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CMSU Student Charged With Murder Of Professor

Two men have been charged with the murder of a Central Missouri State University (CMSU) professor.

Donald James Ory, 24, and Thomas W. Hotchkiss, 19, have been charged with first degree murder in the shooting of Dr. David Eshelmann. Ory is a former student of Eshelmann.

Eshelmann, a professor of communications at CMSU, was shot once in the head on Wednesday morning and was found by his wife at approximately 7 a.m.

Police arrested Ory and Hotchkiss between 7 and 10 p.m. Wednesday night. Both are being held in the Johnson County Jail subject to a \$500,000 bond.

Kerrick Alumbaugh, press officer for the rural crime squad, said that details concerning the motive and shooting are not being released. The rural crime squad was called in at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. The squad for this case consists of 30 officers from the Missouri Highway Patrol, eight police offices and seven sheriff's offices. The squad calls officers in an area from Kansas City to Columbia and from Chillicothe to Clinton. Warrensburg is 40 miles southeast of Kansas City.

Ory, a current student at CMSU, and Hotchkiss, of St. Louis, knew each other before the shooting. The exact nature of their relationship is not being released by police.

Eshelmann was a professor of communications at CMSU for nearly 15 years.

Famous Biologist Speaks On Campus

by Stacy Kardasz
Current news reporter

Internationally renowned wildlife biologist Dr. George Schaller visited the UM-St. Louis campus Wednesday, April 7, to speak about his studies with endangered species.

Schaller's calls the lecture that he gave "Giant Pandas, Wild Yaks, and Tibetan Antelopes: Can they be saved?"

The J.C. Penny Auditorium filled with students, faculty and members of the St. Louis community who came to hear the lecture, which was sponsored by the University's International Center for Tropical Ecology as part of the Jane and Whitney Harris Lecture Series. Tickets for the lecture were sold for \$5 apiece, and the reception following the lecture cost \$25 a ticket. All proceeds from the ticket sales go to the center's scholarship fund.

Schaller's earliest work was conducted at the University of Alaska. Those studies centered on the popula-

tion ecology of the birds of Alaska.

Schaller studied gorillas for his graduate work, which was done at Stanford University.

From 1965 to 1969, Schaller travelled to Tanzania, where he conducted his well-known studies on wild dogs and other predators. In 1972, he ventured to Pakistan to research wild sheep and goats.

From 1976 to 1979, in Brazil, he studied the feeding patterns of jaguars, and in the eighties, he began his research on the giant panda, for which he was featured in this week's issue of *Newsweek*.

Schaller has written several books and papers about all of the animals that he has studied.

"He has been tirelessly interested in bringing home to other people, to the people who would support his work, an appreciation for the reasons why they should support, why they should care and why they should understand his work," said Dr. Peter Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Raven introduced Schaller's before the presentation.

Schaller started his presentation with a lecture about conservation. He said he sees the cure for repairing the earth as an easy, expensive, but attainable, goal.

"These are problems that can be fairly easily solved with a bit of money, willpower and determination," said Schaller.

The next part of his presentation centered on his specialty as an environmentalist, specifically preserving endangered species. He said he feels strongest about that aspect of conservation.



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

World renowned environmentalist and wildlife biologist George Schaller gave a lecture on Wednesday, April 7, in the J.C. Penney Auditorium.

"There is one process that is now ongoing - that is irreversible and final. That is the extermination of species. The most important issue today is to preserve the diversity of life," Schaller told the audience.

He pointed out that the next generation will determine whether or not the earth will be a habitable planet in the years to come.

Schaller's studies on the giant panda have gained him notoriety all over the globe, and have begun to alert the world to the injustice that those animals and

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**Dr. George Schaller
Wildlife Biologist**

all animals have suffered.

Schaller's drive and ambition to save the species of the world have begun to spur action today, and will continue to spur action in the future.

Complaints Voiced At Last SGA Meeting

by Clint Zweifel
associate news editor

Wednesday, April 7, was the day the last assembly meeting of the Student Government Association (SGA) for the 1992-93 school year was held.

During the meeting, Dan Frey, student representative for Students in Support of Children, complained about the lack of information concerning when voting would occur for the SGA election held April 1 and 2.

Dave Roither, SGA vice-president, admitted that there was not as much advertising about the election this year as there has been in the past. He said there needs to be an

increase in informational advertising for the next election.

SGA President Mike Tomlinson said there were also organizational problems, such as getting enough volunteers to staff the election polls and getting those who did volunteer to show up. He said a good solution would be to pay those who work the election polls. Tomlinson said paying people would give those who are interested more incentive to work.

Jeep Hague, director of Horizons and chair of the election committee, said the main problem is the lack of student participation in campus activities. She said the election was an example of that problem.

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What's Up, Doc?



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

The Bugs Bunny character from Six Flags Over Mid-America was entertaining children at Forest Park this weekend.

New Student Senator Demands Vote Count

by Thomas J. Kovach
Current news reporter

Newly-elected University Senator Warren Price has asked senate officials to post the vote totals of the recent student senate elections.

But Senate Chairman Joseph Martinich says those results are not normally available to the public.

"It's tradition," Martinich said.

"This isn't a popularity contest." Because only about 170 students voted in the election for 25 student senator positions, Price said he feels Martinich owes it to students to release the totals.

"Posting the results of the election would show to the student body that their vote does make a difference," Price said, "and that the stu-

dent senate members will be given a choice in the matters that affect the entire student body."

According to Price, Martinich told him that the results will never be posted.

"What if 50 students were to run in the election? Would the results be open to the student body?" Price said. "There would be no way, according to senate policy, to verify the results of the election."

There were 25 candidates who filed to run, but there were also several write-ins, said Martinich.

All student senators are required to have a 2.0 grade point average and must not be on academic or disciplinary probation. Even if a student senator is among the top 25

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The Current Takes Honors At Convention

by Clint Zweifel
associate news editor

Elaine Viets, columnist for the St. Louis Post Dispatch, was the key-note speaker at the Missouri College Newspaper Association (MCNA) awards banquet Saturday, April 3, at UM-Columbia.

MCNA holds an awards ceremony annually to give recognition to those who excel in the field of journalism and advertising at the collegiate level. More than 20 universities, colleges and junior colleges had entries in the contest this year.

"It gives students recognition that they deserve. Most of those jobs are volunteer or very low pay, so they deserve the recognition for the hard work they do," said Viets.

Entries in the contest are judged by faculty members of colleges and universities in Missouri and people from the business world. There are four divisions for entries, depending on the

size of the particular school. Class one includes all junior colleges, class two includes universities and colleges with student enrollment below 5000, schools with enrollment between 5,000 and 10,000 are included in class three and Class Four is for schools with more than 10,000 students.

The Current, a class four newspaper, won 15 awards.

"I was glad we beat the [UM-Columbia] Maneater in individual awards," said Russell Korando, managing editor of *The Current*.

First-place certificates were awarded to Alfie M. Ali for Sports Photography; and Thomas Kovach, Robin Mayo and Michelle McMurray for Features Page Layout.

Second place certificates were awarded to Thomas Kovach, Max Montgomery and Michelle McMurray for Investigative Reporting; Russell Korando and Michelle McMurray for Editorial and Opinion Columns; and Christine McGraw for Advertising.

New Director Of Major Gifts Appointed

by Amy M. Allman
Current news reporter

Michael Farley joined the UM-St. Louis development team Feb. 15th as director of major gifts.

Farley came to the university with more than 15 years experience in the field of fundraising and development. Prior to working at UM-St. Louis, Farley was the vice president for development for three years at Grand Center, an arts and entertainment district in downtown St. Louis. While in that position, he was involved in the creation of "First Night," the alcohol free New Year's celebration. Farley has also been an arts consultant for the Missouri Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Before moving to the St. Louis area in 1990, Farley served as director of development at the Oregon Art Institute and as an instructor of marketing and management at City University, both in Portland, Ore.

As director of major gifts at UM-St. Louis, Farley will be responsible for major gifts, capital campaigns, endowments, and scholarships.



Michael Farley

"One of the most exciting projects and one of the main priorities of the chancellor is the creation of a conservation and ecology complex," Farley said.

Farley explained that, at this point, the construction of the International Center For Tropical Ecology is a major priority and that, along with the other members of university relations, he is busy raising funds and finding donors to supplement the project.

The newly opened Computer Center Building has been, and will continue to be, a focus of development because it will consistently need updates and new equipment to keep current, Farley said.

