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UM-St. Louis Reaches Enrollment Goal

by Krista Goodin
associate news editor

UM-St. Louis administrators set an enrollment goal for this semester of 95,000 credit hours. As of Jan. 29, students have enrolled for 99,232 credit hours, but the goal still may not be achieved.

"This is to my knowledge, probably one of the very few times we've [set enrollment goals]," Roosevelt Wright, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said.

The goals were a mutual agreement between Wright's office and the academic deans. The deans consulted with their academic units and set estimates according to the history of those units. They reviewed a period of three to four years and determined an average of how many credit hours per semester the unit was able to generate.

"We have some tentative goals established for intersession," Wright said. In a few weeks, those figures will be formalized in terms of estimated

Students Might Soon Register By Telephone

by Krista Goodin
associate news editor

Telephone registration is coming to the UM-St. Louis campus.

Brigham Young University was the first school to implement telephone registration in 1985. Georgia State University, in Atlanta, started using the system in 1986. By 1990, 10 or 12 schools across the nation had moved into telephone registration systems. Since 1990, more than 200

additional institutions have moved in that direction.

For almost a year now, students have been able to call a campus number for course information. They have been able to find out the time, room number and building for any class offered that semester. This past December, a new system began that also notified students whether a class was open or closed.

And now, with modern technological advances, students will even be able to register by

phone.

"We're in the planning stage... and have been for the past six months," said Glenn Allen, director of records, registration and student information systems for UM-St. Louis.

He explained that the system used for course information was originally purchased for telephone registration. Allen said the university took a simpler approach when implementing the pro-

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said, referring to academic programming.

If the university generates funds in addition to those needed for the budget, these campus enhancement programs could be put into effect.

Wright said, "That all obviously depends on having additional revenue above and beyond that necessary to balance the budget."

He explained that the profit UM-St. Louis has made up to now has warded off the need to make further cuts.

"Because we were facing the revenue shortfall this year, by being able to generate semester credit hours we can either reduce the extent of cuts or ward them off altogether."

On the other hand, if the university doesn't meet particular goals, campus-wide cuts are a possibility. UM-St. Louis is trying to maintain a balanced budget Wright said.

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revenue.

However, UM-St. Louis has not set specific goals for recruiting target areas.

"We'd like to see certain groups expand on campus," Wright said. He said that the university is concerned with international students, non-traditional students and ethnic minorities.

"But specifically... any minimum number we don't have at this point in time."

The university's consideration to become a "highly selective" institution could affect enrollment. Wright said that UM-St. Louis would probably downsize if it became more selective.

"The nature of the kind of student we would attract as a highly selective institution would probably change over the long run," he added.

The university is examining various strategies to increase enrollment and achieve future goals. Recruiting and marketing the campus will help our efforts Wright said.

"Hopefully, once implemented, [these strategies] will be able to improve the image of the campus and the

broader community," he said. There's also a strategy for campus improvement. This includes filling the potholes on campus, equipment replacement, building maintenance and academic programming improvement.

"I think that's probably more important from my vantage point," Wright

Students To Vote On SGA Comptroller

by Bill Farnsworth
news editor

Students at UM-St. Louis could be voting for another Student Government Association (SGA) officer this spring.

SGA President Mike Tomlinson proposed a new position at Wednesday's SGA Assembly meeting for approval. The position, student comptroller, was approved by the assembly. The creation of such a position requires an amendment to the SGA constitution. Tomlinson said that a student referendum for the comptroller position will be on the ballot with the candidates for SGA president, vice president and representatives at large in April.

The duties of the comptroller, as proposed by Tomlinson, would include:

- participation, with the SGA president and vice-president, in the appointment of the nine members of the Student Activity Budget Committee (SABC);
- checking the accuracy of Activity Fee Acquisition Forms submitted;
- forming investigative hearings to question alleged abuse of Student Activity Fees by student

organizations;

- representing SABC at such times that might require a representative; and
- serving as a liaison between organizations and the committee in reference to committee procedures and regulations.

Appointments to SABC would be subject to approval by the offices of Student Affairs and Student Activities and the Senate Student Affairs Committee.

The assemblies vote on Wednesday assured that the referendum will be on the April ballot. If the referendum is passed by the student body, Tomlinson and the assembly move to officially create the office of the comptroller.

Rick Blanton, assistant director of student activities, says that the idea of a comptroller is a good one, but that more thought might need to go into the position.

"Before you add any new positions, there needs to be a great deal of study and thought going into that proposed position," Blanton said. "There has to be a determined need for the position before you create [it]."

Tomlinson also said that others concerns raised by assembly members at Wednesday's meeting will be addressed at the March meeting. He said that the officers will meet and most likely propose minor changes to the position and the responsibilities of the comptroller.

"We will decide the specific powers and responsibilities of the office at the next meeting and propose amendments to define those powers," he said.

The changes would be in the form of constitutional amendments subject to vote by the assembly, not student referendum amendments.

"I think that as the office of comptroller grows and matures, people will better be able to realize the benefits," Tomlinson said.

The deadline for applying to be placed on the ballot for SGA president, vice president and representatives-at-large is still March 1. The deadline for the comptroller position has been extended to March 12. Applications, information and eligibility requirements are available in the SGA office, 267 University Center. The election will be held April 1 and 2, with special evening college balloting the night of March 31.

Olympic Medalist To Compete On Campus

by Amy M. Allman
Current news reporter

Gymnasts from around the country will compete this weekend in the Mark Twain Building.

Event organizers expect a crowd of more than 7,000 people for the exhibition. Seven hundred eighty gymnasts are scheduled to perform.

The second annual Coca Cola St. Louis Classic will be one of the largest Midwest gymnastic meets ever held. The event, which will be hosted by Gateway Gymnastics of America, will spotlight Olympic silver medalist Shannon Miller.

"The highlight of the meet will be

on Sunday, the third day of the week-end-long competition. Shannon Miller will perform the thrilling vault routine that won her a silver medal in Barcelona during the 1992 Summer Olympics," explained Janice Bell, one of the members of the Coca Cola Classic organizing committee.

Fifty gymnastic teams traveling from 17 states will put their skills to the test in hopes of bringing home a bronze, silver or gold medal. Bell said that teams are represented in levels Five through Elite. Five is the beginner level, and Elite designates the highest level of experience. The athletes will compete in a variety of areas including the uneven parallel bars, the balance

beam, the vault and the floor exercise. Ten of the participating gymnasts will qualify for the Event Finals to take place the last day of the competition.

"Gymnasts from the St. Louis area are expected to do well in the meet," said Bell. "We have taken a step forward on the national gymnastic scene over the past few years and we are beginning to show our colors."

