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## UMSL Enrollment Down

by Greg Albers  
Current news reporter

Enrollment on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus for the fall 1992 semester has dropped nearly 10 percent from last year's figure.

On-campus enrollment for this semester is 11,774, that is down from 12,941 last year. Total enrollment is 14,926, down from 15,620 last year.

Chancellor Blanche Touhill said the drop of enrollment is due in part to the tightening of admission standards in 1991.

"Since 1991, the numbers [of full-time freshmen] have gone down," Touhill said. "I think it's due to the tightening of admission standards. I think it's also due to the raising of fees."

The admission standards for the University of Missouri were changed to require one year of high school credit in fine arts for incoming freshmen. Freshmen are also required to have taken four years of English, three years of math at the level of Algebra I and above, two years of science, two years of social studies and three additional requirements.

Academic fees have increased 14.7 percent over last year, and will continue to rise.

The number of first-time freshmen at UM-St. Louis has dropped almost 30 percent from 755 last year to 532 this year.

The decline in enrollment on the St. Louis campus is not unique. Total enrollment for the UM-system is down 5.5 percent. There were 57,100 students enrolled last year, but only 53,943 this fall.

With enrollment already declining, the problem figures only to get worse as fees rise to double the 1991 rate by 1997 and admission standards tighten even more if the University becomes highly selective when choosing students, as is expected.

Touhill predicted the University will go through a "painful" period of enrollment adjustment in the years to come. Some cuts will have to be made within the University.

"I'm working right now with the Budget and Planning Committee on a possible shortfall," Touhill said. "I think we will know within the next couple of weeks what cuts may come."

## Women, AIDS Topic Of Seminar

by Nancy Lewis  
of The Current staff

Three million women in the world have AIDS.

Women make up 15 percent of the total AIDS population in the United States. And, women ages 15-25 are the segment of the U.S. population that is the fastest growing group at risk for developing AIDS.

These facts were presented Thursday in a seminar at the Women's Center. Jeanne Wilson from Women United Fighting AIDS, a division of the St. Louis Effort for AIDS, emphasized that women are highly at risk for contracting the AIDS virus. Women United Fighting AIDS is an educational and outreach group that was formed two years ago to address the

special needs of women with AIDS in the St. Louis area. The organization provides support groups and childcare services to women who are HIV positive.

**"Now 100,000 women in the country are HIV positive"**

- Jeanne Wilson

and speaks to women's groups about prevention of the disease.

"When most people think of AIDS, they think of gay men," Wilson said, "But now 100,000 women in the country are HIV positive. And the projections are that in the next 10 years, women will be half of the U.S. AIDS population."

Wilson emphasized all women

are at risk unless they are celibate or have been in a faithful, monogamous relationship for the past ten years. "We have to get the message out that women must tell their partners to wear a condom. Always," Wilson said.

Wilson said women who have AIDS die twice as fast as men who have AIDS, often because AIDS symptoms in women are different than in men, and doctors do not know that a woman who is having chronic gynecological problems has AIDS. Most women are diagnosed with AIDS when they are pregnant and receiving prenatal care or when they develop a life-threatening AIDS-related disease such as pneumonia or cancer.

"Women are usually treated later in the stages of the disease. And a big problem is that until recently, all the studies of the disease and of the medications used to treat the disease were done exclusively on men," Wilson said.

AIDS is now the leading cause of death of women ages 15-25.

## Campus Conducts Alcohol Awareness Week

by Matt Forsythe  
of The Current staff

Why ask why?

Well the Greeks, Horizons Peer Counseling and the University Program Board attempted to answer that question last week by sponsoring events supporting Alcohol Awareness Week.

The Student Government Association (SGA) and the three social fraternities on campus kicked off the week by presenting the UM-St. Louis Presidential Gateway Award of Education to Richard B. Rosenfeld, an associate professor in the Criminology & Criminal Justice Department.

Rosenfeld has been involved in research

about drug and alcohol use on the UM-St. Louis campus.

He was honored for a study which took place on the UM-St. Louis campus in 1990-91. In the study, students were surveyed about their patterns of drug and alcohol use, to determine effects on academic performance. The results of the study, carried out through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, were distributed to the various organizations on campus.

Faculty were recruited by the program to develop course modules including information on the effects of drug and alcohol use. The main point was expose more students to the negative effects of irresponsible drinking.

In his acceptance speech, Rosenfeld thanked everyone on campus that had helped him in his

efforts and mentioned the main point of the research.

"The idea isn't to 'stop drinking' on campus, that's a decision that every individual has to make," Rosenfeld said. "The idea is to improve knowledge and awareness of the sources and consequences of alcohol abuse."

"I do appreciate the award. I was very proud to get the call. It makes a faculty member feel very good to get this kind of award from students," Rosenfeld said.

In addition to the presenting of the Gateway Award, Sigma Pi, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Pi Kappa Alpha also came together to sign a declaration stating the three fraternities would, in honor of Alcohol Awareness Week, have no alcohol at their Oct. 21 parties.

Rick Strifler, Sigma Tau Gamma president, noted the importance of the three groups coming together on this occasion.