Farley received his bachelor's degree in political science from St. Louis University and his master's degree in political science and urban affairs from Loyola University in Los Angeles. He said that this is his first experience doing development work in a university setting.

"I think it is a great opportunity for me to be involved with UM-St. Louis. and I am enjoying learning about the multi facets of the university," he said.



Alfie M. Ali won a first place award in sports photography for capturing Scott Litschgi (14) and Doug Wiese (2) sandwiching Aaron Leventhal (9) during the homecoming soccer game last October.

Third place certificates were awarded to Alfie M. Ali for News Photography; Russell Korando for Sports Column; Christine McGraw for Advertising; and Max Montgomery for

In-depth News. Certificates of Honorable Mention were awarded to Alfie M. Ali for Fea-

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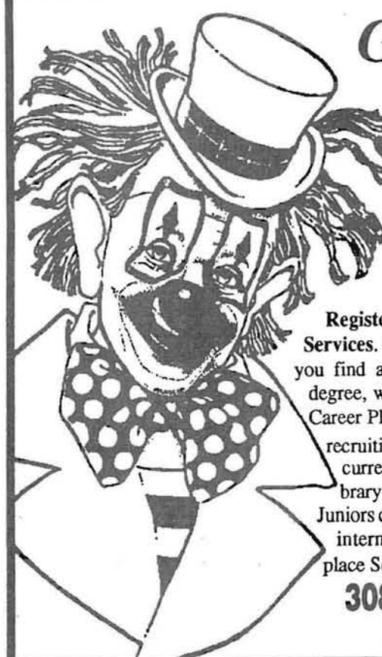
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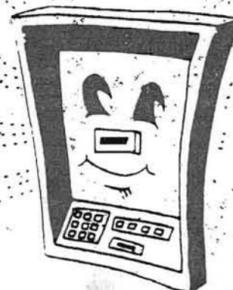
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Open Senate?

As a public university, UM-St. Louis has been pretty much open to the local news media about declining enrollment, future plans and increasing tuition. Campus officials have been mostly willing to discuss major topics that will have an impact on students, faculty and staff.

Administrators realize the importance of student input, and each year students are given the opportunity to vote for their peers to fill positions that help shape the university. Students can run for offices like Student Government Association or become a part of the Senate. It is hoped that those students who are elected will represent the needs of other students.

Obviously, the democratic process is at work. This process has hit a brick wall with the refusal to release the results of the recent Student Senate elections.

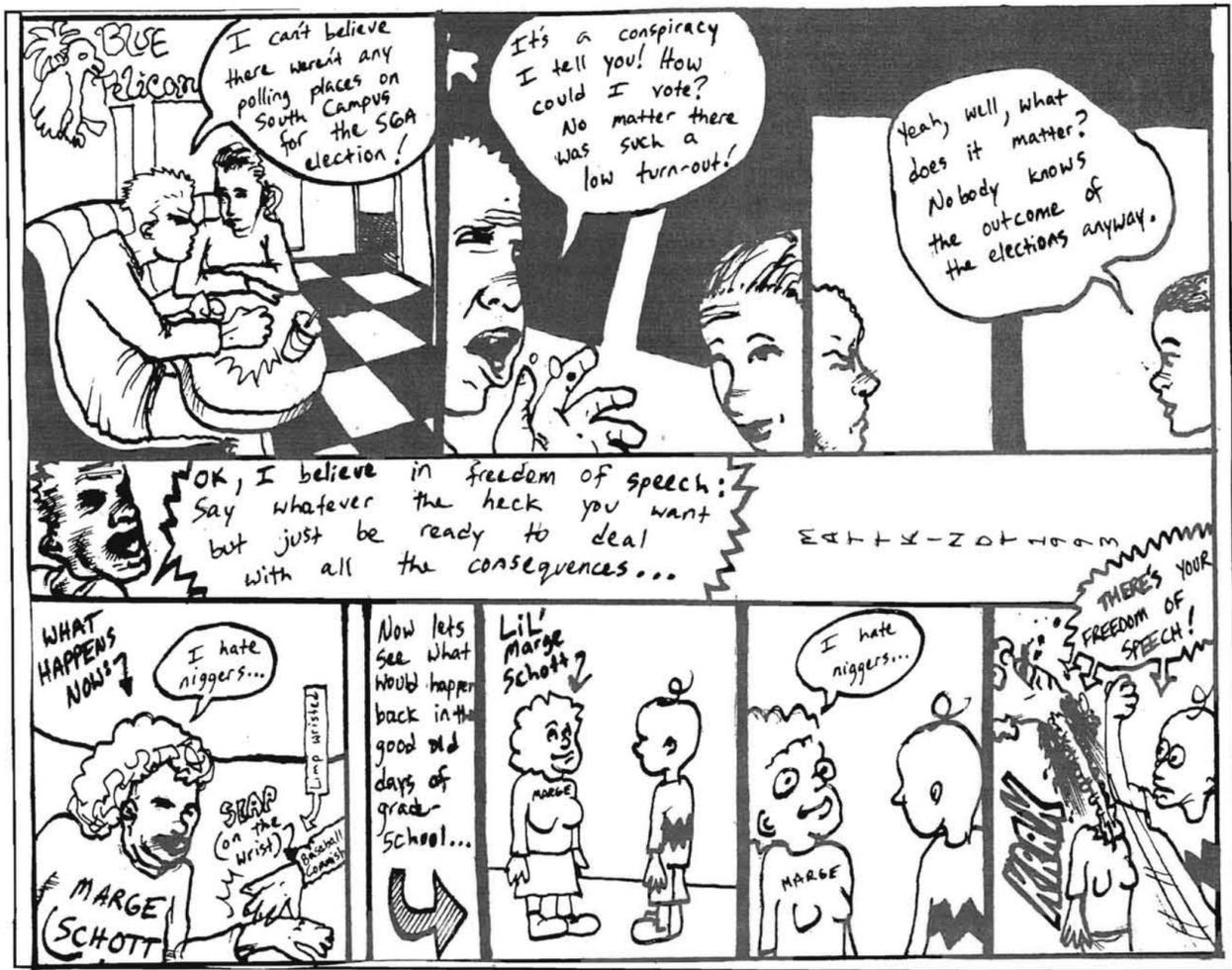
Senate Chairperson Joseph Martinich says that it's "tradition" that the senate does not tell the public the final vote totals for the 25 seats that students can vie for annually.

Tradition? According to senate officials, no one has ever expressed a concern with having the numbers released to the public. Martinich said the only way the public could find out was if a motion releasing the numbers won approval from the Senate Bylaws and Rules committee and the full Senate itself.

Red tape? Throughout the year, Martinich has been cooperative with providing information that affects everyone on campus. He studies the issues and isn't afraid to express his opinions. Martinich has been a good chairperson to the senate.

So far. Martinich said he would support such a motion, but he said he doesn't understand why *The Current* wants to see the final vote totals. If those results are released, Martinich said the election would turn into a "popularity contest."

What? Last week, voters in St. Louis could read in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* how each of the city's wards voted in the mayoral race. In 1992, the public was able to read a breakdown of how each political township voted in the presidential election. This right-to-know who voted for who exists in any democracy. So what makes UM-St. Louis student senate results so different? We don't know.



LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Student Elections: Democratic or Autocratic?

Dear Editor:

The question I have to ask as a student, who put forth the time and effort in running for a senate position, is "Why are the results of the election held confidentially from the student body?" I asked Dr. Joseph Martinich, chairperson for the senate committee, why the results of the senate election would not be made public to the student body. He replied, "The results have never been made public before, and as a senate policy, will not be made public now." If this election was open to the student body, why are the results not being posted and made public? If the election was held democratically, why are the results being held autocratically?

One of the reasons might be the low voter turnout. Of approximately 13,000 students, only 170 students actually voted, representing only 1 percent of the student population. (Figures stated over the telephone by Dr.

Martinich.) Lack of advertising on the part of the senate contributes to this problem. This is not only embarrassing, but a blatant mockery of the system. Dr. Martinich informed me that there was no difference in whether a student was voted into the senate with 2 votes or 1000 votes. I ask you this professor, "Is a student who passes a class with a "C" the same as a student who passes with an "A"?"

The senate committee is comprised of 75 faculty members voted in by faculty, and 25 student members voted in by the students that are "aware" of the election. The voice of the senate committee is comprised of 3/4 faculty and 1/4 students. This brings me to my question, "Are the 25 elected student senators puppets of the system, or will their voice be heard? With the disproportionate figures, who do you think will be calling the shots when its time for changes in the policies to be made?"

