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UMSL Plans New Building

by Thomas J. Kovach
Current news reporter

Construction of a \$10 million Center for Molecular Electronics near Bugg Lake will bring more than just another new building on campus.

"It will also strengthen the research capabilities of local industry and help develop the next generation of high-technology products, which eventually will strengthen the economy of the St. Louis area," said Physics Professor Bernard Feldman.

Construction of the building could start by next June. Campus officials said it could open by 1996.

Feldman said the Center will be connected to Benton Hall and "will not go into Bugg Lake."

Campus officials say they are excited about working with local companies such as Monsanto and McDonnell Douglas in the fast-growing field of molecular electronics and synthetic metals.

Feldman said the school is becoming a "partner for industry" because many companies can't afford to put their money into basic research.

By allowing these companies to do research on

campus, Feldman said industries can devote their time and money toward advance research.

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill said funding for the Center was introduced by Congressman William Clay (D-Mo.). That legislation was signed into law by President Bush and designates \$5 million for the new building. The rest goes toward advanced research equipment.

For his efforts in securing the building, Touhill is presenting Clay with the Chancellor's Medallion at 4 p.m. today in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

"He (Clay) is truly a friend of education," Touhill said.

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved building plans for the Center at its October meeting in Columbia.

But businesses will not only reap benefit from the Center, Feldman said the building, "will be stepping up the quality and quantity of research on this campus."

He said basic and applied research will be conducted by scientists and engineers from the school.

"We will have the premiere facility in St. Louis and in Missouri," Feldman said.

Chancellor Addresses UM-St. Louis Staff Association

by Christopher Sans Souci
associate news editor

The UM-St. Louis Staff Association met on Nov. 4 for the Fall General Meeting. Featured speakers were Chancellor Blanche Touhill and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Roosevelt Wright.

Touhill discussed key campus issues such as declining enrollment and property acquisitions.

"We have been losing first-time, full-time freshman students," said Touhill.

She attributed the campus' declining enrollment to several factors:

- Tightening of admission standards, effective in 1991

- Hightuition, which will double over the next 5 years

- Closing and scaling down of St.

Louis based corporations

- Decline in college aged population

- Budget cuts, which have lead to less faculty and class sections

The enrollment decline has major implications for the UM-St. Louis community.

"One third of our budget comes from student fees," said Touhill. "so when enrollment goes down we have economic problems."

In order to help alleviate the costs of enrollment decline, the university has hired a permanent full time recruiter to go out of state. For the first time, UM-St. Louis will actively seek students from other states. Earlier this fall, Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, visited Asia in the hopes of attracting more foreign students to the campus.

Touhill also discussed campus housing. She announced short term and long term plans for the property.

"We did renegotiate the lease with Incarnate Word," said Touhill. "There is now an arrangement that after 10 years that property will become ours."

The Incarnate Word dorm currently provides living quarters for about 90 graduate students, international students, and honors students.

"In the long run, we would like for the property to be used solely for Honors College residents."

Touhill said that she would like for the Honors College to be expanded from 115 students at present to about 300 in the next 3 or 4 years.

Dr. Wright then informed the staff that the searches for new deans for the School of Business, the Evening College, and School of Education were continuing. At the time of the meeting, committees were still in the interview process.

Wright also announced plans to have new locks installed in every building on campus, starting with Lucas Hall. This is largely due to an increase in thefts in which no signs of forced entry were found. The new system will allow for greater accountability in terms of possession of keys and building access, which many staff members had called for.

Campus Groups Sponsor Teleconference

by Cory Schroeder
of The Current staff

UM-St. Louis hosted a live teleconference, "Confronting Sexual Harassment on Campus," Thursday, Nov. 12 at the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

The teleconference linked more than 100 colleges and universities across the nation, and was sponsored by several on campus groups including the Women's Center and the Student Government Association. A live panel conducted a discussion about sexual harassment problems on college campuses around the country. Questions were fielded about how an individual can report the problem, what the extent of sexual harassment is, and what campuses can do to eliminate it.

