comparable situation. He said that

Minneapolis, through the 1990 creation of facilities similar to those proposed for St. Louis, has seen an economic impact of \$28 million, \$49 million and an estimated \$48.5 million for 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively, he said that St. Louis could see economic impacts such as these if Proposition O passes.

Weinert was, however, "cautiously optimistic" about the passage of the proposition. The fact that the proposition requires passage in both the city and county of St. Louis will make it harder to pass. If it passes in one but not the other, the proposition will fail.

"We will still have a Festival," Weinert said, when asked about the possibility of a defeat of Proposition O. "Any time you mention the word 'Olympics,' you attract attention. We are aggressively trying to inform the voters about Proposition O."

David Clossey, volunteer coordinator for Proposition O, said, "What we really need now is volunteers ... and votes."

Questions about Proposition O and volunteering can be answered by calling the Proposition O campaign headquarters at 542-0222.

In Remembrance



Photo: Alfie Ali

Hundreds of people filled the Mark Twain Gymnasium on Sunday, March 8, to honor the late Marguerite Ross Barnett who died in Hawaii on Wednesday, February 26 from complications due to cancer.

Barnett was chancellor of UM-St. Louis from 1986 to 1990. She served as the first black woman chancellor of UM-St. Louis.

Above, her husband Walter King is comforted by friend Pearlle Evans at the memorial service.

At the time of her death, Barnett was president of the University of Houston.

Curators To Decide Cuts

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

Discussions and decisions about the future of the University of Missouri are at stake as the Board of Curators meets Friday.

The meeting, which will take place at UM-St. Louis, will center around a five-year plan that will save the UM system \$80 million.

David Lendt, UM spokesman, said the plan will be the biggest item on the agenda.

"And there will be some philosophical discussion about issues beyond the five-year plan," Lendt said.

The UM system is already set to save \$10 million from its early retirement package. At the UM-St. Louis campus, 20 faculty members and 32 staff members took advantage of the package.

A total of 698 UM employees took the early retirement offer. More employees may be eligible, pending legal questions.

The retirements mean UM officials have more flexibility to channel more money into financial aid, salaries, libraries and maintenance.

UM-St. Louis has already cut nearly \$6.5 million from its budget. In early March, \$5.7 million was cut and up to 35 jobs could be lost.

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The sign promoting "Sig Tau Dry" is a direct reference to the fraternity implementing a "dry rush," or the recruitment of new members without the use or lure of alcohol.
The sign that contained the phrase "Come on I want to lay you" involved yet another theme party where participants received a lei, a necklace of flowers.

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He also said he would like to see more balance of minorities in the Honors College.
Tomlinson is a senior majoring in history. He has been at UM-St. Louis since Spring 1990. He graduated from Ritenour High School and then attended Northeast Missouri State University.
At Ritenour, he was president of the National Honor Society and the Senior Class. He was also KNEU-FM political director.

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Unpopular Decisions...

Change is always hard to make and accept. There are decisions managers make that are popular and unpopular.

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill recently axed the Continuing Education-Extension program almost completely. The department's budget was slashed by 85 percent, meaning a good number of its programs will not continue.

One of those programs was Kids on Campus. This program was not aimed at gifted children, but rather ones "who wanted to get experiences they really can't get at school," said the program's director Pat Albers.

For these kids, education was fun. It was all about learning acting, Spanish and physics. The kids were treated like adults and instructors motivated these kids. All parties benefited from this excellent educational experience.

But UM-St. Louis, like all higher education institutions, is re-examining its mission. Touhill does not like to make these cuts, whether it be jobs or programs.

It is unfortunate the ax had to fall on children. Today, children need to be motivated by these programs, and UM-St. Louis has always led the community in helping children from all socio-economic backgrounds receive something. That something may be an award or more motivation to stay in school and get a diploma.

Decisions about what to cut from this campus must be made. Kids on Campus, unfortunately, is part of that equation.

UM-St. Louis is obviously changing the way it does business.

...And Protesting Them

UM-St. Louis fraternities and sororities borrowed a chapter out of what Mizzou students did two weeks ago.

At UM-Columbia, 200 students were upset that there was no student representation on a committee that would select the next chancellor. So the students locked arms and blocked doors leading to UM System President George Russell's office.

The students finally got what they wanted. Interim Chancellor Gerald Brouder said he would meet with the students to discuss their concerns.

On Thursday, 25 Greek members from UM-St. Louis stood up in an adult-like manner and addressed their concerns regarding possible changes in posting regulations. Paul Matteucci, outgoing student representative to the Board of Curators, and SGA Vice President Julie Schwetz said fraternities that displayed certain alcoholic beverages and slogans like "Get Screwed" were asking for trouble. They claimed the rules should be changed.

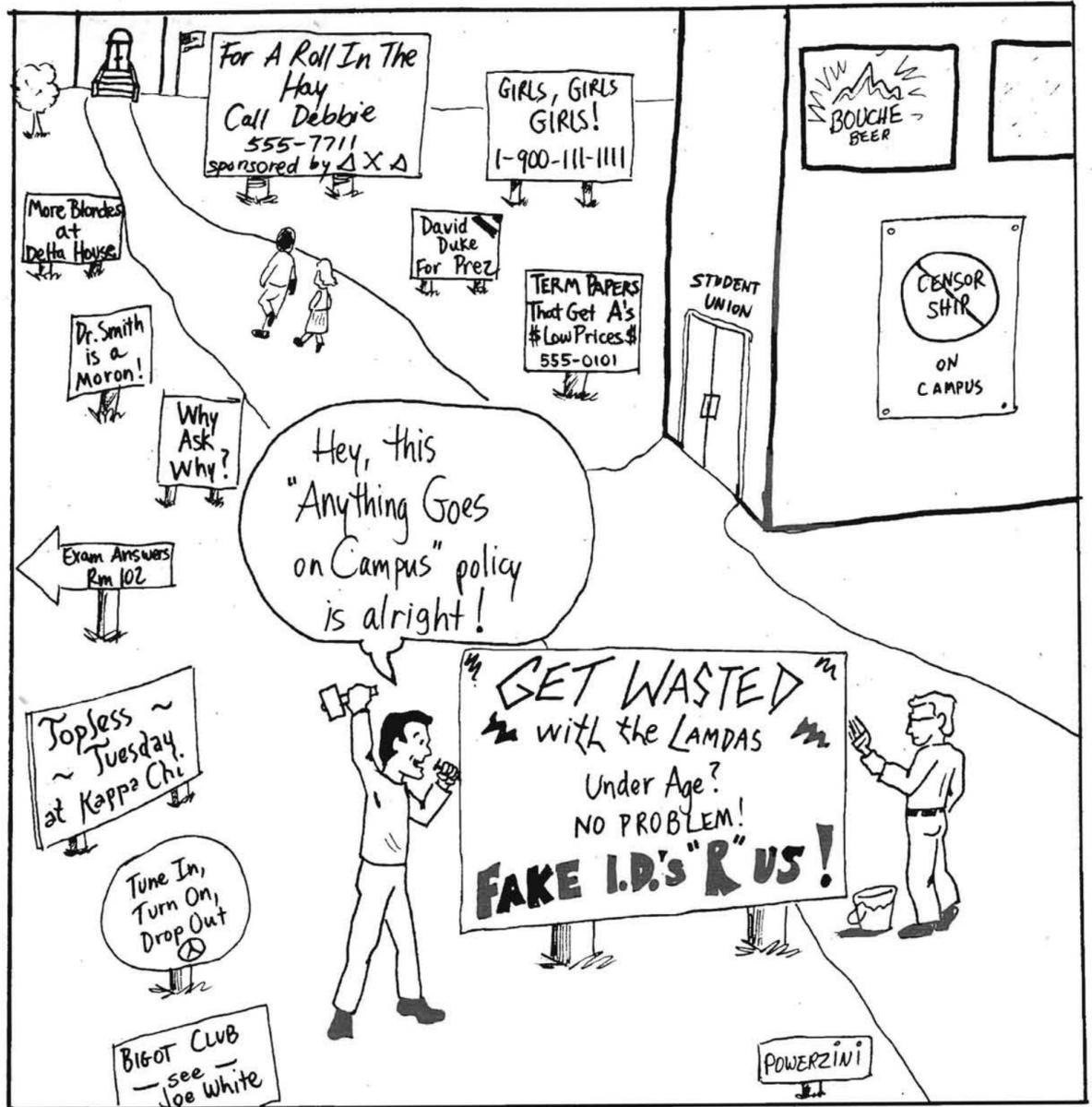
Word quickly spread in the Greek system and, as a show of protest and force, they showed up. On the line for all student groups was if the Student Senate Affairs Committee changed posting regulations, censorship would occur.