More than 300 volunteers have been working feverishly to make the 1993 Coca Cola Classic gymnastic meet a success.

Coca Cola Bottling Co. and Dierbergs Family Markets are the two major sponsors of the event. Other sponsors have also donated time and

money to make this event possible.

Tickets are available to the public at any Dierbergs courtesy counter and at all Olympiad Gymnastic Training Centers. Advance ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens. Tickets will also be available at the event. Door prices will be \$6 for adult admission and \$4 for children.

Mizzou Freshmen Must Live On Campus In 1994

UM-Columbia Chancellor Charles Kiesler has plans to implement a policy that will require all freshmen to live in residential housing or Greek houses.

Kiesler said that his reason for the policy is that students who live on campus have a better chance at success in the academic environment. He said that the ultimate goal of the policy is to increase the percentage of students who graduate within a five-year time span.

"I want to increase the graduation rate," he said. "I want to help the freshmen succeed."

Kiesler said that the current rate of graduation, within a five-year time period, is 52 percent.

"I want to get it up to 60 percent or more," he said.

Kiesler said that the quality of students coming into UM-Columbia is higher than many universities of comparable size. He said that most of the students are capable of graduating in five years.

"I don't think that we are accepting students who can't graduate," he said.

Kiesler's plan also calls for outreach and counseling within the dorms to help first-time students succeed. He said he hopes to be able to better teach freshmen time and stress management techniques because they will be living on campus full-time.

All students under the age of 20 years, who are not transferring from another university, will be considered freshmen under the new policy. Kiesler said that an appeal process would be in place for Columbia residents who wanted to live at home, but hoped that all freshmen would consider living on campus for

Jimi!



Photo: Jeff Parker

Denny Dent painted this portrait of Jimi Hendrix when he performed on campus last month. The University Program Board, who brought Dent to campus, now owns the portrait.

UM-St. Louis Alumni Night Is A Big Success

by Cory Schroeder
of The Current staff

With the UM-St. Louis men's basketball squad playing Central Missouri State on the floor, the real action was above in the balcony where the fifth annual Alumni Family Night festivities were held.

Balloons and banners adorned the Mark Twain Building welcoming a record no. of alumni who came out for an appreciation reception, assorted goodies, and the men's basketball game dedicated in their honor.

"This event is open to all alumni," said the Coordinator of the Alumni Association, Lauri Wilhite. "We sold over 200 tickets which was well above the expected 150. This is just one of several alumni events we hold throughout the year. It really builds community support to have the alumni to show an interest in UMSL activities."

Beside rice crispy treats and cookies, the alumni participated in a halftime shootout. Each member and their families lined up to shoot free throws with a made shot

allowing them to shoot again. It was a real treat to see men in three piece suits anguished over clanging the ball off the rim. After the first round which cleared about three fourths of the alumni off the floor, the eventual winner won a free dinner for his family at McDonald's Restaurants.

"It was as funny as hell to see my old buddies down on the court making fools out of themselves," said alumni Chuck Grange. "The crowd really got into it, ooohing and aaahing at us old foggies shooting the rock."

Among alumni guests were Charlie Spoonhour, the head coach of the Saint Louis University Billikens and Marty Hendin, vice-president of marketing for the St. Louis Cardinals.

"This is one of the top social events of the year," said Hendin. "This works because of the cooperation of the athletic department. This year was the success that we have been hoping for."

Unfortunately the Rivermen were not so successful in their festivities losing to the Mules of Central Missouri State 90-74. UMSL has now lost three in a row including two at home.

"The crowd really got into it, ooohing and aaahing at us old foggies shooting the rock."

**- Chuck Grange
UM-St. Louis
Alumnus**



Charles Kiesler

their first year. Kiesler hopes to implement his plan by the fall semester of 1994, but already has a plan in place to create an all-freshman dorm for the fall semester of this year.

The all-freshman dorm will be a voluntary experiment to see how freshmen living together in one residence hall would be able to cope with college life.

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Time Out

Three strikes and you're out. That is the decision handed down to Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds. The suspension comes after two months of extensive investigations that concluded she used racial and ethnic slurs on numerous occasions.

Schott was suspended by an Executive Council consisting of baseball owners and two league presidents which will be effective beginning March 1, 1993. The other punishments are a \$25,000 fine, which is the maximum, and must she must complete multicultural training.

Sounds like some kind of training is needed for someone who referred to players as "million dollar niggers" and "Jew bastards".

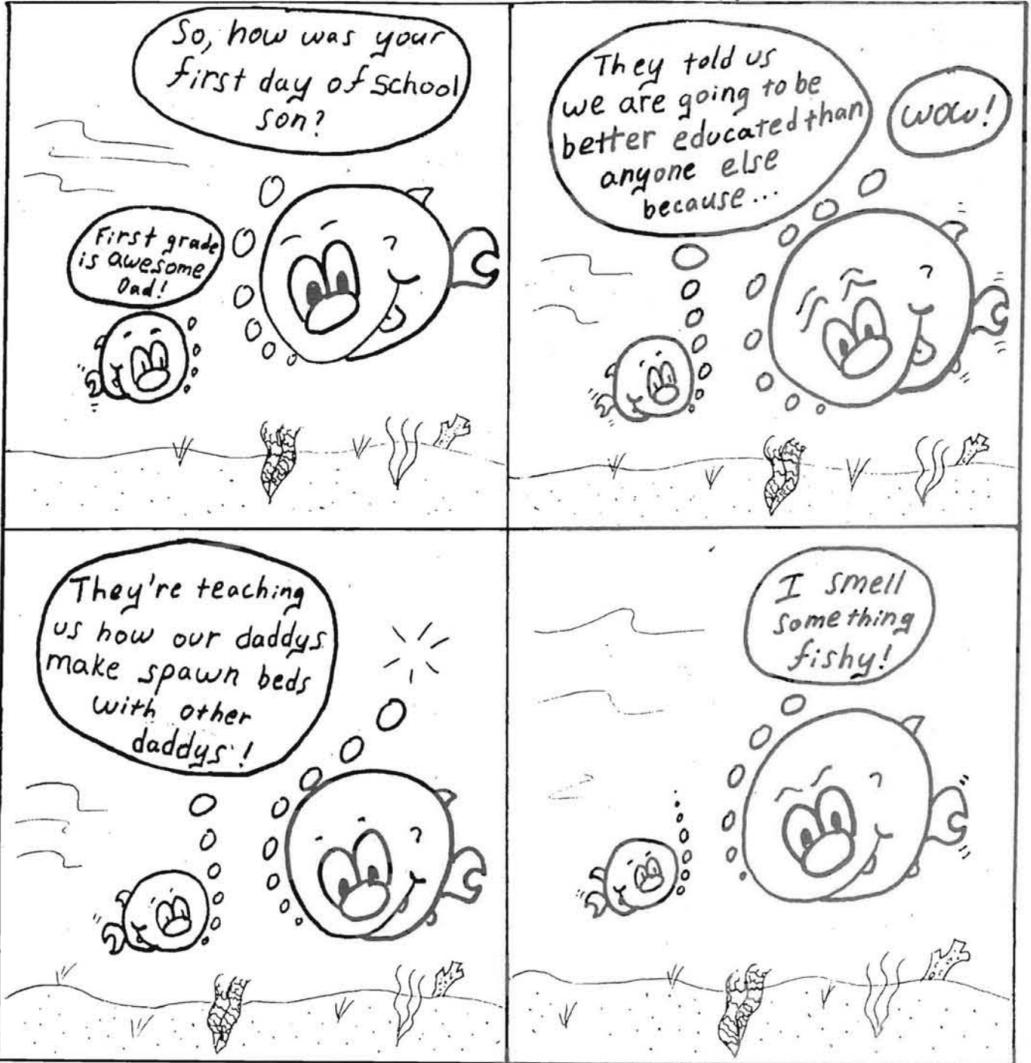
This woman is lucky to be where she is, after all she is also a minority. She has damaged her career and reputation by being grossly insensitive for what many woman and other minorities have fought against for years.