"We're hoping this teleconference will bring about a heightened aware-

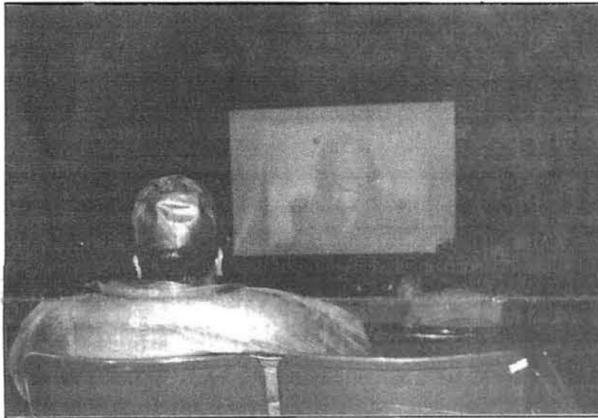


Photo: Jeff Parker

UMSL student Gawain Jameson watches the teleconference from his seat in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

ness and to implement policy and procedure," said Women's Center Director Joanne Phelps-Grubb.

The panel included five staff members from various universities

who specialize in student affairs and have administered sexual harassment policies on their respective campuses.

"The panel seemed well-versed in harassment cases and theories," said

junior Roger Collanski. "I think they sent a positive model for other universities to follow."

The panel explored the underlying reasons for men's difficulty in understanding that some of their treatment of the opposite sex is derogatory.

"Men are programmed since birth to have a negative stature to women," said Dr. Frederick R. Preston, a panel member. "It is built upon by television and when they attend elementary school."

The main focus of the teleconference was identifying a definition of sexual harassment. The underlying meaning was agreed upon by all the panel members.

"Sexual harassment is any unwanted sexual advance. It is interference with an individual. The intent does not matter; it's the effect," said Dr. Bernice R. Sandler, senior associate with the Washington-based Center for Women Policy Studies.

The purpose was to inform academia that sexual harassment does exist and it is a growing problem. Sponsors hope that the teleconference will heighten awareness and interest not only in students, but faculty and staff as well.

"We need to do some more assessment and surveys to see just how prevalent it is, and how the campus community feels about it," said Deborah Burris, assistant director of the Office of Equal Opportunity at UM-St. Louis. "Directors of the Faculty Senate have come to our office requesting more information of the subject."

Graduate Student Receives Congressional Fellowship

by Karen Shymanski
of The Current staff

Andrea Perr, a graduate student at UM-St. Louis, was named a recipient of a Congressional Fellowship on Women and Public Policy for 1992-93 from the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) in Washington, D.C.

Perr received an eight-month assignment as a legislative assistant in the office of U.S. Representative Connie Morella of Maryland. Perr's assignment began in August when she attended a three-week training session. She has legislative responsibility for issues in health care, economics, domestic violence and a variety of women's issues.

According to Perr, it is an incredible irony that she is in the fellowship program. "I had no goal or ambition to go to Capitol Hill," said Perr. While waiting to speak to a professor in the Political Science Department of UM-St. Louis, she read an ad for the Congressional Fellowships on a bulletin board. The ad specified a fellowship for women's issues.

The fellowships are designed to train women as potential leaders in public policy information and to examine issues from the perspective, experiences and needs of women.

Perr was unsure if she was quali-

fied for the fellowship, and when no one could tell her for sure, she finally sent for an application.

"When I received the application, it said I had to write an essay. I almost didn't apply because I didn't know what to write," said Perr.

In the eleventh hour someone told Perr, "You can't win if you don't play," and that was the motivation for her to get going.

Her essay became a very personal, cynical feminist piece that Perr wrote by stream of conscious thought. She connected it with the academic area by tying in journal articles on the same issues.

Perr reached the semi-finals and was given an interview. After the interview, she was invited to go to Washington, D.C. Although not many people in St. Louis are aware of the fellowship program, according to Perr, it is a very prestigious program in Washington, D.C.

For Perr, entering the political sector came as quite a shock. "I have a background in the private and corporate sector, but no political background," said Perr. She added that as a U.S. citizen she has learned a great deal about the legislative system.

Perr is given issue areas to work on and research. Several that she is

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Rivermen Hope To Rebound From Subpar Season

Aggressive Recruiting Could Push Team To Top Of MIAA

by Russell L. Korando
sports editor

At the beginning of last season, UM-St. Louis men's basketball coach Rich Meckfessel said he was worried he had not recruited "aggressively" enough.

The Rivermen were coming off of a superlative 22-6 season, which saw them advance all the way to No. 16 in the final Division II poll. But, after losing to Missouri Southern in the first round of the Mid-America Athletic Association Conference tournament, the Rivermen finished 13-15 in '91-'92.

Meckfessel, who assumed the duties as interim athletic director in September, has compiled a record of 85-58 over the past five seasons and said the Rivermen have the talent to compete in the MIAA wars ahead. Malaise is a thing of the past because the Rivermen recruited seven blue-chip players.

