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That's Debatable

The UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate Team welcomed Japanese students Tuesday for a debate on gun control.

EDITORIAL

Student-journalist is happy just to have a chance. Hopes interested students will join The Current staff.

FEATURES

If you could take back one thing you have done in the past, what would it be?

SPORTS

Two-stroke penalty hampers the Rivermen golf team's chances of winning the Rivermen Invitational.

McLaughlin Out, Ross In

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

Dan McLaughlin announced he has withdrawn from the race for Student Government Association (SGA) president.

Bill Ross, vice president on the McLaughlin ticket, in turn announced his campaign for the president position.

McLaughlin said it was a personal decision.

"No one asked me to dropout," McLaughlin said. "When I said I was running with Bill Ross, I thought I was going into the right party because we were by far the most qualified. But now, I have decided that Bill and (his running mate) Brant Miederhoff have even more experience with seven or eight years of leadership. I will support their campaign."

McLaughlin said no other factors figured into his decision.

"I will be here next year as a student," McLaughlin said. "I'm not dropping out school, it's just I feel I didn't have the same amount of time and the commitment that they do."

He said none of the views will

change now that Ross will lead the campaign.

"We have had previous meetings discussing our positions on issues and they were the same anyway," McLaughlin said. "Those views will continue."

Ross said the transition will be smooth even though the week's events were unexpected.

"I was a little shocked that he was having second thoughts, but we discussed the possibility of this happening last week," Ross said. "After we talked, I decided that I would then run for president. I will continue to stress that we will open the doors to students."

Ross said his three years in SGA will be helpful to students if he is elected.

"I know the right people to talk to,

and knowing which channels to go through is important," Ross said. "I plan on taking 12 hours next year, six per semester, so that I will be around plenty of the time."

Miederhoff

approached McLaughlin earlier in the year and asked if an open position existed on his ticket. "He said he already had his plans made, but

he would let me know if anything changed," Miederhoff said. "And when he (Dan) decided he was no longer running, both he and Bill approached

me to be the new vice-president."

Miederhoff said his focus will concentrate on a group that already exists on the campuses of UM-Columbia, Rolla and Kansas City. "It is a student lobbying organization," Miederhoff said. "They have students go to Jefferson City and lobby for their school. Instead of just the times we need money, we need to be there weekly. Not only does it help the school, but it gives the students hands on training they may need in the future." Miederhoff also said he would like to enhance the life at Residence Hall. "I do not want strict limitations placed on the dorms," Miederhoff said. "It should be liberal because it is their home."

Elizabeth Titlow is Ross' comptroller selection.



Dan McLaughlin



Bill Ross

On The Run

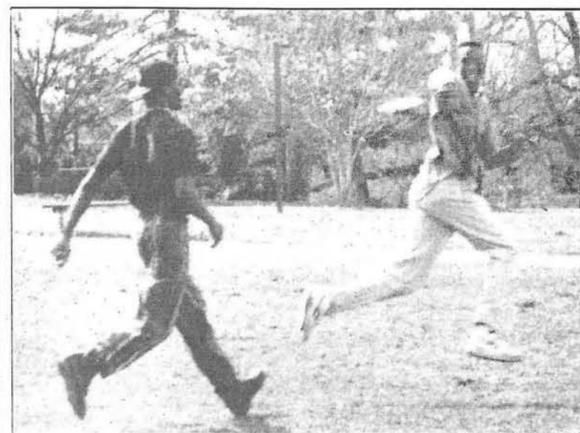


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TAKING IT EASY: Kevin Slaughter (left) and Hadrian Suber toss a frisbee in front of Thomas Jefferson Library last week.

New Reference System To Replace LUMIN

A Vote "Yes" On Amendment 3 Tuesday Could Make Difference

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

Thomas Jefferson Library (TJL) will soon be equipped with a state-of-the-art system that will replace LUMIN.

Joan Rapp, TJL director, said officials from all four University of Missouri campuses met last week to search for a replacement for the LUMIN system, which was installed 10 years ago.

"For the time it was developed, it was a good system," Rapp said. "We took advantage of what was technology then, but we need to go in a new direction. We have a vision to take advantage of the latest technology."

"It's not something we just started last week," Rapp said. "We've been working on this for several years."