After the suspension Acting Commissioner Bud Selig read in the statement that Schott had apologized and recognized that kind of language is insensitive and offensive. It took Executive actions to convince this woman that using racial slurs is inappropriate? One would think a 64 year-old professional woman of her stature should know better. Schott had been warned, before any Executive action was ever considered, by the late Bart Giamatti who was National League president, and later a commissioner, and former commissioner Fay Vincent about this legally liable behavior.

Shott can be reinstated in November, 1993 and will remain on probation until February, 1994. Schott's lawyer has issued a statement which specified she is depressed and upset. Boo Hoo. Its hard to have sympathy for someone who shows a lack of respect for her players, who are making her millions every year.

Hopefully this will send a message to people who are in a position of authority that former actions can come back to haunt you.

SEA WORLD By: Brad Panassow



Should Six-Year-Olds Be Taught Sexual Alternatives?



by Christine McGraw

Six-year-old Johnny is used to an exciting playground break of cops and robbers, jumping rope and playing on the monkey bars. He may have just learned to tie his shoes. He may have even memorized his home address this year. He is completely unaware of sex. It really hasn't crossed his mind in the midst of his childhood excitement. But, when Johnny returns to the classroom, he is force-fed some of the most controversial facts of life, returning home a confused little guy.

In New York, because of liberal political pressure, public schools have begun teaching homosexuality by reading such books such as "Daddy's

Roommate," and "Heather has Two Mommys," to first graders in public schools.

I never really paid too much attention to gay rights until this, but I think this gay rights stuff has gone too far.

I thought, "Gay's aren't affecting me. They can do their thing and I'll do mine." But, explaining homosexuality to elementary-age children is completely jumping the gun. The "traditional" sexuality of the heterosexual hasn't even been explained to them at this point, and to assume that children will understand homosexuality when they aren't even in tune with their own sexuality is crazy.

There is a hidden agenda here. I don't think that gay rights activists necessarily care that first graders know about homosexuality, but would rather indoctrinate them before they are old enough to make a decision for themselves. They are planting seeds. If they can get children to believe that homosexuality is "normal," they can influence generations to come.

I may believe a certain way about

a social issue or sway toward a particular political group, but I'm not forcing my views on anyone, and by no means pushing for them to be taught in public schools.

Sen. John Russell (R-Lebanon, MO) is sponsoring a bill that would prohibit public schools in Missouri from presenting material that depicts or advocates homosexuality.

Russell is standing up for what millions of Americans believe; if parents want to teach their children about alternate lifestyles, that is their business.

Homosexuality is a sexual preference. There is no need to explain to first graders the different sexual preferences of adults. We might as well tell them all the other ways adults like having sex too.

And what ever happened to education instilling the three R's. The focus of schools today seems to be political clout and social change. It's not the job of public schools to persuade or inculcate their morals or ideas on first graders, unless they want

to start potty training, feeding and sheltering the children too. Let's leave some discretion to parents.

Proponents of this legislation, which would force teachers to teach homosexuality, aren't trying to help little children to think for themselves, they are trying to teach them that homosexuality is "right." They're not pushing for "gay" rights, they're pushing for "special" rights, and for people to accept what they do is morally right.

If you're gay, you're gay. Big deal. You're an American, you have the same rights as I do.

Don't get me wrong, I don't mean to sound condemning, I'm just sick of being told how to believe. The constitution guarantees my rights.

It's pretty cruel to bring children into the picture of quarrelling adults. Let's give the first graders of the world a break. Childhood innocence is a beautiful thing. Let's not destroy the most precious and care-free time in a child's life with political correctness.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Reader Supports Columnist

Dear Editor:

After much consideration I decided to write you this letter. People like me usually stay quiet but I just felt I had to comment on your letter concerning women's attitudes. It was honest. Years ago while discussing men, women, and sports a girl in class turned around and snapped, "What do you mean women aren't as good as men in soccer? Women are as good as men at everything-everyone knows that." Really? Somewhere along the way, amidst all the feminist propaganda in the media, newspapers, and schools we forgot one thing to get real. No one has ever stopped to think that all this has gone too far and the feminist movement has become a cult type religion that is force feeding us their beliefs. Today in class the

instructor asked if we had any fathers or grandfathers who were ophthalmologists. A woman sitting right in front of him blurted out, "How about mothers and aunts?" He apologized after he realized what he said wasn't politically correct and promised he would try harder to say it right the next time. It's a good thing he did or she might have had the Feminist Nazi Gestapo after him. What ever happened to free speech? You can say whatever you want just as long as it lines up with all of our politically loud activist groups. You can call men chauvinist pigs but you can't say that feminist women are like whining little spoiled brats who kick and scream until they get their way. As for you Brad, tell it like it is.

A Sympathetic Student

Mo' Spike Mo' Spike No' Spike

Dear Editor:

I am dismayed. I have combed your February 1st issue several times this morning and try as I might, I still find no mention of Spike Lee. Spike Lee has been in every issue of the paper since last November and I want you to know that his presence is sorely missed. I hope that you will see to this matter and give us more Spike in the future.