The Greeks stood for what they believed in. In fact, the committee learned several things about why fraternities use certain slogans.

In the end, the committee voted 6-0 to keep the regulations the same.

Rumors are now circulating that the Women's Center may hold a protest. They are upset because of the potential shutdown of the Women's Center.

While the decision by the committee is a victory for all student groups, it signals a possible wave of students and staff who are tired of what administrators are doing.



LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Beliefs Of What Women Are Needs Change

Dear Editor:

March is the month designated for celebrating "Women." March 8 was International Women's Day. We acknowledge women who have made accomplishments - the heroes.

There are others, the unsung ones. They are single, married or homeless. These women are in offices, courtrooms, classrooms, kitchens, food lines and battlefields. Women are everywhere! There are the protesters in Azania (South Africa), the doggers of death squads in El Salvador and the rock throwers in Palestine.

Women are the "oppressed ma-

jority." What is their plight? Is a baby boy more valuable than a baby girl? What is expected from women? Even though this is 1992, females are still told to "just be pretty but not too smart," while males are told to "go and sow your oats." With the threat of AIDS, we should be hearing, "be smart and don't sow any oats."

Internationally, what does it mean to be a woman today? There is still physical and mental abuse, forced marriages, harassment, random divorce and misogyny. Women are still expected to bear and rear children. Women of color are expected to be domestic workers, naturally. Is there

still "women's work?" Did Pharaoh Hatshepsut or Sojourner Truth perform "women's work?"

The challenges that women face are very complex. They will not be resolved by simply electing a Democrat, Republican or even an Independent. None of them can or will address the true causes of oppression within the society. There are many places, like America, where over half the population is oppressed. These economic systems exploit workers and women, especially African women. All women need to be secure, adequately housed and clothed, have access to quality medical care, get an

education (science and math included) and be able to get decent nutritional food. This holds true whether women are in Soweto, Big Mountain, Calcutta, Glasgow, Santiago, Wellington or St. Louis.

Societies are needed which proactively encourage the idea that males and females are equal (yet different). Each individual should have equal opportunity to reach their fullest potential. What is needed is an egalitarian, humane and just society. What a vision!

The reality is that this will come about only through a political, economic and social revolution. We need to diametrically change our ideas and actions. This accomplishment will require mass political education, disciplined study and work, and revolutionary positive relations based on genuine love and respect for humanity.

Will we meet this challenge?

Tom O'Conner

A member of Sisterhood Exchange

Frats Signs: 'Social Retardation'

Dear Editor:

A flyer passed out on campus recently promoting the recent TKE-Hawaiian party. Come on I want to lay you - speaks volumes about the social retardation of these groups. It is apparent that the true functions of these social fraternities is to promote sexual exploitation, alcohol abuse and the creation of elitist social groups.

It is not surprising that the administration of UMSL not only accepts these social fraternities, but allows these organizations to use the university and its facilities to promote 1950's values of exploitation, social irresponsibility and discrimination. In my opinion, these flyers and

the fraternity attitudes toward woman actually constitutes a hostile environment for many women on this campus. In some cases this could be considered sexual harassment, for which the campus may be held liable.

As a member of the Student Senate I will do my best to review the charters of organizations which promote irresponsible behavior. It is my belief that everyone should be treated with dignity, respect and equality.

The values of social fraternities have been rejected by mainstream America. Groups which consider women second class citizens, good for only sex groups promote alcohol abuse and elitism have no place on campus, or in society. I will do my

best to have these charters revoked and move UM-St. Louis into the 1990's.

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by Robin Mayo
features editor

When most of us hear the words "St. Patrick's Day," certain images come to mind. The color green, shamrocks, Ireland, corned beef and cabbage and lots and lots of green beer.

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Legendarily, St. Patrick is known for driving the snakes of Ireland into the sea to their demise. He is also credited with using the shamrock as a concept to explain the Holy Trinity, showing any unbeliever how three separate leaves can all come from one stalk.

St. Patrick was the driving force in bringing Christianity to Ireland and helping Christianize the Picts and the Anglo-Saxons.

Shamrocks have become the national symbol of Ireland, and are worn frequently on lapels. A Shamrock (from the Irish word *trefoil*—meaning three leafed) is a small herb that comes in three varieties.

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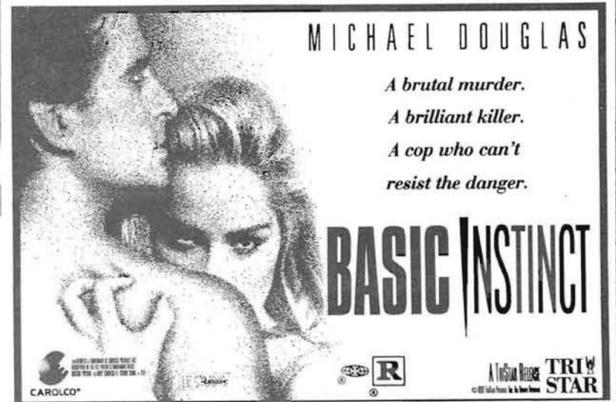
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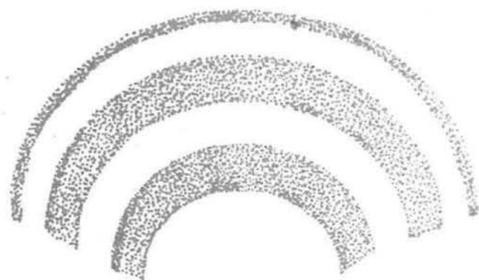
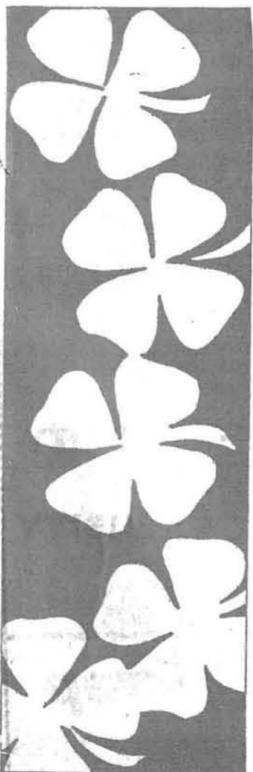
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• Clover belongs to the pea family, Leguminosae. Wood sorrel is sometimes sold by florists as shamrock, but is not considered to be "the real thing."