Rapp said library directors from all four campuses presented the need for a new system to the UM-Board of Curators two years ago. "The curators and the chancellors of all

four campuses were very excited," Rapp said. "(UM) President (George Russell) wants a hi-tech campus for students, so when they graduate they'll already have the tools they need." Last week, the committee chose seven possible systems and narrowed the list to three: Data Research Association (DRA), Innovative Interfaces and NOTIS, which will all be demonstrated this week.

"(Those) are three systems that we are demonstrating," Rapp said. "That doesn't mean we will not continue to look at the other four. We may find that they have something the demos do not have. That is why we are giving the opportunity for everyone to come and look at the systems and give us their opinion."

The advantages the library directors are looking for center around the needs of the patron.

"For one, searching for a topic will be easier," said Sandy Snell, librarian.

"Instead of guessing for the topic or subject you are looking for, the new system would take the word you type in and associate it with what it thinks you are trying to locate. And the second advantage would be the ability to database other catalogs. Plus, all of this can be accessed from your home."

Rapp said the main advantage will be what she calls the one-stop shop. "A student will be able to bring up the topic they are pursuing, and print out the entire text without going to the book racks and searching," Rapp said. "It will be just like a copy machine."

Currently, there are 50 LUMIN terminals in TJL. Rapp said that number would increase with the new system.

She said it would be to each campus' advantage if the four UM schools chose the same system. "It would be the same hardware, and we could learn from each other," Rapp said. "It would also be easier when parts need to be replaced."

Rapp said the curators have made the new system a high priority on their list, but the funding has not yet been allocated.

"The funds recommended to the legislature are in the governor's budget," Rapp said. "But the funds the legislature can allocate to higher education partially depends on Amendment 3 (amendment for riverboat gambling)."

"If the amendment is voted down, we will continue to find a new system," Rapp said. "It will just come more slowly because there are a lot of competing priorities."

The demonstrations are open to the UM-St. Louis students, faculty and staff. DRA is scheduled for April 4-5; Innovative Interface will be on display April 11-12; NOTIS is April 21-22. All demonstrations will be at 11 a.m.-12 noon and 3 p.m.-4 p.m. in TJL.

"We encourage everyone to attend, and tell us how they feel," Rapp said. "We want to make the right choice."

Speeches Focus On Crime, Health Care As Priorities

by Clint Zweifel
editorial director

St. Louis County Executive "Buzz" Westfall said he still considers St. Louis City and County "relatively safe places to live" despite a perceived increase in crime by the public.

Westfall visited UM-St. Louis Monday as part of Student Government Association's (SGA's) "State of the Union: The Student Perspective."

Westfall said he has heard that homicides in St. Louis City are at a record pace, but the number has remained steady the last two years in the County. Westfall said crime can-

not be eliminated, but it can be controlled.

"We're not going to eliminate crime," he said. "But, we can keep it under control. All things considered, it's a safe place to live."



"Buzz" Westfall

Westfall said programs such as DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) and citizen and juvenile police academies have kept citizens involved in preventing and fighting crime.

"The more familiar adults are with police, the more they try to help each other out and crime goes down,"

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by Clint Zweifel
editorial director

James Talent, D-Mo., agrees with most politicians that the United States' health care program needs reform, but he does not expect any changes soon.

Talent visited the UM-St. Louis campus Monday to talk about health care reform as part of Student Government Association's (SGA's) "State of the Union: The Student Perspective."

He said he did not expect any relevant changes in health care within the year. Talent said one of two things is most probable to come out

of Congress by the end of their legislative session. One of those probabilities is Congress passing what Talent calls a "nothing bill", making no concrete changes in the system. Talent said the other possibility is House and Senate Leadership might "throw something (a bill) together" close to the end of the legislative session.



Jim Talent

Talent said pressure from the media could cause the legislature to introduce a bill that would not be beneficial to the public.

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Education School Learns Of Recognition

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

For the first time in 12 years, the UM-St. Louis School of Education has been recognized by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

"It's a terrific accomplishment," said Rickey George, interim dean of the School of Education. "Especially after NCATE went to the new system five years ago. It's much more difficult to be accredited."

The NCATE focuses on quality of faculty and graduates, support given to graduates and programs of excellence.