Ted Ficklen

"Birds-Eye View" Is Blind

Dear Editor:

As an optimist, I've always prided myself on giving people, places, and things the benefit of the doubt. Hence, I read The Current regularly, and on occasion I'll find an article I really like. "Wow," I say to myself, "there is hope." Then, as if its an intentional turn of the screw by the editorial staff, I run across a column that moves me in a way that is similar to swallowing a pint of castor oil. Brad Touche's "Birds-eye View" column printed in the Jan. 25, 1993 issue of The Current is a prime example. The only thing worse than the writing itself is the quality of the content. While arguing male rights, Touche has successfully revealed himself as a bigot. As if this were not enough, the editors made the decision to endorse Touche's demeaned, rather ignorant, point of view by printing it. I don't pretend to be an expert on the women's movement for that matter, but I have enough sense to formulate my opinions by researching more credible sources than the Faith Daniels show, a leaflet distributed in a grocery store, and assumptions.

Touche's conception of matriarchy and patriarchy. Any introductory anthropology course will teach you that these types of social organization are not, in any way, the cause or effect of power based on gender. As an optimist, I could shrug this off as poor vocabulary skills. But, such statements as "... women have a lower center of gravity (yeah, their big ol' butts)," and "Hell, I figure after you've lived with a woman for 50 years, death looks like a neat vacation spot," are beyond comprehension and the boundaries of humor. I don't blame Touche, he is obviously saying what he feels, regardless of how ignorant, but I do blame The Current's editorial staff for exposing me to such garbage.

Optimism has a limit, and you've so exceeded mine, that not only will I refrain from reading your newspaper, but I will strongly advocate others from reading it as well.

Chad Reidhead

Editors Note: As stated in the masthead for The Current, columns are the opinion of the individual writer and not the opinion of the editorial staff.

The entire article is truly appalling, all the way down to

GOAL from page 1

"Since our revenue for the campus is based on obviously the number of students and the number of credit hours generated each semester, if we don't meet those minimum targets to balance the budget, then we must balance the budget with a series of cuts," he explained.

The feeling among UM-St. Louis administrators is positive.

"I am very pleased that we met our goal," Wright said. "I think the entire campus is to be commended. It shows

that when we put our energies and efforts to a specific task that we can achieve it."

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Lowe "Sandy" MacLean agrees.

"My reaction, of course, is very positive and I think that we learned some things," he said. "There are things we have to do in our market in order for us to be successful."

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill praised the campus effort.

"I want to particularly thank the

faculty who added extra students to their classes; to the admissions office that stayed open in the evenings; and to the academic advisors who

worked during Christmas break," she said. "It was really a campus effort and I think it's wonderful that we have been able to attain our goal."

Glenn Allen, director of records, registration and student information systems, is not as optimistic as Touhill.

"[These numbers] are definitely unofficial," he said. "Students who have not paid fees or received financial aid will be dropped from the enrollment Feb. 5. I'll have [the numbers] early Monday afternoon. I'll



Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill (left) and vice chancellors Roosevelt Wright (center) and Sandy MacLean

literally know what the official enrollment is [then]."

He said there are two types of projections made, one is head count and the other is credit hours.

"We are going to make our head count," he said. "But we're not going to make the credit hours."

Students Have Chance To Ride Metro Link

Seats for a ride on the new Metro Link will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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"The umbilical cord was cut close to the baby. The baby was dry, except for his hair which was a little damp. We think it was born elsewhere because there was no placenta or blood," he said.

Mason said the 7-pound baby was believed to be full term and possibly Middle Eastern, Asian, or African-

American decent. If the mother is found, she could be charged with abandonment. Mason said that the baby is doing fine at the University Medical Center Hospital in Columbia. He also said that after the baby is released from the hospital, will be placed in a foster home.

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University Program Board Brings Fun Activities To Campus

by Sherry Englert
Current features reporter

Denny Dent was here! Spike Lee was here! Jay Leno, Cicely Tyson, Vincent Price, Mohammed Ali, The Fabulous Thunderbirds and The Allman Brothers were also here!

They were all here live and in person on the UM-St. Louis campus as a result of work by the University Program Board (UPB).

Organized in 1973, the group has operated under a variety of names and come under a variety of departments since its beginning. Rick Blanton, Associate Director of University Center/Student Activities has been directly or indirectly involved with the UPB since the beginning.

Blanton said the office was originally the Office of Programming and its main function was to administer student activity funds. Later, a five-person advisory board was formed. However, in the late 1970s they began to have difficulties reaching decisions about the types of programs to offer students.

"A decision was made to establish a student programming committee that was more than an advisory board," Blanton said. "Over the years, the UPB



Photo: Dave Floyd

COLOR ME RED: Face painting is one of many activities held during Mirthday at UM-St. Louis. Mirthday will be held April 21.

developed into what it is today. As the need arose for change, those changes took place."

The group has not been without its share of problems. In 1982, the president of the Central Council (now SGA) determined that only recognized student organizations should be allowed to petition for funding from the Student Activities Fund. Until that time, each organization or committee would lobby

for these monies for various projects. This created a problem. The UPB was not recognized as a student organization, but recognized as a committee.

"This was corrected by adopting the UPB as a standing committee within the student government," Blanton said.

In the late 1980s, the UPB decided to incorporate and petition for standing as an individual organization. Since that time, according to Blanton, it has

operated autonomously. After gaining independence, the UPB was still considered a committee within the SGA until the January meeting. A motion was made to delete it and the motion was approved.

Members of the UPB are students who, according to Blanton, have a deep devotion to the job and spend many hours planning events for the UM-St. Louis community. The current mission statement reads, "The UPB shall develop and present a variety of social, cultural, educational and entertainment programs which enhance the life experiences of members of the UM-St. Louis community."

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The group consists of four officers: Chair Darrell Harrelson; Vice-Chair Tim Humphrey; Treasurer Anjanette Smith; and Secretary Tanya Thurman. In addition to the officers, there are 15 voting members.

To become a member of the UPB, Harrelson explained, "Anyone can join." A membership drive is held every year in which students submit applications. The applications are reviewed and screened. The present leadership makes recom-

mendations and sends them to the University Center Director who makes the final decisions for appointments to the board.

"It is a good feeling when entertainment comes to campus and it is a success," Harrelson said. "It makes all the hard work worth it."

When choosing the types of entertainment, Blanton said there has been a lot of diversity.

"In past years, the Program Boards have been as different as the variety of students involved. At any given time, some of the Boards favored more lectures, others music and others chose more culturally oriented programs," Blanton said. "Whatever was chosen was widely accepted by the students."

