

## Student Protest Prompts Change

### Students Protest High Priced Textbooks; SGA Sub-Committee Gains Support Via Petition Drive

Christopher Sutherland  
of The Current staff

On Oct. 25, members of Student Government Textbook Reform Committee held a petition drive in an effort to create changes in UM-St. Louis' required textbook purchases.

Tony Gray, of the SGA Textbook Reform Committee, said the committee garnered about 600 signatures.

"Our main goal was to get signatures, representing support for the high prices of the books," said Gray. "We have a lot of concerns, but we have to start somewhere. A lot of other major universities operate under different systems than UM-St. Louis."

Some college campuses in Missouri have systems in which students aren't required to buy textbooks. At UM-Columbia, students use a debit card to purchase books. The student ID card acts as a credit card, and the total cost of the books is spread throughout the entire semester.

At Southeast Missouri State (SEMO), a student may rent the required textbooks at \$12 per book. The student must pay a fine, however, if the book is lost or damaged. In some cases SEMO had problems with this system because the university was not compensated for the total cost of books that were rented.

"They do not do that here," Gray said. "They charge us (the students) an astronomical fee for the books, and then want it all up front."

Tim Schmidt, UM-St. Louis junior, who transferred from SEMO, said the rental system at South east is a good one because most students do not want to keep the required textbooks.

"I don't believe that students approve of the crazy prices," said senior Pete Manning, a Communication major. "You have to pay \$50 for one book, and only get \$10 back . . . Everybody complains (about prices), but it is great that somebody is doing something about it."

Freshman Charmaine Parker said you have to pay more for the better books.

"The good books are extremely too much," Parker said.

"I had to pay \$300 for my books. That is ridiculous and sometimes I don't use the books."

Gray said with student support, other things can be changed as well.

"If the administration cared what the students think, they'd sit down and talk with us. We are unhappy. If you (the university administration) want to make us satisfied, sit down and talk with us—is that what you want? A bunch of unhappy students aimlessly walking around the university, not satisfied with the way the administration operates?"

Gray said other things the administration has not done is consult with the students on some price increases.

"They have raised the tuition 15 percent, you have to pay \$5 for every



photo: Clint Zweifel

Tony Gray (above), of the Student Government Association Textbook Reform Committee, and other committee members obtained about 600 signatures during the three-day petition drive, Oct. 25-27.

transcript request you make, and if they would have raised the price on books \$1 more, I think we'd have flipped out—that is, behind our own closed doors. Not together, which would send a more powerful message," Gray said.

Gloria Schultz, UM-St. Louis Bookstore manager, said the system will be made available as soon as sec-

ond semester textbooks arrive, possibly in mid-December. The system will allow students to credit up to \$500 in textbooks, and the total will be applied to the balance of their tuition.

Schmidt said, "It's good something is being done . . . Let the students be aware of what is being done so they can show some support."

### Student ID, Schedule Will Allow Students To Charge Textbooks; Balance Forwards To Tuition Bill

by Jeremy Rutherford  
associate news editor

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"With the help of Tony Gray [Student Government Association Textbook Reform Committee member], it just goes to show that students can get something done if they just get involved," said Andy Masters, SGA president.

Schultz said the new system will benefit the students and a majority of the departments on campus.

"I think it's wonderful because it will benefit the students," Schultz said. "Now they will be able to protract their payments."

"It will also benefit Financial Aid, and the Bookstore," Schultz said. "They (Financial Aid) won't have to deal with book vouchers for emergency books. And the bookstore won't be so crowded just before school starts because stu-

dents will now purchase their books early and will have a wide selection." Schultz said the debit card is not temporary.

"It is here to stay," Schultz said. "I am excited about it because it is a viable solution until the universal system comes to this campus."

The proposed universal credit card would allow UM-St. Louis students to charge campus items and use the card as a key to campus facilities.

Jerrold Siegal, coordinator of the debit card committee, said the campus is in need of the system, however, the committee has just recently began their research.

"We are conducting studies of other campuses," Siegal said. "We have to look at

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**Andy Masters  
SGA President**

the success of other universities using the card."

Currently, students carry a UM-St. Louis identification card, but the committee is in search of a new system that would be more convenient.

UM-Columbia already uses the debit card for credit on campus items and entrance to campus facilities.

"I couldn't imagine this campus without the card," said John Hemrickson, coordinator of the UM-Columbia identification system.

Hemrickson said the expenses are put on the students combined account and are paid off throughout the semester.

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## A '94 Fiscal Year Deficit Could Threaten UM-St. Louis

by Clint Zweifel  
news editor

By the end of the fiscal year in June 1994, UM-St. Louis could have a \$650,000 budget deficit.

Roosevelt Wright, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said the deficit is a result of the university being about 6,500 credit hours short for fall semester enrollment. He said even though the university did have a slight increase in enrollment, the credit hour projection

of 110,000 hours still came up short. Since revenue is generated from the number of credit hours taken and not students enrolled it fell under the projected amount of funds.

Wright said the projected number of credit hours is derived from a rolling three-year average of credit hours taken.

Wright said 52 percent of the deficit will come out of Academic Affairs' budget. The remaining 48 percent will come out of the budgets of such offices as Student Services and University Relations.

He said the university's first goal is to make sure the cuts will not effect the courses offered.

"We do not want to reduce courses offered or the number of sections of-

ferred in the winter term," Wright said.

He said the money will first be taken out of expenses for travel funds and new equipment. Wright said some vacant positions may not yet be filled or the positions will be filled with part-time employees. He said all of these measures would be looked into before any employees are laid-off.

Wright said the cuts were determined by Chancellor Blanche Touhill, who made a recommendation to the Senate. From that point each department will determine how their particular cuts are made.

He said final determinations for each departments' cuts should be made within two weeks.

Wright said most likely the deficit

will not be made up through increased enrollment in the winter semester.

"We don't think we will have a

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### Beta Alpha Psi Blood Drive Garners 103 Pints For Red Cross

by Jeremy Rutherford  
associate news editor

The Beta Alpha Psi fraternity held their first of two blood drives in the J C Penney building on Oct. 26 and 27. The fraternity collected 103 pints of blood for the Red Cross.

Beta Alpha Psi is a National Honorary Accounting fraternity.

Donna Free, who has been the fraternity's advisor for one year, said the blood donations exceeded the goals set by the volunteers.

"The first day, the goal was to accommodate 50 people," Free said. "We surpassed that with 53 people."

Terri Gross and Beth Dau coordinated the event as part of their community service required by the fraternity.

Free and the Red Cross said

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## Student Accuses Religious Cult Of Brainwashing

by Clint Zweifel  
news editor

A UM-St. Louis student said he was a member of a religious organization that brainwashed him.