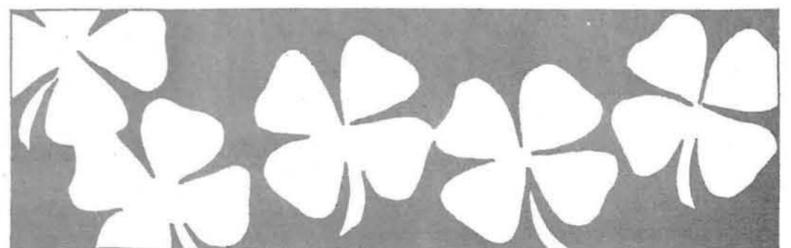
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King For A Day: UMSL Student Finalist For Scholarship

by Don Barnes
Current features reporter

Criminology and Criminal Justice major Joe King has been chosen as a finalist in the race for the Harry S. Truman scholarship fund. In this interview, King explains the award, how he made it to the finals and shares his views about society as a whole.

Q: Explain the Truman award.
A: You're nominated by your school. You have to write a positive proposal on a societal problem, then submit an extensive application concerning your life since high school. Out of the 1700 students nationwide, they pick 200 finalists. UM-St. Louis has never had a finalist. They've been competing since 1964—since they've been here—and never had a finalist. Now from those 200 people, they're gonna pick 1 per state and 50 at large, and those people will get (approximately) \$30,000 for graduate school.

Q: Are there only two people from the state chosen as finalists?
A: No. There are five from Missouri, but UM-St. Louis is the only school with two people, and we're the only school in the St. Louis area with finalists.

Q: Who sponsored your nomination?
A: Scott Decker, chairman of the criminology department.

We just got back from Kansas City, where we were interviewed by a panel of five people. A U.S. appeals court judge, the president of Mizzou, the president of William Jewell, an ex-Truman winner who is a Ph.D. at Jackson State, and one more administrator.

Q: How did that go?
A: Pretty well. The interview is meant to get to know me personally. They knew me on paper, and had read my proposal. Now they wanted me to talk about myself, and defend my proposal.

Q: What problem did you focus

on?

A: Illegal drugs in the community.

Q: Good subject. How do you feel about it?

A: I feel we need to put more focus on the preventive treatment of drugs and not so much on the seller. More preventive measures that get the community involved. It's so large of a problem the police can't solve it. People doing research can't solve it. You've got to get those everyday average people involved.

Q: Do you think drugs are going to remain illegal?

A: I think they will, but I was more focused on the results of drug abuse. With drugs you have to deal with gangs. (There are) too many innocent people getting killed. There are so many problems that stem from drugs that I wouldn't want them regulated like alcohol. Drugs reach farther than our borders. Alcohol in this country is pretty much contained, and I don't think you could contain other drugs that way. I am totally against the point of legalization. That was the nature of the interview. They drilled me. They have their personal opinions, and they wanted to see if I could influence them. The whole idea is to give you this money so you can become a public leader. When they award the funds, the winners go on a week-long retreat at Winterview College. It's like a guidance retreat.

Q: How many hours do you attend at school?

A: I was taking 20 hours, but I cut it down to 15. With all this stuff going on, my time is really spread out. I'm also in the reserves, and I did an internship with Lt. Gov. Mel Carnahan. So I've been busy.

Q: How old are you?

A: 24.

Q: You have been busy.

A: Yes. I did a social research project recently with a professor from the University of Kansas City.

Q: What did that involve?

I interviewed kids from the Kirkwood middle schools for a couple of months. I was doing an evaluation of our D.A.R.E. program, seeing if it was having any effect on the students.

Q: Is that your goal, to be a leader in this country?

A: My goal is to be a mayor or governor by the time I'm 45. But I'd like to work in federal law enforcement for awhile first.

Q: As in?

A: The FBI. I'm up now for an internship with the FBI. There were 400 national applicants, now it's down to 60. They're gonna pick 30.

Q: Are these for investigator positions?

A: No. The idea is to take 30 outstanding students nationwide and expose them to the inner workings of the FBI. I'm good at statistics, I tutor a statistics course. They would take me and have me working in a statistics laboratory, collecting data and research. They do a regular background check, just like if you were going in. And if you want to become an agent sometime later, you'll have priority over applicants without that experience. I'm also a cadet at the police academy.

Q: So you're an officer in training?

A: No. I'm just a cadet. Somebody who was interested at one time in becoming a policeman.

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Q: How would you approach kids as a politician?

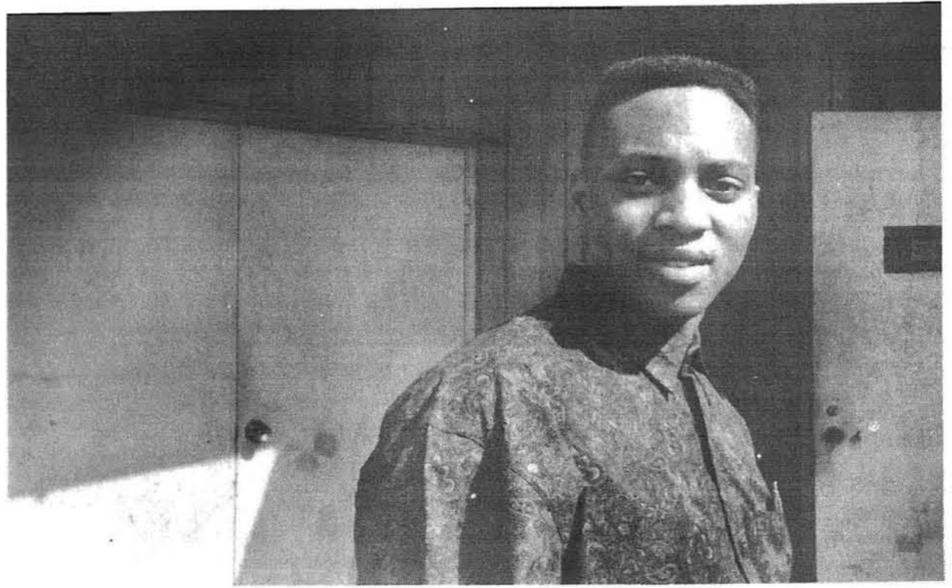


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A: Well, I think a good politician is a diversified politician. I think a lot of politicians lack that, and it's an important key. I know how to talk to everybody, and that's what helps me, not being segregated into one class. I think what's important is the everyday person. A lot of kids want someone who's path they can imitate. I can reveal this by coming from the inner city—not really having much and showing them what I can do. "Look, this is what I've got," this motivates kids. I've talked to several little kids, and they ask me, "did you go to college?" They're fascinated by that. Then I try to downplay all the stereotypes they might have about themselves by showing them "hey, if I'm doing it, you can too." And if I can get at that level, I can start programs that focus specifically on kids, and that will release tension. I know in the inner city a lot of homes are domi-

nated by mothers. I think that breeds a lot of negativity.