In choosing what entertainment to bring to campus, the Board must research fields, adhere to student preferences, take into consideration

the composition of the student body and be sensitive to certain times of the year. Once entertainment is selected, the planning stage begins. Calls to agents and contract negotiations have to be made to bring entertainers, like Denny Dent, to the campus.

In addition, the UPB sponsors "Wednesday Noon-Life Bands" on the University Center patio.

"We bring local bands to campus to entertain and break up the day," Harrelson said.

An annual event, planned for April 21, called Mirthday, is the sole responsibility of the UPB. Carnival rides, sand volleyball and live music, among other things, are brought on campus for the pleasure of students.

"We bring a bit of excitement and fun to campus to ease the tension of upcoming finals," Harrelson said.

Take a break before the week of finals, and treat yourself to Mirthday.

Center Provides Recreation Activities And More For Senior Citizens

by Christopher Sans Souci
associate features editor

Most students and faculty at UM-St. Louis have passed by the UMSL Eldercare Center on Florissant Road countless times. Most have little or no idea of its workings or, more importantly, its numerous benefits.

The Eldercare Center, located at Mount Providence Catholic School, is an adult day health care program sponsored by UM-St. Louis through Continuing Education Extension. It is run in cooperation with the Mid-East Area Agency on Aging and the Sisters of Divine Providence, who run the Catholic school.

"The program meets many needs," said Program Director Marilyn Maguire. "It's very enriching for participants, students, caregivers and volunteers."

The Eldercare Center provides a wide variety of services to its participants. These include nursing supervision, physical therapy, speech and occupational therapy.

In addition, the program consists of planned educational and recreational activities. These activities include music and dancing, crafts, games, cooking,

gardening and exercise programs. Limited van transportation, breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are also provided to the participants.

The benefits of this program extend to many different levels and many people, the most obvious being the participants themselves.

By taking part, elderly individuals become involved in a program that promotes their own maximum independence, since many do not need the care provided by a nursing home. It also works to maintain the individual's current level of functioning through those services and activities listed.

Students from the university and from community colleges benefit as well. The Eldercare Center serves as a clinical and research site for their studies. The experience can be used as a learning laboratory for people wishing to enter the field of adult care or for those wishing to start an adult day care center.

The program also allows for intergenerational experiences. Each class from the Catholic school, Kindergarten through 8th grade, visits the group every month and participates in activities. This helps children develop interpersonal and communication skills.



Photo: Dave Floyd

M, M, GOOD: An Eldercare participant enjoys some vanilla ice cream last week at the Eldercare Center, located on Florissant Road.

The elderly people in turn can offer their experience and knowledge to the youngsters.

Initiated in 1985, Eldercare Center receives only about 10 percent of its budget from UM-St. Louis. The rest comes from within the program itself.

"We've never run a deficit here since the program started," said Maguire, who has been with Eldercare

Center since its beginning.

Currently, 66 families are enrolled in the program, which averages about 34 members daily.

Of course, another benefit is felt by the workers themselves. The nurses, therapists, and volunteers at Eldercare Center, receive many intrinsic rewards each day just by assisting, conversing and brightening spirits.

Chatter Box

Which of Bill Clinton's campaign promises would most upset you if broken?

by Dave Floyd
Current photographer



"I don't believe gays should be in the military."
-Brian Panus
criminal justice



"If he doesn't do something about the deficit. He needs to do something to jump start the economy."
-Peggy Lambing
lecturer



"What made me vote for Clinton was his concern for health care and helping to boost the economy. Being close to graduation, I would like to be working in a strong economy where I can find a job."
-Jeff Siler
criminal justice



"Changing his policy on abortion rights."
-Brett Kadries
anthropology



"Clinton would have to keep his promise of providing financial aid to college students."
-April Slaughter
communication

This Week in Campus History

From the early files of *The Current*

by Dana Cook
features editor

25 Years Ago — Feb. 8, 1968

- Campus preparations for Homecoming reached their climax when The Steamers, a pep club, launched a pep rally in front of Benton Hall. Members of the athletic department, the basketball team and the cheerleaders were floated out into what they called "Benton Bay."

- At 6:30, the Homecoming parade left for Concordia and the Homecoming basketball game.

- Red and gold were chosen for UMSL's colors and UMSL changed its name to University of Missouri-St. Louis, the "at" was deleted. All of this was decided at a Board of Curators meeting.

- The Rivermen beat University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, 87-81.

20 Years Ago — Feb. 8, 1973

- Students could enjoy a newly installed headphone system in the student lounge. Four Telex 8-track tape machines were used to pipe music into the lounge for the students to enjoy a musical variety of their choice.

- Women for Change, an organization that consisted of faculty, staff and students had a goal of getting a women's lounge permanently established on campus.

- Derick Gray scored 12 of his 14 points in the final eight minutes of a basketball game to give the Rivermen a 74-71 come-from-behind win over Indiana State-Evansville.

15 Years Ago — Feb. 9, 1978

- Parking was \$25 a semester.

- Building a new parking garage was being considered. Possible sites were across from Bugg Lake along the West Campus Drive and in the area known as "the valley," the area near Lucas Hall where an open parking lot was situated.

10 Years Ago — Feb. 10, 1983

- Several ceiling tiles in the University Center were broken and a glass window in the door of the University Bookstore was smashed. Nothing was reported missing. The incident had campus officials baffled as to what happened and why.

- Six reproductions of ancient Chinese art were stolen from a display on the second floor of the J.C. Penney Building.

- The Women's Center coordinator, Cathy Burack, was named one of 10 "Outstanding Young Women of America" by an organization of the same name.

- The UM-St. Louis men's swim team ended a dismal season by losing at the St. Louis Area Athletic Collegiate Association's annual tri-meet.

- The Riverwomen lost four in a row as their league record dropped to a sixth place 1-6 record.

5 Years Ago — Feb. 11, 1988

- Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Tom Hussey announced his resignation in order to take a similar position at Washington University.

- Huber M. Walsh, professor of education, was named editor of a new national magazine for elementary-level social studies teachers.

- Three wins in the previous week propelled the Rivermen basketball squad to a 15-6 record and second place ranking in the MIAA Conference. Coach Rich Meckfessel was seeking his best season since taking over the men's basketball program in 1982.

- The Riverwomen basketball team had a 10-10 overall record and 5-5 in the MIAA Conference.

- Stuart Vogt, a nationally recognized swimmer, was the only Rivermen to qualify in the 50-yard, 100-yard and free-style events, in the NCAA Division II swimming championships held in Buffalo, N.Y. At the time, Vogt held five school records.

Campus Club Corner

by Amy Welch
features reporter

The University Players

"There're no small parts, just small actors." This old phrase is one that the University Players technical director, Dave Cenatiempo, would like all UM-St. Louis students to remember as he prepares for the production of "Don't Drink the Water," by Woody Allen.

