

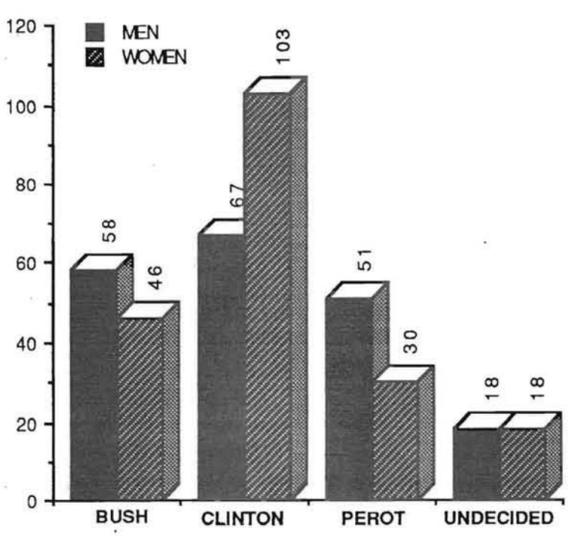
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Clinton Leads By Far On UM-St. Louis Campus

RESULTS BASED ON GENDER



by Max Montgomery
managing editor

During these last few days of campaigning, it appears Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Clinton will take the lead, at least on the UM-St. Louis campus.

According to a poll of UM-St. Louis students, faculty and staff conducted Friday by *The Current*, Clinton has a 16-point lead over President George Bush.

Clinton, with 43 percent of the campus vote, shadows Bush with 27 percent and Independent candidate Ross Perot with 21 percent.

Undecided votes accounted for nine percent of the poll.

Of the more than 400 people polled, seven percent said they were not voting. Many of these said they're not being offered a good choice, so they weren't going to bother, while some, who live out-of-town, simply didn't vote by absentee ballot in time.

Results of the poll indicate Clinton, at 49 percent, is the favorite among UM-St. Louis females, with Bush at 22 percent and Perot at 14 percent. Among the males on campus, Clinton is also the favorite at 32 percent, Bush not far behind at 28 percent and Perot at 21 percent.

The students have different reasons, like everyone else, for choosing their favorite candidate, and for Robin Davenport, a senior majoring in communications, it's all about what Clinton can do for the economy.

"My family has been out of a job since Reagan. I don't think (Clinton) could (improve the economy) in four years, but I think he could have a good impact on it," Davenport said. "If the American public wasn't as naive as they are, they would know what Clinton is going for will help. They need an economy lesson is what they need."

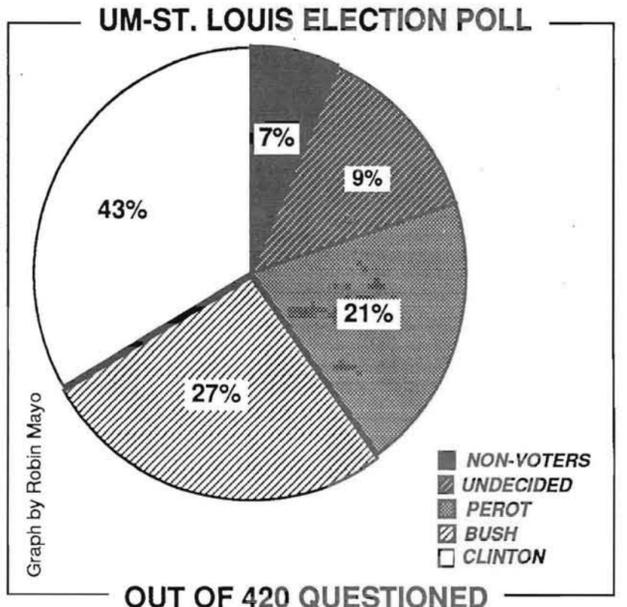
Business Administration major Tony Turner, 30, said he agrees with Bush in that trust and character is one of the most important issues this year, and Bush's character gets his support.

"I believe it's a character issue, but also a moral issue," Turner said. "Bush best represents the issues as far as morals to me."

And although Perot's support drastically is decreasing, many UM-St. Louis students are "standing by their man."

"He seems the most sincere of all of the candidates and he will at least try to

Graph by Robin Mayo



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U. Poll Claims Clinton The Leader

According to a poll conducted of more than 500 Missouri registered voters October 19-22, Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Clinton had a 13-point lead over President George Bush. Clinton, at 46 percent, topped Bush at 33 percent, and Independent candidate Ross Perot with 18 percent.

The study was conducted by the Public Policy Research Centers and was co-sponsored by National Public Radio's KWMU (90.7 FM).

Of the subjects polled, most of the support for Clinton was from the low and middle income brackets, voters with a high school education or less, and persons over 50.

Support for Bush mostly was from those who have incomes of more than \$30,000, some college education, and those who feel the country is moving in the right direction.

In the race for Governor, Democrat Mel Carnahan also had a 13-point lead over opponent Republican William Webster, with 53 percent compared to Webster at 40 percent.

Christopher Bond had a 55 percent lead in the race for the U.S. Senate against Geri Rothman-Serot who finished at 39 percent.

The voters who thought Missouri is moving in the right direction account for 42 percent, and those who responded the state has taken a wrong turn accounted for 44 percent.

A Last Shot At St. Louis

Despite protestors shouting "Four more days—no more Bush," thousands of supporters arrived Friday on the Maryville campus in West St. Louis County to support their presidential hopeful George Bush.

As campaign time is running out in this year's election, Bush was sure to make one-last stop in Missouri, still being labeled a swing state, to gain as much momentum as he can.

OUT OF 420 QUESTIONED

Bush said his ace-in-the-hole is that he is in touch with the American people and that will be the force which will win him this election.

"I've been in all 50 states as president. I'm in touch," he said.

Bush continued to slam his opponent, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, saying if enough people support the

Shoppers Find Something New At The Mall

in St. Ann. Almost all of the Democratic candidates running for offices in Missouri were also on hand to welcome Gore.

Joan Kelly-Horn introduced Gore

like a threat than a promise. I want to get rid of it in three more days," he said.

Gore was welcomed by a group from Tennessee called the "Gore Corps." Billie Davis, one of the members from Columbia, Tenn., said she lives in a small town and Gore visits there on a regular basis.

"If someone has a problem he will send someone from his office to take care of it until the problem is fixed," Davis said. "It has been this way for the last 14 years. We love him because we know he cares."

The Gore Corps was formed four years ago when Gore ran for president. The group was reactivated when he was asked to run on the ticket with Clinton.

"He wouldn't get on a ticket with someone he didn't trust," said Claudia Jack, a Columbia, Tenn. attorney and member of the Gore Corps.

Twenty-four members made the trip to St. Louis at their own expense to work the phone bank and render support for Gore.