Q: That's interesting. You were raised in a female dominated home. Where did you get your influence?

A: I lived with my grandmother, but my mother was always there. What motivated me was my environment. Wanting to escape the environment and be able to do something about it. The people on the Truman board said "everybody works and has an environment to contend with." I said not everybody has to listen to sirens from police cars and ambulances while they're trying to study. Even if you work in the city, where do you go home to? All that comes into play. I want to start these programs so kids will have support, support I didn't have.

Q: What high school did you attend?

A: Cardinal Ritter.

Q: So you wanted to go to college right out of high school?

A: Yes. I had football scholarships, and things were good at school, but I was having a lot of problems at home. My family needed help, and I couldn't think. I needed to get out, so I joined the reserves. I was gone for a year. When I came back, I was working a nice little job, seven or eight dollars an hour. But I thought "I don't want this." I was looking around at all the problems and said "I can't do anything with this." It was on that note that I got back in school, decided I didn't want to be content.

Q: And all of this is what made you pursue criminal justice and criminology?

A: Yes. I can't believe it's 1992 and people still aren't working for a common, positive goal in our society. I see a lot of changes coming in the future, for this country and the world, and I plan to be a part of them.

The Real People: Discovered At Last

by Robin Mayo
features editor

Liverpool, England. What of it? It's from where the Beatles originated, and that's probably the extent of an average person's knowledge of the place. But the adrenalin is resurging, arteries are pumping blood once again through the body of the town, and something has emerged: The Real People.

Solid rock with pop and yet alternative overtones are intertwined into the web of The Real People. The British paper NME has called them "the best bloody band in the world." Their music has been described as "guitar based power pop," "back-to-the-

base sound" and slightly reminiscent of the Beatles.

"We're not bothered about it. It's a compliment to be compared to the Beatles, they were a great band," said Chris Griffiths, vocals and guitar.

In late 1988, Chris and his brother Tony joined with schoolmates Tony Elson and Sean Simpson, to form The Real People. They set up shop in a dilapidated warehouse known as The Bunker.

The Real People name is to be taken exactly as it is. They are, and want to remain; real, genuine persons.

"We don't want to be categorized. We want our songs to be different, that's what it's all

about. Songwriting is a gift," Griffiths said.

He said the band isn't your basic two album band, they hope to have at least ten albums throughout the lifespan of The Real People.

The boys played local pubs whenever and wherever they could, hoping to earn a buck, or just get by.

Tony Griffiths said people were freaked out about them playing original music, because most bands who do pubs play Beatles songs and whatever is on the charts.

Instead of trying to fit in with a particular style of band music, The Real People transform guitar music into dance, concerned more

with their lyrics, rather than the familiar bass lines heard again and again across the airwaves.

"We're not fucking big and famous. We'd like to have a top 20 hit in Britain, it would be nice, but we're into people who are into music and want to see us," Griffiths said.

Persistence finally paid off. The group's unique sound reached the ears of record companies and sparked the fued to sign The Real People. They decided to go with Columbia UK in December or 1989, recording their debut single and video, "Window Pane."

In the summer of 1991, the group went into the studio to record their LP, produced by Stephen Street. Fall came and so did a few remixes and a deal with Relativity in the U. S.

The Real People are happy that America is getting a chance to hear their music, and this winter they kicked off their first American tour.

Just last week the band was in the studio rehearsing their second album. They have done radio interviews in the states on both coasts. New York City was quite a different experience from Los Angeles.

"I didn't except [New York] to be quite so rough. I shit my pants," Griffiths said.

When in Los Angeles, the boys stayed aboard the Queen Mary Oceanliner, and saw the Spuce Goose airplane, after meeting the band The Shamen.

The Real People will be in St. Louis Thurs. March 19, playing at Mississippi Nights, opening for the bands White Trash and Dramarama.

Ya Don't Say?

When you were younger, what thoughts or beliefs did you have, that today you find preposterous?

by Michelle Lawson
photographer

"I used to think I would look a lot different when I got older."
—Craig Hendren, Senior, Accounting



"I always felt when I was younger, that if I could climb the highest mountain, I could touch the sky. And now that I'm older, I know my spirits or personality are what really touches the sky."
—La Chrisa Crenshaw, Senior, Social Work

"When I was young, I thought that I knew everything. The older I get, the less I know."
—Bob Conrey, Business Instructor



"As an adolescent, I believed that outer appearance was an important factor in selecting. However, as I've gotten older, I've come to realize that character should be the only factor in selecting friends."
—Shirley (Candy) Ousley, Senior, English Major

"When I was young, I imagined Heaven had a huge library, and I met all these famous people I'd read about and ask them all the questions I'd always wanted to know. I don't know what to expect, but somehow, that's not what I expect now."
—Monica Farrell, Academic Advisor for Business Administration



STRAIGHT FROM LIVERPOOL: The Real People are from left: Sean Simpson—guitar, Tony Elson—drums, Tony Griffiths—bass, vocals and brother Chris Griffiths—guitar and vocals.

Coalition Of Students Form New Group

by Lauren Tsugita
Current news reporter

UM-St. Louis students, faculty and staff now have the opportunity to join the first pro-choice organization on campus. Students for Choice is a new organization that believes "making abortions illegal will not prevent abortions from happening," said Christi Fritsch, spokeswoman for Students for Choice.

The Students for Choice Coalition is made up of five universities around the St. Louis area: Washington University, St. Louis University, UM- St. Louis, Webster University and St. Louis Community College at Meramec. The Coalition has been in formation for only a month and has more than 1,000 registered members. This coalition works to protect safe and legal abortions.

Fritsch, Lisa Knapp and Nancy Lewis are responsible for the formation of the Students for Choice at UM-St. Louis. The group said it knew of the active pro-life organization on campus and felt both sides of the abortion issue should be represented.

Students for Choice recently turned in its constitution to the student activities office. News of their official recognition should come by the end of this week.

"Once the legal right to have an abortion is no longer jeopardized, the societal problems that make abortion necessary can be dealt with and corrected," Fritsch said.

She said Students for Choice wants to deal with the problems that make abortion necessary for so many. The organization believes that education and social reform are the keys to reducing abortions.

The purpose of the Students for Choice is threefold.

First, to represent the interests of students at UM-St. Louis who are in support of the pro-choice movement. Secondly, to provide students the means to become active in both the legislative and political processes. Finally, to promote intellectual de-

velopment and heightened awareness.

