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## New Standards Set For Business School

by Clint Zweifel  
Current news reporter

New standards of accreditation for business schools adopted by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) may help to improve the quality of business education received by college students.

About 300 schools are under the accreditation of AACSB.

The new policy standards were adopted on April 23, 1991, and affect all business and accounting schools applying for accreditation or reaccreditation in the fall of 1993.

"There are major changes both in the content and in the process of our accrediting activity occurring right now," said Charles Hickman, director of project services for AACSB.

He said universities that did not pass the accreditation process usually

failed with a technicality. He said the old standard contained many specific requirements concerning student-teacher ratios, faculty members with doctoral degrees, faculty research productivity and curriculum. The new standards give each particular university more latitude in those areas, but Hickman said "with that freedom comes more responsibility."

"Under the new standards there is much more emphasis on process instead of input," said Hickman. "There are some curriculum and faculty resource standards, but they are much less prescriptive than before."

"If you want to use an instructional method that has never been in place before, we want to encourage that. Everyone in business management might learn something from that. But if you are going to do something like that you need to show how you're going to

measure it's effectiveness," he said. The change does not imply that universities easily accredited in the past will automatically qualify for reaccreditation with the new standards.

"I don't think schools that in the past have been well over the threshold have a free ticket. They are being judged against their own criteria," said Hickman.

Hickman said that for a university to remain accredited with AACSB, business and accounting schools must be reaccredited every nine years and submit information on the progress of the business school halfway after being reaccredited.

"The new standard focuses more on process. We want a clear and unambiguous missions statement that identifies who the schools constituents are, how the school is trying to preserve them and what means the school will use to measure its own performance objective," he said.

Dr. John Anderson, associate dean of business administration at UM-St. Louis, said each business school will become more adaptive to the special needs of their particular campus community.

"We will be more responsible to the needs of the stakeholders," he said.

Dr. V. Penfield, dean of business administration at UM-Kansas City, said the added latitude will allow for a more unique and creative business school.

"They will improve the opportunity for the school to develop how it wants to develop," Penfield said. Although, he added, it will be im-

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## Students Pass Comptroller Position

Masters and Roither Elected President and Vice-President

by Krista Goodin  
associate news editor

In last week's election, students approved the addition of a comptroller to the Student Government Association (SGA).

The decision whether or not to add the office of comptroller was only one of the issues students decided in the SGA election, March 31-April 2. The office passed with 65 votes, or 72 percent, in its favor. Twenty-eight percent, 25 votes, opposed the position.

Students also elected Andy Masters and Dave Roither as president and vice-president of SGA. Masters collected 309 votes for president, while Roither received 167 for vice-president.

Students have yet to choose who

will actually hold the office of comptroller. The decision will be made April 14-15. The following students are running for election: LaDonia Payne-Nixon, Marc Ray and Bill Ross.

The comptroller will be considered a member of the SGA Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Students Activities Budget Committee (SABC).

The position includes the following duties and responsibilities. The comptroller will serve as student chair of SABC and assist in the interview and selection process of SABC members. The position will require checking the accuracy of Activity Fee Acquisition Forms. The comptroller will also represent SABC when a representative of the committee is required. In addition, he or she will present questions of

misuse of student allocated monies to the Senate Student Affairs Committee.

In the case that the comptroller cannot complete the term of office, the SGA treasurer will fill the position.

Write-in candidates for the office of president included Douglas Marks, Michael Mosblech, Triegg Turner and Nckruma Zhari. Students written in for vice-president were Charles Athfeton, Jonathon Compton, Bill Farnsworth and Michelle Pandolfo.

Students were also elected as representatives at-large for each school in the university. They will serve to represent students in the SGA Assembly. Each student organization has a representative at-large, also.

The School of Arts and Sciences will be represented by Dawn Griffith, Tina Harris, Jared Jackson, Phil McClung, Christine McGraw, John Macke, Tim Martin and Verdella Thomas.

Representatives for the School of Business decided in this election are Kathleen Higgins and Nicholas Karabas.

Elected for the School of Education are Lisa Doyle and Jill Grimer.

The Graduate School will be represented by Kate Cypret and Steven Wolfe.

Those chosen for the Evening School are Marion "Jeep" Hague, Elsie King, Karen Osborne and Carol White.

Results were contributed by the SGA Election Committee.

## "Single White Female" Author Speaks On Campus

by Stacy Kardasz  
Current news reporter

"Roommate Needed"

How many times have you been flipping through the classified ads and seen those very words? Author John Lutz saw this concept as the perfect opportunity to create his 1990 suspense-thriller novel, **SWF Seeks Same**.

Lutz visited the UM-St. Louis campus Thursday, April 1, to speak about his book, which was adapted as the box office hit "Single White Female," his experiences during the production of the movie and as a writer. He has written 22 mystery novels and co-authored two more. He published his first short story in 1966, and has written over 175 stories since then. Lutz received the Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America for one of his short stories, and was president of the organization for two years. His books

have been published in a dozen different languages and have been adapted for radio, television and most recently, the big screen.

Lutz spoke to the group about his experiences as a writer, and more specifically, his experiences during the filming of "Single White Female." He gave many tips and pointers about the proper techniques to be used in writing.

"Writing mysteries requires certain techniques, certain skills. What you should remember when you try to sit down to write a good mystery is that you're not trying to write a good mystery, you're trying to write a good novel," Lutz explained. He also said that people's conceptions of the essence of a mystery or science fiction novel are most often misled.

"Don't pay so much attention to characterization. What you are trying to do, more than anything else, is to engage the reader's emotions... if the

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author of  
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## Hurwicz Receives \$100,000 To Fund "Creative" Research Project

by Amy Allman  
Current news reporter

The James A. Shannon Director's Award, issued by the National Institute of Aging, a sub-group of the National Institutes of Health, was presented to Margo-Lea Hurwicz, an assistant professor of anthropology and gerontology at UM-St. Louis.

Hurwicz is researching "Cultural Factors in Illness Response of Hispanic Elders." Through anthropological techniques, Hurwicz will answer gerontological questions as to why people of certain ages do what they do when they feel ill.

"The main questions I am trying to answer are: Why do people go to doctors? Why do some people go to the doctor when other people don't, given

the same symptoms?, or Why does the same person go to the doctor for some symptoms and not others?" Hurwicz explained.

Incorporating qualitative, as well as quantitative, methods Hurwicz will study the responses of Mexican and Puerto Rican immigrants in Chicago.

Hurwicz, who was nominated by the National Institutes of Health for the Shannon Award, said, "The medical system often operates on underlying values of mainstream American culture. One reason some of these immigrants may not be taking advantage of the health system may be because they are operating under a different set of cultural expectations and values."

Margaret Sherraden, an assistant

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## American Honda Foundation Supports Engelmann Institute

by Clint Zweifel  
Current news reporter

A \$40,000 gift from the American Honda Foundation to the George Engelmann Mathematics and Science Institute will help high school students pursue their interests in mathematics and science on the UM-St. Louis campus.

The Engelmann institute is a pre-collegiate program that is based on the UM-St. Louis campus while also using facilities on the Washington University and St. Louis University campuses. The Institute was started in 1988 and serves about 460 students annually.