Daniel Eng, 29, a sophomore at the university, said he joined the group called the International Church of Christ in 1984. By the end of 1987, he was sent to start a new branch of the church in Singapore. Until he left in 1991, he recruited members and was a leader of the church in India, London and Indonesia.

The church began as the "Boston Movement" in 1979, with about 30 members and since that time it has grown internationally with "bases" in Asia, Europe and the United States.

Eng said he was recruited by the church while he was a minister for a church in Malaysia and was told he had the potential to be a leader in the church. Eng said he was attracted by the offer because of the members' friendliness.

"They are very friendly," Eng said. "You are surprised how they offer you to come to their house, go to a movie, or invite you to study with them."

He said members usually ask you to study the bible with them, one-on-one. Eng said from that point the group starts to practice mind control and take on a totalitarian form.

"On the first or second lessons you have really interesting lessons, and you enjoy it," he said. "On the third lesson, they start to give you a guilt trip and they make you lose your self-esteem, and on the fourth and fifth lesson, they break you down."

Eng said the lowering of a persons self-esteem adds to the inferiority members feel. Because of this, he said a member will submit to any decisions by the group's leaders.

"You are broken down psychologically," Eng said. "You open your-

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## To the editor's desk

by Russell Korando  
editor-in-chief

The lines of communication have been opened, and hopefully they'll stay that way for the rest of my term as editor.

During the course of the last month, *The Current* has strived to cover all corners of the issue of racism. Students were represented by both sides of the Robert Colescott painting controversy, and given equal time to express their thoughts.



This staff has editorialized our own opinions and frustrations, and I admit writing some things in my last editorial that rubbed many African-Americans the wrong way.

Don't forget Malcolm X or Martin Luther King. Don't forget slavery. But let's look ahead.

Mr. Matthew Taylor. If the Klu Klux Klan ever shows up on this campus while I'm here, I'll be standing next to you, with a picket or baseball bat in my hand—whatever it takes.

place, then South Central would not have been burned; Reginald Denny would not have been beaten and there would have not been more than 40 riot-related deaths of African-American youths—that we've heard nothing about. The precedent for justice had

already been set by the murderous Middle Passage, enslavement of a people and contentions that African-Americans were 3/4 of a human being... and most recently by the Rodney King trials. But, I would imagine that it feels a bit funny when it happens to you, especially when it is not expected. At the very least, the results of this one trial have given whites a taste of the African-American experience. Not too comfortable, is it? Try swallowing such absurd rulings on a daily basis.

I must strongly disagree with Mr. Korando's assessment that being white does not have certain advantages to it. Any time that an individual can be identified as belonging to the group in power, there is a benefit, plain and simple. And yes, being white does provide one with an unfair advantage, and if Mr. Korando had the ability to remove the blinders fixed upon him by society and look beyond his own experience, he would be able to see this. How many times has he been followed through a store as he shopped, or pulled over by police in his own neighborhood while breaking no laws, driving his parents' own sedan? How about being told there are no vacant apartments when there are actually quite a few available, though this practice is against the law? This list could fill pages, but since there are no unfair advantages attached to one's race, why bother?

So there have not been any anti-Martin Luther King Day protests on campus, so what. There have been plenty organized by the Klu Klux Klan down South, and I'm sure a few phone calls will get them to pollute our area as well. I hear Americo Vespucci, a black man, was the first to discover America, yet for obvious reasons did not get the credit. Should we really be celebrating the founding of America and its subsequent rape of Anglo-European powers? There is, however, one thing we can be certain of, and that is the Anglo-European influence purposely and systematically decimated the Native American culture in both North and South America. And that is a celebration I want no part in.

Now, Mr. Korando's paraphrase of Professor Gordon is not all that impressive, yet it does help to highlight a key point about how history is

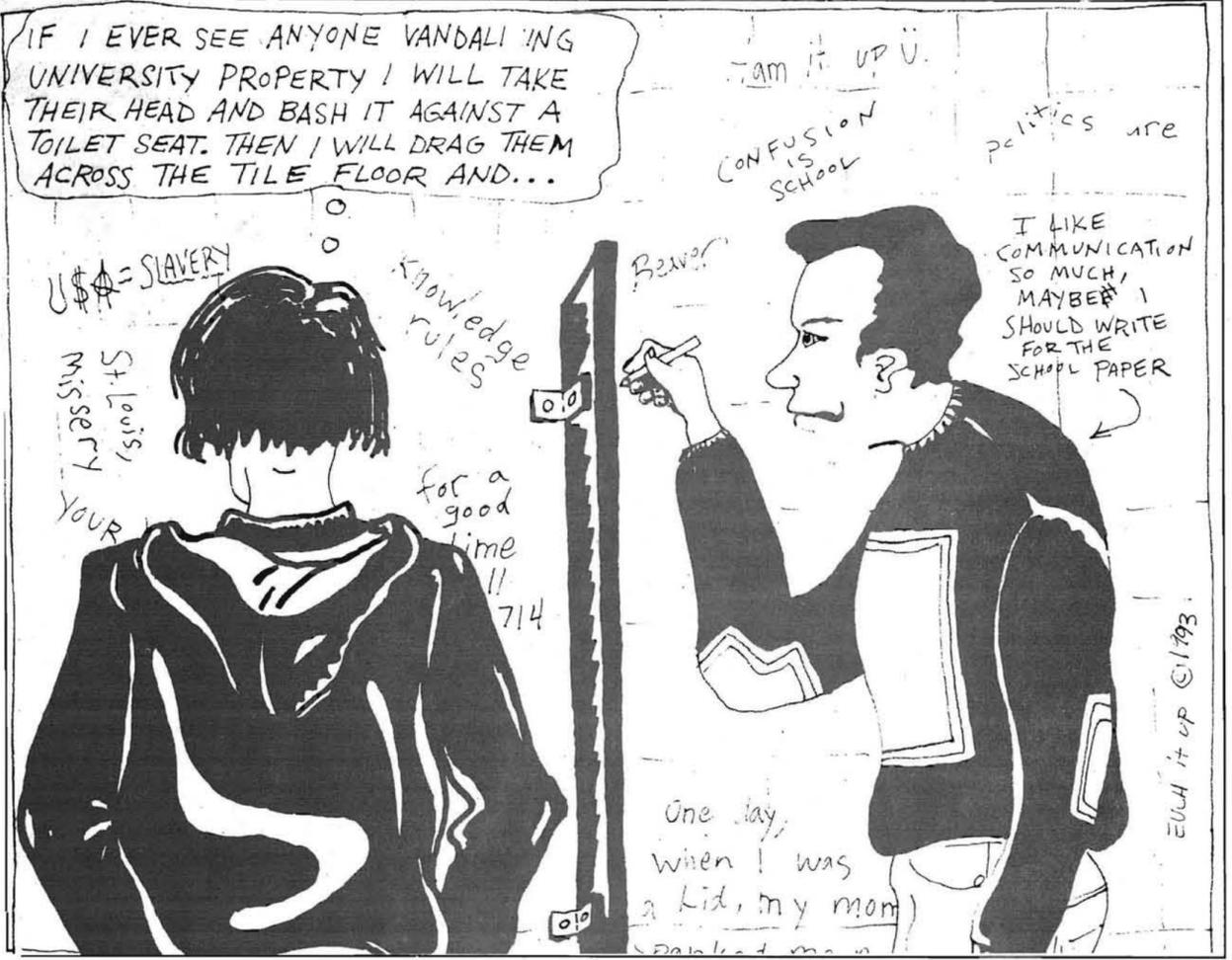
## Misguided Advice From Editor Needs Enlightenment