"It is an exciting step for all the fraternities to be able to combine their efforts to show that alcohol isn't needed to have fun," Strifler said. "It is a precedent for the future to show that we can all work together to support an issue like this."

SGA President Mike Tomlinson agreed.

"I tried to channel [the Greeks] into being involved in this program. I feel the social fraternities and sororities should be some of the main people involved with this. They have such an energy to do something, I felt it would be a

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## Alcohol Awareness Week Educates, Entertains Students



During Alcohol Awareness Week, which was held last week, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police BATmobile (Breath Alcohol Testing mobile) was displayed for students (left) and a magician, John Fabjance (below), taught students about the effects of alcohol while entertaining them with magic tricks Thursday in the Underground.

Alcohol Awareness Week was sponsored by the Student Government Association, University Program Board, Horizons Peer Counseling, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Tau Delta and Sigma Pi.



## University Center Expansion Up To Students

by Karen Shymanski  
of The Current staff

Next April, UM-St. Louis students will be given a voice in the planned expansion and renovation of the University Center.

The University Center currently houses the bookstore, the student lounge, the Underground, Student Government offices and Student Affairs offices.

Currently in the planning stage, the proposed expansion and renovation will move the campus in a more collegiate direction. The expanded center will provide students a central locale for information about all campus and community activities.

The maximum amount to be spent on the University Center is \$12 million which will be funded through the building fund portion of student tuition money. However, SGA Presi-

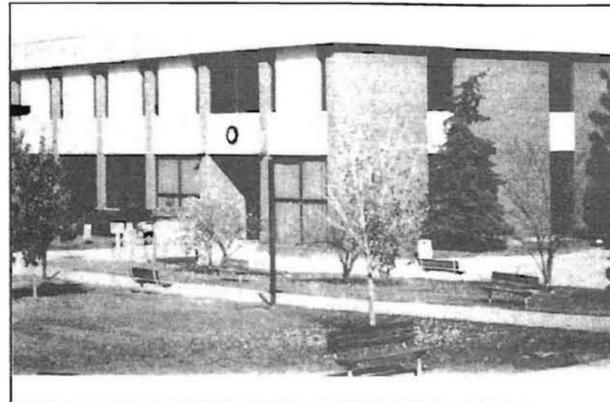
dent Mike Tomlinson said this is one building that will benefit every student.

"Not everyone uses Mark Twain, but this student union will have something that will benefit everyone," Tomlinson said.

The proposed expansion will provide space for most campus organizations, which could bring all the student organizations together and provide them with a link of communication.

"I think that with all the organizations together in one place, you'll see everyone acting as a student body instead of individual organizations," Tomlinson said.

The expansion and renovation planning began in 1991 and was put on the back burner with the rise of student tuition. Now the committee in charge of this proposition is returning to and fine tuning the original plans. The proposed expanded and



Student organizations could possibly all have a space if University Center is expanded. There is room for only a few now.

renovated center will differ greatly from what currently exists. The plans take the following into consideration: the bookstore, career planning service, larger professional catering ar-

eas, conference rooms, counseling services, disabled services, gallery space, a larger game area, international students, an information center, student organizations, food ser-

vice, a multi-purpose room and, possibly, the Women's Center.

In the proposals, every student organization will have space which will be rotated on a year-to-year basis.

Primarily the entire existing University Center will be renovated. Based on the architects' plans, the committee hopes to have three different proposed ideas to present to the students in a referendum vote. The only difference in plans should be the cost of each. Nothing is finalized and the committee is open to any suggestions by the students.

Tomlinson said the students have the final say.

"The students will be paying for this and we're trying to safeguard their money," he said. "I think everyone will benefit greatly from it and it's the best investment for a student to give with tuition."

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### Rivermen Soccer

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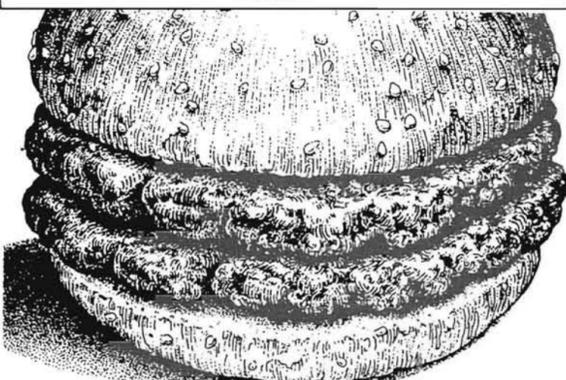
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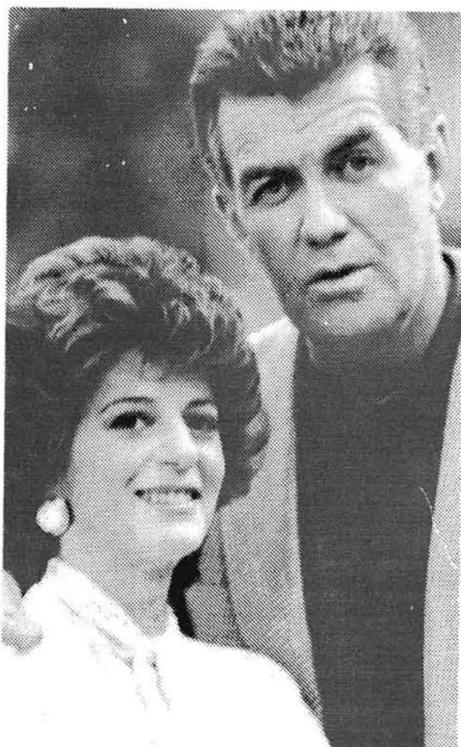
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## A Closer Look