"[The Engelmann Institute] focuses on a program that enriches the notion of science and provides them with a more informed understanding of what science is about and why it is important to this country," said Kenneth Mares, associate director of the Engelmann Institute.

Charles Granger, director of the

Engelmann Institute, said the program has five phases that include high-school juniors to college age seniors.

He said Engelmann Scholars are students selected from 106 high schools in the St. Louis metropolitan area and must be in the top three percent of their respective class.

"It is really a select group of students," said Granger.

A prospective Engelmann Scholar, in completion of their sophomore or junior year in high school, must complete an application form to be considered for the Institute. The form is then examined, along with a high school transcript, by a subcommittee of both faculty and corporate research workers who represent a variety of educational institutions and private businesses, respectively.

"We have taken a group of really high-quality young people and intro-

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## What A Catch!

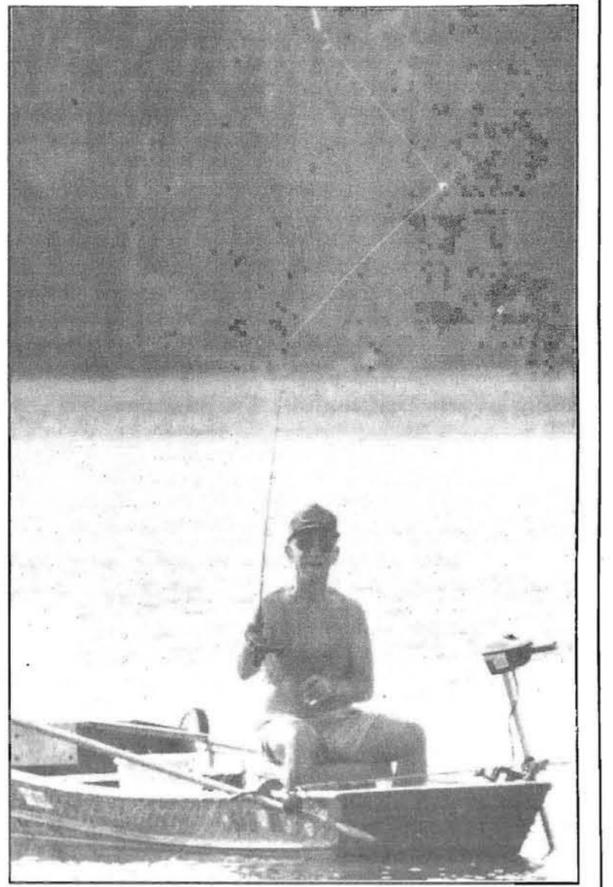


Photo: Alfie M. Ali

Warm weather and sunshine last Monday and Tuesday brought out the fishermen at Creve Coeur Lake.

## School Of Optometry Receives \$100,000 Gift

by Krista Goodin  
associate news editor

The UM-St. Louis School of Optometry recently received a \$100,000 endowment for scholarship support. And the gift could keep on giving.

Dr. W. R. Jackson Jr., an eminent Kansas City optometrist, left a portion of his estate to the school and designated the money for scholarships.

"The money was put into a bank account," explained Dr. Jerry Christensen, dean of the school of optometry. "The interest will provide scholarships beginning this fall."

Christensen said the money was only a partial settlement from Jackson's estate. The school may receive an addition to the gift. Dr. Gerald A. Franzel, associate dean of the school of optometry, said the case was still in probate court.

Jackson also contributed to the Missouri Optometric Foundation which sponsors research and also provides scholarship support.

"He felt he owed something to the profession," said Christensen.

Franzel agrees, "He was dedicated to the profession. This is demonstrated by his gracious gifts."

Franzel explained that Jackson chose to assist UM-St. Louis because he felt supportive of the school that was in his state. Jackson belonged to the Missouri Optometric Association, which helped establish the school at UM-St. Louis.



Photo: Alfie M. Ali

Author John Lutz relates to students his experiences on-the-scene filming "Single White Female." Lutz visited campus Thursday, April 1.

writer does everything else technically wrong, but yet somehow does that, then the writer has succeeded," he said.

Lutz went on to talk about what he learned during the shooting of "Single White Female," which starred Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh. Overall, he was pleased with the final outcome of the picture. The actors fit his mental picture of his characters fairly well, and the sets created did a good job conveying the image he cre-

ated in his book. Some changes were made by the screenwriters to give the story more "New York" flavor. The infamous homosexual neighbor, who was originally a romantic interest of Fonda's character, "Ally," is an example. Also, the scene with the dead dog and the masturbation scene were added to help convey the severe psychotic state of the character

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The President also announced his "Summer of Service" summer leadership training program in which over 1,000 young people will work on service projects with children at risk. The summer program will serve as forerunner to a much larger program which will eventually allow over 100,000 young people to pay their way to college through community service.

Under the President's plan, young people could borrow the money for college from the government, then pay back the loan in one of two ways: either as a small percentage of their income over time, or through one or two years of community service work before, during, or after college.

The President said he wanted to make this challenge because our countries and communities need help that government alone cannot provide. Government can make vaccines available to children, but it alone cannot administer shots to them all. It can put more police on the streets, but it alone cannot stop crime. It can improve the quality of our public schools, but cannot alone inspire children to live up to their potential. It is time for Americans of every background to work together to lift our country up, neighborhood by neighborhood and block by block. It is time to rediscover the excitement and idealism that makes us Americans.

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W.W. W. PROVIDENCE 697 JOURNAL-BULLETIN



## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

### Schott's Rights Not Violated; Statements Contribute To Racial Oppression

Dear Editor:

If the recent letter to the editor submitted by a sniveling Steve Dotson is any indication of the state of race relations in our country, then I surmise that we are in severe trouble. The tone of his letter dealt with the sanctity of the First Amendment and its role in the Marge Schott case, but the not so subtle underlying message was one being echoed all throughout white America—they are losing their power to minorities and must fight like hell to hold onto it. And the individuals most feeling the crunch of this inevitable and overdue event are white males. The fear of this loss is all too apparent in the letter of Mr. Dotson.

The only people that I ever heard condoning racist and prejudicial remarks such as those offered by Marge Schott are the individuals who agree with such asinine rhetoric and no doubt live their lives practicing and rationalizing it. There is nothing wrong with free speech in and of itself, but when it continually perpetuates societal thought and views toward a group of people and further contributes to their oppression, then such statements must be placed in check. These instances are the ones in which "free speech" has moved out of the relatively harmless realm of being one's personal opinion to being a cancer that only seems to spread and further contribute to the degeneration of our country. Why is it that an individual can get arrested for burning a piece of colored cloth (our flag), yet no one seems to care about negative comments and attacks specifically directed at particular segments of the population? Sounds to me as if America has its priorities a bit backwards. It is very interesting how many whites, particularly white males, are feeling threatened by the shifting of power that our country is experiencing. But I would tell all you good ole boys not to worry to

much, for you still hold a majority of the institutional power, and I think it quite unlikely that you will relinquish any of it without a fight. Heaven forbid the mythological concept of a "melting pot" actually begin to become a reality, with each member being given an equal chance to thrive.