Tipper Comes To UMSL

by Michelle McMurray
editor

The UM-St. Louis College Democrats welcomed Tipper Gore, wife of Vice Presidential candidate Sen. Al Gore, to the campus last week. Chancellor Blanche Touhill, Student Government President Mike Tomlinson, U.S. Rep. Joan Kelly-Horn, D-Mo., and Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Gerri Rothman-Serot introduced Gore to several hundred supporters.

Gore said, in her speech Thursday, momentum for the Clinton-Gore ticket steadily is rising and the country is getting ready for a change.

"It is exciting that we only have a few days left. This country is ready for a change," she said. Gore criticized President George Bush for what she called neglect for working families.

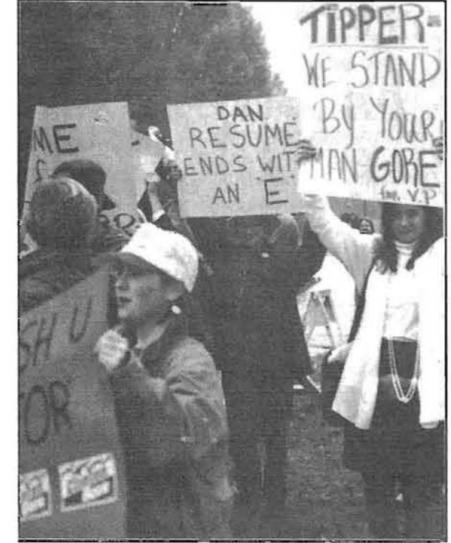
"Bush has governed under a lack of leadership. The consequences are very severe for working families. Homelessness is growing and 35 million families have gone into poverty," she said.

Gore said health care in the U.S. is one of the most important issues in this year's campaign.

"We are in a national health care crisis which George Bush has ignored. There are 40 million Americans who have no health insurance at all. A criminal has a right to a lawyer so every American should have a right to a doctor of their choice," she said



"Tipper" Gore (center), wife of Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Al Gore, being ushered onto campus by (left) SGA President Mike Tomlinson and Betty Van Uum, assistant to the chancellor.



Supporters from different universities around St. Louis showed up on campus, Thursday, to welcome Tipper Gore.

Photos: Paul Sarris

adding that mental health care would be part of the package.

Gore said education, starting with programs like Head Start, are high on the list of priorities of the Clinton-Gore ticket.

"We want to expand the Head Start program and totally fund it. I have talked to 18 and 20-year-olds who have said it made a difference in their lives," she said.

Gore said the United States has a drop-out rate of 29 percent compared to Japan which is 2 percent. Gore said their Democratic ticket would try to make sure there are jobs for college graduates.

"It's not easy for students like yourselves who also work. We want to finance education with the National Service Trust Fund. Anyone who wanted to go to school could pay back either a percentage when they graduate, or serve the community by working in fields such as law enforcement or teaching," she said.

The response for young people who have been involved in the election process has been tremendous, she said.

"Young people have a lot at stake here. Young people are registered in record numbers and are attracted to the Clinton-Gore ticket," she said. "We have been flooded with volunteers who want to help."



AND AL MAKES TWO: Both Al Gore, Vice Presidential candidate, and his wife "Tipper," visited St. Louis last week for last-minute attempts at winning over undecided voters. Al Gore, shown here at Northwest Plaza on Halloween Day, said President George Bush has offered America "all tricks and no treat."

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If you are voting by absentee ballot your notarized affidavit envelope with your voted ballot inside must be returned to the Election Board no later than 7 p.m. the day of the election either in person or by mail. Notary officials are required by Missouri law to perform this service free of charge for absentee voters. If you are permanently disabled you must furnish a letter from a doctor stating as such, and you will not be required to have your affidavit envelope notarized when you mail in your absentee ballot.

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to the election, upon your request, a bipartisan team of election judges will come to your hospital room to allow you to vote absentee. If you are handicapped and your polling place is not accessible you may vote on election day at the office in Clayton. If you want to use your polling place but cannot leave your car, a bipartisan team of election officials will bring a vote recorder and ballot to you.

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help the economy," said Steve Marting, 26, a senior majoring in Business.

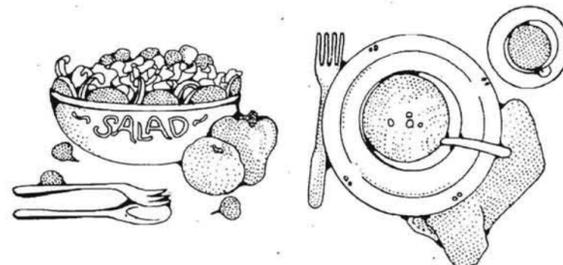
Although the results of this most recent poll seem to slightly differ than that of the latest national ratings, they are similar to those on other college campuses.

Robin Mayo, of The Current staff, contributed to this story.

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Republican



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GEORGE BUSH AND DAN QUAYLE

The George Bush/Dan Quayle platform includes such goals as keeping inflation and interest rates low, expanding trade agreements, reducing spending without raising taxes, stabilize economic growth by adopting a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers and a capitol gains tax.

Bush wants to reform welfare by implementing initiatives that get people into jobs and off welfare, denying added benefits to single mothers who have more children on welfare, discontinuing welfare for drug users or other law offenders, and expanding the HOPE program which lets public housing residents buy their homes.

He also proposes a reform in the legal system through civil justice reform.

Plan for economic growth are to lower taxes, more competition, and more open trade. Wants to encourage entrepreneurial capitalism.

Wants to strengthen small business. First-year depreciation for property purchases.

Wants to line item veto. Balanced budget amendment.

Wants to restructure the government by cutting the Executive Office of the President by 33 percent if Congress cuts its operations likewise. Wants to cut pay by five percent for those federal employees earning more than \$75,000 a year. Restructure Executive Branch through consolidation of departments, agencies, and bureaus.

Wants to work with the new congress to push through 13 separate packages in the first year of his second term. Bush wants to radically overhaul of American education. Wants to put a ban on PAC Contributions and limits on Congressional terms. Are the pro-life ticket. Are in favor abortion being outlawed.

PRESIDENT-VICE PRESIDENT

Democrat



BILL CLINTON AND AL GORE

The Clinton-Gore ticket believes the wealthiest Americans get richer while middle class people work harder and earn less.

They want to provide access to quality, affordable health care. They are in favor of a national health care plan. It would require insurers to offer a core package of benefits, including pre-natal care and other important preventive care benefits. He wants to fully fund programs such as Head Start. Wants to sign the Violence Against Women Act, which would provide tougher enforcement and stiffer penalties to deter domestic violence.