"Our organization will provide students with information that will help them to better understand current issues in our society and allow them to make educated decisions regarding their own lives," Fritsch said.

One of the first activities the organization is planning to participate in is the march in Washington, D.C., on Apr. 5.

Students' views on pro-life have been represented by UM-St. Louis

Collegians for Life since last year. Its main purpose is to educate the campus community about prenatal development and abortion by giving away free literature.

"I was prompted to help this organization because I believe that human life begins at conception and abortion is a blatant violation of the sanctity of life," said John Bequette, president of the UM-St. Louis Collegians for Life.

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Break through any barriers to studying and intellectual gymnastics this week, while Venus and Mars are in airy Aquarius, and mental Mercury is in ambitious Aries. Working in groups is perhaps the most productive cramming or even research method; planets favor several heads over one. Tuesday and Wednesday are great for borrowing notes, meeting new people or picking the brain of the brightest someone you know.

Intense personal stuff begins Thursday, as the sun trines Pluto in water signs; a poor mark can set off a chain reaction of escapism, so don't elope with the first person who asks you. On Friday, the weekend is colored by Venus' entrance into Pisces; go to an oldies concert, take your camera along on dates or to parties. Silences are more telling than talk, and on Sunday, some serious thinking is in order.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Lots of hard work awaits Monday. Earmark all the tough stuff and, on Tuesday, find a friend or study group for a subject that's truly challenging. Hearing from an old friend from home is a joy on Wednesday, and the news is thought-provoking. On Thursday, you'll want to be alone to get some serious research done, but the atmosphere at home won't be supportive. The weekend continues the general trend of taking joy in friendship, taking part in soul-satisfying organizational activities (some of you are knee-deep in election-year politics), and playing rescuer to those who are still floundering for direction; you're a real leader among your peers, Aries.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Do it Monday, if possible, when the moon shines on you. If you argue over money with anyone at all Tuesday, you'll lose. A job is available now, if you're hunting. Speak up Thursday to someone who's caught your romantic fantasy; ask for a date. Social contacts and club associations bring direct benefits through the next few weeks; responsibilities you take on or are elected to look good to prospective employers — go for it. The weekend is the beginning of a time of happy hanging out with the crowd; if your love has been unhappy, smooth it over Friday. A party you host Saturday, will be a great success. Study on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

A test on Monday requires intense concentration. The moon favors you Tuesday and Wednesday, and you'll be expected to show what you know, in and out of class. Scholastic ambitions are piqued; even the most lighthearted Gemini is fired by visions of future achievement, even if you've been torn between work and fun in the past. Make

plans! Thursday is good for all detail work, cleaning up or review; areas of confusion can be cleared once and for all if you ask questions. The weekend gets better as it goes along. Leadership, responsibility and popularity are emphasized; you'll find that enjoyable social gatherings also add to prestige.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Pithy material is presented Monday; be there. A period of relative quiet at your residence allows for plenty of solitary study on Tuesday and Wednesday. By Thursday, there are indications of interest from an exciting Scorpio or a Piscean with a devoted nature; you're headed straight into romance, so smile. The weekend finds you fussing over what you own, washing your car or rearranging your room. As Venus enters Pisces Friday, you enter a broadening cycle when new friendships and other experiences open doors for you. An interest in another culture or language studies may lead to visits in a world you never knew existed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Follow the rules on Monday. Social success is easy Tuesday, but don't neglect work just to make an impression on a campus celebrity. One-to-one relationships are very instructive for you through '92, and on Wednesday you have an opportunity to develop a friendship with someone who may have come into your life by luck of the draw, but who has something special to teach you. Sleeping late is sweet Thursday, and good for you, too. Friday begins a time of exploring the profundities, through experience as well as study. This weekend is a Leo moon, so you'll find it easy to catch the eye of a romantic interest. Serious talks on Sunday.

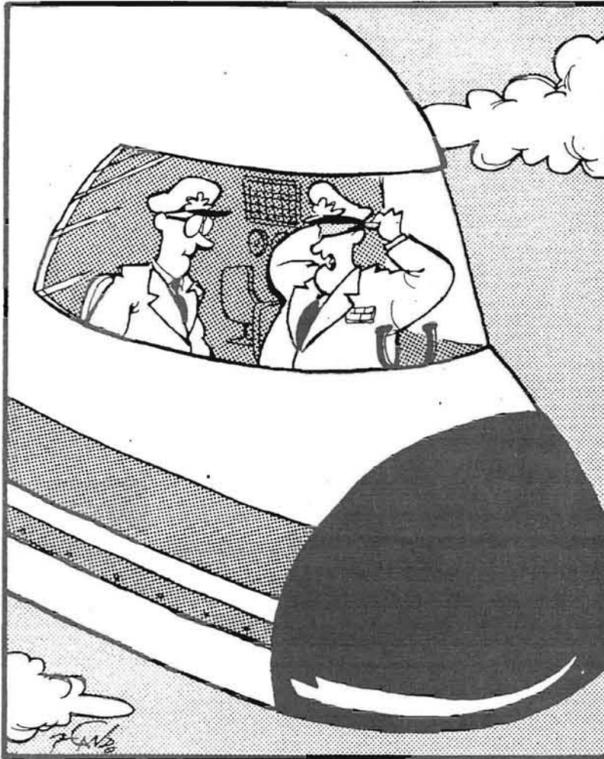
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Enjoy the fruits of last month's labors, as a paper or other accomplishment provides access to special consideration or kudos. Solve an esoteric riddle on Tuesday. Mercury is providing insight and depth to your point of view; get some of these brilliant perceptions down on paper. Save plenty of time for socializing Thursday and Friday; there's a chance to meet or hang out with someone you admire greatly. Saturday and Sunday are rather withdrawn; it's a good time to attend religious meditations or to study at the library. If you're feeling the results of stress, take plenty of rest and care with nutrition; fix some healthy dishes at home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

A little bout with homesickness on Monday helps you remember how much it means to have home fires burning. Tuesday and Wednesday are adventurous; lecture material stimulates your mind and ambitions. Romance with someone of exceptional abilities or purpose is an exciting introduction to worlds of the future; you're making far-

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"Oh yeah? Well I'll bet you twice that much that I can land this sucker blind-folded, upside-down and on a rocky mountain top."

reaching plans. Venus' sojourn through Pisces (beginning Friday) is a chance to restructure your work and health routines, to streamline organizational procedures and to put nice touches on assigned work. Through the weekend, the decorator in you is fussing with your living space, giving creativity room to bloom.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Don't argue Monday, though it means biting your tongue; a tendency to be critical is noticeable in your sign while Mercury occupies Aries, and this is best exercised in written reviews and such, which are favored on Tuesday and Wednesday. Marvelous chances for developing the best within you are brought into focus Thursday, as the sun and your Pluto ruler shine. The weekend begins a time of romance; the poet emerges from within, inspired by someone full of love and life — a Virgo, Pisces or fellow Scorpio may be the someone you've been waiting for. Have a few friends over on Sunday. A friendship with a teacher may be a formative influence.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)