Dear editor,

Just when you think you've seen it all, a curve comes your way. The most recent communicate from the editor's desk (Oct. 25) was indeed a hodgepodge of ideas and observations, yet not the type that I would want divulged in a public forum. Yet remembering the time warp I currently find myself in—also known as living in the Midwest—accompanied by the reputation and attitudes of *The Current* and its staff, as well as those of the University community, on issues pertinent to certain groups, then it all nicely falls into place, and I can see a pattern forming.

The inadequacies of the criminal justice system have been no secret to African-Americans. Why is it that we make up 12 to 15 percent of the population in the U.S., but 40 percent of the prison population? Why is that, as Mr. Zweifel points out, nickel and dime drug dealers can get ridiculous sentences, while the ones who own the planes and the labs and really profit are overlooked, or even seen as allies by our government (i.e. Manual Noriega)? Why is that the rape of a white woman by an African-American was at one time punishable by the death sentence, that is if a lynching did not occur before the execution date? Does anyone remember Emmitt Till, the 14-year-old kid beaten to death by a gang of whites because he whistled at a white woman? And the list goes on and on.

Now, as far as the Los Angeles situation, the bottom line is this: If justice had been served in the first



written and most importantly by whom. If history is a compilation of events meant to place humans in a positive light, then it is no wonder that traditional history texts are written with little, if any, mention of the positive influences of ethnic people. Most of the references in such historical texts

place Africans solely in the role of slaves, who made no significant contribution to humanity. This is a biased notion which is historically inaccurate. What we have is more of a collection of white history, written by whites, exclusively for whites. And if there is any doubt of this, ask the young lady I encountered in college who saw a picture of Martin Luther King Jr., and asked if he was my father.

And Mr. Korando's not so subtle call for African-Americans to "forget" about slavery is simply distasteful and downright ignorant. There is such a thing as historical trauma—just ask any Native American or someone of Jewish decent. Would the Jews want

to overlook the holocaust? To call for us to remove [slavery] from our memory and invalidate it as a part of our American experience is like forgetting that one's wife has been raped while you watched. It is not surprising that Mr. Korando suggests that we do this, for judgement is often passed on

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—Matthew Taylor

the normative and defensive behaviors of those who have not been guaranteed the rights and privileges of those in power. Furthermore, Mr. Korando is naively assuming that the influences of slavery are no longer prevalent in our society, simply because

it is no longer "legal." The American system of slavery was the most brutal and viscous system of oppression to date. A vast majority of the new arrivals to early America came because they wanted to. They were not knocked unconscious, kidnapped, brought to a strange land, robbed of their culture and forced to work. While many immigrant groups were allowed to retain

at least a semblance of their original cultures, African-Americans, were not. So Mr. Korando, do not call on me to forget my roots and my past because you feel uncomfortable with it. Your closed-minded attitude is rather consistent with the imperialist past (and present) of Anglo culture. Forget your past, we have a better way, and if you don't, then we'll beat the hell out of you until you see things our way. That's what the military is for, right? Call me crazy, but when did the military take on such an active or positive role in the enhancement of race relations? I guess those fellow soldiers in Oklahoma didn't mean to call my cousin a nigger while he was participating in some exercise, there, or perhaps they meant it more as a source of support and encouragement—that word does have a way of producing rather productive feelings.

Probably the most disturbing feature of Mr. Korando's column (Oct. 25) was the audacity and nerve he showed in suggesting that African-Americans move away from idolizing dead heroes, such as Malcolm X and Martin Luther King and sports stars, in favor of the Colin Powell (Clarence Thomas) type. I have a real problem with it and find it extremely offensive that an individual, so far removed from my experience, would have the gall to

tell me who he thinks I should look up to. As if African-Americans are the only people who idolize individuals from the past or sports figures. C'mon, Mr. Korando, at least have a little common sense and insight. What is this country's fascination with John F. Kennedy and the founding fathers, anyway? Next, Mr. Korando will be suggesting a brand of religion that he finds acceptable for African-Americans to participate in. It is one thing for Mr. Korando to express his views and opinions, yet when he begins to impose them on others and pass value judgments, on the basis of limited and stereotypical contact, then his true colors show through. He moves from being a close-minded columnist into the role of a unenlightened individual. While it true that there are more problems than racism, if Mr. Korando were in a position to experience it on a daily, life-long basis he might think differently. His perch atop the social hierarchy as a white male gives him a relatively safe and removed vantage point from which to watch as the world goes by. Yes, there are more issues to be dealt with besides racism, but when one encounters individuals so unaware of their own prejudices and biases, it is hard to believe and act otherwise.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Taylor

## Student's Effort To Change UM-St. Louis Textbook Policy Rewarded With 600 Signatures

commentary

by Jeremy Rutherford  
associate news editor

There have been more rallies in the past two weeks at UM-St. Louis than in the past 20 years.

Last Monday, it was UM-St. Louis

senior Tony Gray's turn to stand on the soapbox. Gray questioned the prices of textbooks by voicing his opinion outside the doors of the University Center, which houses the University Bookstore. And after three days of petitioning to re-evaluate a plan to

lower book costs, you can multiply Gray's opinion 600 times.

Andy Masters, Student Government Association president, said on Friday morning, with Gray's help, the University Bookstore will have a debit credit card system. Students will be able to charge up to \$500 dollars in merchandise from the bookstore.



This is a big step. But what about the high prices.

"I would be the first to agree the books are too expensive," Schultz said. "But the publishers are the ones that make the prices."

Publishers were unavailable for comment because they are currently out of town, vacationing with our book fees.

An average UM-St. Louis student earning even \$7 per hour would have to work 25 hours to pay for a semester's worth of books. Who has 25 extra hours in today's fast-paced world, and how many

students average more than \$7 per hour? On top of it all, these books are seldom used again.