I would offer that Mr. Dotson is not so much upset with the minute possibility that Marge Schott's First Amendment rights were violated, but rather that he is profoundly bothered by the evolution of our society. Perhaps he has finally realized that all minorities are at last speaking out against the injustices that all minorities of our society. Perhaps he has finally realized that all minorities are at last speaking out against the injustices that were heaped upon them throughout our country's (and the world's) sordid past and he feels threatened and inferior. Note that these are feelings and tactics that those in power have used for centuries to maintain and justify their position over those deemed as "lesser" individuals. All of a sudden it appears as if the position of white male in society does not entitle one to all the perks that it once did—and oh my God, it appears as if your grasp on power might be following the route of the dinosaurs; evolution is a wonderful thing is it not? I think we are all familiar with the problems associated with trying to get a spoiled child to share. Need I say more?

Have we reached such a pathetic level that we can overlook and sanction pejorative terms of a bygone era used to describe others? People like Mr. Dotson are merely symptoms of a much larger problem that exists and proof that our country is extremely resistant to the changes that have been occurring since its birth centuries ago. Is it not interesting how many Anglo-Europeans fled to this country in an attempt to escape persecution because they were different from the norm, yet have done precisely to others as was done to them?

It is clear to see how this abundant tradition of hypocrisy continues—1990's style. And yes, one cannot argue against the fact that there is a rich tradition and heritage associated with these individuals, but was there not an equally rich tradition found amidst the Indians of North and South America who were slaughtered and robbed of their land, or among the countless numbers of Africans kidnapped from their homes? Who among man has the right to judge one tradition or heritage as superior to another? Who is it to say what group's particular values are to be upheld and encouraged by society? I'll go out on a limb and say that it is certainly not an individual such as Mr. Dotson. Furthermore, a closer examination of this rich European tradition that Mr. Dotson speaks so highly of reveals how it has consistently extended its dirty little hand into virtually every area of the globe, raping and robbing all that stood in its way. How could Columbus find a country that was already inhabited? It would be like me finding California; of course I would then have to use force and phony treaties to get the present occupants to acquiesce and then I would truly be able to call it "mine", as if I was one of the original inhabitants. Can one truly call this progress? What is the real history of our country?

It is simply ridiculous that Mr. Dotson call upon "people of color" to alleviate the problem that white society and its injustices have created in the first place. This not so surprising attitude parallels history and is quite consistent with the Anglo-European tradition. It brings to mind all the European countries as they exited from Africa during this century, leaving it ransacked and depleted of its resources with the expectation that the original inhabitants assuage their condition on their own. Like wrecking your neighbor's car and expecting them to have no qualms about paying for its repair, where is the logic behind that? Once again the burden has fallen upon

the oppressed to clean up the mess created by the self-important Anglo-European mentality. Perhaps one day these individuals will have the good sense and decency to lend a hand in the process, considering they are the ones at the very root of the problem. But if the prevailing school of thought is similar to that of Mr. Dotson, then it appears as if the spoiled child (white society) is once again exonerated from any wrong doing—how very surprising.

Actually, I must admit I am quite grateful to Mr. Dotson for putting his ancient, out of date and absurd views forward. For at the very least I have a working model to show my children of the type of thinking and behavior that got our country off to such a poor start (after the Native Americans were disposed of) and that is currently responsible for its stagnation. As I educate them on what really did and is going down in our country, I suggest that we all take a hard look at where we have been and what the future holds. It always seems that just when I begin to feel positive and see a glimmer of hope, I am reminded that I am a young African-American involved in a constant struggle against an unfair system and those who want to see it endure. Yes, Mr. Dotson, life is unfair but that does not mean that we have to sit by passively and watch it go by. Perhaps your attitude concerning its inequity might not be so glib if you were able to see a position other than your own. But until you are followed around a store as you try to shop because of the color of your skin, I highly doubt that you will. Hopefully, the day will come when we will be able to see each other as we truly are, but until then, move over Marge, we've got you a new classmate, no longer are you the only one with the honor of publicly displaying your ignorance for all to see. Thanks Steve, it is always good to know who is in need of a reality check. Peace.

Matthew Taylor

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"Heddie," who was portrayed by Jennifer Jason Leigh.

Lutz said he enjoys reading non-fiction and literature by such authors as Sue Grafton and Robert Parker. He also said that it was through his passion for reading that

he developed his passion for writing. He mentioned that he doesn't read nearly as many mystery novels as he would like.

Lutz is a native of St. Louis. He now resides in Webster Groves with his wife.

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professor of social work at UM-St. Louis, will be working with Hurwicz as a co-principal investigator.

Shannon Awards give funding for biomedical research proposals that are "especially inventive and creative." Over a two year span, Hurwicz and her associates will receive \$100,000 to fund their research project.

In addition to the Shannon Award, Hurwicz received an internal grant from UM-St. Louis to supplement the funding of her research. She also hopes to acquire an additional external grant which she recently applied for.

"The sign said Standing Room Only. Halfway through the third act, my date started acting like a flamingo. Must have been her stiletto heels.

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duced them to what science and math really are [and] find out if that is what they want to do with their lives," said Granger.

He said the gift from The American Honda Foundation will support the general operating costs of first phase of the program. Students accepted into the institute participate in a four-week seminar during the summer. Throughout the program, the students work with university faculty and their high school teachers in areas such as biophysics, digital electronics, statistical analysis, molecular biology and philosophy of science.

Mares said The American Honda Foundation and The James S. McDonnell Foundation have contributed 75 percent of the funds this year for the first phase of Engelmenn I.

Mares said that the Institute has

not always been proactive in obtaining funds for the programs. Before UM- St. Louis budget cuts went into effect in 1993, the university had provided funds to support the Institute.

"In June of 1992 it became very apparent that to continue we had to start, in a very proactive way, looking for private sources [of funds]."

At that time, it was suggested by the advising board of the Institute that a subcommittee be formed solely for fund raising.

Granger said a proposal was sent to the American Honda Foundation explaining the request for the funding.

"It was a cooperative effort between the institute and the university development office," said Granger. "The Chancellor and the development office played a crucial

role in convincing the Honda Foundation Board that this was a wise investment."

Honda then came to examine the Institutes' curriculum, faculty and students.

"They interviewed Englemann Scholars from the metro area and that solidified their commitment," said Granger.

"Once you interact with the students, you know that the program really is unique and is serving a need in the St. Louis metropolitan area," he said.

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portant for business schools to keep goals in mind.

"You still have to have an idea of what the school seeks as its mission to accomplish," said Penfield.

Hickman said there is a larger picture to be examined.

"The customers of business management education are not concerned with who is accredited and who is not accredited. That is not the acid test of business management education. The issues come off the front page of the morning paper."

Penfield said there are important questions that need to be addressed.

"How can we better understand the relationship between environmental issues and economic growth?"

"How can we help newly formed democracies or new market economies?"

"Those are the things that business schools are supposed to be able to help people do. If we do those things well business schools will have made a big difference in the world around us."

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## Parking Is No Problem For This UM-St. Louis Student

by Hil Newton  
for *The Current*

Anyone who knows me knows that I'm a generally happy person, and I'm rarely in a bad mood. This is despite the fact that I was born with a bone disorder called Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), or brittle bones. Because of my disability, I am very short in stature and use an electric wheelchair to get around. I've had over 100 broken bones in my life.