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However it is in times like these, the last few days of campaigning before we select our new leader and his or her running mate, that we all take a closer look. And it is in times like these, with more and more people turning toward Ross Perot, the independent candidate for President of the United States, and offering him their vote, that we must take a very close look.

The nation needs, for the first time in far too long, a balanced budget. Ross Perot is the man to do just that. And that's what Americans are seeing—a man with no interests or influences in Congress who can ascend this country from the well of debt and keep our economy flowing smoothly.

What happens in the Electoral College is yet to be determined, but before we run to our "I'm all ears" savior let's take that closer look.

Perot has chosen retired Adm. James B. Stockdale as his running mate, and should Perot win, his vice president.

A very well educated and noble man, Stockdale has proven dedication to his country numerous times, but, could this man fulfill the duties of President if something were to happen to Perot? Chances are we'll never have to find out but you can't disregard the factors involved.

Many people are saying his performance during the vice presidential debate was because of nervousness and because he didn't want to be there. That was obvious when he continued to leave his podium. And many people are saying they feel sorry for him because his years as a prisoner of war greatly have damaged his social and mental processes. This may be true and there is no denying he deserves respect for what he lived through. But, he simply doesn't have the experience or any other abilities to be the leader of this country.

Even with his vast experience in the armed services, Adm. Stockdale could not possibly handle the position of commander in chief.

Perot has said he has many enemies and more than once, death warrants have been issued on him and his family. It's not really fair, when in the voting booth, to say "Oh, nothing's going to happen to him." Just something to think about.

Both Perot and Stockdale have said the running mate choice was completely personal because of their past relationships. Friendships that strong are hard to come by these days, and Perot obviously knows how to choose his friends as well as he knows how to choose investments. But running mates?



## Won't Exercise Your Right To Vote? Don't...



by Charlie Leonard

"If you don't vote, don't complain."

This is one of my favorite bumper stickers. (The verb "complain," of course, is replaced with the word for a female dog.) Its point is that we get exactly the kind of government we deserve.

Barely one-half of the eligible electorate, for example, participated in the 1988 Presidential election. Just over one-quarter of American adults got together and decided that George Bush should be our president for four years. Don't like it? Well, if you were eligible to vote in 1988 and didn't, take your share of the blame.

Turnout for Congressional elec-

tions in non-presidential years is even more pitiful. A ridiculously small proportion of the electorate in your district turns out every two years to send your representative to Washington.

All the misguided clamor over term limits wouldn't happen if candidates ran on a level playing field and if an involved, informed electorate showed up every other November to send the right man or the right woman to Congress. As it is, a relatively few people convene to agree, in effect, to send the incumbent back to Capitol Hill.

Sure, it's easy to say that your vote doesn't matter—that the politicians are just going to do whatever they want. Fine. But your license to complain about government should damn well be revoked if you don't vote.

Here in the academy there are more opportunities for us to learn and to become involved than we have any right to ignore. Voter registration was available to us in Thomas Jefferson Library up until the very last legal moment. The undergraduate Political Science Academy organizes evening meetings every month at the home of a professor, featuring political scholars

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and activists. The nice folks in 347 SSB will give you all the information—and even maps.

Our fellow students on the University Program Board have lined up nationally known author Eric Alterman to speak about his book *Sound and Fury*, which reveals how television and newspaper "pundits" influence our country's political agenda. Hey, this is the McNeil/Lehrer News Hour right in Room 78 of the J.C. Penney building, at noon on Wednesday.

Why have we evolved into a culture that expects to have everything handed to it on a platter? Some people blame generations hooked on bad sitcoms. I don't know. Whatever it is, I have little sympathy for the complaints of people who don't get involved, particularly on a college campus. Colleges, after all, should be hotbeds of activism, incubators of change fueled by bright new ideas. Instead, we see mostly a sad resignation that "it's just the way things are."

Not only do we get the kind of

politics we deserve, I'm afraid we also get the kind of university we deserve—a commuter campus with weak student involvement. The *Current* has done an excellent job of pointing an accusing finger at student body that shows up, goes to class, goes home and complains.

It doesn't have to be that way. We now have enthusiastic young men and women in student government who want to take the energy—your energy—that would otherwise be wasted complaining, and channel it into a loud student voice that can be heard in Columbia and Jefferson City. It's a voice that says we demand our share of resources from a system that treats us like a stepchild.

Voting—in presidential elections as well as SGA elections—is the duty of a citizen and a student. Participation in politics and in the university community gives you a measure of control and a sense of ownership in both.

Let me take it a step further: "If you don't participate, don't bitch."