Gray is a member of the textbook reform committee, and began searching for alternatives two months ago when the original coordinators of the committee were not making progress.

"I called Mizzou (UM-Columbia) and SEMO (Southeast Missouri State) right

away," Gray said. "And I found out that there are other alternatives to pay for the books."

UM-St. Louis junior Tim Schmidt is a former student of SEMO.

Schmidt said the book rental system at SEMO is very reasonable. "Each book was set at a standard price," Schmidt said. "The maximum amount a student could pay for all books would be \$35." Although that sounds like money in the bank for UM-St. Louis students, that is not the way to go. You wouldn't have to travel far to find that answer. Just ask one SEMO bookstore official, who asked to not be recognized. "We are going to stick with the rental system, despite some previous problems," she said. "The university is

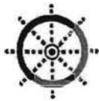
never compensated for the cost of the book and there is always trouble with professors trying to issue new, updated texts. Professors now must address a committee that decides if a new text is to be used."

Gray never said he had all the answers. But he says 600 people do not feel we have the right answer.

"We are going to approach the administration with these signatures," Gray said. "With this number of students that are dissatisfied, we are going to say, 'We are not happy, can you make us happy?'"

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## Seniors Receive Recognition For Campus Achievement

by Christine McGraw  
managing editor

After four years of outstanding academic achievement and dedication to campus groups and organizations, 65 seniors from UM-St. Louis received recognition for their merit.

On Oct. 29, Student Activities sponsored "Who's Who Among Student in American Universities and Colleges," awards banquet. Since 1983, when the program was introduced at UM-St. Louis, more than 600 students have been selected and honored at similar ceremonies.

"This simply gives us a chance to recognize students on academic and co-curricular activities," said James Krueger, vice chancellor for managerial and technological services. "It's a fascinating opportunity to pause and think about the wealth of experiences in and out of the classroom."

Krueger made introductory remarks at the ceremony. Established in 1934, the award exists as one of the most highly regarded and long standing honor programs in the nation. Inclusion is based on superior academic achievement and co-curricular contributions to the campus and the community, and each School or College selects its recipients based on academic standards that equal or exceed standards set up by Who's Who.

Nick Karabas was one of the seniors awarded. He said what made him most happy about the award was that his efforts during college didn't go unnoticed.

"I was honored to be selected," he said, "but most of all I was happy that my efforts to make UM-St. Louis a better place haven't gone unnoticed."

Andy Masters, Student Governments president, was also awarded. He said the award is important to him because he will be the first in his family to graduate from college.

"Tonight is a very special night," he said. "This night is primarily for my father. I will be the first Masters to graduate college and that's special to my dad."

Student Eric Barnhart who received recognition said that he is following in the foot steps of two of his favorite people.

"Ronald and Nancy Reagan were 'Who's Whos' and if I could follow in their foot steps it would be an honor," Barnhart said.

Award-recipient Jeep Hague, director of Horizons Peer Counseling, said it's a personal victory for her.

"It's a sense of accomplishment," said Hague. "Personal



Photo: Dave Floyd

Richard T. East (above), of the School of Business Administration, was one of the 65 seniors awarded at the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Awards Banquet, Oct. 27 in the Summit Lounge.

goals are fulfilled."

Bob Schmalfeld, director of University Center, was master of ceremonies for the event. Schmalfeld said it's always important to recognize students in the university community who are of academic and extra-curricular excellence. "This allows us to honor 65 of them," he said.

Those honored were as follows: From the College of Arts and Sciences Pir Ahmad, Eric Barnhart, Lisa Black, Martha Bonne, Melissa Bowen-Li, Gregory Brown, David Bryant, Paula Burkemper, Amelia Eams, Christine Goedert, Jerri Hayes, Gina Keckritz, Charles "Andy" Masters, Amy

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## Burton's Movie Magic Popular With Children, Adults

by Jeffrey Struyk  
of The Current staff

Tim Burton showed us in "Beetlejuice" that even ghosts have problems. In his most recent movie, "The Nightmare Before Christmas," he introduces an animated character going through a mid-life crisis.

Director Henry Selick's technical talent and Burton's eccentric imagination combine to produce a movie that is delightfully grotesque and morbidly amusing.

Set in a land that had a town for each holiday, the movie focuses on the character of Jack Skellington (voice of Chris Sarandon; singing voice of Danny Elfman) as Halloweentown's

Pumpkin King. He is admired by the town's hideous inhabitants, whose singing and dancing makes them look like demonic versions of the Munchkins from "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz."

Jack finds himself bored with his task of supervising the creation of Halloween horrors year after year. With his discovery of the neighboring Christmastown, his passion for his work is renewed. Jack hopes to take over Christmas and make it as successful as Halloween.

Although the plot is rather simple, the movie makes up for it with the music and animation. The eerily cheerful music was composed by Danny Elfman, who also wrote the

score for "Beetlejuice." The most impressive feature of the movie is the animation. Using a technique known as stop-motion animation, puppets come to life and appear to move on the screen. The characters in "The Nightmare Before Christmas" are the most impressive examples of this technique I have ever seen. Each of the characters moves with such an amazing fluidity that, at times, I found it difficult to believe that they were actually puppets and not people dressed up in costumes.

Although "The Nightmare Before Christmas" is similar to "Beetlejuice" in many respects, I don't believe it will achieve the same "cult classic" status.

## The State Of Race Relations: Is UM-St. Louis A Racist Campus?

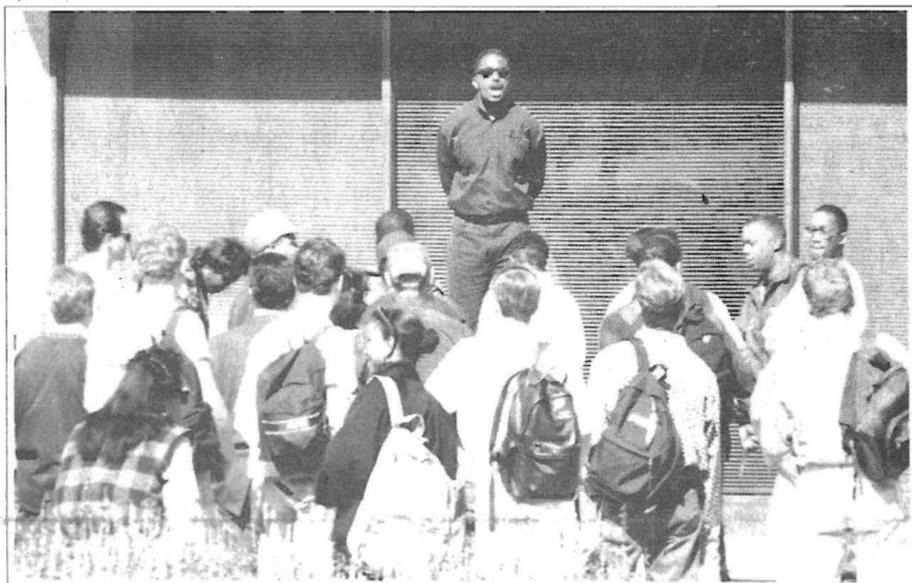


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GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS: With students protesting everything from paintings to the price of textbooks, school spirit could be considered at high not attained in years. But do UM-St. Louis officials agree with this kind of spirit? Seen here, is a recent rally to remove a controversial painting in the Thomas Jefferson Library.