With 25 positions open and only 25 candidates running, one might say, "Who cares about the results?"

Whether the student body votes or not, those 25 candidates will be placed in the senate. The question I pose is this, "What if 50 students were to run in the election?" Would the results be open to the student body then? According to Dr. Martinich, NO! This means that the 25 candidates that lost the election would have to take the word of someone else that they lost the election. There would be no way, according to senate policy, to verify the results of the election. Are we to just arbitrarily take the word of another person without validation from the factual data? Maybe in the old days, a handshake was all that it took, but with widespread corruption today, this cannot hold true. In the real world, do you honestly think that a politician would take the word of a person over the actual results of an election. When money and power are at stake, you can bet the bottom dollar that the results of any election will be checked and rechecked for accuracy.

Other than the supposed policy, I cannot rationalize why posting the results of an election could, in

any way, be detrimental to the student body. Posting the results of the election would show to the student body that their vote does make a difference, and that the student senate members will be given a choice in the matters that affect the entire student body. Another issue to be considered might be the composition of the committee. If 75 percent of the faculty and only 25 percent of the students make up the senate committee, what is the purpose of even having students in the senate. Is it to justify our rising activity fees to be used for the senate? As duly elected student senate member, I will do everything within my power, to change not only this policy, but the general way how the senate elections are to be held in the future.

Elected Student Senator
Warren Price

Film's Message: The Time Is At Hand



by Russell Korando
managing editor

Fifteen minutes into the St. Louis Cardinals' first game of the 1993 season last week, I changed the channel during a commercial break.

Baseball on television is normally as numbing to my brain cells as a lecture about media law on a warm spring day. Being at the ballpark is the only way to watch baseball.

When I got to channel 4, I saw Kevin Costner standing in the middle of a corn field. Costner is the actor that Hollywood believes typifies Americana. Costner the pioneer, in "Dances With Wolves." Costner as the wholesome Eliot Ness, in the "Untouchables." Here, in "Field of Dreams," Costner portrayed an Iowa corn farmer (as wholesome as a box of Wheaties) being led by an invisible force to build a

baseball diamond in the middle of his crops.

Ten minutes after turning the channel, it was clear the only baseball I would be watching on this night would be a fantasy game played by men who had been dead for some time.

The storyline of "Field of Dreams" was entrancing and I had never seen the movie. Films about sports are usually about an individual player or a team that exceeds all odds and, in the films' conclusion, wins it all.

This movie was different. Costner was baffled as to why if he "built it, he would come," as I was. Throughout the movie, he kept conceding to the mysterious voice's command to seek out people he didn't know, and seemingly bankrupt his family's future to build the field.

When Costner met James Earl Jones's character, a reclusive writer who had been inspirational in the 1960s anti-war and civil rights movements, the film's puzzling meaning began to take a discernable shape. I felt this wasn't a back-to-the-future movie about bringing dead baseball players back to play one more game. This was about lost opportunities and failed relationships.

Every human being can relate to

those two situations. As hokey as the premise of "Field of Dreams" was, Costner's quest to answer the invisible force is what compelled me to stay with him until the end of the movie.

As the movie concluded, Costner stepped onto his field of dreams for one more game of catch with his dead father. He had cast away his father's dreams for him and broken off their relationship when he was 17. With his father's death, any hope for reconciliation was lost forever.

The voice Costner heard in his ears was not that of 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson—or God. He had not built the field for the 1919 Chicago White Sox. He wasn't easing Jones's lost rebelliousness against mankind's sometimes cruel souls. He was answering a voice within himself.

His guilt cried loud enough to break the barrier that separates conscience and subconscious.

When we are young, our parents' desire for our success is more of a blanket of encumbrance than an embrace of hope. Selfish youth stands in the way of adult practicality.

Sometimes the break between a father and his children is so great that the emotional river separating the two is never forded. To the child, there will

always be time to patch torn relationships.

In Costner's case, as with friends and perhaps myself, this time expired before one more game of catch or a day at the ballpark could happen. Unlike the movies, however, I will not be able to build a baseball diamond in my backyard to play catch with my father's memory.

Six years have passed since I last saw him. The distance that separates us is not the cold grip of the earth's soil, but the icy denial of who or what is to blame for our prolonged separation.

I'm getting married in a few months. Costner's father never got a chance to meet his wife or daughter because of their petty differences.

Since I, and the many people who live with the pain and longing of separation from our fathers, will not play baseball with their ghosts, maybe we can salvage something good in this lifetime and pass on what we've learned for a meaningful future for our children.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written there in: For the time is at hand.

- Revelation, 1:3

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Alpha Xi Delta Soror	\$1,500	Panhellenic	\$2,000
American Chemical Society	\$300	Phi Alpha Theta	\$1,400
American Optometric Student Association	\$2,750	Pi Alpha Alpha	\$200
Anthropology Club	\$500	Pierre Laclède Honor Society	\$1,000
Associated Black Collegians	\$8,000	Pi Kappa Alpha	\$1,200
Beta Alpha Psi	\$1,400	Pi Sigma Epsilon	\$700
Biological Society	\$500	Political Science Academy	\$1,500
Chinese Student Association (Mainland)	\$225	Political Science Graduate Student Association	\$1,500
Chinese Student Association (Taiwan)	\$500	Pre-Med Society	\$200
College Democrat Association	\$350	Psi Chi	\$1,500
Current	\$23,400	Rho Nu	\$200
Delta Sigma Pi	\$1,750	Riverman Bowling Club	\$700
Delta Zeta Sorority	\$1,600	Sigma Delta Pi	\$200
Economics Club	\$125	Sigma Tau Delta	\$600
Evening College Council	\$7,600	Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity	\$2,150
Forensics and Debate Club	\$15,000	Social Work	\$150
Gospel Choir	\$1,000	Student Activities Programming	\$16,000
Hispanic Latino Association	\$3,500	Student Activity Budget Committee	\$8,400
Horizons	\$19,000	Student Council for Exceptional Children	\$700
Ice Hockey Club	\$10,000	Student Government Association	\$41,000
International Students Organization	\$5,000	Students in Support of Children	\$4,000
Kappa Delta Pi/School of Education Organization	\$3,000	Student Missouri State Teachers Association	\$800
Kemetic Performing Arts	\$300	Student National Education Association	\$700
Litmag	\$1,700	Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity	\$3,500
Madrigal Ensemble	\$1,200	Students with Disabilities Association	\$3,750
Malaysian Students Association	\$1,000	University Chorus	\$575
Mathematics Club	\$250	University Players	\$700
Midwest Model United Nations	\$1,265	University Program Board	\$62,960
Music Educators National Conference	\$900	University Singers	\$1,750
National Optometric Student Association	\$400	Women's Leadership Center	\$500

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"We begged people to sign up. People just don't want to get involved," said Hague.

She said ways to increase student involvement in campus affairs need to be addressed.

"Most people are not born with the desire to be involved. We need to work as a unit and explore options that will increase student involvement," said Hague.

Like Roither, Hague said more advertising may be the answer.

"More advertising is needed to show that we need people. You can't depend on trying to connect [with] each student. There are too many students," said Hague.

Andy Masters, treasurer and president-elect of SGA, agrees that student participation needs to be addressed.

"We need to increase participation of the campus community as a whole," said Masters.

In closing the assembly meeting, Tomlinson said he was happy to work with everyone in the present administration.

"I feel we started something that will grow," he said. "[We have] gained the respect that SGA had lost in the past."

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vote-getters, he or she won't win if those requirements aren't met.

The next highest vote-getter would then take that person's place, Martinich said. But students who saw those vote totals wouldn't know the reasons why a top vote-getter can't be on the senate.

"We can't release to the public the reasons why a person didn't get a seat on the senate if they didn't meet those requirements," he said. "If we did, it would violate federal privacy laws that protect students' records."

Student senate results can only be released through approval by the senate's bylaws and rules committee and by the senate itself, Martinich said.

But Martinich said he would support such a motion if it was introduced in the senate.

Another student senator, David Roither, said he doesn't have a problem with the results being posted, but "there are more important things in the senate that need to be discussed."

But Roither said that Warren does have a "legitimate gripe."