Support enforcement of the 1991 Civil Rights Act to ensure fairness in the workplace. Strong enforcement of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Are the pro-choice ticket. Believe abortion should be a private decision. Want to create a Rebuild America Fund,

with a \$20 billion annual federal investment for each of the next four years, leveraged by state, local and private sector and pension fund contributions. This fund will be used to renovate roads, bridges and highways. In support of the Family and Medical Leave Act which would give parents the right to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a sick relative, the birth of a new baby and adoption. Invest in communities by creating nationwide network of community development banks to provide loans to entrepreneurs and homeowners; requiring companies that bid on city projects or set up shop in enterprise zones to employ local residents. Want to add 100,000 new police officers. Want to offer incentives for students who want to go to college by having them do community service jobs for two years after graduation as payback.

Independent

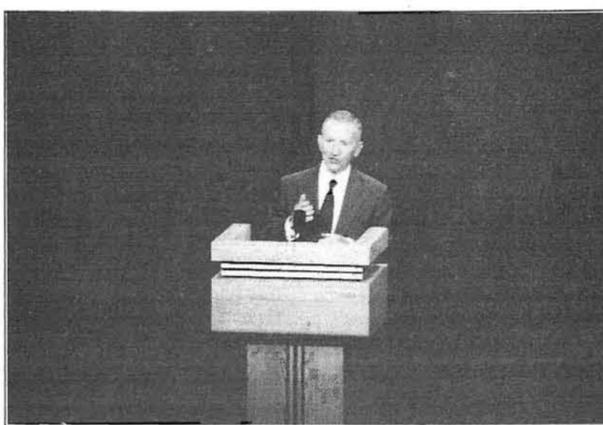


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ROSS PEROT

UNITED WE STAND - THE ROSS PEROT PLATFORM

Perot's campaign theme is that in order to reduce the deficit, all Americans would have to accept taxation according to their income.

Perot anticipates a total budget savings of \$861 billion over five years. Perot proposes an America that pays its way. Perot favors working with Europe and Japan to "send appropriate aid, technology, support personnel and other items" needed to secure democracy in our Cold War adversaries.

Perot wants to secure democracy in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. In the defense budget, Perot cut \$40 billion more than Bush over five years. He wants to force Europe and Asia to finance their own defense and wishes to eliminate weapons that are "relics from the Cold War" and wants to build a successor to NATO alliance.

Perot has no detailed proposals on reducing welfare rolls. He has only

called for welfare programs that "help people get productive." Perot wants to create a national registry of delinquent parents of child support and to require child support obligations to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. He is pro choice.

He wants to increase tobacco and gasoline taxes in an effort that would save \$176 billion in five years. He proposes a gas tax increase of \$.10/gallon in each of the next five years and would use these funds to rebuild the country's infrastructure; this would accomplish reduced use, therefore reducing foreign independence and increase alternative energy development.

Perot proposes an increase in collections that would result in saving \$31 billion over 5 years. Under this proposal, he wants to upgrade IRS computers, revise tax treatment of foreign companies operating in the U.S., and simplify the tax code...effectively getting rid of loopholes.

Libertarian



ANDRE MARROU

by Paul Henrold for *The Current*

Andre Marrou, 53, is a graduate of MIT and has worked as an engineering manager, real estate broker, small business owner, radio personality and a volunteer in rescue operations. He has served in the Alaska State Legislature, as Director of PROJECT 51-'92, and was the Libertarian vice presidential candidate in 1988.

Dr. Nancy Lord, 40, received her M.D. from the University of Maryland and J.D. from Georgetown Law Center. Lord works as a doctor/attorney specializing in medical malpractice and has been a small business owner.

Libertarians believe respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships and that only through freedom, can peace and prosperity be realized. The scope of law, according to the Libertarian party, is based on John S. Mill's Harm Principle.

Consequently, Libertarians defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world they seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their



DR. NANCY LORD

own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power.

Marrou claims that great civilizations throughout history have declined and eventually died for three reasons—excessive taxation, debasement of currency (getting away from the gold standard), and acting as bully of the world.

Marrou would like to see this behavior curtailed by cutting the federal bureaucracy; ending the imposition of legal morals that illegalize victimless crimes and paternalistic policies that work for a person's mental and/or physical well being; cutting excessive and entangling regulations; encouraging private enterprise as opposed to governmental ownership; returning to a gold standard and restricting the military to defense of our nation's borders.

The Marrou/Lord ticket is the only of the four national tickets to support marijuana re-legalization.

Marrou says, "Governmental power is diametrically opposed to individual liberty." He believes a government that is big enough to give you what you've always gotten, is big enough to take what you've got.

Libertarians want to inspire a return to the individual initiative, responsibility and prosperity that was once part of the American dream.

GOVERNOR



MEL CARNAHAN

by Max Montgomery managing editor

Like cats and dogs, Missouri gubernatorial candidates, Lt. Gov. Mel Carnahan and Attorney General William Webster, battled it out in a mud-slinging episode Tuesday, October 22, under what was supposed to be a "debate."

Televised state-wide from KETC (Channel 9), their final public encounter resulted in more personal strikes against each other than it did discussion of issues.

Carnahan, a Democrat, accused Webster, a Republican, of handing out political favors to campaign contributors, but Webster defended the accusation calling it "a blatant lie."

"What Carnahan is saying is absolutely unfair," Webster said.

He also said Carnahan specializes in "lies and deception" and accused him of receiving personal income for practicing law while serving as Lt. Governor, which, Webster said, Carnahan said he would never do.

"You looked the voters in the eye in '88, and promised them you would be full-time," Webster said claiming Carnahan collected more than \$800,000 last year as a lawyer.

As the hour-long event continued, Carnahan blasted Webster saying he "abused his office" of Attorney General in light of the Second Injury Fund, the controversial workers' compensation program which has risen costs and brought payments to question. *The Post-Dispatch* recently reported many of the lawyers representing the fund are some of Webster's largest contributors.

Webster repeatedly said, "Mel is making the allegation and he doesn't know what he's talking about. That's what I'm talking about when I talk



WILLIAM WEBSTER

about Mel McCarthy."

The two did agree on the state's education problems and programs to help but they disagree on ways to fund the proposals.

"Education is an emergency in this state," Carnahan said. "But we can't have improvements without cost."

Carnahan said he has a 15-point program for improving Missouri education including reducing student-teacher ratios by limiting class sizes. He said he is proposing a \$200 million increase which would cost Missouri families \$2.41 per month; half of that would go to local school districts and the other half to the state.

"I think that's a modest investment," he said.

However, Webster said Carnahan's ideas are far-fetched and they would never be approved when put in front of the voters.

"We did that last year. It didn't work," Webster said. "That's pandering to every special interest group that needs money and he (Carnahan) knows it."

"Sometimes I think you (Carnahan) just don't know anything about this so you're naive," Webster said.

Webster believes the state needs \$134 million for just building improvements, especially in Kansas City school districts, and anticipates that the amount is low. He proposes a 6 percent tax exempt bond rate, which he says is the way to go.

"You build buildings through bond issues," Webster stressed.

After the debate, both men declared themselves the winner and Carnahan cited the most recent poll claiming him to be ahead and admitting that "we're not the best of friends."