by Dana Cook  
features editor

last of a three-part series

The last issues that demonstrate racism, according to a flyer that was hanging on the door of the Associated Black Collegians (ABC), are a lack of library material (African-American oriented), questionable hiring practices of African-Americans and yellow journalism by the campus newspaper (*The Current*).

Travis Lawrence, vice president of ABC, said African-American students would like to see more library material that shows history from someone else's point of view besides Anglo-American's.

"It's a cultural thing," Lawrence said. "They would like to see books that glorify and romanticize the origin from which they came."

Lawrence said the library should be more inclusive in having material that consists of what he calls an "alternative view."

"I think that expands the basic realm of knowledge and knowledge seeking in itself, to find out what some of these people's interpretations are and compare and contrast them," Lawrence said.

Genevieve S. Owens, head of collection development at the

Thomas Jefferson Library, sent a statement to the *The Current*. It said,

"In keeping with the university's commitment to diversity, the libraries make a concerted effort to build collections which support and reflect many different points of view, including those of the African-American community."

Norman Seay, director of the Equal Opportunity Office, said the library is willing to work with materials his office wants.

"I know,

**"We do better here, staff-wise, than any of the other campuses"**  
—Norman Seay, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, talking about UM-St. Louis hiring practices

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## All You Ever Wanted To Know About: Ms. Mary Liston UM-St. Louis Swimming Coach



photo: Alfie Ali

Robert M. Dames  
associate features editor

The last good movie I saw was "Somersby." My favorite movies are "Monty Python's The Quest for the Holy Grail" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

I stay at home to watch: "The Simpsons" and "Seinfeld."

The book I'm reading is: Robert Jordan's "Eye of the World." I normally read Anne Rice. I'm waiting for "Lasher" to come out.

Favorite pigout food: Ice-T Snapple and Ben and Jerry's ice cream. I'm trying to eat my way through ten different flavors so I can get a free T-shirt.

I went to college at: Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., and I went to USC in Los Angeles.

Favorite college memory: Definitely USC football, because O.J. Simpson was playing there and Lew Alcindor was playing basketball at UCLA. And being able to attend school near a beach.

Most prized possession: I have a guitar pick from the Jimmy Buffet concert at Riverport. I would be upset if I lost that.

Personal heroes: I'm not sure that any one certain person is a hero. I just kind of think that all of us out there doing what we need to do and

not getting nuts are the people that are really the heroes that I look to.

New Year's resolution: Not to swear quite as much as I do.

I'd give anything to meet: I'd kinda like to meet Eric Clapton. Music is just real important to me and I think that is someone who has gone through a lot of changes and pretty much come out the better for all he has done. I think he would be totally fascinating to sit down and have dinner with. And if I had a second person I'd like to meet Don Henley because I'm totally enamored of The Eagles. I love his political stances.

A real great evening to me is: good music. I don't need a big party. It could be a quiet atmosphere. When my daughter's in town, I like to go someplace with her, but I'm usually not who she wants to spend time with. I like to read when it rains.

Fantasy I wanted to hang out with Kris Kristoferson. I kinda always wanted to be Rita Coolidge because she was married to him, but then they got a divorce and I figure I would have been dumped. I would like just to be involved in music somehow.

The one thing I can't stand is: people that don't stick to their principles regardless of the outcome. There are times when you've got to say this is what I really feel. You pay the price sometimes for doing it. I don't like people who vacillate from one position to the other depending on who's in the room. I have no tolerance for that whatsoever.

People who knew me in college said: Probably that I'd never finish because I had to take glass blowing to graduate and it was difficult. They would also be very surprised that I ended being involved in athletics.

My friends like me because: I'm honest. They are not surprised by my actions.

Behind my back they say: they wish I would take a little more care in my decisions for my own future. I tend to make decisions based on my ethics and my principles without looking at the dollar figure involved. As you get

older you do kind of have to think about how you're gonna pay the bills.

If I wasn't the swim coach, I would be: a teacher. I would be teaching something somewhere, hopefully involving a long-term life skill and some values and thought patterns that teenagers or college students would be sitting around discussing twenty years after they met me.

Two words that best describe me are: creative and intelligent.

My favorite team: The UM-St. Louis Swim Team. I like the Los Angeles Raiders.

My favorite childhood memory: When we lived in Southern California we used to go to a beach called the Corona Del Mar. My parents would just take us there and let us spend the whole day. My parents dropped me and my brother off.

I've never been able to say no, when people ask me to do things I don't want to do. I end up doing things for other people a lot more than I should sometimes. I am getting better.

If I could change one thing about myself: I'd like to be a morning person a little more than I am. I'm not real friendly in the morning.

The best time of my life: I've had some real good times in New Orleans. It's a great city to visit. It's got excellent architecture, good food, and great music. It's got everything I like and I don't have to live there. The other thing is the time one of my swimmers went to Olympic Trials. I don't know if it was my best time, but it was the best time I spent with an athlete. He was just as excited as could be and totally unselfish with his performance. Someone that realizes it took two people to get there.

When I grow up: I'd love to be about six inches taller.

Hobbies: I read. I watch movies. I listen to a lot of music and when I can I go to concerts.

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# VOX POPULI

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Siegal said the card would be used more than the current identification card.

"It would provide the ability to charge food service and could be used as a key to enter campus facilities and that would increase security," he said.

Siegal said all parts of the campus would benefit from this card. "Many people have cried out for such a system," Siegal said. "The people in the Mark Twain Building could use this to keep track of who is using the facilities. This would also allow them to issue cards to former students who keep up on their alumni bills."

Rich Meckfessel, UM-St. Louis athletic director, said the Mark Twain Building needs an efficient system to identify students using the facility.

"There is no way to identify students who enter this building," Meckfessel said. "Some former students still have their card and we have to run their name through the computer which causes long lines. We need an identification system that insures the people using the building are the people who should be using the building," Meckfessel said. "But not expensive."