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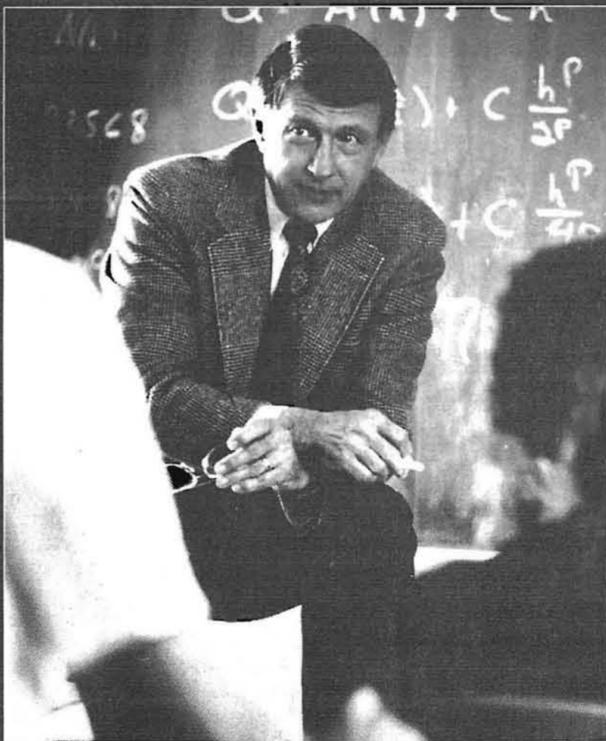
ture Photography; Marcus Buggs for Advertising; Matt Kindt for Editorial Cartoons; Russell Korando for Regular Column and Sports Writing; and Jack Wang for Sports Writing.

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St. Louis Kite Festival A Flying Success

by Dana Cook
features editor

There were big ones, little ones and medium-sized ones. There were round ones, square ones, triangular ones and ones that were mixtures of all three. There were plain ones, fancy ones and ones that can't be described. There were high speed ones and low speed ones and ones that couldn't leave the ground. There were ones that danced, ones that swayed and ones that just flew.

Describing the thousands of kites that flew at the first ever Great St. Louis Kite Festival would be a difficult feat. It would be even a more challenging task

to describe the thousands of people who attended the event last Saturday. The people were as diverse as the kites were.

For an idea of the amount of people that showed up, consider that 10,000 kites were given away during the first three hours.

People from all areas of the globe attended. Some had never flown a kite before; others were experts.

The festival, held in Forest Park, had free admission with proceeds from concessions benefiting Forest Park Forever and the Mathews-Dickey Boys' Club.

Kiteflying clubs added pageantry to the event with demonstration kiteflying. Chicago Fire, an internationally recognized demonstration kiteflying team, drew gasps and applause from the crowd. With six kites dancing in unison, it was perfect choreography.

Something else that was impossible to ignore was a man known to the kite world as Mr. Kite. Dressed in a tuxedo, Mr. Kite mysti-

fied the audience by flying extremely large and colorful kites. One of his kites measured 360 feet.

Mr. Kite, known as Greg Christensen to his family, said he has been flying kites for about six years. He makes his own kites on a sewing machine. He said he makes his kites so large because, "I like big kites."

"If good is good and better is better and big is better in everything so, the bigger they are, the better they are—the gooder they are," Mr. Kite said.

Mr. Kite is from Lakeville, Minn. and he travels to every kite festival across the country when he has the opportunity.

Being St. Louis' first kite festival, Mr. Kite said it was a great event.

"We got the beautiful sky; we got beautiful kites and it makes for just a wonderful time," Mr. Kite said. "You can get kite high from just being here."

The wind that day was sort of like a temperamental child. As soon as it would start blowing pretty consistently and everyone would

get their kites soaring; it would then decide that it wanted to take a break from the play. But, for the most part, the day couldn't have been better if it was special ordered and hand delivered.

The day continued with many contests and competitions. With the many categories that were included, such as youngest unassisted flyer, oldest flyer and most family members flying, anyone could join in the fun.

For those who were more experienced in kiteflying, competitions for fastest climber and individual two-minute freestyle.

Win-

ners were awarded prizes from the American Kitefliers Association and the Gateway Kite Club.

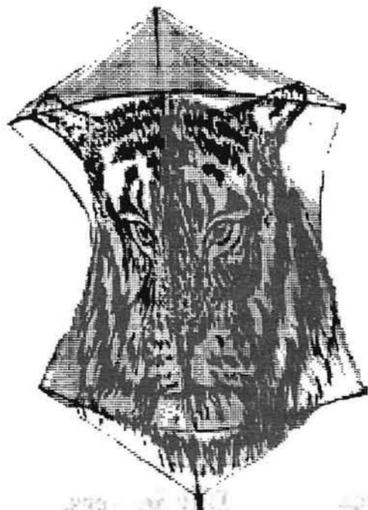
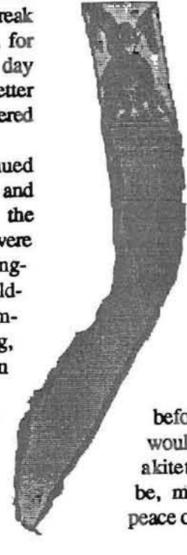
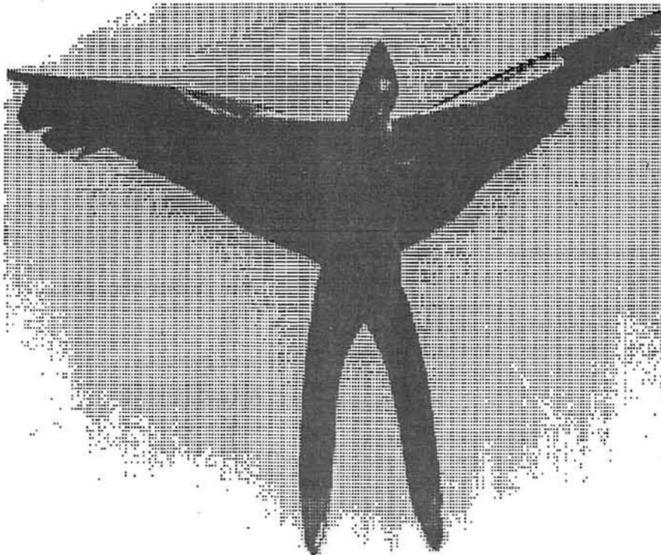
Entertainment for the kids was varied. Other than the visual spectacle of the kites, jugglers, magicians and clowns performed throughout the day. But, most were having too much fun flying and watching the kites. One little boy enjoyed

himself by trying to help a disabled person get his kite in the air.

There's something about the kite festival that gave it sort of a St. Louis family reunion appeal. If the heads of state,

before going to war, would go outside and fly a kite together, there could be, maybe, by chance, peace on earth.

photos: Alfie M. Ali



Student Wins First Place For TV Script

by Dana Cook
features editor

After receiving a college scholarship for her athletic and academic abilities, Dana believed the world was hers, and she could do whatever she wanted with it.

People had told her for years how gifted and talented she was and she had a lot of big hopes and expectations for the world. But, as a star basketball player, Dana had to go through a number of physical exams. It was during a routine test that Dana found out she was HIV positive.

She had to make a lot of decisions about how to cope with the news that had shattered her dreams. One of her decisions, because teammates are like family, was to tell her fellow players. Unfortunately, one of Dana's supposed confidants couldn't be trusted.

Information about Dana's condition was leaked to the University. Huge headlines plastered the campus newspaper, and under heated pressure, Dana's coach was forced to bench her.

How did Dana deal with the added dilemma? How did she handle the prejudice of those who didn't understand?

The answers to these questions and others are found in UM-St. Louis student Barbara Keely's winning teleplay script "Playing For Time."

Keely, an English major, received \$1500 for a first place prize from the St. Louis Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters. Her script will be entered into the national competition in Lexington, Ky., which she will attend. Keely will also attend a class in teleplay writing while in Lexington.

A friend of Keely's read about the contest in a magazine and told Keely she should enter. The script was the first Keely has written for television and she had no prior training in script writing.

"I thought, 'Well, I'd never written a script before but there's a first time for everything,'" Keely said. "I went to the library and got a book on television script format and went from there."

Keely said the idea for the story



Keely plans to take some time off work and school to work on a full length movie script.

came from her love of sports and her feeling that women athletes don't get enough coverage.