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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

### Alcohol Awareness Week Successful

Dear Editor,

With National Collegiate Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week come and gone, I'm really pleased to say that everything was so successful. I would like to add my personal congratulations to Richard Rosenfeld, on his receipt of the Award of Education.

I'd also like to extend my appreciation to the UM-St. Louis students who were willing to share their stories with us. (To find out more, check out the bulletin board in the U. Center Lobby!)

Above all, my sincere thanks goes to the campus organizations who found it within their priorities and budgets to help Horizons sponsor John Fabjance. In case anyone missed him, John is the magician

who entertained us so well with his tricks, made us laugh, and even made us think.

So, to UPB, SGA, Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, and the Political Science Academy: THANK YOU! Organizations working together make so much more possible.

And the proverbial last, but not least, our gratitude to the St. Louis City Police Traffic Division for introducing us to the "Batmobile." Short notice though it was, they really came through.

I hope that everyone who had an opportunity to take part in any of the programs found something of value, of interest, or, at least fun.

Jeep Hague

### Student Says Keep Tenses Straight

Dear Editor,

After reading the article, "Behind the Crown" in the October 12, 1992 edition of *The Current*, I had trouble getting past the problems of the article to actually comprehend what was said. Several journalistic problems that I noticed jumped up off the page at me as I began to read the article. They are as follows: The journalist is not the news. If a reporter for the paper is included in a newsworthy article, have the article written by another reporter. If the reporter is writing the story, the reporter should write the story in first

person. Use of the third person by the writer when writing about themselves is awkward to read. Another deviation from AP style is the use of first names on second reference throughout a story. First names are not accepted. Considering this is a regular reporter for *The Current*, I would have thought she would have learned the basics of journalistic writing by now. *The Current* needs to work on its objectivity if it allows this type of story to make it into print.

Melissa Green

### Correction

The day of the Presidential Election is Tuesday, Nov. 3. *The Current* is sorry for any misunderstanding and reminds everyone to exercise their voting rights.

# CALENDAR

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**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28**  
**•WOMEN'S CENTER**  
 The Women's Center will have two registered nurses from the School of Nursing teaching how to do self breast examinations. The meeting will be held in the Women's Center, 211-212 Clark Hall at Noon.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 29**  
**•WOMEN'S CENTER**  
 The Women's Center presents the film "Beauty in the Bricks". The film takes a positive look at four African-American teenage girls growing up in an urban housing project. The film will be

shown from 12:15-12:45 p.m. and 5:00-5:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 30**  
**•THAT UPPITY THEATRE COMPANY** presents Eileen Myles in *Eileen Myles for President (and Other Things): The Poet Candidate*. Performances are Friday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

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## Political Author To Speak On Campus

by Anjanette Smith  
 of The Current staff

"Our most serious problems — a collapsing infrastructure, chronic under-investment, a third-rate educational system and a degraded environment — have been overshadowed in the public debate by the punditocracy's obsession with American military power ... we have entered the decade of the 90's with an intellectually crippled political leadership, incapable even of acknowledging, much less addressing, the fundamental changes we face as a nation."

This is a clip from a synopsis of *Sound and Fury: The Washington Punditocracy and the Collapse of American Politics*. The author, Eric Alterman, whose analyses of American politics have appeared in national publications including the *New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *Harper's*, and the *Washington Post*, will speak on his book Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 12 noon to 1 pm in JC Penney 78, sponsored by the University Program Board. He will cover many topics including the beginnings of political punditry, the enhanced role of politi-

cal pundits through television and its influence on World War II, Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, Watergate, the Gulf War and the 1992 Presidential race.

His book shows how the punditocracy "a tiny group of highly visible political pontificators [high priests] who make their living offering inside political opinions and forecasts in the elite national media" voice what issues must be addressed, which direction the country is headed. George Will, William Safire, Pat Buchanan and Morton Kondrake are a few of the insiders who are described as shaping and controlling "the political discourse of this country regardless of the true desires of the American people."

## Week, from page 1

waste if they didn't participate," Tomlinson said. "I think this is the first time that you've seen Alcohol Awareness Week involve more than one campus group. For once we have a major constituency of other campus organizations involved with everything."

"The program is already a success before it is started out because you have these different campus organizations supporting this event, and that is part of my platform. Money isn't everything but involvement is," he said.

The involvement of the other groups on campus continued through the week as the University Program Board and Horizons Peer Counseling teamed up to bring the campus community a magic show.

The magician, John Fabjance, is an illusionist with a message. Interspersed between every joke and trick he included information about the seriousness of the tricks that alcohol can play on the mind, and the negative consequences that it can have on a person's life.

"I thought that it was pretty good, it was kind of slow at times, but it was good," said Jennifer Schuth, a student visiting the Underground who caught the act. "I think he had some good points." "It was a good act, really good," said Ken Perkins, senior in biology.

The curtain came down on Alcoholic Awareness week on Thursday at when the Batmobile pulled into the UM-St. Louis campus.