I don't let too many things get to me. If I did, I wouldn't leave my house, and I certainly wouldn't be in college. I attended a "special" pre-school and a "special" elementary school. I was finally put into a public school when I was eight years old.

I should have been in the third grade, but the school placed me in the second grade because there were "more nice little girls" in the second grade.

My mother was horrified, but I made the best of it, made lots of friends and eventually proved myself to the school,

so they let me skip the fourth grade.

There is one thing that doesn't usually bother me but does bother some of my friends. I get a lot of stares, especially from little kids. I usually just ignore them or stare back. What does bother me, sometimes, is when adults, who should know better, stare or ask stupid questions or treat me like a child. I mean, I look young (I am about two and a half feet tall—about the size of a two-year-old), but you think it is obvious that I am not,

**"I can't let a few broken bones spoil my party!"**

**-Hil Newton  
UM-St. Louis student**

considering I carry a large purse, wear makeup and speak intelligibly. One day, I was in a store with a friend, and a woman asked her, "Is she (people like that never

speak directly to me) controlling that wheelchair by herself?" I said, yes, indeed, I was capable of doing this. The woman then (again, to my friend), said, "How old is she?" I said I was 20, and in college, and continued through the store. As I moved away, I heard the woman say to her friend, "Did you hear that? She's 20, and she's in college!



Photo: Affie Ali

Hil Newton is a member of Students With Disabilities Association.

Isn't that great!" My friend was pretty annoyed, but I just laughed it off. Some people just don't understand how derogatory those types of comments are.

I use my electric wheelchair to whiz around campus. I usually try to be a careful driver (although my parents would probably disagree, citing numerous dents in their furniture and walls), but sometimes mishaps occur.

Last week, as I was going up the ramp outside Clark Hall and began to round the corner of the library, I noticed that I was beginning to drop my books. When I looked down to readjust them, the sidewalk turned, and ... yes, you guessed it, I didn't. I slammed head-on into the curb surrounding the grass going about eight miles an hour. I didn't injure myself physically, but I

felt like a true idiot. I looked around, hoping no one had seen me. I hoped I could quietly back up and continue on my way with no one the wiser. But, alas, it was not meant to be. Just when I thought I was in the clear, a guy came up behind me and said, "Hey, if you keep driving like that, we'll have to revoke your license." I was mortified. He was joking, of course. But I do have a license I was given when I got my first electric wheelchair when I was nine years old. In the "Restrictions" box is an 'M', and on the back it says 'M' stands for "mother's permission."

Of course, I've had difficulties in my life. Who hasn't? And yes, maybe I've had a few more than some people, but I can't let a few broken bones spoil my party!

## Little-Known Bone Disorder Frequently Misunderstood

by Hil Newton  
for *The Current*

Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), is a little-known bone disorder, but is by no means rare. The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, Inc. (OIF), estimates that approximately 20,000 to 50,000 people in the U.S. have this disorder.

The most common symptom of OI is brittle bones, or bones that fracture easily. It is not unusual for a five-year-old child with OI to have fractured bones more than 200 times. The most commonly fractured bones are the long bones in the legs, arms and the ribs.

"We're Growing Stronger," a pamphlet put out by the OIF, lists other characteristic features of the disorder. These include shorter stature; hearing loss; discolored, brittle teeth; blue sclera (blue color in the whites of the eyes); skeletal deformities of limbs, chest and skull; scoliosis (curvature of the spine); respiratory difficulties; weak muscles; excessive sweating; triangular-shaped face; constipation; tendency to bruise easily; loose joints and ligaments; high-pitched voice; euphoria and a general sense of well-being; and an average or

above average intelligence. These are "characteristic features" of OI but are not necessarily seen in every individual with OI.

The exact cause of OI is unknown. It is believed to be a deformity in the body's collagen, the major protein of the connective tissue. Collagen is comparable to the framework in which a building is constructed. Most people with OI have either less collagen or a poorer-quality supply of it.

Individuals with OI are strongly encouraged to seek genetic counseling before starting a family. This is because OI can be dominantly or recessively inherited, as well as a mutation. Parents of children with OI are also encouraged to seek this counseling to determine the chances of OI recurring in their families.

Symptoms vary so widely between individuals with OI, the prognosis and treatments for the disorder are difficult to determine. Some people with OI are able to walk without any assistance; others need braces, crutches, walkers or even wheelchairs. This does not, however, keep them from leading full and productive lives.

## Campus Group to Celebrate Disabilities Awareness Week

• **Tuesday, April 6:** The movies "See No Evil, Hear No Evil," (10:00 a.m.) and "Proof" (12:00 p.m.) will be shown in the Summit Lounge.

• **Wednesday, April 7:** A disability information video demonstration will be shown in the University Center Lobby from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A Wheel-A-Round (a different kind of relay race) will be held at

1:00 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Lobby. Sign-up in U-Center Lobby by 12:30 p.m.

• **Thursday, April 8:** The movies "Toys," (10:00 a.m.) and "An Angel at My Table," (12:30 p.m.) will be shown in the Summit Lounge.

• **Friday, April 9:** Meritorius Awards Ceremony, 126 J.C. Penney, 12:15 p.m.

The Supreme Love Gods said they feel that this only adds a necessary element to their music rather than tarnishes it.

"We love it actually. We have always tried to keep up with musical technology. As far as sampling, I think that you need to be cautious of what you use," Joy said.

They may use some necessary samples during the concert, but Tommy Joy plays guitar at times, sings during others and plays keyboards in between. Drummer Eric Dansby may use some electronic drums, but he interplays samples with his live drum set. Guitarist/lead singer (at times) and co-founder, Thomas Dew just lies back and mello-ows out most of the time. Bassist/background vocalist, John Wilson helps Dansby fortify this uncanny rhythm section.

"Personally, I don't want to have to do all of those things (sing, play guitar and keyboards), but to do what we want, I have to. People's viewpoint is also different these days. A couple of years back, people didn't really take to those kind of songs very well, but lately I feel that people really dig this addition. On the last tour, our drummer (Dansby) went out with all electronic

drums. On the Ned's tour, we decided to go out with acoustic drums and some electronic ones to access samples, just because we like the sound of acoustic drums better. One thing we cannot stand is to see all these bands with the technology and the money to do stuff live played to a tape. I'll bet that ninety percent of the crowd doesn't even know what our drummer is doing on his pads. Like on "Souled Out," he is playing the horn part among other things. We could have sequenced that, but we didn't," Joy said.

The self-titled, full-length debut (They had an EP out with Columbia records, but that is another story.) has really pleased most people, especially the record company, Def American, which Joy admits "is the most important fan." Songs like "All Over" and "Alive" target the more grooving side of the Love Gods, while "Fire" and "Fantastique" capture some of the grit and moodiness that they offer up so well. Their album is one of the few that can bridge into the "dance-rock" genre. Usually these two are unhappy bed partners, but the Supreme Love Gods sugar coat their music so it is easier, if not pleasing to swallow.

## Love Gods Are Supreme

by Eric Pherigo  
of *The Current* staff

Those alternative music freaks who caught Ned's Atomic Dustbin at Mississippi Nights in February were shocked by a four-piece band from Fresno, Calif.