"I remember reading an article in the newspaper about how the NCAA set up these new regulations for the players that said if you get a scratch or cut, you've got to leave and get treatment. Well, no one talked about the women's game. So, I thought, 'Is it they don't think women are athletes or they don't think women athletes are at risk for HIV.' So, I got to rolling that idea in my head," Keely said.

Before attending UM-St. Louis, Keely worked as a secretary, but she said she wasn't very happy doing that sort of work.

"I always felt that I was intended to be a writer. So, I decided to go back to school so I had an excuse to start writing again," Keely said.

Keely also said she was very excited about winning the contest and that she feels that it was the best thing that has happened in her writing career and that it happened at the perfect time because she was beginning to doubt whether her dreams could become reality.

"I think that it's not always enough to believe in yourself," Keely said. "At some point, every writer needs to hear it from someone else. Now when I tell people I'm a writer it means something. Maybe I'm not wasting my time after all."

Greeks Sew The Fabric Of Their Unity UM-St. Louis Celebrates Greek Week

by Bill Ross
Current features reporter

The UM-St. Louis' Greek Organizations held their annual Greek Week celebration April 2-10. The theme chosen for this year's events was "Over the Edge".

Greek Week serves as a chance for the fraternities and sororities to pull together, strengthening the bond between the members as they compete for the top fraternity and sorority on campus. The competition is based on a point value system, each event having a point value assigned to it for the first, second and third places. Although each event makes up the whole of the overall Greek Week winner, fraternities and sororities are also awarded for their performances in the single events as well, where sometimes ingenuity and creativity are honored above the first,

second, and third placings.

Events for the 1993 Greek Week were as follows: Friday, April 2, opening ceremonies consisting of Greek Physique, Greek Scholar and Greek Man and Woman of the Year. Swimming and tennis were also held that afternoon. Sunday, April 4 was the Sing and Talent Competition. Monday, April 5 was Parlor Games, consisting of ping pong, foosball, billiards and darts. Tuesday, April 6 was dedicated to trivia and the Six on Six Soccer. Wednesday, April 7, volleyball and bowling were on the agenda. Thursday, April 8 was softball and basketball. Friday, April 9, archery and soccer finals were held, and Saturday, April 10 were the Greek games consisting of Marathon, Bike Race, VW Push, Keg Toss, Egg Toss, Running Relay, Tug-o-War, Greek God and Goddess and Chariot Race, with the banquet to be held that night.



CHUGGIN' BEER: A member of Sigma Tau Delta tosses one forward to win points in a Greek Week competition.



by Greg Albers
columnist/spiritual guru

Greetings Earthlings! I have returned from a one year sabbatical to the Himalayas with fresh insights on the human condition.

Human beings are an arrogant bunch. We sit on our perch at the top of the evolutionary ladder, so smug about our superiority. In reality, all we have is our power of reason and that damn opposable thumb. Stripped of these, we are naked, frail, slow primates with dull senses.

We are not the supreme perfection of evolution we assume our-

Shortcomings Of Mankind Could Be Eliminated

selves to be. There are so many features that humans lack that would make them better, or at least a little more interesting.

If homo sapiens had tails, what would we do with them? I admit, it may make sitting down a little uncomfortable, but think of all the advantages. We could grab things with them. We could wag them when we're happy or wear them straight out when we're pissed off. This could be invaluable in knowing who to avoid. If nothing else, it would make us a little more decorative.

Another thing that would come in handy would be webbed feet. For one thing, you wouldn't have to worry about washing between your toes anymore. Another advantage is that you could make a terrific disturbance when you stomp around bare-foot.

Cows have three stomachs. That's the ultimate dream of us regulars at Shoney's breakfast bar. As soon as we're good-and-bloated, just switch to cavern two and it's showtime.

I wish I had a gizzard. I don't really know what a gizzard does, but I just like saying it. Gizzard, gizzard, gizzard!

It would be wonderful if people had pouches like kangaroos. Think about it. You'd never have to worry about losing your keys again. If it's big enough, you wouldn't have to fret over that plastic or paper decision at the grocery store. Just stuff it all in your pouch, and you're good to go.

Antlers could be a definite asset. At Christmas time you could string a little tinsel around and you're all set for a party. Be careful though, because if you pass out, your friends would be sure to t.p. you. Of course, all door-

ways would have to be enlarged, but that's a small price to pay for a little fun.

We could relieve stress safely and easily if we had blow holes. If you're trying to balance your checkbook or if your pencil breaks in the middle of a nerve-racking exam, just let a little steam build up in your brain and thar she blows!

Antennae could be a fun set of appendages. You could twist them around your finger when you're bored or swing 'em around when you feel crazy. Just make sure they don't get tangled in your antlers. They'd be practical too. You would never again have to worry about bumping your head on the kitchen table after a night of revelry.

So we may not be perfect. (Like that comes as a surprise to any of you.) At least we've given genetic scientists something to work for.

Chariots and Kegs Determined Winner of Greek Week

by Bill Ross
Current features reporter

The Greek organizations held their Greek games for Greek Week 1993 on Saturday April 10. Among the many events of the day, perhaps the most

entertaining were the Volkswagen push, where each sorority pushes a VW to the finish line, and the Chariot Race, fraternities pull a chariot made of any junk spare parts by the fraternity members.

First on the day's agenda was the men's and women's marathon. Alpha

Xi Delta took first place for the women's followed by Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Zeta. Men's marathon was won by Sigma Tau Gamma, Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Pi placed second and third.

While the fraternities held their Bike Race, the sororities participated in Egg

Toss and VW push. Winners for Bike Race were Pi Kappa Alpha in first, Sigma Tau Gamma in second and Sigma Pi ranked third. VW push was won by Zeta Tau Alpha, followed by Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Zeta. Everyone, except Delta Zeta, was disqualified in Egg Toss.

Keg Toss, the object being to throw an empty keg as far as possible, went to Delta Zeta for the Sororities, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta. Fraternity Keg Toss was won by Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Tau Gamma in second and Sigma Pi in third.

The next events were Men's and Women's Running Relay. Alpha Xi Delta placed first for the Women's, followed by Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Zeta. Men's Relay was won by Sigma Tau Gamma, Pi Kappa Alpha placing second and Sigma Pi Fraternity in third.

The last events of the day were the Tug-o-War and the Fraternity Chariot Race. Tug-o-War winning order for the sororities was Delta Zeta, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta. Fraternities' Tug-o-War went to Sigma Tau Gamma, followed by Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Pi. The Chariot Race was won by Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Pi in second and Sigma Tau Gamma in third.

The evening came to a close with the Greek Banquet, celebrating the past week which the Greeks had spent in competition, in which friendships were formed between the Greek organizations. The awards were given out to the winners of Greek Week.

Winners for the Greek Physique were Brad Snitzer from Pi Kappa Alpha and Tina Harris from Alpha Xi Delta. Greek Scholarship went to Jayson Hardy of Pi Kappa Alpha and Christy George from Delta Zeta. Greek Man and Woman of the Year was won by Patricia Graziani of Delta Zeta and Rick Strifler from Sigma Tau Gamma. In Greek Sign

Competition, Sigma Pi and Sigma Tau Gamma tied for first with Pi Kappa Alpha in third. Sororities' Greek Sign Competition was won by Delta Zeta, second place went to Zeta Tau Alpha and third to Alpha Xi Delta. In Greek Sing Competition first place went to Sigma Pi and Alpha Xi Delta, second place was won by Sigma Tau Gamma and Delta Zeta, Pi Kappa Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha in third. Greek Talent Competition first place went to Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Tau Gamma, Delta Zeta and Pi Kappa Alpha in second. Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Pi came in third.

The final awards given for Greek Week champions were received by Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Tau Gamma in first, Delta Zeta and Pi Kappa Alpha in second and Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Pi in third.

As the Greeks looked back at the week the most important part of the experience was the fun involved, which made it all worth while.

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by Amy Welch
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Sigma Delta Pi

Hables espanol bien y no tienes ninguno hablar a responder? If you answered "yes" to the preceding question, or even understood it for that matter, read on.

Sigma Delta Pi is the National Collegiate Spanish Honor Society. Established in California in 1919, Sigma Delta Pi operates as a non-profit organization, and is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, among other prestigious academic associations. It has 465 chapters across country.

Omicron Psi, the local chapter at UM-St. Louis, started in 1985. Dr. Alicia Ramos was influential in bringing the Society to campus, but then left on

Sambatico. The Honor Society experienced a re-birth in 1989 when Ramos returned and took over as advisor. Currently, there are 48 members in the local chapter.