Siegal agreed with Meckfessel. "That is part of our study," Siegal said. "We need to be concerned with the cost of such a system."

Siegal said when the new system goes into effect, the card will have many uses for years to come.

"It would be a freeing aspect to business on the campus," Siegal said. "And if one keeps up on alumni bills, it could be used for life."

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significant increase in the winter semester," he said. "We don't think it will go up dramatically. Winter enrollment is usually down."

Wright said the university's marketing for recruitment this year was more organized than it had been in the past. He said the extra effort put into marketing was not in vain, even though the university did not obtain the projected number of credit hours.

"We see the benefits of it now," Wright said. "Things we started to do last year are starting to pay off. Even though enrollment might drop, it might not drop as it did in the past."

Dear editor,

As a volunteer for KWMU [radio], I was on the UMSL campus this week and picked up a copy of your newspaper. I found the articles and news items both interesting and well-written. I confess that I would have not written to tell you this. What has caused me to write is the fact that your paper contains an ad for a liquor store. I believe that such an ad has no place in a periodical distributed among students.

While I'm well aware that a number of our younger people drink alcoholic beverages, I do not feel that a paper, which attempts to lead students in the fields of moral and social behavior, should appear to advocate the use of drugs in any form. Young people have enough problems fighting the pressures of Madison Avenue and the publicity firms employed by the Anheuser-Busch Corporation... you should not be adding to them. Or are you so conscientiously liberal that we will be seeing ads for Camels, etc. in future issues?

Sincerely,  
Arthur W. Scholbe

Dear editor,

I was disappointed in your cover story ("Fall Enrollment Up Despite Projected Losses") in the Oct. 18 edition of *The Current*. I was disappointed because the article omitted a seemingly obvious reason why enrollment increased. That is—a hardworking admissions staff.

That confused me. Writing an article on enrollment rising without crediting the admissions staff for any of that rise? What is the deal with that?

Sincerely,  
Michael B. Cundiff  
UM-St. Louis, recruiter

Dear editor,

I am upset about the inherent slowness in the student loan process.

When I submitted my completed S.A.R. report to the UMSL Student Financial Aid Department at the end of August, I was informed I would probably receive my student loan by the end of September. What a laugh! Maybe by the end of the semester—probably not!

What is really irritating is all the S.F.A. has to do is verify that I am indeed illegible for the loan and release a promissory note for the bank, and this takes three months? I realize the S.F.A. has an overload of applications but why does it take so long to check

information already stored in the S.F.A. computer with information stored in the University Computer?

Even after the university releases the promissory note, the bank has to re-review the reviewed information! And this will take another one to two weeks! And even after the bank issues the check to the university, the S.F.A. has to review the re-reviewed application to re-make sure the student is still eligible for the loan! So where does it all end?

Why can't UMSL have a student aid system where the student can enter the initial S.A.R. information on a computer program (possibly similar to the current C-Base application program) that will send the information (after prompting the student whether all necessary information is correct and have the student review and again verify the correctness of the information) to the reviewing agency via an electronic system. A computer could easily review the information and determine the type of government loan and see if the student was eligible and how much the student was eligible to receive, and electronically send the information back to the university whose computer(s) could review the student's academic standing for eligibility and (when it becomes available) access a national student loan database for total amount received to date and if the student had ever defaulted on a previous loan, and

then the computer could send the information to the designated bank. The bank's computer could review the information and print out a check to be mailed to the university the next working day and send the university this information via computer so the university computer could re-review the student's eligibility for the loan. The computer could even access a scholarship database and suggest additional sources the student could apply to for financial aid and send this report to the student via e-mail.

Since most of this information is already in the computers now, why isn't this being done? I know, this would save money and time and frustration, let's not do it.

I really believe even an UMSL MIS junior could design and implement a workable student financial aid system, such as the one I suggest, in less than a semester, if the government and the university would cooperate. Again, what a laugh.

I've learned a nasty lesson from this experience. One which I will be slow to repeat, even if it means dropping out of school.

Gary Morford  
Student

Dear editor,

The entire student body has the opportunity to practice democracy by voting on student senators to the President and Vice President of the Student Government Association. However, the SGA in its "Year of Unity" did not allow all students the opportunity to vote for the Homecoming 1993 Court by holding the elections only at the dance.

The SGA has failed in promoting unity among students in this year's homecoming elections. By holding the elections only at the dance, a minority of students are voting for a court that represents all UM-St. Louis students. The election procedure makes the court

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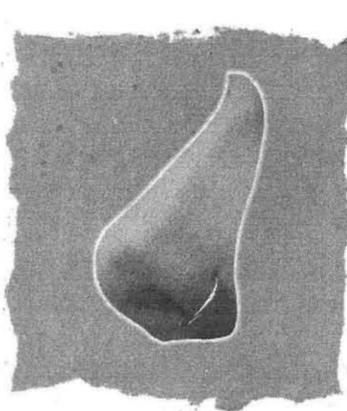
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## Speak No Evil



### St. Louis Doesn't Deserve NFL Team

by Cory Schroeder  
sports editor

There is nothing I would like more than to hear the sounds of gut-wrenching hits, the new stadium erupting when our team scores a touchdown, and St. Louis's name on NFL Live's halftime report. But with the current fiasco that has resulted from the expansion process, I would just as soon take the Gridbirds [Cardinals] back from Phoenix.

This town has shown its true colors and they're all yellow. Lest we forget, the structure that is being built on the corner of Cole and 14th street; the shiny, new domed stadium, is due to the dedication and leg-work of one man: the owner of Grey Eagle beer distributorship, Jerry Clinton.

Clinton lobbied the city council, the mayor's office, and the state Congress into passing legislation that would support the financing of the new stadium. He also kept St. Louis's name alive in the minds of the NFL's brass when deliberation for expansion was taking place as far back as five years ago. But there is a snake in the garden of Eden and its name is money. Clinton has been left out in the cold like a bum begging on the doorstep of August A. Busch III.

Apparently, no one cares about integrity anymore. The new expansion effort led by multi-millionaire E. Stanley Kroenke did not offer Clinton membership in the Gateway Partnership. Why? Clinton doesn't have wads of money rolling out of his pockets.

"Stan the Man" doesn't care that without Clinton, St. Louis would not even be a candidate in the running for an NFL team. The least Kroenke and his cronies could have done was allowed Clinton to stand with them when they made their final pitch to the NFL owners. Clinton still has the shovel that first broke ground at 14th and Cole. So obviously, he cares about football in St. Louis.

The Gateway Partnership could have gone so far as to give Clinton a small percentage of the team, say like two percent, just to show their appreciation for all the work he did for the expansion effort. But Clinton has no money and that's all the new ownership cares about, but of course that's the extent of the NFL's concerns, too.