Don't expect Batman and Robin to come jumping out because this isn't the movie come to life, but rather the St. Louis City Police coming to the campus to make their point about the dangers of alcohol. Their Batmobile is a roving unit that takes time out to explain how the breath-a-lizer works. It was just another part in the Alcohol Awareness task force that helped educate UM-St. Louis on this special week.

Gloria Lubowitz, senior counseling psychologist and Horizons adviser said educating and making people aware of the problems associated with alcohol is the point of the Alcohol Awareness Week.

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## The Haunting History Of Halloween

by Christine McGraw  
of The Current staff

When children leave their homes, decked out in their costumes with candy bags in hand filled with an eerie sense of excitement, few know what or why they are celebrating.

These days, you might spend Halloween helping younger siblings or your own children with the finishing touches on their costumes, ducking mom so your aren't stuck handing our candy or your might just hang out in the driveway to make sure your car doesn't get egged.

But in the old days, Halloween meant something different. Our American celebration of Halloween is actually a combination of customs from the English, Irish and Scottish folk lore that began as far back as the second century.

It was not until the 1840's, when a large migration of Irish peasants came to America after a great potato

famine, that this Gaelic holiday reached the United States.

These highly superstitious people brought with them legends that had been passed down from the Druids (priests), who celebrated Samhain, "the end of the summer," or, the Druid New Year.

On Druid New Years Eve, November 31, the Lord of Death permitted ghosts, witches, goblins and other spirits to wander freely for the new year.

The Druids lit bonfires, gave gifts of sweet and special foods, and made offerings to ward off these spirits of the dark. The Druids also disguised themselves in masks and costumes, believing that the spirits, who were free for only one night, would not recognize them and thus could do them no harm.

Many years later the Romans came to Britain, bringing their harvest festival and added customs of their own to Samhain.



Many curious people drive by this private road to see actual tombstones in the front yard of this North County home.

Then Christianity took the place of the Druid and Roman religions. The Christian church in the ninth century, set aside November 1 to honor all saints, hence the name, All Saints Day. The evening prior to All Saints Day was called All Hollows Eve, which means "holy evening." Later the name was shortened to Halloween. That's when the trouble began.

The witches, who did not take kindly to being put out of practice by Christianity, decided to band together on the night before All Saints' Day to cause havoc in the countryside. These meetings were called Witches' Sabbaths. The witches feasted, danced wildly in a ring and claimed to be servants of the Devil. Witches were said to fly the Sabbaths on broomsticks with black cats perched behind them.

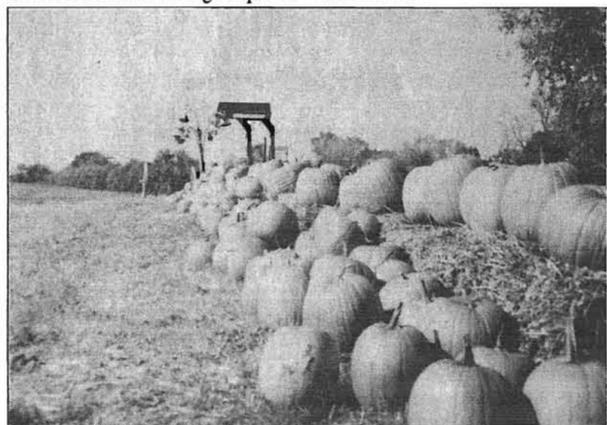
To combat these evil beings, the people had to take precautions to protect themselves and their harvest. In Scotland, Ireland and Scandi-

navian farmers, made torches with straw and pitchforks, which they waved in the air to singe the brooms of any witches that might be passing by.

Young children were believed to be primary targets for witches. Since it was said that witches refused to touch either iron or salt, worried parents would put some of each at the bedsides of new-born children.

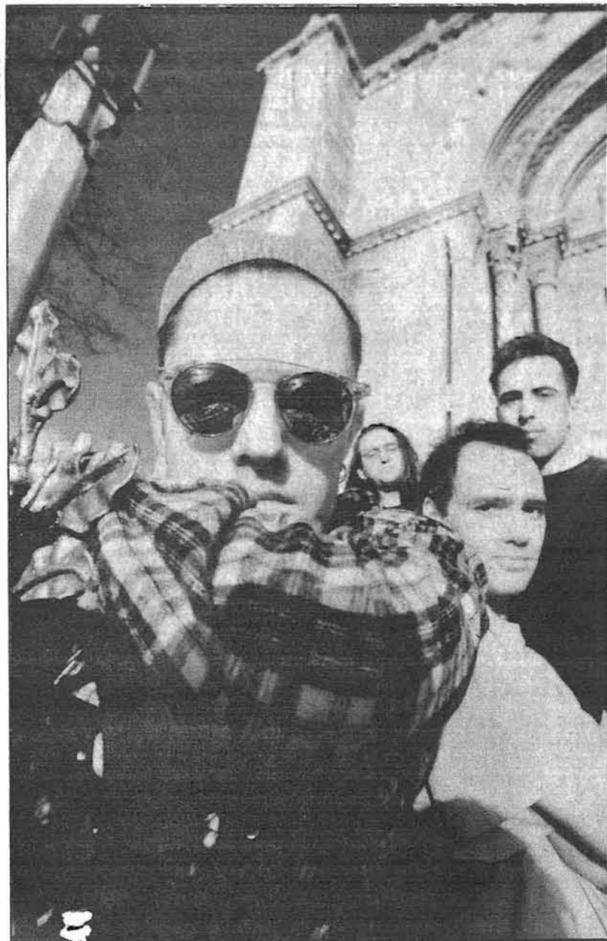
The witches' tools were another interesting aspect of Halloween. In England it was said new witches were initiated by being blindfolded, smeared with "flying ointment" and placed astride a broom. Caught up in the excitement, the witches thought they were actually flying.