At the end of each semester, an initiation ceremony is held to induct new members. All those inducted are considered members for life and receive a certificate and a gold pin.

"This is a credential which helps students get into graduate school," Ramos said.

Many members go on to become Spanish teachers, and most stay in touch with the organization. A recent Nobel prize in literature was awarded to Camilo Jose Celo, a member of the organization.

The Honor Society puts out a newsletter about once a month to alumni and active members, announcing activities and upcoming seminars. For example, on April 19, Professor Carenas

will give a talk on the treatment of the Spanish Moors after 1492 in Spain.

The group makes monthly visits to local Spanish restaurants, and a large turnout of alumni and active members is not unusual.

The Omicron Psi chapter offers a variety of scholarship opportunities. Ten travel scholarships are available, five to Curmaraca, Mexico, and five to Madrid, Spain.

There is also an Omicron Psi Scholarship given to help members reduce the cost of tuition. Every year this scholarship is granted to one member. The money for the scholarship is raised by the local chapter.

Any fifth semester UM-St. Louis student with at least 18 credit hours in Spanish courses is eligible for membership.

"The aim of the National Honor Society is to keep Spanish alive," Ramos said.

UM-St.Louis Honors Those Who Help The Disabled

by Bill Foss
Current features reporter

The Students with Disabilities Association held their 10th annual Meritorious Service Awards Ceremony Friday, April 9.

Marilyn Ditto, Administrator for Special Student Programs, welcomed everyone by thanking those who attended the presentation, and recognizing those students, faculty and departments who have made significant contributions in community service to students with disabilities.

Judith Parker, Director of Human Services for St. Louis County, presented The Students with Disabilities Association with a proclamation, formally recognizing the week of April 5 to 9 as Disabilities Awareness Week.

Deborah Dee, Commissioner for City of St. Louis Office of the Disabled, encouraged The Students with Disabilities Association to carry the torch of Disability Awareness, which has been passed down to them from the generations before, to the day when people will no longer have to wonder if a building is handicap accessible.

Sandy MacLean, Noman Seay, The UM-St. Louis Police Department, ADA Committee, The Bookstore Staff and Karl Beeler were among those who received the Meritorious Service Awards.

Threenewards were presented this year honoring: The Most Accommodating Faculty Member, received by Deborah K. Baldini, The Most Accommodating Staff Member, awarded to Patricia Luley and The Most Outstanding Accommodating Department, awarded to the Instructional Computing Labs.



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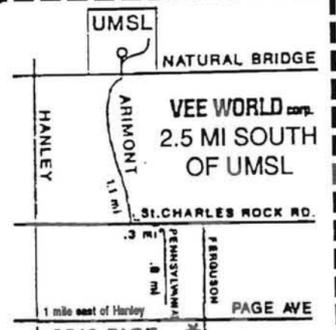
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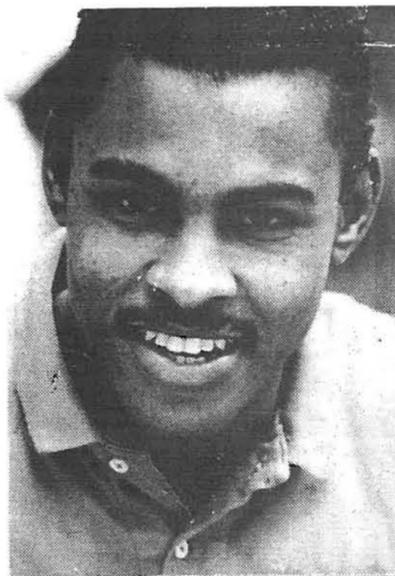
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Wang's World



Quality Story Leads to Award for Sports Writing

by Jack C. Wang
sports editor

As a sports journalist for the *Current* this past year, I've come to realize how lucky I am.

I have had the fun and pleasure of attending many UM-St. Louis sporting events — everything from soccer to baseball.

But in all honesty, the one thing that every journalist remembers the most is their first beat.

At the beginning of the fall 1992 semester, my sports editor, Russell Korando, gave me a beat that I would grow to love. Russell gave me the men's soccer beat.

Now, I didn't tell Russell at the time, but I had never covered soccer. I remember studying the men's soccer media guide like it was a textbook and I was getting ready to take a test on soccer. I can recall spending time memorizing players' names with their photos.

I can still recall being nervous the first time I had to go to the soccer field and get some interviews from the coaches and players during practice.

But I didn't have anything to be nervous about. Head coach Tom Redmond is a great guy, who put me at ease with his calm, easy-going manner.

The players were even better. Most of them were slightly hesitant about talking to me at first, but I had to admit that I was a bit nervous myself about approaching them for interviews. But once I got to know most of the players personally, I realized that they were great guys.

Brian Hennessy and Kevin Hennessy are two seniors who were on the Rivermen soccer squad. They are cousins who are also close friends. As the season wore on, I decided to do a feature story on the cousins because they were ending their four-year career at UM-St. Louis.

I talked to Russell about it and he agreed. I talked to the Hennessys, who both seemed very pleased that I would write an article about them. The fact that both gentlemen are extremely nice guys who like to joke around made the two interviews easy and pleasant.

I think that it was one of my best pieces of work because I wrote it in a personal style of manner. I told Russell what I thought about the article, and Russell agreed and told me that I should consider entering the article in the 1992 Missouri College Newspapers Awards. I thought it over, and soon agreed.

Two weekends ago, the *Current* staff traveled to UM-Columbia for the awards presentation. I was a lucky man, as the Hennessy feature — my only entry — received an honorable mention for sportswriting.

The award was a nice surprise, and I feel that Brian Hennessy and Kevin Hennessy deserve part of it. They are two of the nicest guys I have ever met, and they deserve a lot of the credit. To me, it feels like part of the award should go to them, because if it wasn't for their great attitude and willingness to be interviewed, I would have never had the pleasure to write what I still today believe is the best article I have ever written. Thanks guys!

Riverwomen Holding Serve With 3-3 Record

Cory C. Schroeder
associate sports editor

With a 3-3 record, the UM-St. Louis women's tennis team continues to hover at the .500 mark.

Without playing a single home match, the Riverwomen have had to learn to fight travel lag and keep up the intensity. This past week was no exception. The first stop was perennial powerhouse Principia, which, despite playing in the NCAA Division III, has managed to turn out ranked teams and several players who later turned professional. UM-St. Louis was expected to be overwhelmed on the overcast day, which the results reflected — a 6-3 loss.

"We knew Principia would be tough," Riverwomen head coach Pam Steinmetz said. "3-3 is great at this point in the season."

Senior Susan Dobb was the only Riverwoman who managed to salvage a victory in the singles matches. Dobb's consistent but relentless playing style proved to be too much for Principia's second seed, Stephanie Boyman. Dobb won handily 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 and has now

won three matches in a row.

"Susan hustles and runs down every ball," Steinmetz said. "She mixes up her shots effectively."

The rest of Steinmetz's brigade did not fare as well losing their respective singles matches. Number one seed Debbie Durrwachter and juniors Kelly Hawkins, Yvonne Bras, and Staci Irvin were all losers in two sets.

"I was hitting the ball harder than usual," Irvin said. "But I couldn't get my serves in."

Fortunately, the rain held off long enough to get the doubles matches in, of which UM-St.

Louis won two out of three. The Riverwomen doubles partners of Irvin and Hawkins won 6-3, 7-6 with the duo of Bras and freshman Lauren Klaski following the victory suit 6-1, 6-3. The number one tandem of Durrwachter and Dobb could not make it three of a kind, seeming lost on the court and falling 6-0, 6-1.

"We didn't click," Dobb said. "We do well in practice but when it comes to the game, one of us is off and the other is strong."

As has been the norm for this season, the Riverwomen rose from a tough

"3-3 is great at this point of the season"
- Pam Steinmetz
Riverwomen head coach



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RIGHT BACK AT YA: Senior Susan Dobb prepares to volley. Dobb has won three matches in a row for the women's tennis team.

loss to get a victory only a few days later. That part of the story played out to form with UM-St. Louis shutting out Webster University on their own court, 9-0. Durrwachter led the way, winning her match 6-3, 6-0. Dobb followed her lead 6-0, 6-2; as did the number three

and four seeds. Webster University was unable to field a full team and was forced to forfeit two singles matches and one doubles.

"The team is starting to gel," Steinmetz said. "I can see improvement in everyone's individual play."