The Supreme Love Gods, the second band on a three-band bill, delighted and surprised the crowd with their brand of psychedelic disco. The Supreme ones combine grinding guitars, grooving melodies, rap and danceable pop. Obviously, they draw comparisons to slews of British bands (namely the Happy Mondays and EMF); but their odd mixture of influences and their stunning live shows separate them from the pretenders. The Supreme Love Gods are the complete package. Just imagine a sample-happy Ministry on Quaaludes and with a singer.

"We have had a pretty damn good response to our live show," exclaimed guitarist/singer/keyboardsist Tommy Joy. The show was their biggest concert of their six-year career at the Hollywood Paladium.

Their album and their live show contain many differences. Although their album is wonderful, it is much softer and groovier than their set on stage. On the stage, they opt for more jamming, spontaneity and rap.

"Everybody says that our show is a lot different from the album. We know we are different live, but it isn't a conscious thing. There is a difference because we just want to rock out live. We don't want to reproduce the album. We want to sound like a band, we don't want to sound like the Shaman or someone else just playing to a tape. As far as our spontaneity, we try to leave a lot of room for improvisation—which a lot of bands don't even do anymore. Even Ned's doesn't jam on stage, but that works for them. The main reason we do

our shows that way is because we want to have fun and we want things to happen live," Joy said.

The Supreme Love Gods (whose stage name was a rearrangement taken from the title of the John Coltrane album *Love Supreme*) style is an obvious mixture. It is apparent that the band takes their style from an over-boiling melting pot of music.

"It's not a contrived thing at all," commented Joy. "We all have different influences and some of the same influences and we try to implement them all. Like when we play live, we said we wanted one rap tune and we threw that in there, not because we wanted to do a crowd pleaser or anything, but because we are into the Beastie Boys and we are into old Run DMC."

One thing that is an instant taboo in the musical world is the use of samples.

**"Everybody says that our show is a lot different from the album. We know we are different live, but it isn't a conscious thing."**

**- Tommy Joy  
Supreme Love Gods**



by Brad Touché  
entertainment editor

If any of you are like me, you've been wondering just what the hell is being done to the SSB tower. Besides the new cowpath through the ivy, what exactly has this construction done for the UM-St. Louis?

I'll tell you what it has done. It has brought UM-St. Louis into the nineties. Although we may still debate whether or not to put condom machines in campus restrooms, we now have a symbol promoting safe sex. That's right, people. UMStL's favorite phallus

## Construction Causes Columnist Confusion

is now ribbed.

Think of the notoriety! Think of the fame! (Don't think of the cost!) Think of the questions kids will ask! How will we deal with it all?!!!! (Sorry, a little mid-term hysteria is still in my system.)

I want to know something. How did this pass through our committees? I'm not talking about the idiots who allot money around here (\$600,000 for ribs). I'm talking about the Senate Student Affairs Committee, the group who refused to allow condom machines on campus and caused enough of a stir to make a few headlines.

How can they let something like this slide? All of those poor, hot and bothered, sex-crazed students will really be boinking each other in the hallways now that they have to walk past this symbol everyday. And probably

without condoms, since there aren't any available.

I'm making a big deal out of nothing, aren't I? I should be complaining about the \$600,000 they gave to fix something that wasn't built right the first time. I should be complaining about rising tuition costs. I should be complaining about women again (hey, thanks for all the hate mail!) Nah, this week I

just wanna complain. Fasten your seat belts, kids. There are quite a few tangents approaching.

A teacher of mine said that generalities are boring and he used the Post-Dispatch as an example.

"Why don't they just refer to President Clinton as Bill?" he asked.

Because her name is Hilary, sir. And don't for one minute think that I'm comfortable with that.

Does anyone else here believe David Koresh should be shot on sight

and then guarded for three days so someone is there to apologize just in case he is God? Knock once for yes.

No seriously, how does one become brainwashed like that? I heard they do things like not letting you go to the bathroom and stretching Bible verses to fit their own needs. If I were there, once he told me I couldn't go to the bathroom, I'd have relieved myself on him and then told him to find a verse in that book about God needing semi-automatic weapons to get his point across. Stupid people are dangerous.

Really stupid people are always found wearing white sheets and swastikas. Didn't you always want to pull off the hoods of one of those KKK losers and see if they're actually the Coneheads in disguise? And anyone so lost that they need to shave their head, wear army boots and hate everyone else just so their life has

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## This Week in Campus History

From the early files of *The Current*

by Dana Cook  
features editor

### 30 Years Ago - April 1, 1963

• *The Current* was then the *Tiger Cub* and the staff put out their edition of the *Tiger Bug* (1963's edition of *The Stagnant*).

— Plans to allow students to swim in the lake on campus were cancelled because of the appearance of a 6000-ton sea monster in the lake.

— Plans to fill the campus swimming pool with beer and open it for the students' use in late April were announced by campus officials.

### 25 Years Ago - April 1, 1968

• The newspaper's edition of *SLUM Clearance* was printed (1968's version of *The Stagnant*).

— Burglars Steal Benton Hall

— Rumors that Chancellor Bugg had actually been seen on campus spread through SLUM.

— The Chancellor's Advisory Board announced the abolishment of students.

### 15 Years Ago - April 6, 1978

• The four-day school week program was discussed at the March UMStL Senate meeting. Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman said the program is a "rather drastic action," but it is necessary to conserve money and energy.

• The newly-formed Disabled Students Union (DSU) sponsored the first Handicapped Awareness Week to make people aware of the special problems handicapped people face in everyday life.

• Dead Fish in Bugg Lake, unwillingness of police to ticket faculty cars parked in student lots, loudness of the snack bar jukebox, unfair grading procedures and stale Twinkies at the snack bar were complaints heard by students at an Open Forum held by the Central Council Grievance Committee.

• Fire gutted the interior of the Sigma Pi fraternity house located in Ballwin.

• Rivermen baseball team was on a 10-game winning streak.

### 10 Years Ago - April 7, 1983

• A No Smoking section was designated in the Underground.

• The Western Historical Manuscript Collection celebrated its 40th year of existence.

• A canoe race across Bugg Lake was to be held April 22 despite opposition from some students because of their concern that the race might endanger the ecological system of the lake and harm the ducks.

### 5 Years Ago - April 7, 1988

• Dr. Robert Calsyn, professor of psychology, was awarded a grant for over \$300,000 to evaluate various treatments for mentally ill homeless people.

• Three of the seven members of the women's tennis team were stricken with mononucleosis at some point in the season.

• The Rivermen baseball squad beat Washington University 13-3 in the opening game.

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meaning needs to be shot, kicked in the head once (so they know what it feels like) and shot again for fun.

And what about congressmen who vote against each other just because they belong to the opposing political party? When will politicians start putting America first and party pride last? Probably about the same time Koresh

resurrects himself.

I like Perot and his style. But I don't like his paranoia. So I'm starting my own political action group. I'm calling it "Get A Grip, America." Members need only the desire to clean out the B.S. in this country.

We would stop aiding the other countries until we can feed, clothe, educate and employ all of our own people. People who don't want to work will be shot. We would raise tariffs on Japanese products to match their tariffs on all our cool stuff. (Nintendo products excluded, of course.) We would issue the death penalty to all lobbyists

who pay big bucks to corrupt those poor, innocent congressmen. We would also kill all congressmen who accept big bucks from those poor, innocent lobbyists.