Black cats were believed to be witches in disguise, or even the Devil himself. These poor cats were the real victims of Halloween. They were feared so much that villagers threw them into Halloween fires as a warning to other witches.



**BIG AND ORANGE:** A row of pumpkins just waiting to become Jack-o-lanterns and pumpkin pies at Weezer's Punkins in North County.

## Ghost Asked Back Halloween Weekend



Ghost Of An American Airman are from left: Dodge, Ben Trowell, Matt and Alan Galbraith.

by Max Montgomery  
managing editor

The Central West End is haunted. On Halloween weekend, a ghost will descend on the CWE's Links Club. There's no reason to be afraid, it's nothing new. It's been there before—and warmly welcomed.

The melodic and powerful Ghost of an American Airman twice has amazed the crowd at the Links, which prompted the club manager to ask them back.

"We called them in Northern Ireland and asked them to come," said Charlie Merchant, Links general manager. "They drew a great response last time. They'll sell out all three shows this time; I'm sure."

Merchant said there is no stopping Ghost, at least not in St. Louis. "They just captured the audience.

It was amazing," he said. "They're definitely a band here and they're definitely going somewhere fast."

With Dodge on vocals, Ben Trowell on guitar, Alan Galbraith on bass and Matt on drums, Ghost's far-from-ghoulish first album, "Life Under Giants," hit hard on both sides of the Atlantic.

Currently in up-state New York working on their second album tentatively called "Skin," lead singer Dodge said they are looking forward to the Links because it was so great last time.

"St. Louis was amazing because we got such a good response," Dodge said. "People were singing along and we would announce a song and they would cheer. It was amazing."

Having risen from the constant  
**See GHOST, page 6**

## What Is A Queer Body?

by Michelle McMurray  
editor

That Uppity Theatre Company presented Tim Miller's, "My Queer Body" last weekend at the St. Marcus Theatre in St. Louis. In a phone interview from his California home, Miller said this play is the strongest piece he has ever done.

"It is a humorous story, but it also deals with some scary stuff. I focus on different places in my body. It is about one man growing up gay and through the AIDS crisis," Miller said. "It is intense, sexy and scary."



**TIM MILLER**

school and continues for more than an hour on topics such as discrimination, gay bashing and the AIDS epidemic.

"I encourage performance making and creating stories from life. It has been in the past that gays and people of color have stories that shouldn't be told. Many autobiographical performances were created from their own lives," he said.

Miller, who never went to college, teaches a graduate theater program at UCLA. He has also been a teacher at New York University and the University of California

at Riverside.

Two years ago a major controversy started when the National Endowment for the Arts Chairman John Frohnmayer denied Miller, John Fleck, Holly Hughes, and Karen Finley known as the NEA four, a grant due to the subject matter of their work.

The one-man-play starts with Miller describing how at conception the "queer" sperm got through to the egg which could elude to the theory that people are born gay. He goes on to tell the story of his first love in high

"We had unanimous recommendations from a review panel. It is like saying lesbians and gays are not suitable for funding even though we pay taxes," he said.

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religiously and politically motivated turmoil in Northern Ireland. Dodge said, for the most part, their music is not influenced by the debatable issues.

"There are references to it in the songs but not overly, because we

don't want to get into it really," he said. "For us it's home. There are problems, sure, but it tends to get blown out of proportion by the media."

"We just like to give people something to listen to," he continued. "There

are things I feel strongly about, sure, but it is still only music. If you want to get more out of it, you can."

Dodge, Alan Galbraith and Matt went to school together in Belfast since they were 11 years old. They each played in separate bands and then together for a while, really "just for fun," Dodge said.

When they decided to give it a sincere shot, they met guitarist Ben Trowell and "the lineup just fell into

place."

Although common in long group/friendship relationships, Dodge said there are few arguments and the friendships are incredible.

"Because we've known each other as really good friends first, there is no danger," he said. "During our last tour, we toured for four and a half months in a Winnebago. There were six of us and it was very cramped. If you can take that, you can take any-

thing."

The name, Ghost of an American Airman, comes from the story of a World War II pilot from the United States stationed in Northern Ireland, close to where the band is from. The pilot was killed and it is said his ghost still haunts the area.

The Ghost of an American Airman may be

haunting Northern Ireland, but on this weekend of tricks and treats, check out the Links Club at 408 N. Euclid.

Get there early, doors open at 8 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights.

On Friday, the opening band goes on at 9 p.m. and Ghost starts at 11. On Saturday there will be an all-ages show at 7:30 p.m., and Ghost will go back on just one hour before that of the bewitching. Don't miss it and have a happy Halloween.