George said the School has excelled in all of those areas. "Of 1,300 schools, they look at the best 500," George said. "Of the 500, 25 percent pass all standards, and we passed all of them. So, we were in the top 125 of 1,300 schools." The NCATE measures the students when they come into the school, and how their education is continued. "We require a 2.5 GPA to enter the School," George said. "Ninety percent of our students have a 3.0 or higher after 60 hours in the College of Arts and Sciences. The students must also pass the C-Base test and later, the National Teachers Exam."

Arthur Wise, president of NCATE, said the education profession called for tougher standards of admissions.

"Those institutions that meet the standards set by the field have made an investment in teacher education that will yield an important return," Wise said. "Higher quality in the programs that prepare teachers and other school

specialists, and professional and public recognition of that fact." In addition to the requirements, George said the School asks more of students who attend UM-St. Louis' School of Education.

"We require two different student-teaching positions," George said. "And we make sure that they are quite different. If a student teaches first grade one

time, they'll teach third, fourth or fifth the next time. After they teach in let's say the Parkway district, they'll need to teach in a school with a larger group of minorities the next time." George said the NCATE decision simply formalizes what the St. Louis educational community has known for sometime.

"For one, it means nothing because

we could go on without it," George said. "But for a matter of recognition, it makes it easier for students to be certified to teach in another state because they look at if your school was nationally accredited."

"(The recognition shows) that the UM-St. Louis School of Education has

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Former Journals Editor Joins University Relations Staff

by Christopher Sutherland
of The Current staff

A former city editor for the Suburban Journals has joined the UM-St. Louis University Relations staff.

"I enjoyed myself when I was a student here on campus and thought it would be nice to work here," said Jack Crosby, 1981 alumnus of UM-St. Louis and senior information specialist for University Relations.

Crosby graduated from UM-St. Louis in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in English. He began his work at the Journals 10 years ago as a reporter. He has worked as the city editor for the newspaper for the past five years.

"Bob Samples (UM-St. Louis director of communications) called me and asked if I had anyone to fill a position he had open and I told him



Jack Crosby

that I would be interested," said Crosby. Crosby now serves as a liaison for people who wish to know about any

campus events or happenings.

Crosby attended Wesleyan College in Iowa. While there, he played varsity basketball and was president of the Black Student Association.

"Out of the approximately 1,300 students on campus, there were about 17 blacks and the main focus of the Association was to give support to each other," said Crosby.

At the end of his junior year, he went into the U.S. Army where he served for three years, spending most of his time overseas in Europe. After finishing his term in the military in 1975, he continued his education at UM-St. Louis. "My parents always thought that education was the key to the promised land," said Crosby.

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Placement Potpourri

Preparing a résumé involves a lot of thought and time. No one should try to put a résumé together in one day. Before your résumé is complete, you will probably revise it at least two to three times—maybe more.

Several steps are involved in résumé writing. This article focuses on the first, and perhaps, one of the most important steps. Information gathering comes before anything else in résumé writing. In this step, you are compiling information about your skills, abilities, education and experience.

Your personal inventory should include not only your job duties and responsibilities, but also what you have learned from your work experiences. Everyone has skills that can be transferred from one job to another, even if those jobs have been non-career related. Communication, organizational, analytical and supervisory are just a few of these important skills.

Look at the skills you have acquired through your educational process, too. In addition to book learning and theory, other impor-

tant skills may include time management, research, interpersonal, teamwork and decision-making abilities. Computer skills, even basic ones, are also a vital element to include.

Be sure to consider any volunteer activities, extra-curricular activities and organizations in which you participate. List any offices or leadership positions you have held. Special achievements and honors should also be a part of your personal inventory. In most cases, you should not include any activities or honors from high school.

Once this information is compiled, take a break! You have accomplished a great deal in preparing your résumé. After a few days, look over what you have written. You may have thought of something else to include or realized you forgot something important.

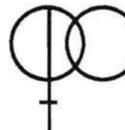
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From the Editor's Desk

Student-journalist Is Happy For Chances, Urges More Student Involvement On Campus Paper

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

Look above and to the left, my byline: Jeremy Rutherford. After that follows: news editor. But to those in English, Spanish, Photography and Speech class, I am

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The next day I *ban Journals* and sports editor if I could push a broom in his office. He took to the idea, not of me cleaning his office but, of visiting his office and maybe even writing an article. Ten months and 109 articles later, I am semiweekly reporting on high school sports as a "correspondent" for the *Journals*.