U.S. SENATE



KIT BOND

Current U.S. Senator, Bond's top priority is restoring jobs and the economy.

He plans to balance the budget by freezing domestic and international spending for five years; by cutting the military defense by one-third; and by limiting the growth of entitlements to inflation rate plus new persons qualifying for help.

Bond favors term limitation on U.S. Representatives and Senators, the Family Leave Act, and an investment tax credit for businesses buying equipment and machinery.

Bond considers himself "pro-life" and favors allowing each state to make their own laws governing abortion rights, such as requiring parental consent and allowing a 24-hour notification period.

Under health care concerns, Bond would require insurance agencies to cover persons with pre-existing illnesses. He feels self-employed workers should be able to deduct 100 percent of the cost of health insurance. He proposes an expanded community health program aimed toward preventative care and a uniform computer record system that would cut administrative costs.

Bond favors a capitol gains tax cut that would increase tax revenues, rather than reduce them. A tax cut would encourage long-term investment and create new jobs.

Bond is a strong advocate of Parents As Teachers, a program designed to equip parents to maximize the development of their young children. Bond also supports increases in the Pell Grant and Guaranteed Student Loan programs to ensure all students are given the opportunity to obtain a college education.



GERI ROTHMAN-SEROT

Currently a St. Louis County Council member, Rothman-Serot's highest priority is creating jobs. She plans to create more jobs by directing more attention to the United States and less to interests abroad. She wants to accelerate spending under the 1991 highway bill, that would not only help repair roads and bridges, but generate jobs as well.

Rothman-Serot does not favor Congressional term limitations. She does favor the Family Leave Act and the investment tax credit for businesses buying equipment and machinery.

Rothman-Serot favors the Freedom of Choice Act that would make the Supreme Court decision in "Roe v. Wade" federal law.

She wants a national health care plan that would give states flexibility to meet the needs of local residents. Her plan would also cover long-term health care.

In an effort to get more money needs invested in education, Rothman-Serot plans to propose a corporate sponsorship program where businesses and cooperations agree to "adopt" individual schools.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

David Steelman-Republican

He is a former state representative and lawyer. He wants to end the school desegregation cases. Help local groups fight crime using fees collected from felony convicts. Wants to help create squads in rural areas to help fight crime.

Jay Nixon-Democrat

Current State Senator and lawyer. He wants to establish new Missouri Bureau of Investigation to help local officials fight crime. He also wants to move away from "social engineering" law like the Cruzan right to die case.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Margaret Kelly - Republican

Current Missouri State Auditor, Kelly plans to save tax dollars by pushing to implement auditor's recommendations, and to work for better management in school districts. She is neutral on Proposition C which would give the Lt. Governor more responsibilities with no pay increase. She encourages more women in government and economic development

Roger Wilson - Democrat

Current State Senator, Wilson plans to advocate for the elderly and for day care, pre-school education and health care for children. He encourages economic development and backs Proposition C.

History Defines It; Trust Yourself In The Ballot Box



by Russell L. Korando
of The Current staff

Tomorrow you, the American voter, will elect the 42 president of the United States. Recent surveys indicate there considerably will be more of you than four years ago.

Perhaps the reason for such great interest in another hyperbolic presidential election is the fact that more of you are out of work, than four years hence. Seven hundred thousand women and men lost their jobs in 1991.

Independent Presidential candi-

date Ross Perot's theme to his grass roots campaign army has been "take back your country." The largest television audiences in the 32-year history of live debating got a good look at Perot in the three debates.

Perot proposed to bust down the doors of government gridlock with you beside him. Perot also said during one of the debates that his fleet of businesses paid its fair share in taxes. Agh, agh. I don't know what to tell Perot supporters after such malfeasance. Perot has \$3 billion dollars because he has been benefiting from the same tax loopholes that strangle the middle-class worker.

Got to like Perot's spunk, though. Instead of picking... uh, a Dan Quayle or Al Gore who would make a mint as a T.V. anchorman, as his running mate for vice president, he chose retired Adm. James Stockdale, a crusty ole' war hero, as his running mate.

Sure, Stockdale's a little slow to

pressure-politics. He's never been a politician, which means he's been an honest man for the first 68 years of life. Stockdale also won the Congressional Medal of Honor upon release from a North Vietnamese hell-hole, derisively named the Hanoi Hilton.

A lot of teachers at UM-St. Louis were of college age during the most turbulent decade [1960's] since the 1860's. What did the images of Stockdale's seven years of hell do for you? Hair-raising, eh.

Let us then speak of integrity, values and intentions. Who has them? Who doesn't? Dan Quayle, you ask? Strikes out on these three "characteristics" raised by Bush and Clinton. Quayle has polished up his public speaking, but his rhetorically ambiguous personality is see-through.

Gore impressed me at first, as did Clinton, until they altered nary a word at any speech, debate or rally. And this \$130 billion Clinton says will come from incomes of more than \$200,000, annually, isn't going to put a dent in a \$4 trillion dollar deficit.

By this time, your asking "Russ, it seems you don't trust any of the candidates." Trust in your God of choice and most of all have trust in yourself, but don't trust a politician.

Like the comparison of America's most turbulent decades—the 1860s and 1960s—the presidential election of 1992 has an every resemblance to the one 100 years prior. Why do people read those old, dusty history books? Because mankind has a way of chasing a tail of past failures.

Frederick Douglass was urging African-Americans to "press for full

equality." Benjamin Harrison, the sitting Republican president, had overseen a stagnant economy, and the government faced a crisis in its fiscal stability.

Here's the kicker. In 1892, there also was the variant of a populist third party candidate. Wow, you say? Is this 1892 or 1992? Where am I, Toto? Consider this comparison. Since they became the norm around 1980, Ross Perot's friends in the media have constantly questioned presidential candidates about campaign character assassinations.

Historian Henry Adams penned this note about the election of 1884. "One could search the political history of this era, and find little but damaged reputations." Did Quayle and Clinton get free rides from Vietnam, while the working-class kids (like the ones attending UM-St. Louis) got their names etched on a black granite Wall in Washington, D.C?

Did Bush know of arms for hostages agreements while serving as Ronald Reagan's vice president? Perot accused Bush last week of more—we've heard this term before—Republican "dirty tricks."

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Guest Commentary

by Charlie Leonard

More bumper-sticker philosophy: "Don't blame me, I voted for McGovern."

When I was in high school, in the wake of the Nixon-Watergate scandal, I used to see a lot of these stickers on cars in the Central West End and in University City, where I hung out in those days.

There was a lot of wisdom in those few words, as is often the case. The "I-told-you-so" stickers of George McGovern voters said something about the dignity of voting, even if—or maybe especially if—your candidate loses.