"Washburn looks tough, of course," Meckfessel said. "This [the Rivermen] is the best group of athletes we've had since I've been here. I mean that in terms of speed, endurance and jumping. And I think we'll be very aggressive this year."

"We have to win our home games this year. Because you have to figure on at least four losses in conference road games. From top to bottom, every team in the MIAA figures on losing a few games."

On paper, talent is certainly evident from the top to the bottom of the Rivermen lineup. Because of the



Current File Photo

OVER THE TOP: Jermaine Morris (far left) returns for his second year on the Rivermen.

NCAA ruling this year-not allowing basketball practice to begin two weeks later than normal (Oct. 15)-it has been assistant coach Chico Jones' job to

make sure the Rivermen are physically ready.

"Chico's in great shape," Meckfessel said. "Since practice started, he's had them running every day." The Rivermen have found keeping up with Jones to be difficult, but Meckfessel said nine

players had already run 1-mile in 5:20, or better.

Returning forward Scott Crawford

said the team was working as more of a group than from last year. Crawford, who was selected to the MIAA All-Freshmen team, started 27 games last year and led the team with 159 rebounds.

"He (Jones) pushes us pretty hard," Crawford said. "It will be to our advantage, though, as the season goes on."

"The one thing we learned last year, was that we weren't concerned with team goals. This year we have a lot of talent,

"This is the best group of athlete's we've had since I've been here"

**- Rich Meckfessel
Head Coach**

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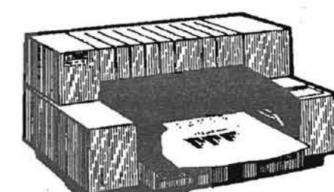
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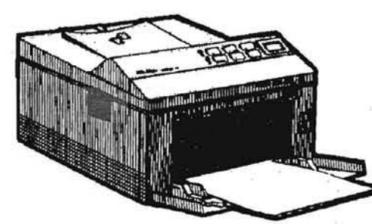
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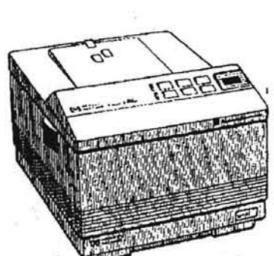
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"Haves" Play, "Have Nots" Pay



by **Russell L. Korando**
of The Current staff

The good thing about writing for a college newspaper is that you can incorporate what you learn into what you write.

Every so often, something I'm learning in class will cross paths with a story due for the two newspapers I write for.

Earlier this year, I wrote a column about the rigors of Spanish class and my classmates greeted me with their approval of such an apt description of the only class I've taken at UMSL that bonds students. You know, that traditional thing.

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currently working on are domestic violence, elder abuse and an AIDS project. Under the Select Committee on Aging, Perr is researching elder abuse. She is working on legislature that would make reporting elder abuse mandatory. "I have found that many states already have legislature on reporting elder abuse," said Perr. In her work, Perr responds to constituents who have sent inquiries through the mail or by phone. One area that came from a constituent is Perr's work on

the AIDS project. It had been discovered that there is a problem getting the available services delivered to people. "It's an awareness problem," said Perr. She is working on locating that gap and filling it.

Although the Congressional Session ended early this year to allow for campaigning, Perr is spending her time during the recess period preparing potential legislation for when the Session reconvenes in January.

Perr is a Master of Public Policy Administration student at UM-St. Louis. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. After graduation, she began a career in marketing research with Ralston Purina Company and earned a Master of Business Administration at night.

The American WREI Fellows, who must be enrolled in graduate school to qualify for the program, are selected each year in a nationwide

favor of riverboat gambling, but what other choice did they have?

Metro residents need work. Plain and simple. So, candidates like Governor-elect Mel Carnahan endorsed gambling as a way to prime Missouri's educational pump. If you lose \$500 playing blackjack, never fear, because that money will pay for chalk and erasers.

This is noble in its conception, but I believe Missouri politicians are selling St. Louis short. If dealing cards and schlepping drinks are St. Louis' jobs of the future, it is time for me to take up another residence.

What irks me is that all of the real profits won't even stay in St. Louis. John Connelly, a prominent businessman from Pittsburgh, Pa., saw to that by slipping thousands of dollars into Carnahan's campaign pocket. Connelly slipped in last year and bought up a bunch of the riverfront downtown when Illinois took on gambling. Coincidence? Probably not, folks.

What isn't coincidence is the adaptation of St. Louis business from manufacturing to service-related jobs.