Where was this Kroenke guy the whole time? Talk about coming in at the 11th hour. What's even more disconcerting is that Fred S. Kummer, Kroenke's fellow investor in the Gateway Partnership, was approached by Clinton a few months ago and asked if he wanted to invest in the franchise effort. Kummer responded with a sharp "no" and said he had no interest whatsoever in investing in NFL football. Now, all of sudden, he's on the football bandwagon. The smell of money is in the air.

If the NFL Gods-that-be decide to give us a piece of their money-making pie called a franchise, I will, being an avid sports fan, attend the games, buy the merchandise, and watch all the away battles on TV. However, I will always remember how greed gripped the city of St. Louis and how we as citizens gave into its dastardly power.

Jerry Clinton's name should be held in reverence as a man unlike many who cared more about bringing happiness and money to his hometown than about himself.

# It's Miller Time: Senior Finishes Off Career With Scoring Vengeance

by Pete Dicrispino  
associate sports editor

Kim Miller's main objective her senior year for the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team was to go out with a bang, and lately, she has accomplished her goal.

Miller is coming off a week where she scored four goals and was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player of the TJs Pizza Classic Tournament on Oct. 23 and 24.

"Kim understands that this is her last year and she has worked really hard," UM-St. Louis coach Ken Hudson said. "She's more matured and playing in her means."

Miller finished second on the team in scoring with 12 goals and 10 assists for 34 points. She has also moved into six place on the school's all-time scoring list with 23 goals and 22 assists for 68 points.

Miller was having a hard time finding the net at the beginning of the year, but Hudson moved her to forward and the goals followed.

"I'm more focused now... I'm just having fun and enjoying my senior year," Miller said.

Miller's offensive outburst has taken the pressure off of leading scorer Jenny Burton.

"Jenny and I play off of each other, we're not greedy," Miller said. "If I see that she has a breakaway, I'll give her the ball and she does the same for me."

Ever since her freshman year, Miller was touted as a scorer, but injuries and disagreements with Hudson delayed her development.

"Kim and I have not always seen eye to eye over the years, but I respect



Kim Miller

her opinion," Hudson said. "We put all the distractions aside, she's a good player."

Miller, while not big and not very fast due to a bad knee, is a smart player

who knows what to do with the soccer ball.

"Kim has good ball skills, she is one of the most skill players on our team," Hudson said. "She's always

thinking ahead and finds the open field."

"I've been distributing the ball well lately," Miller said.

She has not only been passing well, but she has been shooting well, too.

Miller recorded her first career hat trick (three goals in one game) in Saturday's win over Bellarmine.

"I'm finding the net now," Miller said. "I'm hitting them on goal instead of hitting them wide."

So, Miller can be proud of the way her season has gone. She achieved her goal of finishing her career strong.

"All I wanted this year was to come out and play hard," Miller said. "I wanted to end my career with some respect as a player."

What will people remember most about Kim Miller as they look back in years to come?

"That she was a decent player and was an asset to the team," Miller said.

On Oct. 29, Miller finished off her season in grand style, scoring a school-record five goals in a 14-0 rout against Southwest Baptist. The 14 goals was highest output this season.

## UMSL Sports Notebook

compiled by Cory Schroeder and Pete Dicrispino

### Volleyball Finishes Home Season With Sweep

The UM-St. Louis Volleyball Team rumbled through their own Volleyfest unscathed, winning four matches (Oct. 29-30).

The Riverwomen defeated Quincy 15-8, 15-3, 15-10 and blew past Indianapolis 15-9, 15-7, 15-5 on Friday.

On Saturday, the Riverwomen opened things up with a victory over Wisconsin-Parkside 15-12, 15-2, 15-7 and completed their hot play with a thrashing of East Texas State 15-3, 15-4, 15-11.

The Riverwomen are now 24-10 overall and 11-5 in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

For their final two matches of the season, the Riverwomen will travel to Missouri Western (Nov. 5) and Northwest Missouri (Nov. 6).

### Swimmers Outstroked By Milliken

The UM-St. Louis men's swimming team lost a heartbreaker to Milliken 100-99 in their first home match of the season Friday night.

Riverman senior Dave Roither won the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly.

### Frederking Scores Game-Winner For Ambush

Former UM-St. Louis soccer standout Craig Frederking scored the game-winning goal against Dayton in the Ambush's season-opener Friday night.

Frederking scored with nine minutes and 22 seconds into overtime on a header from fellow rookie Mike LaPosha.

## Riverwomen Finish Strong, End Season With 11-9 Mark

by Pete Dicrispino  
associate sports editor

Playoff hopes have diminished for the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team, but they have nothing to be ashamed of.

The Riverwomen lost two out of three games last week and they saw their slim postseason chances take a tumble.

The Riverwomen opened up the week in the TJs Pizza Classic Tournament on Oct. 23 with a 5-1 victory over Bellarmine College.

Forward Kim Miller scored three goals to lead the attack, and the Riverwomen controlled the game from the opening whistle.

"Kim did a real good job, she was in the right place at the right time," UM-St. Louis coach Ken Hudson said.

The entire team generally played well.

"We knocked the ball around good and the whole team played well," Hudson said. "We made things happen."

The Riverwomen outshot the



Photo Alfie M. Ali

**LAST HURRAH:** Senior Angie Anderson (Left) completed her career at UM-St. Louis as one of the top sweepers of all time.

Lady Knights 19 to five in the game. And the five shots by the Lady Knights were from well out in front of the goal.

"Our backfield played well defensively," Hudson said.

They played well again the next

day against Louisville, but fell short 2-1, and their playoff dreams took a header.

"Again, in the Louisville game, we

played well defensively, but we couldn't put the ball into the net," Hudson said. "It was frustrating because I thought we were the better team."

Miller scored the lone goal for the Riverwomen and midfielders Sarah Maddox and Steffanie Schiller also played well against the Cardinals.

"We made two mistakes and they scored both times," Hudson said. "If we would have knocked the ball around like we did Saturday, they wouldn't have come close to us."

On Monday, the Riverwomen played their third game in as many days, playing SIU-Edwardsville.

The Cougars scored three goals in overtime and went on to beat the Riverwomen 3-0. The game was very physical and six yellow cards were handed out.

"The game was so physical because everyone knows each other," Hudson said. "SIU is a good rival... the games are always battles."

The Riverwomen committed 16

fouls and were given four yellow cards. The Cougars had 15 fouls and received two yellow cards.

"People are out for blood when we play SIU," Miller said.

The game was tied 0-0 after regulation and was a pretty evenly played game until overtime.

"We couldn't put the ball away in regulation, it was like there was a wall in front of the goal," Hudson said.