I cast my first presidential vote for Jimmy Carter in 1976, as a sophomore at Mizzou. I still recall the satisfaction of being on the winning side of a national election. (I guess I remember it so fondly because it was the only winning vote I've made.) We didn't know all that much about Carter, but we knew he wasn't part of The Establishment. Carter wasn't tainted, as Gerald Ford had been, by pardoning a criminal president. Chevy Chase's *Saturday Night Live* satirization of Ford as a stumbling moron didn't help us take him seriously, either.

Perhaps because of the elation we idealistic young Democrats had felt at throwing the Republican bums out of Washington, it was particularly depressing to watch the Carter presidency deteriorate. The president was unable to get his programs through Congress, we had a wallet-draining

energy crisis and interest rates soared to the point that young graduates had a hard time even buying a decent used car. Not to mention, the Iranian hostage crisis left an indelible stain on the fabric of our national pride. The stage was set for Ronald Reagan to ride into town, like a John Wayne sheriff, to clean up the mess.

Suffice it to say that I didn't buy Reagan's act, and that I took my opportunities in November of 1980 and 1984 to "just say no," to use a phrase that his wife made popular. As painful as it was to watch his election and subsequent re-election, I had the grim satisfaction of knowing that at least I hadn't contributed to his gutting of social programs, his hawkish defense build-ups, his towering budget deficits or the scandals and misdeeds that his minions undertook while on the taxpayers' payroll.

Similarly, the mean-spirited filth of President Bush's 1988 campaign against Michael Dukakis hardened me, and most of my friends, against Ronald Reagan and his patrician, pseudo-Texan, pork-rind-eating successor.

History aside, it's left to us now, in the short term, to elect a president. And it's left to us, in the long term and as individuals, to find some dignity in the quadrennial process of electing a leader. This is a particularly difficult task, given the level and tone of the present campaign.

My advice is to step into the booth on Tuesday and to try, for a moment, to forget the shrillness, the lies and the finger-pointing of the 1992 campaign and vote your conscience, to borrow a phrase Ross Perot has been using lately. And if Perot is your choice, so be it, though mine will not. Perhaps you will heed George Bush's plea to "annoy the media, re-elect Bush." I will not, since it would please me much more to annoy the Republicans.

No matter for whom you cast your vote, you will bring dignity to the process when you vote for the candidate you truly think is the right one. Maybe you'll be on the winning side. Or maybe someday you'll have a bumper sticker that says "Don't blame me, I voted for Perot."

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Bush from page 1

"environment with growth and business" theories of Clinton and "ozone man," Bush's latest alias for Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Al Gore, those people will be "out of work."

Bush's trip to Missouri was not a surprise as the Midwest, especially Missouri, is a big electoral voting bloc and usually equally divided.

Bush and independent candidate Ross Perot both visited Missouri over the weekend. Clinton tentatively is scheduled in St. Louis today.

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Journalist Discusses Pundits And Media Effects

by Anjanette Smith
of The Current Staff

Eric Alterman, journalist and former Washington Post reporter, spoke last Wednesday at UM-St. Louis on a variety of topics concerning the 1992 Presidential Election.

Included in the discussion were the beginnings of pundits and the punditocracy, the increasing power of the punditocracy and the decreasing power of the people to set the agenda for the country. He also discussed negative advertising, the tran-

sition of pundit support from President George Bush to Democratic candidate Gov. Bill Clinton, impossibility of a third-party system, money and politics and the generational dimension of the Bush and Clinton campaigns.

The pundits began in the early 1900s as a group of "commentators who thought it was their responsibility to educate the American people about complicated issues; people like Walter Lippman and James Ruskin of the New York Times." He describes the punditocracy, a branch of the pundits, as an exclusive group of "mostly conservative white men" who care more about the people they write for, who "are no longer conscientious of the concerns of the American people," who "don't have health care problems, have no problems finding

good schools for their children and have no problem walking through their neighborhoods without worry of getting mugged. They have nice lives. Their only problem is traffic," he said.

These are the commentators who are setting the agenda for this country, he said. The punditocracy, which Alterman describes as being the only bridge between the government and the people, has turned the from the responsibility to educate its audience to "a coded debate between insiders which basically leaves people out." He offered a solution by having journalists allow people to become engaged and really care, so they can get as involved as they would baseball, basketball or football and by offering more partisan newspapers.

He also spoke on how the punditocracy influences the election. He said immediately after the Gulf

War, Bush was unbeatable to the pundits. The pundits revoked support for him because his Secretary of Defense and now campaign chief, James Baker, made remarks toward Israel that were considered Anti-semitic. They also said he didn't protect the Kurds in Iraq, he let Sadaam Hussein get away and their alternative, Clinton, appealed to the Reagan-Democrats with his attacks on welfare, support for personal responsibility and support for the Gulf War.

Alterman said Clinton appealed to white middle-class who "blamed liberals who have been to generous with minorities with affirmative action and welfare" for their economic straits. He survived Jennifer Flowers and Vietnam because the pundits supported him—the candidate of the insider.

He also spoke of the impossibility of a three-party political system in the U.S. because of the winner-take-all electoral system and a lack of campaign funds.

He covered the age differences between Bush and Clinton. The 60s generation is different from the 40s and it's not quite clear exactly how.

"In some ways the 40s generation was much more consistent. They wanted to slowly reform the country, bring people into the system," Alterman said. "When that became messy, they gave up on it. Now it's not clear exactly what the values of the sixties generation are because they've been all over the map. If you put a gun to my head I would say, they're more liberal on social issues."