The University Players is a campus theatrical organization which has fewer

than 15 members. But there are no active officers. The Players have been considered inactive by the University since the spring of 1992, after the production of "Barefoot in the Park." According to Cenatiempo, lack of interest is not the problem, since attendance for "Barefoot in the Park" stayed at approximately 100 viewers each night. The organization's former president didn't submit a fiscal budget, as a result there are no operating finances.

The show must go on, as the saying goes, and despite their problems, the University Players will be performing again. Their new venture, "Don't Drink the Water," is a comedy set in an Iron Curtain country, where a Newark, N.J., family is vacationing. The family is accused of being spies after taking the wrong picture.

There are eight male leads and two very strong female leads, with 16 roles

available altogether.

"Some of the best roles are the minor roles," Cenatiempo said. He also encourages anyone interested to come out because a show can't be done without a crew, and Cenatiempo couldn't stress enough the importance of a good crew.

Tryouts for the play will be held Feb. 10 and 11. A list of the cast will be placed outside of the Benton Theater on Feb. 12. Practices will begin a few days after that. Cast members should expect to donate three nights a week for rehearsals for about two months. The tentative date for opening night is March 23, running through the 25th.

If you can't actively support the University Players, Cenatiempo hopes everyone will show support by word of mouth or attending the play.

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1992 Music Review

by Brad Touche
entertainment editor

What an intriguing year 1992 was in music. Alternative — if you can still call it that — has pretty much crossed over into the mainstream. Although plastic pop and songs written by your neighbor's Macintosh are still prevalent, here's hoping that it will go the way of swing and disco (yuk).

I have three categories in which I classify music: *I need a cig*, *Eh, I didn't. Did you?* and *Just tag the toe*. Let's start with the best.

I need a cig:

"Dirt" (Alice In Chains) — This album gets the "what happened?" award for 1992. Their first LP, "Dirt," was a generic grunge album from Seattle with not too much energy. But "Dirt" is a nonstop jackhammer-to-the-skull explosion that takes no prisoners. What a ride!

"Little Earthquakes" (Tori Amos) — Oh... my... God! Becky! Listen to her voice! This woman will take you on an emotional rollercoaster of pain, intimacy, betrayal, and rape. She uses all her faculties and full orchestration

to convey her emotion, while still sounding unlike anything else you've ever heard. No one does it better.

"No More Tears" (Ozzy Osbourne) — I never claimed to be an Ozzy fan, until now. Ozzy's guitarist Zakk Wylde establishes himself as a new guitar hero, and The Oz himself has never sounded better. Too bad he's retiring (*sure he is*).

"Jefferey Gaines" (Jefferey Gaines) — This man floored the audience as the opening act for Melissa Etheridge. There he was, alone with his guitar, and the crowd rewarded him with a standing ovation. This album is simply awesome. His emotional appeal is outshined only by that of Tori Amos.

"dada" (dada) — If you didn't see these guys open for Material Issue last Saturday, you missed out. The show and the album are both phenomenal. They're kind of like The Beatles with an attitude.

"Pearl Jam" (Pearl Jam) — Yeah, yeah, yeah. They're on my list, too. They've earned it. Enough said.

Eh, I didn't. Did You?

"Three Sides To The Story" (Extreme) I know, I know. I'm a huge

Extreme fan. So why are they down here? Because the first side is simply awesome, and the other two sides are a great experiment that soars at one point and crashes at another. Too inconsistent. Besides, it's nowhere close to their last LP, "Pornograffiti."

"Rites Of Passage" (Indigo Girls) — Sorry ladies, but this one lacks the passion of their earlier works, like "Strange Fire." Nowhere near the feeling.

"Don't Tread" (Damn Yankees) — Major disappointment. There are a few really good tracks on the album, but it doesn't carry the load of crap across the finish line. Just so-so.

"The Wild Life" (Slaughter) — Let's hear it for bubblegum metal! (yawn) With the exception of a few real rockers on their second effort, it's clear that Slaughter is content with a plastic sound. "The Wild Life" is nowhere near as good as their first LP, "Stick It To Ya."

Just Tag the Toe:

"Dog Eat Dog" (Warrant) — What a bunch of worthless drive! And to think I defended these guys last year! The album sounds like someone in the band said, "Let's get really heavy on this album," and everybody else said, "Cool, but how do we do it?" This is a painful example of someone trying to be someone they're not.

"B-Sides Ourselves" (Skid Row) — They're doing covers! All Covers! Why? No, don't! Don't play that song... Oh No! They're playing Little W i n g ! ! ! AAARRRRGGGGHHHHH!!!!!!

"Adrenalize" (Def Leppard) - Sounds like "Hysteria," which sounded like "Pyromania." Okay, but not at all original. Die Xerox copy! Die!

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Schroeder's Side



Athletics Undergo Financial Change

by Cory Schroeder
associate sports editor

Once again, the UM-St. Louis athletic program has received another mortal blow from the giants of the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

It's not enough that UM-St. Louis already has the smallest athletic budget of any of the University of Missouri schools but now they must endure the fazing out of their already minimal \$500,000 budget over the next five years.

"These cuts are not only happening at UM-St. Louis but at all of the University of Missouri schools," Vice-Chancellor Sandy MacLean said.

That maybe so but those other schools did not have their enrollment drop off by about ten percent. The secondary source of income which has been student activity fees must now become the primary source. Student activity fees which already rose from \$52.08 per credit hour last year to \$66.88 are supposed to increase to \$82.56.

"The athletic department will become self-supporting," said MacLean.

I guess student supporting is the more appropriate word. Enrollment rose almost to expected results from the 10 percent drop-off in the fall, but who's to guarantee improving enrollment in the fall of 1993. With tuition increasing by 12 percent and the student activities fees on the rise, UM-St. Louis could be looking at it's lowest student body in a number of years. Students may turn up their noses and put away their wallets.

"I feel that students will be supportive," Athletic Director Rich Meckfessel said. "We have always maintained a competitive program despite resources. I think students are aware of how important student activities like athletics are to this university."

UM-St. Louis athletics will not only turn inward for resources but will also turn to community help. Fundraising figures are to be a secondary source of income. For example, the women's basketball team sold pizzas to buy new uniforms. Wait a minute, that sounds a lot like the Girl Scouts. It also sounds like an extra burden to place on the athletes. You play your heart out for your university and then you have to turn around and sell merchandise for the uniform that siphoned your sweat.

"We will be counting on alumna and community support," Meckfessel said. "Advertising will also play a part such as ads on the outfield fences."