We would impeach President Clinton (whichever one is running the country at the time), until Hilary and Chelsea learn how to dress themselves and Bill stops with that goofy smile. Is it me, or does Bill have this gaze that makes him look like the turnip truck just fell on him?

We would make abortion protests with weapons illegal. Any protestor found with a weapon would be aborted

himself. And anyone handcuffing themselves to clinic doors will remain handcuffed while the doors are forced opened. (Ouch!)

Anyone providing abortions to minors without parental consent will be shot in the hands and have his nose tickled so he can't scratch it.

We would have rapists raped, killers killed, thieves thieved, painters painted, cast typists typecasted and gun collectors collected at gunpoint. Wait a minute... what the hell is a cast typist anyway? The secretary at your local performing arts center?

The NRA (which stands for Need us Rednecks Armed) would be disbanded. They say "guns don't kill

people-people kill people." Well, we'll make it so guns won't have to wait seven days before they kill people, but people will. Put another dip in before you hoosiers try figure that one out.

Any political party causing gridlock will be individually tied to poles on ant farms and their bodies will be smeared with peanut butter and sugar.

So what if I can't change the face of America? I'm gonna try to give it a facelift. I've just been put in charge of new questions for the Chatter Box. Here's a few the staff rejected but I liked:

Exactly how many new ribs can be seen on the SSB tower at one time?

If this place sucks, where does it blow?

If gays are allowed in the military and your commanding officer asks you to the base dance, do you have to go

with him/her?

If Joe Camel is making young kids smoke, is Tony the Tiger making adults eat sugar-loaded cereal?



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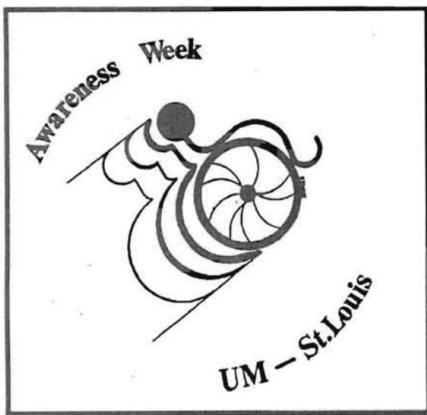
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## Wang's World



## Weather Beating UMSL Sports

by Jack C. Wang  
sports editor

It's a good thing I'm not a meteorology major.

Remember a few weeks back when I was looking forward to watching the spring sports get underway?

Boy, was I wrong! I guess watching the games last year in relatively good weather spoiled me.

The recent weather has fouled up schedules and matches, something that has the athletic department and the respective coaches scrambling to reschedule.

First of all, Mother Nature hasn't exactly been shining on the Rivermen and Riverwomen. Although last Monday and Tuesday were great weather days, none of the teams had games scheduled. Most of them were practicing, though, including the men's tennis and baseball teams.

I recall talking to assistant baseball coach Gary Dunahue last Monday. The two of us were wondering why the team shouldn't play on such a nice day. Unfortunately, the team was practicing that day, rather than playing an actual game.

Obviously, the coaches and the players have no control over the situation. They are at the mercy of the weather. This creates a problem involving the players getting their rhythm and timing down, regardless of the sport.

For example, the women's tennis team has already had to reschedule two cancelled matches from earlier in the season. This could create problems later on down the road when the players may have to lay games or matches on consecutive days.

It's even worse for the men's baseball team. They've missed eight games so far this season. Head coach Jim Brady probably has a terrible headache trying to reschedule four other games with the opposing teams' coaches.

For all the teams, regardless of sport, this could create a fatigue factor later on when they are trying to play their respective post-season tournaments.

I don't think the coaches thought spring would be this crazy in a weather town such as St. Louis.

The baseball team hasn't even had a chance to play a home game yet. But the team has played in probably the worst weather any baseball player has ever had to play in. During a recent road trip, playing against teams like Northern State, Northeast Missouri State, South Dakota State and Jamestown College, the team played in probably what is the coldest weather they have ever experienced. I remember talking to coach Brady in his office and he said that he had never experienced weather that cold.

Three of the players that I spoke to, Todd Kunz, Bob Mutnansky and Jeremy Ragan, all told me how cold it was. Kunz and Ragan, who are both infielders, said that it was so cold they couldn't even feel their hands when they were trying to field the ball.

Mutnansky spoke of how the team all huddled near one side of the dugout where the team had a portable heater set up. When trying to remember just how cold it was, they all said that they couldn't describe it in words. It was probably an experience that the team will never forget.

So far, this season is one that I'll never forget, because I haven't even got a chance to see the baseball team play at home yet.

## UM-St. Louis Golf Team Wins Riverman Invitational

by Russell Korando  
managing editor

With five returning lettermen swinging clubs for the UM-St. Louis men's golf squad, repeating as Mid-America Athletic Conference champions seems to be as good a possibility as sophomore Dave Rhoads finishing first in a tournament.

Rhoads shot a tournament-low 71 last Monday at Whitmoor Country Club. He finished three strokes better than St. Ambrose's Ben Peters, leading the Rivermen to a first place finish in the Rivermen Invitational.

Whitmoor featured tight fairways from the tee and greens that had as many as four tiers. Rivermen coach Jim Niederkorn said he was pleased with his squads first tournament victory in three tries.

"[Monday] was the nicest day," Niederkorn said. "We've had bad weather for the first two tournaments. Under the prevailing conditions, I thought we played quite well."

"We played at Whitmoor two times last fall. It's a tough course because the kids haven't had many turns around the course, and it's a tough one. But I'm under the opinion, the harder the golf course, the better my golfers perform."

Chris Sanders and Morgan Gonzales each tied for third, with scores of 76. Levi Gonzales and James Trittler rounded out the Rivermen field of five by shooting 80 and 81, respectively.

Trittler is the newest edition to the

Rivermen 'Fab Five,' transferring from Meramec Community College last fall. He played golf at Hazelwood Central and, like all of Niederkorn's recruits that make up the current Rivermen, he is a solid, team oriented golfer.

After shooting an 86 at the Crossroads of America Tournament March 23, Trittler caught fire on a cold day in Cape Girardeau at the Bent Creek Country Club. He fired a 71 and 72 on the strength of six birdies, before cooling off with a third round score of 81.

"I wasn't happy with my performance in Joplin," Trittler said. "I didn't know the course...It was weird playing that day."

"After Dave, the rest of us are pretty close in ability," he said. "I'm trying to fit in and help the team improve on last year."

Chris Sanders is in his second year with the Rivermen, and although he has played in the number five position for the Rivermen this year, Niederkorn said his effort to get back on top of his game reflects the character of the team.

Sanders finished second on the team with a score of 82 at Crossroads, and the poor conditions at Bent Creek kept him from shooting lower than a 76.

"[Sanders] said it is the first time he's been relegated to the fifth spot," Niederkorn said. "He's played two most of his career. He went out last Saturday and practiced for three hours, and did the same thing the next day."

"James has demonstrated to his teammates what his potential is. He's

always capable of shooting par or better. He's another one on this team that doesn't quit. All five are like that. I was pleased to see him have such a successful tourney at Cape."