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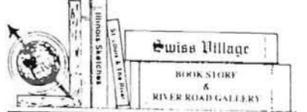
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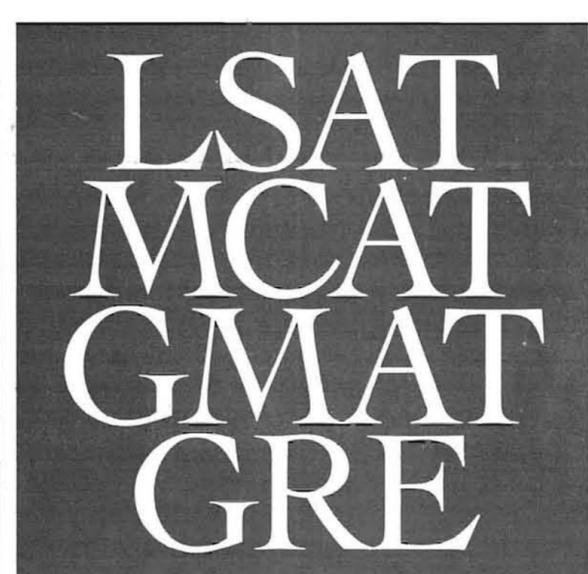
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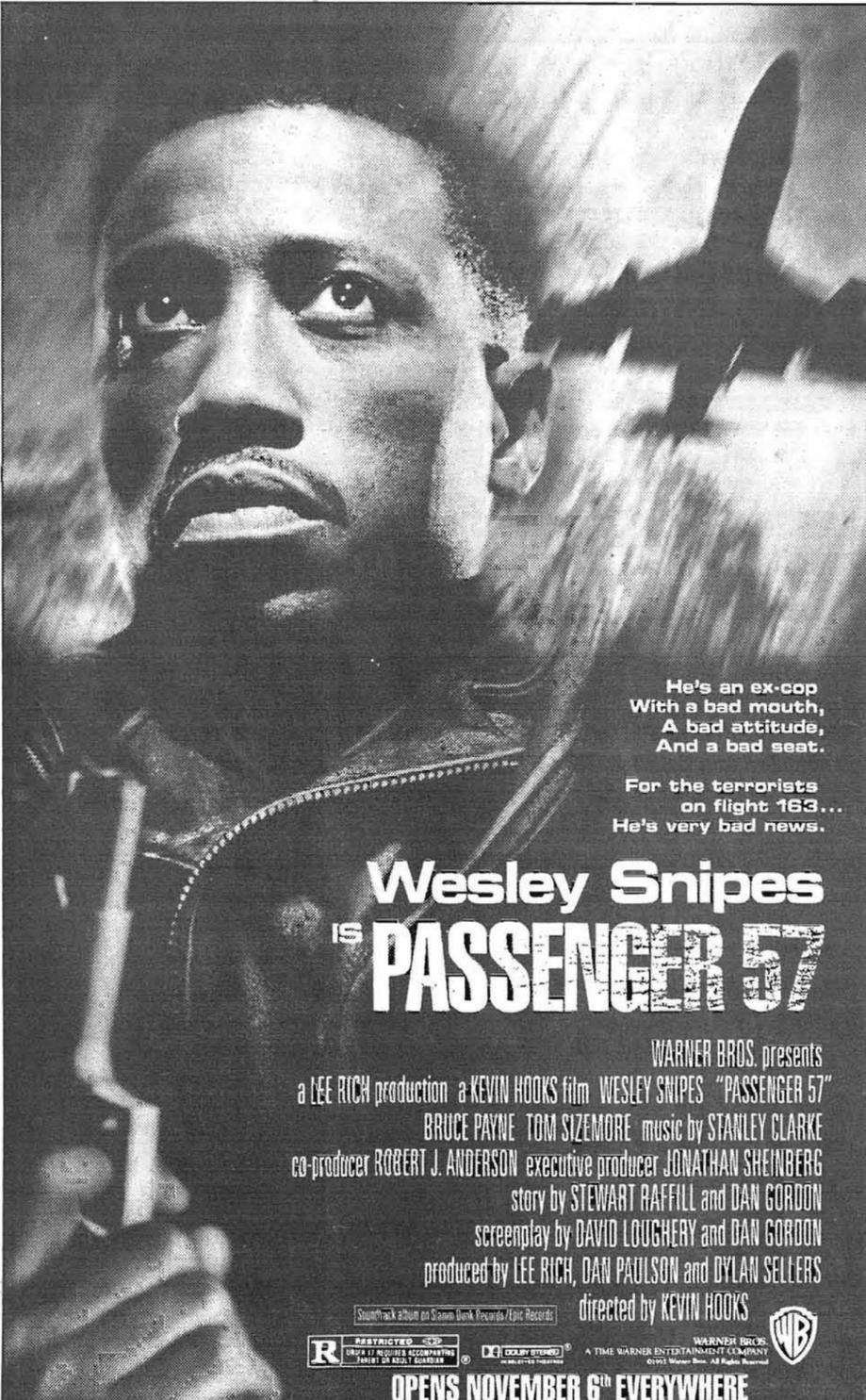
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Yes For Perot; A Waste?

by Max Montgomery
managing editor

With the slow rise of voter support for President George Bush, many people are now questioning if he can really pull it off.

While, at the same time, according to the most recent polls, Ross Perot's support is slipping drastically. This is partially due to the hype of a "wasted vote."

But is a vote for Perot a wasted one?

Lance LeLoup, a UM-St. Louis political science professor and director of the Public Policy Research Centers, says it's not really a yes or no question.

"Yes because it's a protest vote," he said. "You're voting for someone that doesn't have a chance to win. But in another way it's not. It's a symbolic vote—a way to be

heard."

LeLoup said most people who vote for a candidate such as Perot are doing so because the two parties aren't giving them enough of a choice.

He also said he believes Perot, at one time, actually had a shot at being the next U.S. president.

"I think he had a chance of winning in late June or early July when he was up in the polls 30 percent. He was running equal to Bush and Clinton before he dropped out," LeLoup said. "By dropping out, I think he really killed his chances."

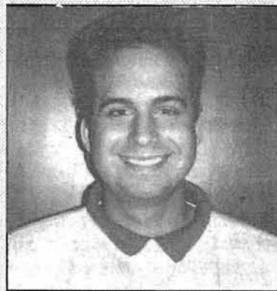
UM-St. Louis senior Steve Marting, 26, is sticking with Perot and says he doesn't believe his vote will be wasted.

"If enough people vote for him, then at least our voices will be heard—whether he's selected or not," Marting said.

Around The Campus

For Whom Are You Voting And Why?

by Renee Sanson



"Clinton and Gore because we need a better economic reform. As a fact, trickle-down economics don't work. I trust Clinton's plan to get America back to work."

-Bill Ross



"Bush because I believe that the number one duty of the President is Commander in Chief and I trust him much, much greater than the other two candidates."

-Andy Masters



"Clinton and Gore. As a social worker, I think the administration will benefit the population I work with the most. I don't agree with trickle-down economics. I don't want the potentials for the Supreme Court openings being filled by a Republican conservative."

-Terri Hankin



"I'm not sure who I'm voting for. I'm pro-choice and anti-deficit and I'm for shared responsibility, but most importantly, I'm for a change against trickle-down economics."

-Joe Jones



"I'm voting for Ross Perot because he's the only candidate that actually knows how to run a business and the United States, in a sense, is a business."

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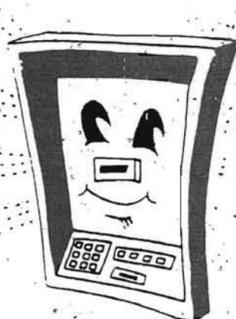
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LaMette And Squibb Will Captain Riverwomen Boat In '92-'93

Season's Hope Is For A More "Balanced team"

by Pete Discriplno
Current sports reporter

When the UM-St. Louis Riverwomen's basketball team opens their season November 21 at home against Missouri Baptist, it will be the beginning of a new era of sorts.

Gone is the Riverwomen's all-time leading scorer Monica Steinhoff, whom the Riverwomen counted on heavily for much of the offense last year. However it could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. The Riverwomen hope a more balanced attack will help improve last seasons 10-18 record.

Senior captain Danielle LaMette, is one player who believes the team will improve with a balanced attack.

"Having a well balanced team, instead of relying on one person, will lead to success," LaMette said. "We will all have to depend on one another."