Fun is in the doing; on Tuesday and Wednesday, good advice is available, whether practical shopping tips or career counseling. Your roommate needs lots of care and feeding, and if you don't feel qualified to do hand holding, perhaps

you can help them find someone who is. Pay attention to your dreams all week, and if you're interested in doing ESP experiments, the conditions are ideal on Thursday. As Venus enters your home sector on Friday, you'll enjoy studying in your own cozy corner — get the light just right, and try to limit trips to snack spots between chapters. Saturday and Sunday are good for writing or trying a new sport.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 19)

You receive romantic overtures from an interested classmate on Monday; so look spiffy. Tuesday and Wednesday are strictly routine; luck lies in completing assignments and getting necessities shopped for. You want to dress right for the next few weeks, starting on Thursday. Any number of exciting new people may come into your life in any number of ways; an old friend will introduce you to a new friend, perhaps. Expectations of your peers are high, but you can make great social strides after Friday, with Venus helping you in all associations and team efforts. Saturday is good for intimate love or research. Job or bargain hunt Sunday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Letting a lover go is the surest way to get him or her back. Tuesday and Wednesday are the best flirting days; line up the weekend's plans on Tues-



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I have a problem. I recently broke up with my boyfriend of five years. I had an encounter with an ex-boyfriend. The sparks were still there. The problem is, I'm not sure I want to give up my boyfriend for good.

We had plans for marriage and everything. I thought I just wanted some time for myself. But meeting with my old boyfriend makes me think twice.

Signed,
Am I 2-Timing

Dear A. I. 2-T. Your problem is not that severe. Make sure you do what you feel is best for you, but be careful not to let security in your current relationship affect your decision. Experiment with something new, especially if you are still young. You have all the time in the world to get serious.

Dear Zelda,

I will be 23 next week. I attend college and live at home with my family. My father is a very controlling person. He insists I be home by midnight during the school week, even if I need to be at my job on campus. I look forward to the day I move out of my house and away from my father. I'd be gone now if I could afford it.

Signed,
Baby Bugs

Dear B.B. Don't allow yourself to be overpowered, especially at your age. Take control of your life. Evaluate what you said, and make sure it's not that you actually can't afford it; maybe you're just scared to make a big jump.

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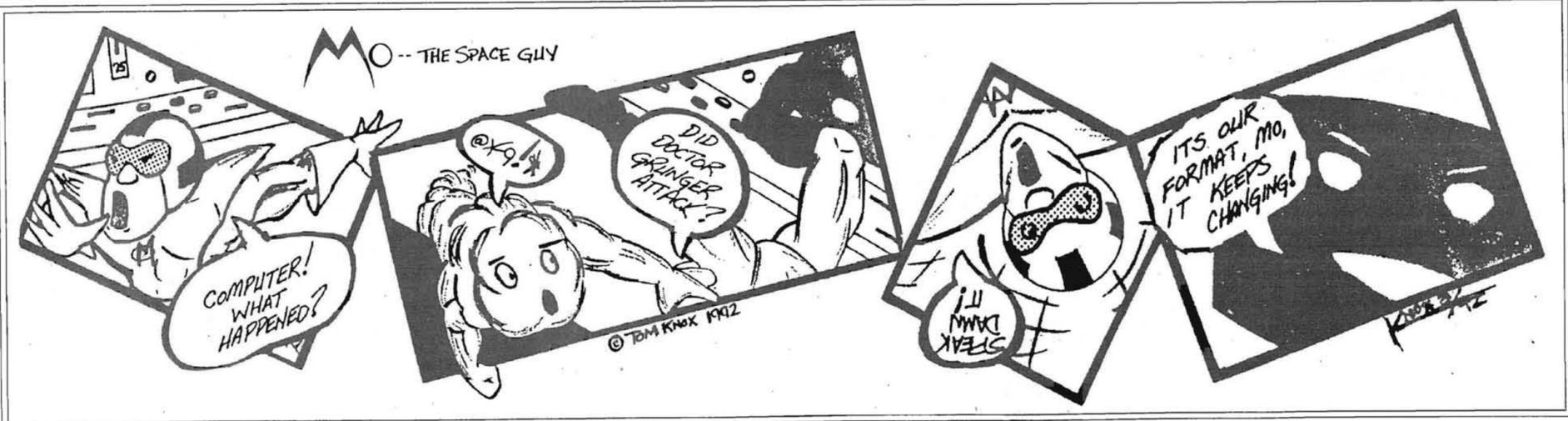
day, when Mercury makes it easy to be a smooth talker. You may find a job or talk your parents out of money on Thursday; money you lent last term may be paid back, or you qualify for student aid. Enjoy the boost to income, but try not to spend too much in the next few weeks, while Venus makes everything from fancy dinners to new shoes look desirable. On Saturday and Sunday, go along with a friend's suggestions for fun; a study partner may turn out to be your new romance.

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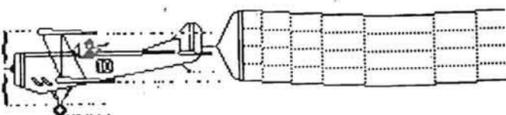
Lots of invitations on Monday fill up your weekend well in advance. Get your beauty sleep Tuesday and

Wednesday, because when Venus enters your sign Friday (for four lovely weeks), you'll want to be ready for the popularity and fun that follows. Mercury is favoring all money dealings, too, if you need to renegotiate the lease. Something big may happen Thursday; you may get the word on an application you made for further studies, or an opportunity to take a once-in-a-lifetime journey may come up. The weekend is fun, but stick to healthy foods, minimize alcohol intake and find time for your studies.

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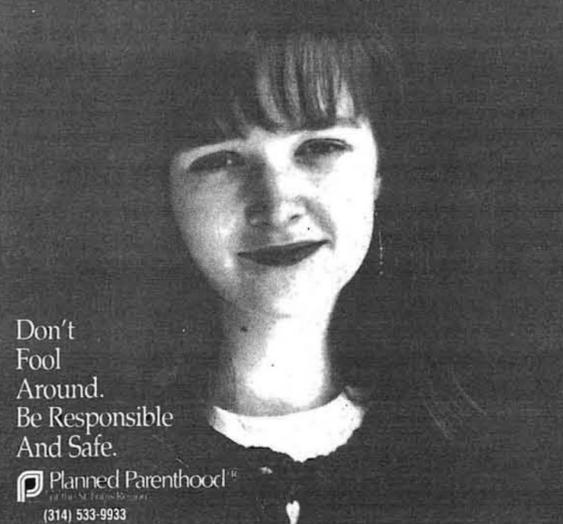
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IN THIS CORNER



Coach Smith Isn't Rodney Dangerfield

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

Last week UM-St. Louis Athletic Director Chuck Smith announced he was going to take advantage of the University's Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program.

You may recall, that just last month, Dick Tamburo, who was the A.D. at Mizzou took advantage of the same package. This is where the similarities end though.

Tamburo, who had only been director for only five years was given the red carpet media treatment. His announcement ran on the front page of the Post-Dispatch for several days, and all four news channels sent their sports shirts all the way to Columbia to ham it up with Tamburo and his cronies.