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## Wang's World



### Hockey Fans Blue Over Start Of Season

by Jack C. Wang  
associate sports editor

In St. Louis, after the end of the baseball Cardinal season, most hockey fans are looking forward to the Blues' season.

Yeah, so most fans were excited this off-season when Blues management fired former player and coach Brian Sutter. They (including myself) were sick and tired of the dump-and-chase style of hockey that Sutter always used in his game plan.

Blues coach Bob Plager who led the Peoria Rivermen to the International Hockey League championship two years ago, talked about a more offensive-minded style of play for 1992-'93.

Fans were even happy to hear this news.

Now that the season is underway, I can hear the complaining already from Blues fans in most of my classes and in the halls.

What the hell gives?

Hey boys and girls, the season's just started! So what if the Blues are off to a slow start? If there's one thing that diehard Blues fans should know, it's that the regular season doesn't even matter anymore in the National Hockey League.

Remember a couple of seasons ago when Scott Stevens played for us? The Blues finished second in the Norris Division that season. What happened in the playoffs? If my constantly alcohol-induced mind recalls correctly (remember, all sports writers are supposed to be drunk, lazy, fat slob who can't dress, right?), the Blues were defeated in the Norris Division Finals by the Minnesota North Stars.

People also should remember that a lowly fourth place Norris Division finish by the Minnesota North Stars two years ago was enough to earn them a spot in the Stanley Cup finals.

What does this all mean? That, in this joke of a league, teams can just barely make the playoffs and still knock off teams that finish higher. The regular season doesn't mean diddley come playoff time. And hey, that's what matters!

The Blues are having their problems simply because the team hasn't jelled yet. Jeff Brown (who's a neighbor of mine; no, nobody call me and ask for his address or phone number!) hasn't been playing like he could be because the new contract talks have weighed on his mind. Mr. Right Wing, Brett Hull, hasn't started out so hot like usual. (Excuse me, who's this Chris Kontos guy?) The Siberian Express; the three Russian players need time to adjust to life in the U.S. before people start hoping for another Sergei Federov.

Goalkeeper Curtis Joseph played brilliantly last season. Only the expansion San Jose Sharks allowed more shots on goal. Plager wanted to cut down on the opposition's shots on goal. So what's happened so far? Joseph still is being constantly peppered with shots.

This says two things. One: Joseph is a great goaltender who will become even better barring injury. Two: the defense is a problem. Plager and General Manager Ron Caron simply have too many defensemen. Losing former Olympian Bret Hedican hurt the Blues. (Thanks, Stu Grimson! Where the hell is his suspension?) Don't be surprised if there's a trade before the new year.

What's my point then? Simply that the season is far from complete. We aren't even a month into the season and callers on local radio shows are pushing the panic button. Remember this: the season has just gotten underway. The Blues will regroup and do better in the following months. They simply have too much damn good talent not to.

## NCAA "Revolutionizes" Rules For Basketball Practice Guidelines Set To Assist Player's Study-Habits

by Dana Cook  
Current sports reporter

For the first time in more than 30 years, college basketball players didn't start practice on Oct. 15. Because of a new NCAA rule, men and women can't start practice until Nov. 1.

"It's like the French Revolution," UM-St. Louis Athletic Director Rich Meckfessel said.

"When the French Revolution started out, a lot of good ideas and a lot of good things happened. But they got carried away and went too far. It started indiscriminately guillotining people and that's kind of what happened here."

The NCAA prohibited basketball practice in order to allow more time for the players to study for midterm exams. However, Meckfessel and Riverwomen coach Bobbi Morse said the two-week period won't make a difference in the players' grades.

"The kids that are responsible and good with time management are going to have things under control. The kids who aren't responsible or good with time management, two weeks isn't going to fix them," Morse said.

Meckfessel said there aren't any positive aspects of the rule, except that it makes the NCAA look good by giving the players two more weeks to study. He said the players won't spend three hours in the afternoon studying in the



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**FAST BREAK:** Guard Daniel LaMette will be asked to generate offense for the Riverwomen.

library.

"That's ridiculous," Meckfessel said. "They're out there playing pickup games only, instead of doing with direction they're just out there on their own playing basketball," Meckfessel said.

Morse said she feels a good point of the rule is it gives the players more time to devote to studying as opposed to being in practice. However, she said it is difficult to make sure the players are studying because the coaches don't have as much control over players before practice starts.

Danielle LaMette, a returning women's basketball player, said she doesn't like the new rule be-

cause of less preparation time, and team cohesion suffers. But, she said the team will have to make the best of it.

"We'll just take it as one of the many challenges that we'll be faced with this season. A challenge that will



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### UM-St. Louis Basketball Coach Rich Meckfessel

be defeated and turned into productivity," LaMette said.

Even before the rule came into effect, UM-St. Louis' athletic program did things to help the players academically.

The Riverwomen are required to attend study hall four hours a week and grade sheets are sent out every three weeks. Morse said she knows when someone is in trouble academically.