The other senior captain is Liz Squibb, who also believes that more balance can only help.

"Last year when we won, scoring was spread out," Squibb said. "You can't win or lose a game with one player."

Riverwomen's coach Bobbi Morse will turn to returners Squibb and LaMette, as well as Nancy Hessemann, Connie Gillam and Renee Duke, to be that balanced attack.

"They'll all have to carry the load, because we will be awful young," Morse said.

To go along with the five returners, Morse also has added nine newcomers, whom she hopes will help contribute.

"Since we lost three guards, the guards we recruited will have the biggest impact right away," Morse said.

One might wonder, without the 3-point bomber Steinhoff and with nine newcomers, if the Riverwomen will still play an up-tempo style.

"We will still run and gun," Morse said. "We're just going to be smarter about it."

LaMette, who will be the floor general of the run and gun offense, has confidence in the players coming back.

"We have a year's experience of playing together which should help our mental cohesiveness," LaMette said.

Squibb also realizes the Riverwomen lost some good players, but is confident, with the new nucleus.

"We gained a lot of new players, who worked really hard over the summer," Squibb said. "That will make up the difference."

Both Squibb and LaMette agree, that in order to be successful, the team has to have a better conference record than 7-9.

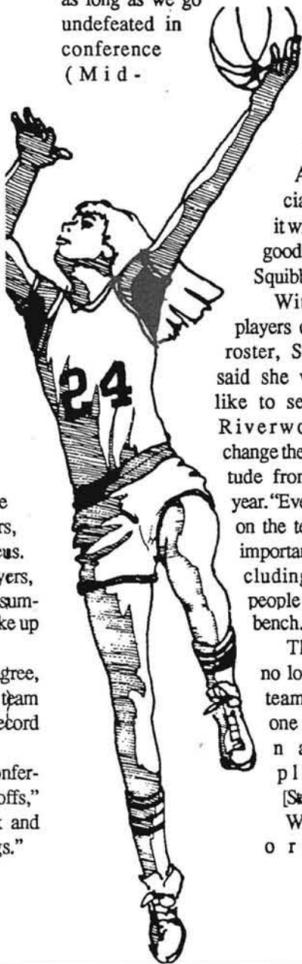
"A winning record in the conference, will lead to a ticket to the playoffs," LaMette said. "With hard work and determination we can get the rings."

Squibb doesn't necessarily measure success against the teams' overall record. "Just as long as we go undefeated in conference (Mid-

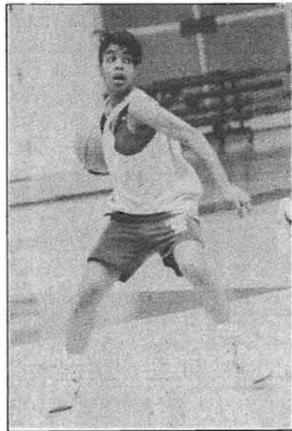
Atlantic Athletic Association), it will be a good year," Squibb said.

With 14 players on the roster, Squibb said she would like to see the Riverwomen change their attitude from last year. "Everyone on the team is important; including the people on the bench."

This is no longer a team with one dominant player (Steinhoff). Whether or not it



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will improve the record for the Riverwomen won't be determined until after the first game of 1992.

Riverwomen 1992-93 Home Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 21 Missouri Baptist
- Nov. 24 SIU-Edwardsville
- Dec. 1 Harris Stowe
- Dec. 12 Washington U.
- Jan. 6 Lincoln**
- Jan. 20 Southwest Baptist**
- Jan. 23 Missouri Southern**
- Jan. 30 Pittsburg State**
- Feb. 3 Missouri-Rolla**
- Feb. 6 Central Missouri State**
- Feb. 20 Washburn**
- Feb. 24 Northwest Missouri State**

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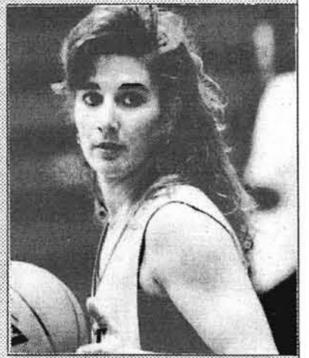
by Pete Discriplno
Current sports reporter

The 1992-93 UM-St. Louis Riverwomen's basketball team tip-off this season with one of the deepest teams in the Mid-America Athletic Association Conference. Along with five returners, the Riverwomen have added nine new faces to the roster.

Here's a look at the 1992-93 Riverwomen basketball team.

•GUARDS

The Riverwomen guard position is the deepest on the team. Eight players are capable of playing guard. Senior Danielle LaMette will be



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the key to how well the team does offensively. "I look for Danielle to be the glue of the team; both on and off of the court," head coach Bobbi Morse said.

5-foot-7-inch freshmen, Regina Howard, who averaged 19.2 points a game as a senior at Jennings High School, will see a great deal of playing time.

"Regina brings quickness and has the ability to shoot the ball," Morse said. "She's the best new athlete."

Newcomers Gloria Clark and Tammy Anderson bring good ball handling and shooting skills. Both women come from winning programs which should only help the Riverwomen.

Nicole Christ is also a player increasing the hopes of a winning season.

"Nicole brings versatility and sees the court extremely well," Morse said. Freshmen DJ. Martin should help make up for some of the outside shooting from the loss of the Riverwomen's career scoring leader, Monica Steinhoff.

"[DJ.] is a hardworking lady who can shoot the ball," Morse said. "She is a true guard."

Two walk-ons; Bindu Balakrishnan and Lynda Peters have both worked hard in the early going. "Bindu's work ethic is top-notch... she has a lot of heart," Morse said. "Lynda brings us another outside shot."

•FORWARDS

Junior Nancy Hessemann heads the list at the forward position. This could be the year Hessemann comes into her own.

"Nancy is a good outside shooter," Morse said. "We are going to need her shot to breakup a lot of zones."

Joining Hessemann will be Renee Duke, who is planning to see more playing time as a sophomore.

"Renee is going to be a defensive stopper," Morse said. "Her biggest asset is her athletic ability."

Newcomer Rhonda Patterson transferred from Lewis and Clark Community College and adds experience on the inside. Lynda Peters could also see some playing time at the forward position.

•POST

Senior Liz Squibb and sophomore Connie Gillam make the post position one of the most formidable in the MIAA Conference. Squibb will be counted on heavily for leadership and rebounding this season. "Liz's biggest asset is her athletic ability," Morse said. "We need her rebounding."

Gillam, 6-foot-1, also will be counted on to crash the boards. Gillam is coming off an impressive freshman year and she should be the teams biggest inside threat. "Connie has to be the horse on the inside for us," Morse said.

Finally, also look for freshman Amy Huber to see some playing time. Huber will provide strength and toughness at the post position.

"I'm looking for her to make great strides in rebounding this year," Morse said. "Amy's going to be a great player in this league."