Smith, all the while, was quietly trying to figure out how to get his department out of the current budget crisis, that was totally out of his control in the first place.

So, when it came time for Smith's moment in the sun, which he has worked tirelessly for the past 26 years at, I thought, finally, the local belly-aching SLU media would show their hairdo's.

Lo and behold, but Channel 5 sent their newest addition to the sports department, Trey Wingo. Wingo, by the way, is the best thing to happen to the St. Louis electronic media for a long time, and is exempt from this tirade because he doesn't call the shots.

Where was everyone else? Wait a minute. I'm developing an acute rush of deja vu. Wasn't I on the stump about this just a couple of months ago? Didn't I vow to stop begging the local bigshots for our fair share of coverage?

Like I thought I could ever make a difference.

Anyway, Channel 5 gave Smith a whopping 15 second sound bite on their 6 o'clock report, but that was it. Fifteen seconds for 26 years of having to get by with comparatively pauper budgets. Fifteen seconds for developing what could be not only the dominant Division II program in this state, but what could be a formidable force in Division I athletics.

I thought, well there was always the ten o'clock newscast. That's right Mookie, "big daddy" was watching closely.

Blues game highlights, hockey trade deadline talks, another unhappy Billiken crying away, Rich Grawers SLU head coaching career, a bit on Anthony Peeler, Cardinals spring training results, and highlights of the Bucknell against Fordham college basketball game. Bucknell and Fordham! Where was Chuck?

You know, people wonder why attendance is sparse at Rivermen and Riverwomen athletic events. Well, this is exactly why. Other than the fact that most of the student body would rather run home and watch Oprah or spend about \$100, if you have a date or children, to go watch the Blues play, this lack of television coverage is what holds UM-St. Louis back from the power it could become.

What people see on television is what they believe. Just like the "magic bullet theory" used to claim. I'm not saying the folks that go to UMSL confuse their lives with "Beverly Hills 90120", but if they could see a highlight like a man of Smith's caliber retiring, they might appreciate the hard workers over in the Mark Twain Building.

Come Aug. 31 the Chuck Smith era will officially come to a close. He's

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"Coach" Smith Opts For Early Retirement

Athletic Department Loses Founding Father

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

After 26 years of service, UM-St. Louis Athletic Director Chuck Smith announced last Tuesday he would accept the Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program.

Smith, who was the only athletic director in the school's history, and has held the position since 1979, will officially retire Aug. 31 of this year, and then work on special projects for the university under Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Sandy MacLean.

In Smith's 26 years as founder and director of athletics at UM-St. Louis, eight sports have sent teams or individuals to the NCAA Division II national championships, and 55 athletes have received All-America recognition.

At the press conference, Smith reminisced about his first years as director and basketball coach.

"I had a pretty comfortable job coaching basketball at Central Missouri State when this opportunity came along," Smith said.

"But it looked like the kind of challenge I was looking for at the time. I was hired because the Dean of Students at the time liked basketball."

When Smith was first developing the department, the only athletic facilities he had to work with were a couple of tennis courts left over from the former country club, and a swimming pool.

Two Separate Incidents For Men's Baseball Disrupt Team

by Thomas J. Kovach
editor

An incident on a recent trip resulted in five UM-St. Louis baseball players being banned from playing in the Rivermen Classic last weekend.

The incident took place at the Granada Inn near Daytona Beach, Fla. on March 6. Head Coach Jim Brady said no damage was done to the motel, but that "house rules were broken by a minority of players, causing us to leave Florida one day earlier."

"It involved a handful of players who didn't use good judgement," he said.

Brady dressed nine position players and six pitchers for the Rivermen Classic. One of the players, Scott Kaestner, has been indefinitely suspended. Kaestner batted .281 and had 34 hits last year.

David Harville, manager of the motel, said the team was "quite noisy" during their stay.

"The security guard told me that he caught one of the players urinating from the balcony," Harville said.

He said the security guard called Brady in his room and told him what was happening.

Brady then went to one of the players' room and called up the security guard, Harville said.

"The security guard said when he entered (the room), the kids had beer in

The Mark Twain Building was completed in 1971. "After practicing on terrible fields and having to compete for practice space to play basketball, it was just like heaven moving into Mark Twain."

Smith also spoke fondly of the support he has received by past and previous administrators. MacLean said it was a testament not only to Smith's character, but to the university as a whole, that UM-St. Louis athletics have never been under any suspicion for violating NCAA rules.

"Chuck Smith will be missed not only by those here, but by the whole UM system," MacLean said. "He has managed to keep athletics here at a highly competitive level for 26 years, and has done this without a whisper of scandal."

Smith, who is a member of the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame, is one of many choosing the option of early retirement. "It was just an attractive offer for me at this point in my life."

He said the position took up a lot of time, and he would like to concentrate on other interests.

"I still have a lot of work to do before the fall semester arrives," Smith said. "My main goal for now is to make sure this department has a good budget to work with after I leave, and more than anything I don't want to see our scholarships take a serious cut."

The perplexing part is the administration's handling of Smith's replacement. MacLean said the uni-

versity would conduct a national search, and would be open to applications from those working in Mark Twain already. Denise Silvester, who has an excellent record as women's volleyball coach, assisted Smith for six years in her role as assistant athletic director. MacLean's plan is to hire an interim for the next three years.

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the room. That's against policy," Harville said.

Brady told the guard he had "nothing but trouble" with the team, and they would be leaving the motel in the morning.

"But the security guard told me that this (Brady) was one gentleman who cooperated with us, and we appreciated that."

In an unrelated incident, Rivermen second baseman Mike Landwehr received a one-game suspension from Brady after an on-campus dispute on Feb. 25 with Rob Harper, a UM-St. Louis student.

"Once he (Landwehr) saw this guy," Brady said, "words were exchanged."

According to UM-St. Louis police, Harper went to Deaconess Hospital after he hit his head on weights during the dispute. Twelve stitches were required.

Warrants were applied for Landwehr's arrest, but the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's office declined to accept warrants for lack of evidence.

Brady said Landwehr did not play in the season opener.

The matter has been referred to the Student Affairs Office. Assistant Vice Chancellor Karl Beeler said his office has received the police report, but he could not comment because it is a disciplinary matter.