"We are a lot more focused on our academic success. Yes, we want to win. My girls want to win. But, we also want to win in the classroom. We want to be a double winner," Morse said.

All of the new players for the Rivermen and the returning players that

don't have at least a 2.25 grade point average are required to study on a schedule under the coach's supervision.

Meckfessel said there is a tremendous reform movement going on in intercollegiate athletics. He said he thinks most of the rules the NCAA have recently made have been great. Giving the players one day a week off, limiting practice to 20 hours a week and enforcing a set grade point average are the rules Meckfessel is in favor of.

But, he said the new rule "looks good on paper," but it won't have any academic benefit toward any college basketball player.

### One "Great Time" In The Waters

by Ariel Lestat  
for The Current

The UM-Rolla Miners came to town and both teams had a great time. The Miners have a large program with several area high school students as their incoming freshmen class.

"We enjoy swimming Rolla," sophomore Doug Wilding said. "They are like our 'brother' team and a lot of us went to high school together." Rivermen coach Mary Liston said the performance of the swimmers is always good when they swim Rolla.

"Coach Mullin and I enjoy the strategy part of doing our line-ups. We swim each other four times a year in various formats and always try to out-think each other," Liston said.

Double-winner Jeff Heveroh scored in the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard breaststroke, he also managed a third-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle.

Dave "Waldo" Roither scored a first-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle and freshman Danny Schultz won the 200-yard freestyle.

"We have more swimmers [Rivermen] than I expected and swimming Rolla is always fun," Heveroh said. "We have a friendly rivalry."

Although Rolla won 121-75, the score is prematurely misleading. Both teams barely have begun the competitive part of the season, which extends from early September until mid-March. Final times this early in the year are seldom indicative of how the team looks at the end of the season. Practice lasts 2-3 hours a day, six days-a-week.

"We have several swimmers doing the best times of their lives. With the volume, and more particularly the intensity of our training level, quite honestly, I am pleasantly surprised," Liston said.

The next few weeks will show great strengths as the Rivermen face longtime rival Northeast Missouri State, Oct. 30, and Washington University on Nov. 11.

## Rivermen Lose Winning Streak

by Jack Wang  
associate sports editor

Frustration is the word for the UM-St. Louis soccer Rivermen and their head coach Tom Redmond.

After beating UM-Rolla, 4-1, on Oct. 7, the Rivermen destroyed Northeast Missouri State, 6-2, at Kirksville on Oct 10 and Southwest Missouri State, 3-0, three days later, the team seemed to be on a roll.

But the Rivermen's fortunes began to change starting with the tie at Central Region rival Northern Kentucky 1-1. Then they lost two straight games at home; to Denver University 3-1 last Tuesday evening and to Columbia College 1-0 last Friday night.

In the Denver game, junior defender Gayle Abbas scored the lone goal for the Rivermen. Even though it was his first collegiate goal, Abbas wasn't happy.

"I couldn't smile about it,"

Abbas said. "I would have smiled if we had scored two more, but my goal doesn't seem worth it."

The Columbia loss seems especially frustrating because the Rivermen outshot the Cougars 22-3.

"Every break is going against us. But that's soccer," Redmond said. "We were in good position to score all night. In the second half we were getting our shots on goal. But their keeper (Tony Burnett) made some nice saves."

UM-St. Louis had numerous scoring chances, including forward Tom Edgar's header attempt and midfielder Kevin Hennessy's 20-yard shot, but both players were robbed by junior goalkeeper Tony Burnett.

"Our intensity was up," Redmond said. "It was much better than the Denver game, but we're just not getting consistency out of most of our players. Columbia played us hard for 90 minutes. They didn't have a let-down the entire game."

The next important matches after the Drury College game at home Oct.

27, is games against ninth-ranked Tampa and third-ranked and defending Division II champs Florida Tech in Florida.

At 10-5-1, the Rivermen may not even get a post-season bid.

"This hurts our playoff hopes,"

Redmond said. "I was hoping the two games in Florida would mean something. But now, I'm not so sure. I'm so frustrated. The guys are very frustrated. I know they're hurting right now."



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The intensity may have been there, but the UM-St. Louis Rivermen couldn't keep their consistency, losing them hopes for the playoffs. Head coach Tom Redmond says "They're hurting."

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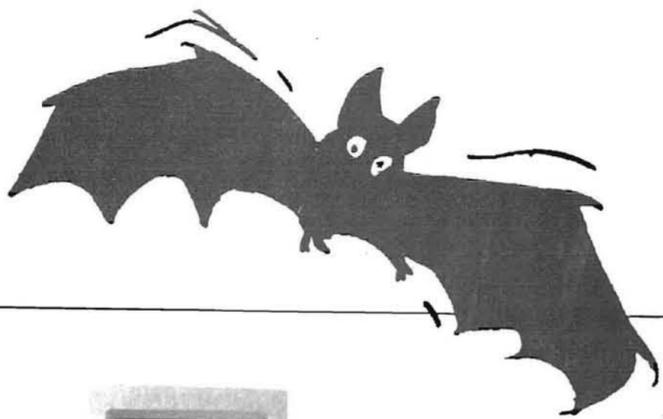
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