The whole problem is the concept of expected help. Expected help is just really supposed help. It is not concrete like the \$500,000 that could be expected. UM-St. Louis athletics was already in the hole \$50,000 this year, and the men's basketball program was forced to pick up the slack by playing two division I opponents, Dayton and Oregon. The program is guaranteed \$26,500 for both games. Men's basketball is expected to have a return surplus of \$10,000 this year.

"Basketball and volleyball summer camps which instructed approximately 400 kids from the St. Louis area last year will bring in additional income," Meckfessel said.

With support diminishing, it will remain to be seen how long the Rivermen and Riverwomen can continue to beacon the competitive fire that burns within them. That fire must burn on low heat to succeed, or UM-St. Louis athletics will burn out.

Rivermen Lose Third Game In A Row

Team Losing Ground In MIAA Race

by Mike Hayes
Current sports reporter

With an 89-81 loss to Missouri-Rolla last Wednesday night and then a 90-74 loss to Central Missouri State last Saturday night at the Mark Twain Building, the UM-St. Louis men's basketball team's title hopes in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) may have slipped away.

The second successive loss for the Rivermen dropped their record to 11-9 overall and 6-4 in the MIAA. The Miners had the Rivermen's number for the fourth time in succession dating back to last season.

The 1,000 fans in attendance saw the Miners open up a 19-2 lead and it was all uphill from there.

"Their defense intimidated us," Rivermen head coach Rich Meckfessel said. "We got into a big hurry and let the pace of the game go too fast for us early. While Rolla is an excellent team, we are as good as they are, and on our floor we should beat them. The bad start doomed us."

The Rivermen battled back throughout the contest, closing the gap to one point on two different occasions at 41-40 and 61-60, but missed opportunities to surge ahead plagued the Rivermen.

With 5:03 left in the game and the Rivermen trailing by three forward Scott Crawford missed the front end of a one-and-one. The Miners then pushed the lead back to eight.

The Rivermen dug down one more time to cut the lead to five and were on the verge of reducing the margin to three, but the Miners kept clear of danger when a two-on-one break by Rivermen seniors Darren Hill and Steve Roder was unsuccessful.

"If we deserve to be in the top four (of the MIAA) we will be."

**-Rich Meckfessel
Rivermen basketball coach**

Missouri-Rolla's center Donnie Brown and forward Chris Dawson paced the Miner's to victory scoring 23 and 20 points respectively.

"Dawson made some big three-pointers and Brown exploited some of our weaknesses," Meckfessel said. "We haven't been able to stop the other team's post players."

Billy Jolly, the Miner's career scoring leader, was held to only 10 points. Jolly had burned the Rivermen with games in excess of 20 points the past three encounters, but he made up for his lack of scoring with a gritty defensive effort Wednesday night.

The loss tumbled the Rivermen from second to fifth in the MIAA and placed the Rivermen behind the eight ball in the conference race as they have to travel to Southwest Baptist, Missouri Southern, and Pittsburgh State this week before returning home to face conference leader and nationally ranked Washburn on Feb. 20.

"The loss took us out of contention for the championship, putting us three games behind," Meckfessel said. "Now it's going to be hard to finish in the top four. If we deserve to be in the top four we will be."

Finishing in the top four is definitely the matter at hand for the Rivermen. The top four conference teams receive a home game in the first round of the MIAA playoffs.

Darren Hill kept his steady play up in the Missouri-Rolla game as he scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Hill was coming off MIAA player of the week honors for the second week in a row.

"Darren's doing what we thought he could do," Meckfessel said. "The thing that has been so pleasantly surprising is how hard he has worked in practice since the first of the year."

Hill led the way for the Rivermen again Saturday night with 23 points against the Mules in a losing effort.

The Rivermen made only 9-33 shots in the second half for a staggering 23 percent shooting percentage and finished the game at 38 percent.

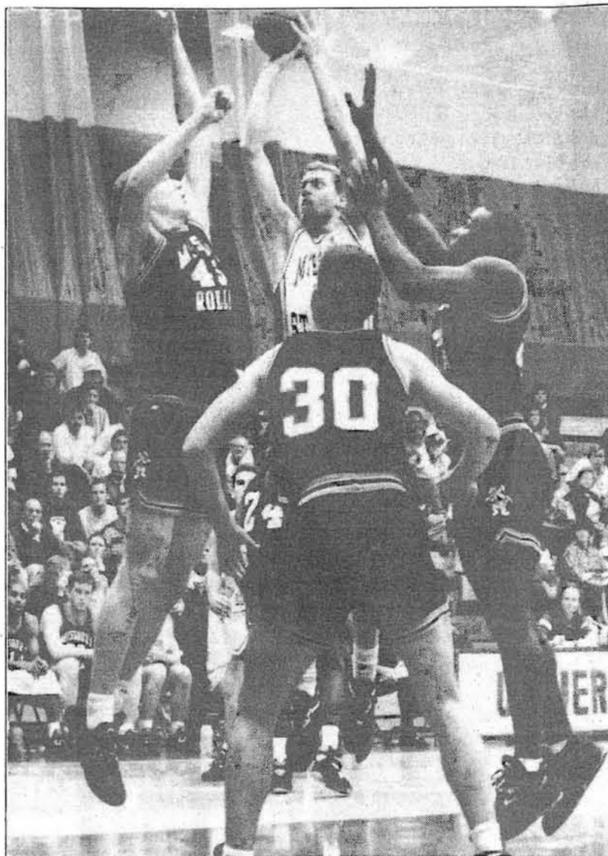


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THREE'S A CROWD: Center Mike Moore is sandwiched between three Rolla defenders as he attempts to shoot. Moore scored 12 points in the Rivermen's losing effort, and he chipped in for three rebounds.

Swim Team Looks To Gain Individual Post-Season Berths



Photo: Dave Floyd

Smilin': Swimming coach Mary Liston remains upbeat about the last month of the season.

by Jack C. Wang
sports editor

After a recent layoff, the UM-St. Louis swim team splashed back into action on Jan. 22 and 23 when the team squared off against other teams in a meet held at the University of Indianapolis.

Head coach Mary Liston has previously been worried about the long layoff because of both illness and final exams from the fall semester.

Liston shouldn't have worried, as the team placed fifth overall in the meet at Indianapolis. "The layoff was only mental, not physically," Liston said. "It was a big sigh of relief when the meet occurred."

The following weekend on Jan. 29 and 30, the team didn't have to travel far, as the Rivermen wandered over to Washington University to take part in the Washington University Invitational. The team did even better by finishing fourth overall as a team.