The Riverwomen will have to play three matches in a row starting with a trip to William Woods College (Apr. 12). They will return home to host the UM-St. Louis Triangular (Apr. 14) before traveling to Webster University.

UM-St. Louis Sports Notebook

by Jack C. Wang
sports editor

Golf Team Wins Second Straight Tournament

Jim Niederkorn, the head coach of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen golf team, probably feels very happy and pleased right now.

His golf squad won its second straight tournament of the year by winning the Missouri Miner-Ramada Inn Invitational April 5-6 at the Piney Valley Golf Course in Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

The Rivermen as a team finished in first place with a score of 614, closely followed by Missouri Southern with 617.

Individually, UM-St. Louis had four players finish among the top 10. Sophomore Dave Rhoads finished in fifth place with a score of 152. James Tritter (153) and Chris Sanders (154) finished in sixth and seventh place respectively. Morgan Gonzales tied for 10th place with a score of 155, while his brother Levi Gonzales finished at 162.

Dave Rhoads was named the MIAA "Player of the Week" after winning medalist honors at the Riverman Invitational, shooting a 1-under-par 71. Rhoads, who was an honorable mention All-American last year, has a 74.4 stroke average after seven rounds of play. In the four tournaments this year, Rhoads has finished fourth twice, fifth once and first once.

Men's Tennis Wins First Match This Season

Between losing to Southwest Baptist (9-0) and St. Ambrose (9-0) at home on April 2 and April 4, respectively, the Rivermen tennis team found time to do something they hadn't done all season.

On April 3, head coach Carl Walker and his Rivermen won their first match of the season, beating Drury 6-3.

Number one singles player Nick Tanurchis, No. 2 Brett Fredrick, No. 3 Pat Hahn and No. 5 Matt Price won their matches, and the doubles team of Tanurchis-Fredrick and Hahn-Rich Durbin won their doubles matches.

The Rivermen's record now stands at 1-8. They will host Webster University April 13 at 3:00 p.m. and Washburn April 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Rivermen Win MIAA Baseball Honors

Rivermen baseball designated hitter Bob Mutansky and lefthander

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Riverwomen Edge Closer To Softball Playoffs

by Pete Dicrispino
Current sports reporter

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen softball team edged closer to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association playoffs last Tuesday (Apr. 6) with victories over Missouri-Rolla and Lincoln. The girls are in excellent position in the standings for the South Division with a record of 5-2 with only three games left in the conference before playoffs.

"All the pieces are there; if we can get more help from our bench we'll be alright," Riverwomen Coach Harold Brumbaugh said.

The Riverwomen continued their fine pitching by recording shutouts in the two games against Missouri-Rolla and Lincoln.

In the first game, senior Kelly Childs improved her record to 8-5 as she blanked Lincoln 5-0 on four hits. In the second game, junior Jill Stockdale raised her record to 7-5 as she fired another 5-0 shutout against Missouri-Rolla, limiting the Lady Miners to just six hits.

"Both pitchers threw the ball well and the defense was strong behind them," Brumbaugh said. "We have thrown a lot of shutouts this season."

In all, the team has nine shutouts, with Stockdale and Childs leading the way with four apiece.

The defense was led by senior third basemen Sharon Payton and freshmen shortstop Nicole Christ. Payton had 10 assists in the two games and Christ

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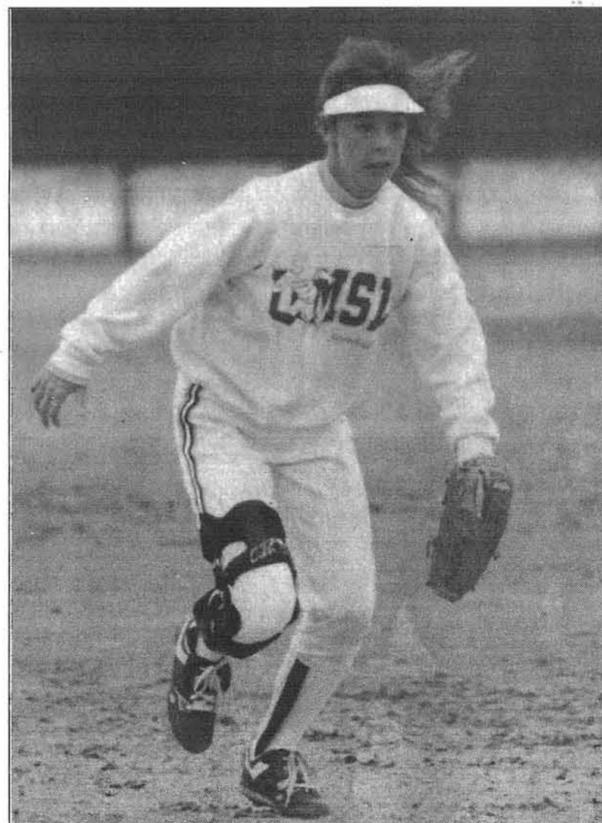


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Junior outfielder Erin Hurt recently made the move into the infield at second base. Through 31 games, the transfer from Southwest Missouri State is batting .297, with 18 RBI's and a team-leading nine stolen bases.

Baseball Rivermen Tame The Blue Tigers Of Lincoln In Home Opener

by Mike Hayes
Current sports reporter

After enduring postponement upon postponement, the UM-St. Louis baseball squad finally heard the umpire yell, "Play ball," at Riverman Field last Tuesday afternoon.

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) opponent Lincoln University rolled into town for a doubleheader, but limped back home as the Rivermen opened up the 1993 home schedule with a two-game sweep of the Blue Tigers.

With the two victories, the Rivermen improved their record to 11-5 overall and 7-3 in the MIAA.

"This should put us right up there on the top," hot hitting third baseman Todd Kunz said. "Once we're up here we just got to hold it."

The Rivermen wasted no time in disposing of the Blue Tigers as both games of the doubleheader had to be stopped early due to the 10-run rule.

In the first game, a four run third inning broke a scoreless tie propelling the Rivermen on to a 10-0 rout. All-

American hurler Andy Runzi picked up his third win of the young season as he held the Blue Tigers at bay, allowing only three hits over six innings of work.

Center fielder Donnie Jolliff and Kunz drove in two runs each as the Rivermen batsmen cranked out 11 hits in the seven-inning game.

The Blue Tigers fared no better in game two of the double-dip as the Rivermen punched out 12 more hits, pounding a very dispirited Lincoln team 13-3.

Kunz picked up where he left off in game one as he went 3-for-4 with three runs batted in and put an exclamation point on the day's events with a two-run blast over the left field wall in the bottom of the fourth inning.

On the mound, Blaine Shetley notched his first win of the year, giving up only one run on six hits through six innings.

In both games the Rivermen received strong pitching, something not going unnoticed by Rivermen skipper

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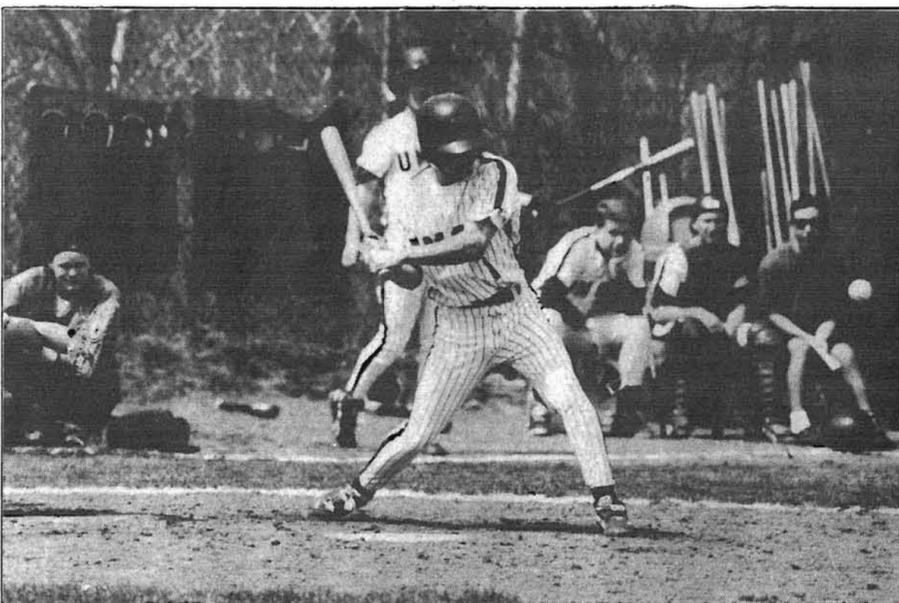


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Incoming! Freshman shortstop David Jolliff sizes up a pitch against Lincoln University in the Rivermen's home opener last week.