My plans were to attend UM-St. Louis this past fall. So in August of '93, I called *The Current* and asked the editor if he had any work for me. He did. It's been eight months now and as you can read, I'm the news editor.

I have made numerous calls to 90.7 KWMU Radio in hope to do an internship there this summer. If accepted, I don't have any idea what they have in store for me. If accepted, I don't know what they'll call me. Possibly: Hey you. I don't care.

These titles might sound fancy, but that's just what they are: titles. I'm nobody special. I just enjoy the experience until the negatives come along.

During my second month at *The Current*, I received a letter, from I would guess a prominent person on campus, telling me to go back and retake English 309 because I misspelled the word "Col(u)mbia." Lady, I'm taking English 10, just a lad fresh out of high school (not Journalism school) trying to be somebody, but thanks for the fanmail.

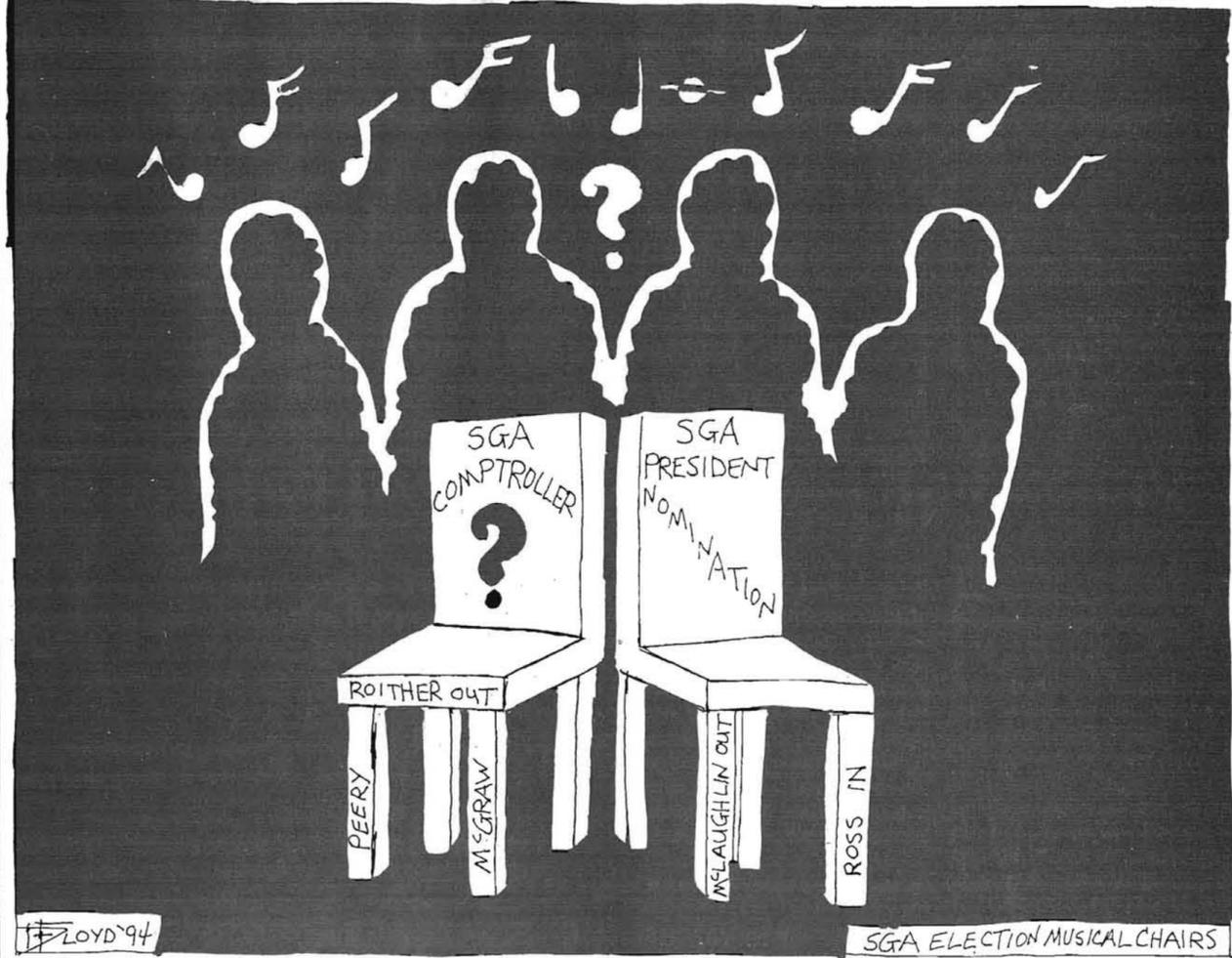
Two weeks ago, in issue 789 of *The Current*, a reporter shrugged the idea of SGA Comptroller Bill Ross picking up a \$1,500 paycheck for his services.