Southwest Baptist, who was coming off of a two-tournament win streak, finished 17 strokes off of the pace at 320. Niederkorn said the Bearcats were on the top of his list of enemies to the Rivermen throne in the MIAA.

Unlike other sanctioned sports at UM-St. Louis, such as basketball or soccer, there are no conference standings held because all tournaments are played on neutral sites and there are no home-and-home matchups to determine a champion.

Conference bylaws say that only the conference champion will be recommended to the NCAA for a bid to the Division II championships. Niederkorn is on the NCAA advisory committee. He said other qualifications for an NCAA birth were: play on neutral sites, stroke differential, common opponents and Division I opponents.

"What it does is it provides us and the NCAA with a barometer on who is the best team in the district," Niederkorn explained.

The Rivermen travel to Fort Leonard Wood today to play in the Missouri Intercollegiate Tournament at Piney Valley Country Club. They will then have 10 days off before returning to action April 16 and 17 for the Bradley Invitational.



Photo: Dave Floyd

Sophomore golfer James Trittler finished in 16th place at the Riverman Invitational with a score of 224.

## Tennis Riverwomen Now 2-2

by Cory C. Schroeder  
associate sports editor

Reversal of fortune must be written in a place the UM-St. Louis women's tennis team can see, because they split two matches for the second week in a row.

It seems to take a loss to enrage the Riverwomen enough to come out swinging in the following match. They looked overmatched against the Bearkittens of Northeast Missouri State, losing all six of the singles matches, as well as the three doubles. The defeat was capped off by junior Kelly Hawkins contracting the stomach flu. She was unable to play in the doubles match and was forced to concede by default.

With defeat on their minds, the Riverwomen stormed back extracting revenge on Maryville, thrashing them eight matches to one. The match was played under looming storm clouds that threatened to pour rain, but held off. The barometer read under 40 degrees Celsius, but the cold just proved to be a minor annoyance.

"The weather helped sometimes and hurt others," junior Staci Irvin said. "The wind would keep some balls in the lines, but that only helped the sever."

Sophomore Debbie Durwachter again proved why she's the number one seed, outlasting Maryville's best 6-



Photo: Alfie Ali

SWINGIN': Debbie Durwachter is the number one singles player for the Riverwomen.

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## Brumbaugh's Team Surprise Opponents In Tough MIAA Softball Conference

by Pete Dicrispino  
Current sports reporter

For all those Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Conference teams that were counting on the UM-St. Louis softball team to be a pushover, they had a big surprise two weekends ago in Joplin.

The Riverwomen won three out of five games in the MIAA South Division Round Robin Tournament, raising their record to 14-8.

The Riverwomen again relied on strong pitching performances from pitchers Kelly Childs and Jill Stockdale in the three victories.

In the first win, Childs pitched seven innings and allowed only two runs in a 3-2 decision over Southwest Baptist. Centerfielder Colleen Duffin and first baseman Stephanie Adelmann lead the offense with two hits apiece. Adelmann drove in two runs, including the game winner.

In the teams' second win, pitcher Jill Stockdale hurled a five-hit shutout at Lincoln, 4-0. Stockdale recorded nine strikeouts, boosting her team leading total to 48 in 48

innings. Outfielder Angie Kaighin and third baseman Sharon Payton lead the offense with two hits each.

Childs again took center stage in the ladies' last victory. She pitched a five-hit shutout 4-0, over Missouri-Rolla. Shortstop Nicole Christ continued her torrid hitting with two hits and two RBIs, while extending her hitting streak to 14 games.

Christ leads the team in hitting with 400, 28 hits, 16 RBIs, and a .486 slugging percentage.

"She's done a great job as a freshman," Riverwomen Coach Harold Brumbaugh said.

The Riverwomen's only losses in the tournament came against the two best teams in the division, Missouri Southern (5-4) and Pittsburg State (4-0).

"I think we can compete against Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State," Brumbaugh said. "They just got the breaks at the right time and we didn't."

"At crucial times we didn't get the big hit, but we'll get better," Brumbaugh said.

Leftfielder Gina Cooksey believes the team played well last weekend.

"If we cut down on the errors we will

have a chance to beat Missouri Southern and Pitt State the next time we play them," Cooksey said.

"I don't think we were mentally ready to face them," Brumbaugh said.

"This is the best well-balanced team that I have played on," Cooksey said. "The infield is just starting to get used to each other because there was a lot of moving around in the early games."

Cooksey, who started the season at second base is now the teams left fielder, and Erin Hurt, who is in the outfield, is now the every day second baseman.

MIAA Pitcher Of Week.

Senior Kelly Childs received the honors this week by sporting a 3-0 record with a 0.25 ERA in five appearances for the Riverwomen.

Childs allowed only one earned run in 28 innings of work. She won games against Doane, Southwest Baptist and Missouri-Rolla. She leads the team with a 7-2 record, and in shutouts with three.

"She has had good location with her pitches and she has moved the ball around great, in the last couple of weeks," Brumbaugh said.

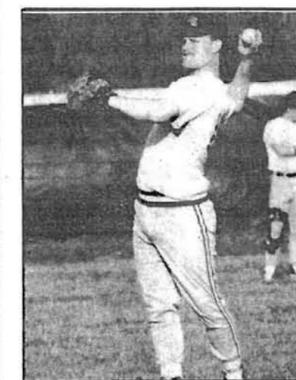


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Jeremy Ragan

## Left Side Of Infield Meeting Expectations With Brady

by Mike Hayes  
Current sports reporter

Although the UM-St. Louis men's baseball team has seen limited action this season, the play of junior college transfers Jeremy Ragan and Todd Kunz has given Rivermen skipper Jim Brady something to smile about.

After 11 games, Kunz and Ragan are hitting at a torrid clip, with .459 and .439 batting averages, respectively.

Their performance comes as no surprise to Brady.

"I'm not really surprised, but pleasantly pleased, because these are two guys we were counting on heavily to carry the loads offensively and defensively," Brady said.

The 6-foot, 175-pound Kunz comes to the Rivermen program after a two-year stint at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Ill., where he hit over 300 both seasons. The Brighton, Ill., native will guard the hot corner at third base this season although he spent most of his high school and collegiate career as a middle infielder.

Ragan, who will handle the shortstop duties, joins the Rivermen after being a two-year starter at Florissant Valley Community College. He was one of the team's top hitters for both seasons.

The 6-foot, 185-pound Ragan has the unenviable task of filling the gap left by former Rivermen standout Brian Rupp.

Rupp left the Rivermen program with

one year of eligibility remaining to join the professional ranks after a celebrated career at UM-St. Louis. He currently plays in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

Being compared with Rupp is something Ragan is not concerned about.

"If I was here last year and I played behind him it might have made a difference," Ragan said. "I'm not trying to replace him, I'm just going to play the position. No two players are alike."

Brady expressed the same sentiments and looks forward to watching Ragan develop. "This isn't a freshman stepping into the shoes of a superstar," Brady said. "We felt he

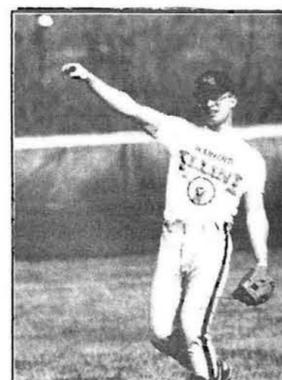


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Todd Kunz

## UM-St. Louis Sports Notebook:

by Jack C. Wang  
sports editor

### Swimmer Heveroh Scores At Post-Season Meet

UM-St. Louis senior swimmer Jeff Heveroh recently finished his career on a high note.