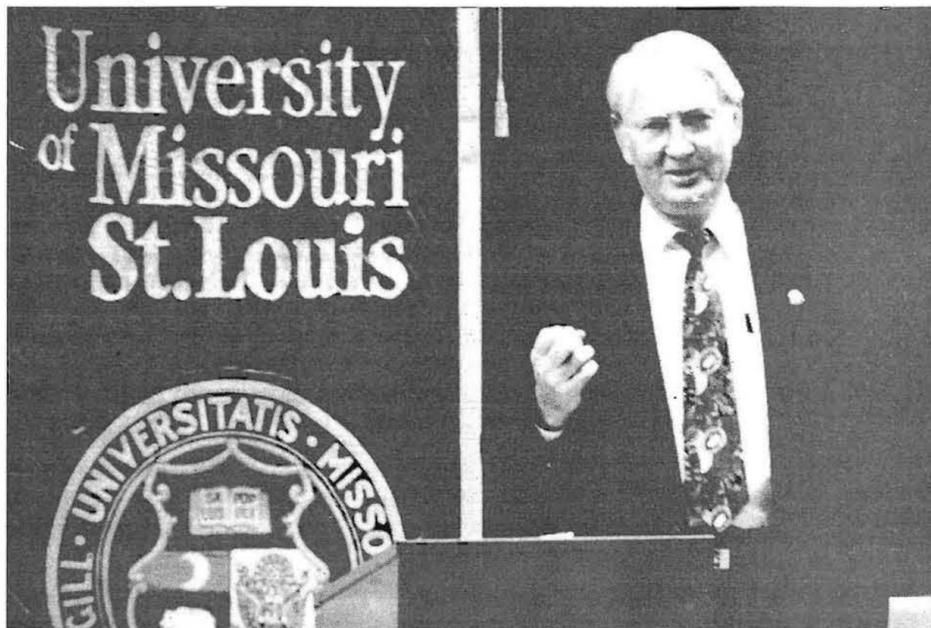


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A LOT OF MEMORIES: Chuck Smith said he'll stay on at UM-St. Louis after August of this year to work on special assignments for the department.

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With the department under economic stress, Silvester could step in and take charge because of her knowledge of the position's duties.

MacLean said things - meaning budget decisions in compliance with the Board of Curators - were happening so quickly now that it was hard to say when the search would begin.

One of Smith's last acts this school year has been to get faculty and staff to

accept a proposal of paying dues to work out in Mark Twain. The proposal stems from the aforementioned department cutbacks and the rising cost for maintenance and repair of the building.

The university will be losing one of its founding fathers, but Smith said he felt good about what he has accomplished over two and a half decades.

"We were able to sustain winning programs with small amounts of money. I can't ever remember soccer having a weak team, and I would be remiss if I forgot my dear friend (late men's soccer coach) Don Dallas."

He's right. Year in and year out the other MIAA teams dread playing the soccer Rivermen. All the right people are in place to coach their respective teams, they just need someone like Smith to give them guidance.

Here are just a few highlights of Chuck Smith's 26 years as athletic director

- > Coached basketball Rivermen to an overall 171-143 record.
- > In 1990 he was elected to the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame.
- > With Smith as director, eight teams or individuals have sent players to the NCAA Division II national championships, and 55 athletes have received All-America status.

Riverwomen Finding Pieces For Success

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor



Current file photo

BATTER UP! Despite the loss of great Riverwomen players, the UM-St. Louis women's softball team works to make this season a success.

Last year the UM-St. Louis women's softball pitchers struck out a school record 162 batters. But, they lost DeAnn Murphy, who struck out a personal school record 101 batters.

According to Riverwomen Head Coach Harold Brumbaugh, Murphy's absence isn't as bad as it looks.

"I look for Kelly Childs to have the same type of year for us," Brumbaugh said. "I watched her help win a state championship for Lafayette, and her past experience will be a plus."

Childs, who is a junior transfer from Columbia College, has good movement on her pitches, and Brumbaugh said she also has excellent control.

Childs is joined by Christa Childress on the mound, forming a solid one-two punch for the Riverwomen staff. Childress has the competitive nature Brumbaugh said he likes to see on the mound.

"She doesn't waste any time trying to get batters out," he said. "With her and Kelly on the mound we have never had more quality depth."

The Riverwomen are off to a slow 4-8 start, but they only returned three players from last year.

They will host William Woods tomorrow at St. Ann Field.

Rivermen Lose Tournament Opener; Team Out Of 'Focus'

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor



Photo: Dirk Fletcher

GOIN' FOR IT: Rivermen short stop Brian Rutt strives for a success during a double header on Sunday.

UM-St. Louis first baseman Jeff Eye may have needed another eye in the back of his head.

After finishing off a double play, Eye failed to see the runner from second rounding third. Lewis University's Dennis Krob took advantage of Eye's mental lapse and scored what proved to be the winning run. Lewis spoiled the Rivermen's home opener with a 4-3 win, Saturday.

In Eye's defense it was the first game for him at first base. Head Coach Jim Brady wasn't as lenient though.

"First we walk the leadoff man," Brady said. "Then, we hit the next batter, and we top it off with a bonehead play by the first baseman."

"I realize he's new to the position, but he's got to be aware when a runner is in scoring position."

The loss dropped the Rivermen to 3-6, in what is already becoming a

frustrating year for Brady. All week, before the home opener, Brady said the team, as well as himself, have been distracted by a myriad of problems.

"Our fundamentals are okay, but we can't focus from one pitch to the next," Brady said.

A gutty pitching performance by junior Keith Kalusniak was spoiled, as was center fielder Donnie Joliff's first pitch of the game home run.

Kalusniak pitched five solid innings. He kept the Flyers guessing at his curveball, until they figured him out in the top of the fifth inning.

"I've got to be able to get my curve over to be able to spot my fastball," he said.

Rivermen second baseman Mike Landwehr said he would just like to see some decent weather.

"Those teams down south had the advantage because of the warmer weather. We had a new first baseman playing today, and their aggressiveness won the game."

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leaving behind a program that he built from a couple of tennis courts and a swimming pool. A program that has its employee's concerned about their economic plight, but understand the value of a few scholarships. A program that hasn't heard a whisper of a scandal. Yep, that's the price you pay these days for keeping your nose clean.

Back up at Mizzou, there is talk of resurrecting Dan Devine for the position of A.D. Devine, of course, was winning Big Eight championships for the football Tigers when Smith's baseball team was forced to practice at a local junior high school. Mizzou boosters are so bloodthirsty for a winning football team they would suit up Don Faurot if they thought he could defend the run and pass.

No need for that here. Denise Silvester, who has been the assistant A.D. for six years, and is a very successful women's volleyball coach, seems like a logical choice. That would make her and SLU's director Debbie Yow the athletic bosses for the two largest universities in metro St. Louis.

At least Silvester wouldn't have to worry about alienating Rivermen basketball season ticket holders, unless there are plans in the works for them to play their home games at the Arena next year.

**Next Week
In SPORTS
Rivermen National's
Wrap Up**

Men's Soccer Sign All-State Midfielder

Oakville High School soccer standout Todd Rick has signed a letter of intent to attend UM-St. Louis and play for the Rivermen, Head Coach Tom Redmond said.

Rick, who is a diminutive 5-foot-5 inches, and weighs only 130 pounds, was a prominent two-year starter at Oakville. He scored nine goals as a senior and earned first team all-state recognition.

"Todd is a complete player," Redmond said. "He has good quickness, a high work rate and is technically sound. He's a true team player who should blend in real well with our returning players."

Rick earned first team all-conference and third team all-metro honors. In addition, he was selected by his teammates as most valuable player.

With only one starter (All-American Scott Litschgi), returning to the midfield at UM-St. Louis next season, Rick can strengthen the position that was depleted by graduation.

"He certainly addresses an area of need," Redmond said. "We need him to compliment Litschgi in our midfield, and I think he will do that."

Rick is the first player to sign with the Rivermen this spring.

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