The Cougars scored seven minutes into overtime and the Riverwomen never recovered.

"We just broke down in overtime," Miller said. "They scored the first goal and we let down a little bit. But we played very well and we never quit after they scored."

The loss dropped the Riverwomen to 9-9 in 1993, with two games left in the season.

"If we would have taken advantage of our chances we would of won the

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## Westport Cine' Athlete of the Week Jenny Burton

\*Holds Single Season Goal Scoring Mark With 20

\*Has Nine Game-Winning Goals

\*Finished Season With 48 Points



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self up to this person... that is where you develop a dependent personality. And then whatever I say, you obey."

He said submission is brought down to control almost every aspect of a members life. He said the group's leaders control such aspects as waking time, bedtime, marriage, sex life, employment and finances.

"They don't tell you not to spend time with your family, but their activities make you not spend time with them," Eng said.

Eng said members are forced to write down all of their sins when they become a member of the church. He said they are told they will be confidential but they are sometimes used against the person.

Eng said it was frightening for him and many other members to leave the church since the members are so close. He said the group is seen by a member as the only God. Without the group, Eng said, the members believe there is no reason to go on living. He said after leaving the group he personally felt

suicidal as did his brother and sister who also were members of the organization.

"People actually believe the group is from God and that they are the only people from God," Eng said. "You are constantly being told that if you leave this group you will go back to the devil."

Drive from page 1

the help couldn't have come at a better time considering the recent flooding in the area.

"Right now, with the situation of the flood, the Red Cross really needed our help," Free said. "They (Red Cross) told us that the blood donations were more important this year than in the past."

Free said the results of organizing such an event are immeasurable.

"This is something that can't be taught in the classroom," Free said. "But being involved in these activities helps with your career."

Soccer from page 7

game in regulation," Hudson said.

The Riverwomen ended their season on a positive note with victories against Southwest Baptist (Oct. 29) and Drury College (Oct. 30).

Southwest Baptist's defense collapsed under the offensive might of UM-St. Louis, allowing 14 goals on 69 shots.

"As a coach, you feel bad running up the score," Hudson said. "But you can't tell them not to shoot."

With only 10 minutes expired in the first half, the Riverwomen led 4-0 and Hudson put in all his subs including moving starting goalkeeper Kelley Hearne to midfield and junior Jodie Passwater, who has seen limited action this season, to goal.

"I put Jodie in goal so she could have enough minutes to win a varsity award," Hudson said.

Miller had a team-record five goals and Burton had four to lead the assault.

After that thrashing, the Riverwomen traveled to Drury for their

final game of the season.

Down 3-2 at the half, Burton led the team back with four goals including the game-winner, her ninth of the season.

Books from page 3

Jerold Siegal is coordinator of a committee that is in search of a new identification card system. This card system would be used to charge all campus items, but for the time being I think we can manage by charging just our books.

Masters feels with the addition of the debit card system the UMSL administration can please the students.

Gray vocalized the problem that affects all students. Schultz agreed there was room for improvement. Gray, Schultz and Masters followed proper technique to resolve the task at hand (Transposing signatures to the desks of the administrators by U-Haul).

The Master(s) plan of "unity" is finally rubbing off on the UM-St. Louis campus.

Campus Club Corner

Featured This Week: Television/Cinema Club



by Amy Weicht of The Current staff

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Television/Cinema and Production Club has purchased a new toaster! Sound exciting? If you have even the slightest clue as to what I'm talking about, then I think I may just have the club for you. If you have no clue as to what I'm talking about, then pay heed because you're about to learn a little tidbit about the wonderful world of television technology.

First thing's first. The Television/Cinema and Production Club, whom I'll affectionately refer to as TCPC, was started to enable students to learn about television and film production techniques, as well as gain experience and contacts in the field. Activities include various projects designed to both educate the students and enhance the images of the club and the University.

In a briefer terminology, that means you get to play Steven Spielberg and create movies and videos that people will actually see. Last year, the Club produced a piece on Native American rights which won several national awards and has since been picked up by the Public Broadcast Systems (PBS).

This year, they did a piece on the St. Louis Childrens Choir and it too has been nominated for some awards.

TCPC is a self-sufficient student group except for the money they receive from the Student Activities Fund for the purchase of special equipment. Which brings me to the point about the new toaster. If up until this point you've been picturing a large group of students watching TV and eating toast and jam then you're way off. A toaster is a piece of video equipment, a desk-top video system, that allows you to do video graphics digitally. In other words, it helps you dress up your productions so they look all fancy-schmancy with video effects.

For a club that does this all the time this new purchase makes the production biz all that much more exciting.

Right now, there are about 20 members in the club, but they are always looking for new faces to help out. They're always producing something; an instructional video or something else... they can always use a hand. It's a great way to discover the exciting world of television and learn important skills that you may be able to use in the future. Face it folks, the age of videos is upon us. Just ask Bob Saget.

If you think that this is the type of organization that you've been looking for, then all you have to do is—you guessed it—stop by your local Student Activities Office and ask for more information. Another option would be to show up at the Instructional Technology Center Nov. 4, at 12:30 p.m., and talk to Jeff Zinn, TCPC President. The group will meet at this time to discuss what's going on. Tell 'em you heard about it on The Corner.

Award from page 5

Newell, David O'Gorman, Michelle Pandolfo, Chad H. Reidhead, Vicki Ritts, Trezette Stafford, Joan M. Thomas, Tanya E. Thurman, Michael Trusty, Jennifer Turner, and Angela Wilcoxon, were honored.

From the School of Business Administration Diann G. Boast, Richard T. East, Jeffrey A. Henry, Jeffrey A. Heveroh, Nicholas J. Karabas, Jae Hee Ko, Angela M. Meyers, Miya J. Moore, Nina L. Nguyen, Richard J. Strifler, Sheri L. Tochtrop, Eugene L. Taylor, and Qing Xu were honored.

From the School of Education Donna Aumiller, Holly Behrens, Renee Campoy, Cielo Feliciano-Kriz, Jacqueline Floyd, Martha Henry, Laura Kennell, Janet Koch, Mary Jo Koeing, Susan Lally, Phyllis Montazee, and Melissa Ruether were honored.

From the Evening College Dryan Daniel Bethel, Linda Blosser, Julie Earhart, Bruce Fleming, Dorothy Gerner, Marion "Jeep" Hague, Karen Huber, Gloria Jackson, Elsie King, John Pokorny, Paul W. Riechers, Tracy Sugar, and Gail F. Townley were honored.

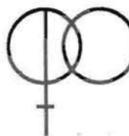
From the School of Nursing Osvaldo "Ozzie" Hunter was honored. From the Engineering Program Dennis Hale and Rosemarie Heidenreich were honored.

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