With all of the horses in place, the Riverwomen hope to get out of the gates quickly this year. Stay tuned.

1992-River Women's Basketball Preview

Hudson Sets Sights On "Double Figure" Wins

Riverwomen Fail To Qualify For Playoffs In 1992

by Jack C. Wang
associate sports editor

UM-St. Louis women's soccer head coach Ken Hudson realizes the season is almost over.

But the team and the coach still have one more goal to achieve.

"We want to get to double figures with the wins," Hudson said.

The Riverwomen had a record of 9-8-1 heading into the final two games last weekend in Kentucky, where the Riverwomen played Louisville and Bellarmine.

Unfortunately, the Riverwomen's season will end there because post-season play is out of the question due to the team's record in the Central Region.

After a heart-rendering 2-1 loss on Oct. 21 at the hands of SIU-Edwardsville, the Riverwomen lost one game and tied another competing in the TJ Pizza Classic, held Oct. 24 and 25, at home. UM-St. Louis lost against Lewis University 3-0 and tied Metropolitan State 1-1.

The Riverwomen were previously using a three-back system, but switched back to four defenders for the game against Metro State. "We tried to generate more offense, but switched because Metro State had three forwards. We moved Cheryl Kamp back to stopper where she is more comfortable," Hudson said. "It also gave Angie Anderson more freedom in the backfield, where she has played outstanding and is having a real good season," he said.

Hudson said the realization the season and the team's seniors' careers were coming to an end began with a ceremony honoring them before the Metro State game.

"Carmen Llorico and Cheryl have been with us the last three years and their intensity and leadership will be missed," Hudson said. "Tammy Hutson is a worker, and gets everything on the field. Kelly Donahue was fairly successful here after her success at Florissant Valley. Colleen Kelly was good, but injuries hampered her after winning a starting job last year as a



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GAME-BREAKER: Senior midfielder Carmen Llorico is third in scoring for the Riverwomen. Llorico has 4 goals and 3 assists for a total of 11 points.

walk-on."

Hudson also sees promise in next year's team. "We've got a lot of recruiting to do, but we have a good nucleus coming back. Kelley Hearne played well all year; Brooke Langelier had an nice season; Windy Harris was our

Colleen Kelly this year doing the job for us off the bench; and so is Kim Miller, who I am counting on a lot next year. I'm expecting nice things from these four players next year."



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STANDING TALL: The Riverwomen failed to make the playoffs, but head coach Ken Hudson can boast a career record of 142-62-17.

Riverwomen 1992 Final Scores:

- Sept. 6 @ St. Joseph's w 2-0
- Sept. 13 KENTUCKY 1 1-2
- Sept. 19 Northeast Missouri State w 2-1
- Sept. 20 Quincy 1 1-2
- Sept. 25 @ Loyola w 5-0
- Sept. 26 @ Wisconsin-Green Bay 1 0-2
- Sept. 28 DRURY w 4-3 ot
- Oct. 3 @ Mercyhurst 1 0-3
- Oct. 4 @ Gannon w 3-1
- Oct. 7 MISSOURI-ROLLA w 2-0
- Oct. 10 DEPAUW w 1-0
- Oct. 11 AIR FORCE w 2-0
- Oct. 15 @ Barry 1 1-4
- Oct. 16 @ St. Thomas w 5-0
- Oct. 17 @ Florida Atlantic 1 0-1

Rivermen Pay Tribute To Fallen Goaltender Before Win Over Drury

The UM-St. Louis men's soccer team got back on the winning track, with a 5-1 win last Tuesday against Drury College. The Rivermen are 11-5-1, and are ranked 19th in the ISAA/Gatorade National Soccer Rankings.

Before their win over Drury, the Rivermen were mired in a three game winless streak. Losses to Denver on Oct. 20, and Columbia College on Oct. 23, damaged the Rivermen's chances in making the regional playoffs for the second straight year.

"Those losses are just devastating," head coach Tom Redmond said. "Every break seems to be going against us."

The Rivermen finished the 1992 campaign in sunny Florida, with matches against two of the top-ten teams in Division II soccer. Tampa and Florida Tech are ranked 10th and 2nd respectively in the ISAA poll.

1992 also marked the first time the Rivermen lost more than three games at home. They finished their schedule



at Don Dallas Memorial Field with a 4-4 record.

After missing the first month of the season due to a groin injury, Craig Frederking, an All-American pick last year, has bounced back to second-place on the Rivermen scoring chart. Senior Brian Hennessy leads the Rivermen in goals (11) and points (27).

Freshman Jeff Hulsey has played

well in the nets for the Rivermen, although his penchant for coming too far out in front of the goal has cost him in the goals against average department. Hulsey has four shutouts and a 1.08 g.a.a.

Hulsey replaced Mark Dulle following Dulle's tragic shooting death in August. The Rivermen held a pre-game ceremony for Dulle before kicking off against Drury. A somber mood was cast across the crowd as Frederking and Scott Litschgi presented a memorial to Dulle's parents.

A tree also was planted in Dulle's memory, with a plaque that reads, "To our friend Mark, whose discipline, competitive spirit and athletic excellence inspired us all."

Dulle, 22, had been the Rivermen's starting goalie for two seasons prior to his death. He had recorded 11 shutouts in 27 career starts.

Some information for this story was provided by Jeff Kuchno

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by Max Montgomery
managing editor

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On Sunday, I made a choice and it had nothing to do with the information my dad keeps faxing me about Gov. Bill Clinton's poor Arkansas record and his campaign lies. (Obviously my dad was a little worried.) Well, worry no longer oh father of mine, I'm voting for George Bush.

So many times I've heard, "You're a college student. You have to vote for Clinton." True, I'm a college student, but I don't *have* to do anything.

Put Clinton In Office



by Michelle McMurray
editor

This is one of the most crucial elections in history. President Bush has had his chance and his way with this country. America has had its fill of the Reagan-Bush era.

It is almost a given one or two Supreme Court Justices will have to be replaced in the next four years. Stacking the court so far to the right does not represent all Americans. These are lifetime positions and the confirmation of Judge Clarence Thomas didn't help.

If you are a woman of childbearing age or someone you care about is,

your life could depend on this election. Yes, there are too many abortions, and abstinence and education should be taught. Realistically, outlawing abortion as the Bush administration would like to do will not stop it. The wealthy will have safe abortions and the poor will be forced to the back alley butchers.

The Bush-Quayle ticket trumpets on and on about family values. Bush had a chance to practice what he preaches but vetoed the Family Leave Bill.

Unemployment is high and millions of Americans have no health insurance. I agree with the Clinton-Gore statement that if a criminal has a right to an attorney, then every American should have a right to good, affordable health care.

If you want this country to continue on in the sorry shape it is in, by all means vote for Bush like my colleague on the other side of this page will. If not, vote for Bill Clinton.

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