In the past month, hundreds of McDonnell Douglas workers have been either laid off or fired for good. These are people I know very well. For the past two years, I have watched family members or friends lose not only their jobs but their motivation to find other jobs. When you make \$12 an hour and your family budget is set up around that wage, how can you subsist on half of that? You can't.

Instead of finding ways to create more manufacturing jobs, St. Louis has been barraged by the media — yes the media are to blame too — with items, such as a domed (doomed) stadium, renovation of the Kiel and now riverboat gambling.

Seems to me that all of the "haves" in this city want a place to play, while the "have nots" serve them.

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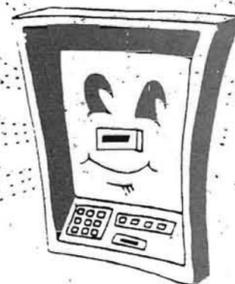
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Slammin' Their Way Up To The Top

by Brad Touché
of *The Current* staff

named Gladys. According to DeBoard, "We were originally called Risqué, but there were bands all over the country with that name and we wanted to avoid that. Brooks was originally in a band called Bratty Gladys, and we adjusted it a little and came up with this."

Even though three of the four member are originally from the Cleveland area, they didn't go to L.A. as a band.

"I'd seen Brooks sing before in Cleveland," said Farris, "but I never knew him personally. Me and Alley met him in L.A. and things just went from there."

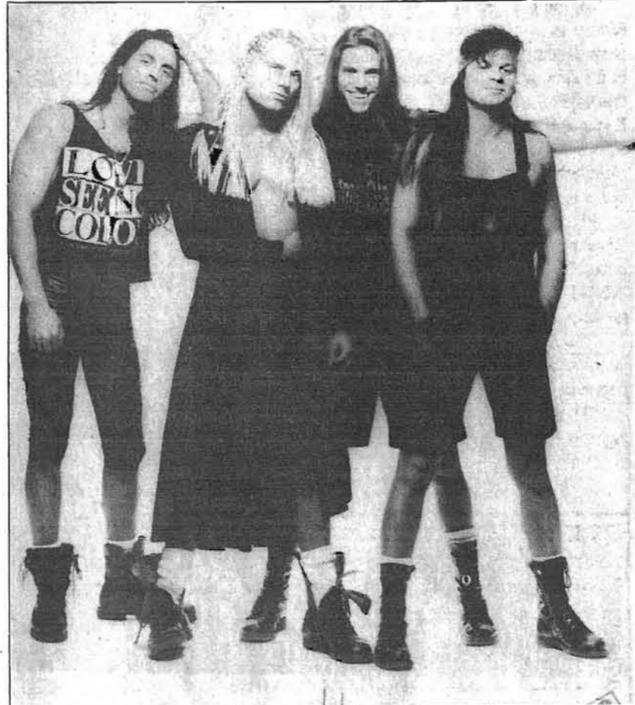
"Then Steve (who hails from Harrisburg, PA) joined a few months later," Farris continued.

"They actually stole me from another band," added DeBoard.

Brooks, who grew up a few streets down from Warrant's Jani Lane, ended up getting some help from Lane on the new CD.

"We ran into him on the strip while we were passing out flyers for

one of our shows," said DeBoard. Filthy Stinking Rich tour, and were "He had just gotten off the Dirty Rotten See **GLADYS**, page 6



Slammin' Gladys are J.J. Farris, Brooks, Alley and Stephen DeBoard.

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but the chemistry must bring it together."

Crawford's tenure at forward will be challenged by newcomers Malcolm Hill, Darren Hill and Andrew "Smokey" Evans. All three have splendid leaping ability, and Darren Hill, 6-foot-4, averaged nine points a game for Division I Murray State last year.

Running point [guard] for the Rivermen will be three-year veteran Steve Roder. Roder is a hopeful third in a string of Rivermen point guards that have included Chris Pilz and Leon Kynard. Kynard posted a team-high 98 assists in '91-'92, but Roder was close behind with 75. Still, Roder feels better about his own effort thus far.

Pilz was "Mr. Everything" to the Rivermen during his four-year presence. He was named All-American in '90-'91 and his absence put pressure on the players needed to fill his shoes.

"I really pressed for awhile last year," Roder said. "I don't see that happening this year though."

"I think we have a real close team right now. Washburn lost a few of their



Head Coach Rich Meckfessel

top players, so we're capable of winning the conference. It's not unachievable," he said.