Heveroh placed ninth in both events that he qualified for at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships, March 10-13 in Canton, Ohio.

Heveroh swam the 100-yard breaststroke in 58.90 seconds and completed the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:07.31. Heveroh's 18 total points led the Rivermen to 17th place in the final team standings.

Because of Heveroh's post-season work, he received an honorable mention All-America recognition in both events.

During Heveroh's time with the Rivermen over the last three years, he scored points at the national meet nine times and finished with the highest total in school history.

Heveroh's accomplishments mark the fifth time in the last six years that the Rivermen have finished among the top 20 at the Division II Championships.

### Baseball Rivermen Set To Play Home Opener

Last season, the baseball Rivermen lost six of seven games against the 1992 MIAA Conference champions.

This season, however, that outlook may be changing.

Due to the great talent coming into the team this season, the Rivermen have already played Missouri Southern three times and won two of those games.

Since losing to 23rd ranked Emporia State, 5-4, the Rivermen have bounced back to improve to 7-4. The Rivermen split a doubleheader with Nebraska-Omaha, losing the first game 6-5, but winning the second 8-6. Tim Stratman got the win against Nebraska-Omaha.

Then in the crucial series against Missouri Southern in Joplin, Mo., the Rivermen won the first game 4-1. Winning pitcher Andy Runzi improved to 2-0 with a four-hitter, and struck out six while walking four batters.

In the second game, the Rivermen lost to the Lions, 5-3. But UM-St. Louis came back to win the third game against Missouri Southern, 4-3.

The Rivermen now prepare to take on MIAA rival Lincoln University Tuesday, April 6. The Rivermen will play their first two home games of the season hosting the Blue Tigers in a doubleheader at Rivermen Field.

### Redmond Signs Second Soccer Recruit

Rivermen soccer head coach Tom Redmond has signed his second recruit for the upcoming 1993 season.

Meramec Community College defender Mike Novak, a third team junior college All-American last season at Meramec, is expected to step into the starting stopper position for the Rivermen next season.

Novak, a graduate of Eureka High School, led Eureka to a third-place finish at the 4A state tournament as a senior.

The 6-foot-3-inch, 190-pound Novak joins forward-midfielder Skip Birdsong as newcomers to the Rivermen next season.

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Right: Cleanup hitter Bob Mutnansky, an 1992 All-Central Region selection last year continues his torrid hitting this year, batting .349 with one home run and nine runs batted in through eleven games.



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2, 6-4. Senior Susan Dibb had the honor of playing on center court and lived up to it, winning 6-2, 6-2. Juniors Kelly Hawkins, Yvonne Bras and Irvin have mirrored each other's performances all season, winning their respective matches. Newcomer Vicky Cotner steadily improved, hanging tough with her opponent before being overwhelmed, 6-3, 6-4 by Kim Bent of Maryville University.

"I was up 4-2 at one point," Cotner said. "But she just took over from there. Pam (Steinmetz, the head coach) had me change my serving style, and it's finally starting to come along."

The Riverwomen won all three of the doubles matches. The only score was the tie-breaker that numbers one

and two seeds, Durwachter and Dibb, were forced to play. The duo won the first set convincingly (6-2), but they slipped in the second (6-7), before eventually pulling out the victory (6-4). The tandems of Bras and Cotner, and Irvin and Hawkins were also victorious.

"Kelly (Hawkins) and I are really playing good together," Irvin said. "I had never played doubles before, but it's working out good."

Head coach Pam Steinmetz has the team at a 2-2 record. Two away matches are next, Principia College, April 6, and Webster University April 8. The Riverwomen's homecoming will be against William Woods College, April 12.

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could step in and help fill the shoes of a very good player here, and I think that Jeremy is going to carve his own niche for himself."

Brady said the two newcomers' impact will be felt the whole season, at the left side of the infield.

"They make up the spokes of the wheels," Brady said. "They definitely will play a vital role. Their contributions, along with a lot of others, will play a big part in our success."

Coming to a new school and a new team always brings with it a period of transition, one that was more difficult for Kurz.

"It was tough at first because I was from Illinois, and in the fall I didn't know anybody, so I felt like I had to prove myself. But now it seems like I've been here for a long time," Kurz said.

The transition was a little easier for Ragan. He was already familiar with a number of current players, but also credits the coaching staff for making the transition a smooth one.

With both players having found their role in the program, their attention has turned to the team.

"We got a lot of talent on this team and I think we will keep getting better throughout the season," Kurz said. "I think we will be playing our best at the end of the season."

Ragan added, "I think if this team comes together we can go to the College World Series. If everybody plays to their potential that could happen."

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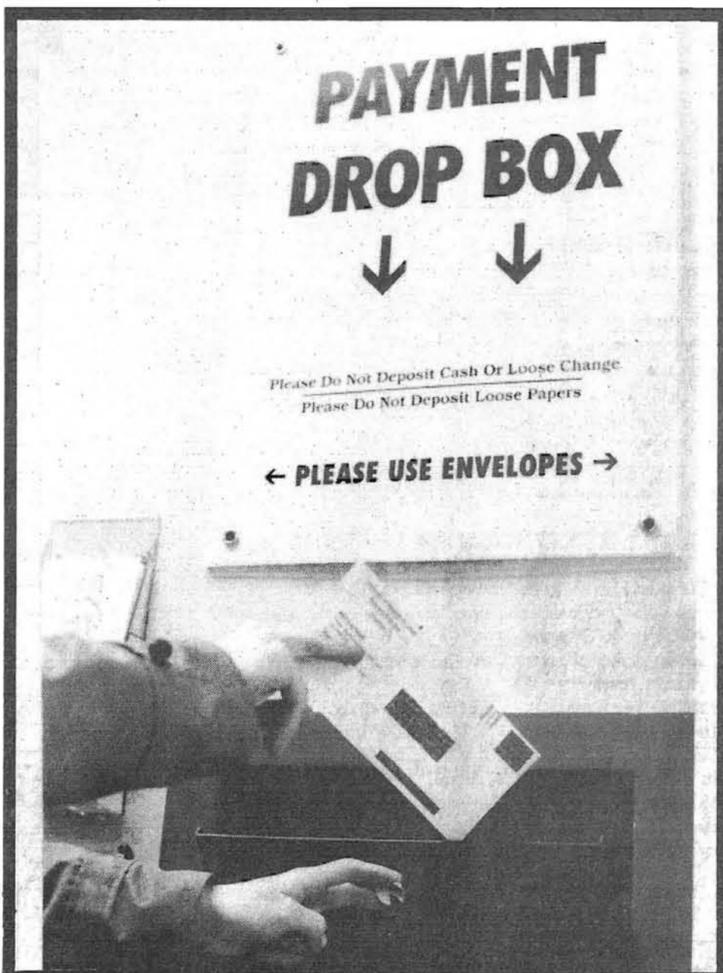
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