"We were winning relays," Liston said. "We finished second in the 800 free relay and first in the 200 relay. We're not noted for that, but team-wise we are strong. The relay indicates the strength of the team. We had a good crowd at the Washington University meet."

Since the long layoff ended, the team seems different, said Liston.

"There's been a change in the practices. They seem motivated to work and are focused on the meets in February. The workouts don't seem so hard." Liston also mentioned another significant lesson learned by the Rivermen.

"There have been no disappointments from the last two meets. They have learned from it and the guys know that they are good."

Liston noted some great individual efforts during the recent meets. "Doug Wilding has swam some fast times and is the guy to carry our banner for us," Liston said.

Several other swimmers that Liston is extremely happy to see in the water is senior freestyle-backstroke swimmer Dave Snead.

"He had a quad injury," Liston said. "But he is coming back now." Coach Liston hopes this last month of the season is also a pleasant one for senior Shawn Menke.

But one swimmer that Liston will probably never have to worry about is Jeff Heveroh.

"Jeff has not qualified in the breast stroke yet, but it's not a concern to either Jeff or myself," Liston said.

The UM-St. Louis head coach is also excited for the future of the team, especially next season. She mentions Adam Stirrat and Scott Calhoun, two freshman walk-ons as the reason behind her excitement.

"Adam is dropping his times in the 200 I.M. and his strokes are getting better. He has been a pleasant surprise," Liston said. "Scott has not been healthy since Christmas, but is swimming good times regardless. It's exciting, because this speaks well for the future."

In the near future though, the team and their head coach prepare to head back to Indianapolis. This time, the Rivermen will do battle against other teams in the Midwest Classic on Feb. 18-20.

"This is a big meet," Liston said. "There will be 12 schools there, with a mix of Division I and Division II schools. It will be fun."

Liston isn't worried about competing against larger teams. "We can focus on individual goals," she said. "We will do well with a small team."

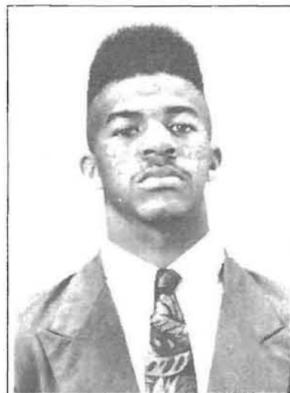
Freshman Riverman Thomas Finds His Groove

by Mike Hayes
Current sports reporter

Conference play has boded well for UM-St. Louis basketball freshman Lawndale Thomas, who has seen a surge in his scoring and increased playing time.

Thomas, a 6-foot, 175-pound guard from Lima, Ohio, had back-to-back career highs on the Rivermen's road trip in mid-January. He scored 15 points against UM-Rolla, and three nights later he posted 19 points at Emporia State.

Thomas was averaging 13 points



Lawndale Thomas

after the first four MIAA conference games. He tied his career high Jan. 30 as he led the Rivermen to victory with a 19-point effort against Pittsburgh State. To what can this recent scoring streak be attributed?

"Coach is just letting me play my game," Thomas said. "I'm letting the game come to me. I would always be worried about messing up in the beginning. Now I just do it. I realized I'm human and I'm going to make mistakes."

Rivermen coach Rich Meckfessel is glad to see his only freshman becoming more comfortable.

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Riverwomen Overwhelmed By Central Missouri State 69-57

by Cory Schroeder
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It was a time of new hope after the UM-St. Louis women's basketball squad ended a five game losing skid with a hard fought victory over the UM-Rolla 56-54 (Feb. 3). Hope which was soon vanquished thanks to the Jennies of Central Missouri State University.

The Jennies came into the Mark Twain Building last Saturday with 23 consecutive victories against the Riverwomen. Make that 24 victories, as the Riverwomen were unable to break the streak. The Riverwomen shot just 27 percent from the field compared to the 46 percent accuracy of the Jennies.

"We were able to get our shots," UM-St. Louis head coach Bobbi



Photo: Alfie Ali

Guard Nicole Christ is just one of the many freshman Riverwomen that head coach Bobbi Morse can count on.

Morse said. "But it was as if a lid was on the basket, nothing went down."

Central Missouri's 6'2" center, junior Shelly Metzger, swatted away everything with three blocks and several tipped balls.

"She caused me to be out of position on a lot of shots," said sophomore center Connie Gillam.

Despite Metzger, the Riverwomen beat the Jennies on the boards, pulling down a season high 22 offensive re-

bounds. In fact, the Riverwomen beat them in every category except one.

"We would have won if the ball would have gone down," Morse said. "If we could have played the game again, I wouldn't have changed a thing."

Junior forward Nancy Hessemann led the Riverwomen with 12 points, including two three-point field goals. Hessemann is second in team scoring.

UM-St. Louis' Next Three MIAA Opponents

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@ Missouri Southern
Feb. 13

@ Pittsburg State
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"Since the Dayton game he has played extremely well in the games," Meckfessel said. "But, he needs to become a better practice player. If he will work on his shooting this spring and summer he will be very hard for people to guard."

The 18-year-old Thomas led his high school team to a second place finish in the Ohio class 4A state tournament last season and received all-city and all-district honors.

He was also named most valuable player in the District 8 all-star game where he served as captain. At this time, Thomas was discovered by UM-St. Louis.

"They saw a tape of the all-star game and began recruiting me," he said.

Thomas said he signed about three weeks after the Rivermen first approached him.

"My number one reason to come here was that the starting point guard was a senior, and my field was communications or criminal justice, and they had both," he said.

Other offers he received were West Virginia Tech, Louis University, and numerous Division III schools in Ohio along with Youngstown State.

How is Lawndale enjoying his stay so far?

"St. Louis is wild and crazy," he said. "I like the school, but I don't like the fact that it's a commuter school."

Assistant coach Chico Jones has been an asset to Thomas in helping the freshman adjust.

"Chico helps me out a lot," Thomas said. "He tells me what I'm doing wrong and what I need to do. In the games he just tells me to run the show." He added, "Bryan Silver helps me to keep my head up."

"When I go into the game I will concentrate on playing under control, running the show and giving the team a spark on offense and defense," Thomas said.

Two areas Thomas feels he can improve are dribbling and his jumpshot. Thomas said, "I can dribble good, but I want it to be patented like Kenny Anderson." He also wants to be more consistent with his jumpshot.

Thomas hopes the future is very bright. "Hopefully, I'll be starting at point guard and be a leader on the team," he said. Thomas plans to workout in the off-season at home, in Lima, with a friend of his that plays at Ohio State.

What's it like being the only freshman on the team?

Thomas laughed and said, "They joke about my age a lot and being the newcomer."

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