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Jim Brady.
 "I've said all along that pitching is the strength of our squad," Brady said. "They are proving that as the season goes along."
 Pitchers Runzi and junior Tim Stratman already have three wins apiece, and junior pitcher Matt Logeais claimed his second victory of the campaign April 3 with a 4-1 victory over Southwest Baptist University; Logeais threw eight solid innings, allowing no earned runs in the series finale.

Stratman was recently named MIAA "Pitcher of the Week" for the week of March 29 through April 4. The southpaw struck out nine batters in eight scoreless innings at SBU in the second game of that weekend showdown. His record is a perfect 3-0 with an eye-popping 0.50 earned run average.

Stratman wasn't the only Rivermen picking up an award. Senior Bob Mutnasky, who had three home runs and five RBI's in the SBU series, was named "Hitter of the Week" for the same period. The husky Chicagonative is presently boasting a .371 batting average and is leading the team in RBI's with 16.

Awards aside, Brady is just glad his team has finally been able to play ball after being overrun with poor weather in the early going.

"This year stands alone," Brady said, lamenting about the bad weather his team has had to endure this year.

"I can't think of any time in my tenure here, where my frustration level has been so high," Brady said. "It is a variable over which we have no control. We are a victim of the weather."

With so many rainouts, the Rivermen will face a busy schedule as they try to recover some of the games lost to mother nature.

Brady feels his team can only profit from the heavy load of games on the horizon. "The only thing this team is lacking so far is the opportunity to play on a consistent basis," Brady said. "This team has a chance to be very good, and it needs to gain that invaluable experience you receive from playing and that's something you need come playoff time."

Washington University will invade Riverman Field on Tuesday and then the Rivermen will hit the road for a game against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

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Tim Stratman earned MIAA honors this week for their outstanding contributions on the baseball diamond.

Mutnasky, a senior, is batting .371 with four home runs and a team-leading 16 RBI's and was named the MIAA "Hitter of the Week" after slugging three home runs and five RBI's in the weekend series against Southwest Baptist April 2-4.

Stratman won the MIAA "Pitcher of the Week," striking out nine Southwest Baptist batters in eight scoreless innings in the Rivermen's 6-4, 12-inning victory on April 3. Stratman is 3-0, with an earned run average of 0.50 and 15 strikeouts.

Junior righthander Greg Shepherd has four saves for the Rivermen, which leads not only the team, but the MIAA Conference as well. The Rivermen also rank fourth in the MIAA in hitting (.289) and second in pitching (3.63 ERA). Todd Kunz is fourth in hitting (.441) and Bob Mutnasky is ninth (.371) in conference hitting. Mutnasky is also among the top 10 leaders in home runs and RBI's.

The Rivermen will play host to local rival Washington University on Monday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Rivermen Field.

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wasn't far behind with nine.
 The offense in the Lincoln game was led by junior second basemen Erin Hurt, who went 3-for-3 with three stolen bases. Against Missouri-Rolla, Christ again added to an already impressive freshmen year with three more hits. Christ leads the team with a .413 average.

"The girls have gotten to know each other better and are more intense during the games," Brumbaugh said.

TOO TOUGH TO HANDLE.

The Riverwomen played well in the Northern Iowa Uni-Dome Indoor Tournament two weekends ago, but could manage only two victories in seven games. The ladies lost two close games to Mankato State, 5-2 and 1-0, and also fell to Concordia 6-5, St. Cloud 7-3, and Washburn 7-6. The Riverwomen did take a pair of victories from Northeast Missouri 5-0 and Northern Iowa 8-5.

"The teams we played in the Northern Iowa Tournament were solid teams; they had no weaknesses," Brumbaugh said. "These games will help us get mentally ready for the rest of our conference games."

RIVERWOMEN SPLIT TWO WITH QUINCY.

The team split two games against Quincy (Apr. 7), losing the first game 5-4 and winning the second game 13-2. Childs suffered the loss in the first game, giving up eight hits and five runs in seven innings, dropping her record to 8-6. Jeri Mass and Dina Whelchel led the hitting attack as Mass hit her

second home run, while Whelchel drove in two runs.

The Riverwomen put on their hitting shoes in the second game as they bombed Quincy 13-2 behind a 16-hit attack. Gina Cooksey and Angie Kaighin led the offense. Cooksey was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and Kaighin was 4-for-4 with three runs batted in.

Jill Stockdale picked up the win in the game with six strong innings, giving up two runs on four hits, while raising her record to 8-5.

UNDER PRESSURE.

While covering the girls this season and talking to some of the them, I have learned that they put tremendous pressure on themselves.

Some team members might be hitting .330 and they are still not happy. If a player goes 0-for-4 one game, she suddenly thinks she stinks, even though that could be the only game she didn't get a hit in all year. They are going to end up getting ulcers if they don't start relaxing. Assistant coach Kristi Toppins couldn't agree more.

"Most of the girls are expected to do good, from parents and other family members," she said. "If they do anything lower than expected, then they are not happy." Toppins doesn't even let the team see their stats anymore.

I've seen a lot of softball games in my time and this is one of the better teams I've watched. I have one piece of advice for the ladies—Have Fun. Your college career doesn't last forever. Plus, ulcers are no fun anyway.

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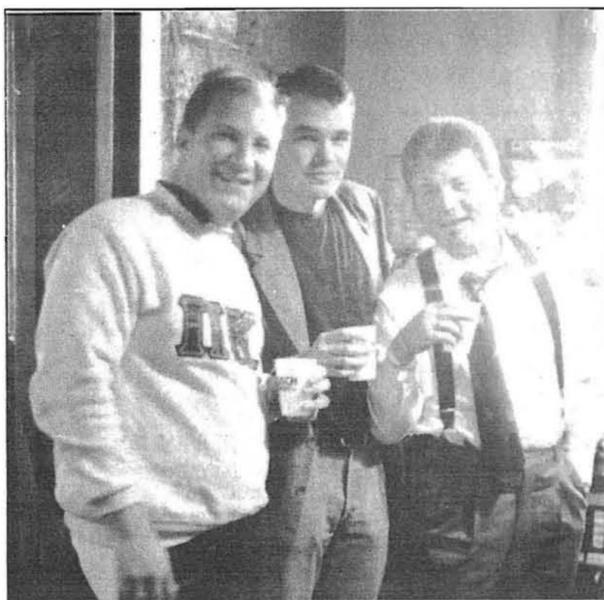
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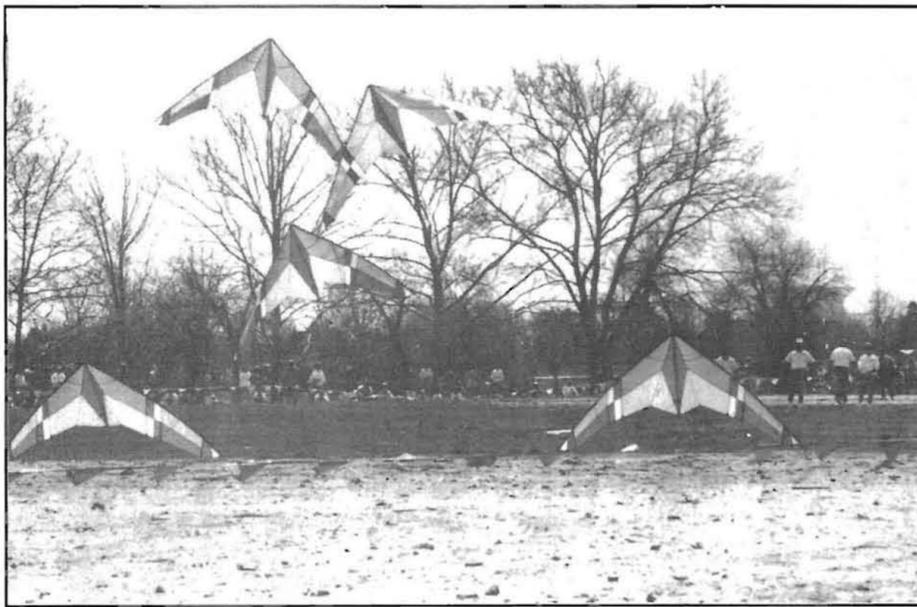
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