Four-hundred wins is a milestone coaches hope to achieve, and Meckfessel should notch No. 400 by Christmas. Meckfessel has a 397-301 record in his 24-years of coaching. He said the dual

role of athletic director and head coach has been hectic, but not unbearable.

Meckfessel said there may be times when Jones and assistant coach Bill Walker will have to take a larger role in the day-to-day duties because of A.D. responsibilities. He is currently the second-ranking coach in the MIAA in terms of longevity.

"As one gets older, you get a little more comfortable in delegating authority. Walker and Jones are very capable, responsible people and the team respects them," Meckfessel said.

He also said there is no reason he would have to miss a game due to his role as A.D., unless an emergency should occur.

One thing is for sure. If the Rivermen play their entire schedule as consistently as they finished last season, they could make things excruciating for the rest of the MIAA.

"We need to be better—period," Meckfessel said. "At the end of last year we played as well as anyone in the league. If we take care of the ball and take good shots, our defense will make things difficult for the other team."

New Rules And New Players Set Stage For UM-St. Louis Basketball Programs

by Jack C. Wang associate sports editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The men's and women's NCAA Division II preseason rankings were announced here last Wednesday during the 1992 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association's (MIAA) Tip-off Press Conference.

The MIAA ranked the Rivermen at No. 8 for the preseason with 58 points. Head coach Rich Meckfessel didn't seem to have any arguments about their ranking. "I don't mind it," Meckfessel said. "I think it will give our players an incentive."

At the same press conference the MIAA ranked the Riverwomen No. 9, garnering 44 points. UM-St. Louis women's head coach Bobbi Morse simply didn't agree with their ranking. "I didn't think we'd be ranked that low. It's a tough race, and numbers 5 through 10 are pretty flexible," Morse said.

Like Meckfessel, Morse also said she hopes the ranking will push the Riverwomen to prove the MIAA wrong. "The girls will use it as an incentive."

Both coaches said they hope recruited players will fill the void of key players lost from last year.

"We lost a lot of players from last year," Meckfessel said. "But we have four players back from our 22-6 team two years ago. I believe our transfers will make an impact, including Andrew "Smokey" Evans and Bryan Silver. They all have a chance to be pretty good."

Morse has a similar problem. "We lost a lot of scoring and rebounding, but we return five players. We have three junior-college and six freshmen this year. Maybe we'll try to guard someone this year," Morse joked.

One of the newcomers to the MIAA is former Mizzou and Southwest Missouri State assistant coach Bob Sundvold, who is the new men's basketball coach at Central Missouri State. Sundvold seemed pleased about coaching in the MIAA.

"I look forward to the season," Sundvold said. "I have

great respect for the coaches in the MIAA and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Two new NCAA rules also were mentioned at the conference.

"Because of the HIV awareness, if a player gets blood on his uniform, they must change it right away," Sundvold said.

Washburn men's coach Bob Chipman discussed the other rule. "The NCAA has a

new 'delay of game' rule, so that a team doesn't take too much time in the huddle during time outs," Chipman said.

The 1992 MIAA men's basketball preseason poll is as follows: (1) Washburn, (2) Missouri Western, (3) Missouri-Rolla, (4) Central Missouri, (5) Missouri Southern, (6) Emporia State, (7) Southwest Baptist, (8) Missouri-St. Louis, (9) Pittsburg State, (10) Northwest Missouri, (11) Lincoln, (12) Northeast Missouri.

The 1992 MIAA women's basketball preseason poll ranks as follows:

(1) Pittsburg State, (2) Washburn, (3) Missouri Southern, (4) Central Missouri, (5) Southwest Baptist, (6) Northwest Missouri, (7) Missouri-Rolla, (8) Emporia State, (9) Missouri-St. Louis, (10) Missouri Western, (11) Northeast Missouri, (12) Lincoln.



Steve Roder Rivermen point guard



Lavon Kincaid Rivermen guard

Kampwerth, Heaton receive MIAA Honors

Senior Sharon Kampwerth and freshman Ginger Heaton were outstanding in their play two weeks ago at the UM-St. Louis Volleyfest. For their efforts, they were named MIAA "Hitter of the Week" and "Setter of the Week" respectively.

Kampwerth, who has received MIAA recognition four times this fall, enjoyed a terrific tournament. She collected 78 kills during the Volleyfest and had an excellent hitting percentage of .544. Kampwerth's .625 percentage against Wisconsin-Parkside was a season-high.

Heaton, who has been named MIAA "Setter of the Week" twice this season, recorded 227 assists and 55 digs during the tournament.

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