In return, *The Current* received a letter from Ross that read: "I would like to take some time to address the errors in Mr. Korando's story." Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah... "But what can one expect? After all, that would take skillful reporting." Bill, as you know, Russell Korando didn't write the editorial, but he thanks you for the fanmail.

The Cincinnati Herald, a weekly newspaper that services the African-American community, was firebombed last Tuesday as reported in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The bombing came just hours after the newspaper received bomb threats. An article written a week and a half ago blaming Arab Muslims for being the first to enslave blacks allegedly provoked the Muslims to respond with violence. The story titled "Blacks and Islam," said Arab Muslims are responsible for bringing the Islamic religion to the African continent.

While I don't believe this campus community is packing heat, I do believe a minority of you enjoy ripping up the paper, including professors who vocalize their opinion in the classroom instead of using this space of the paper. This space is free. The classtime is valuable to students who could care less about *The Current*. It's been said before, but I'll say it again: There are 13,000 of you and 13 of us. We need more help and less criticism.

Russell's term as editor is almost finished, and Matt Forsythe is planning to take over as editor. Give him a call. We don't have any brooms over here. Howard, our main man, takes care of that. All we have is computers, an interesting campus to follow and room to grow.



UM-St. Louis/*The Current* Newswire
St. Louis playwright Joan Lipkin, whose plays have been produced in St. Louis; Chicago; Buffalo, N.Y.; and Tempe, Ariz., will speak on the craft of playwriting, play production and current trends in theater at 11:00 a.m. April 5 in Room 75 of the J.C. Penney Building. The talk, sponsored by the English Department, is free and open to the public.



(Left) Is violence an uncontrollable epidemic our society has let go too far? These children play with toy guns now, but what can parents and lawmakers do to keep them from using real ones later in life?
Photo: S. Lee Welborn

Existential Psychology, A Psi Chi Lecture

by Joel Kretzmann
for *The Current*
On March 15, psychology professor, Dr. Brian Vandenberg, talked about

what it is to exist, and to be. He began by tracing the two intertwining threads of Western Civilization: broadly speaking, Judeo-Christian faith against Greek reason. In the Garden of Eden story, man learned he had freedom to gain personal knowledge, but with choice came responsibility and sin, or awareness. He learned of his nakedness, or his uniqueness and vulnerability when he noted his isolation and separateness, hence a search for personal meaning knowledge "in the biblical sense." The eternal, or God, is unknowable. Greeks, however, looked for the ideal prototype or universal essence of the outside world. So, reason to them produces objective, detached and timeless knowledge. History shows this tension between theology and science. After Galileo and the triumph of science, humans may have progressed in power, but individuals seemed to lose it in an increasingly dehumanizing society of

Correction
It was reported in issue 789 of *The Current* that the Senate Student Affairs Committee delayed approval of the recommended budgets from the Student Activities Budget Committee. The Senate Student Affairs Committee did approve the budgets, although two members did abstain from the voting.

For more information, call the UM-St. Louis psychology Department at 553-5391

mass consumption and conformity. They seemed to lose their moral compass. Nietzsche talked of the death of God and violence as a way to feel. Existential psychology hopes to help persons find meaning in their own lives by rejecting societies conformist definitions of success, as well as standard therapeutic methods of psychology to let each client's situation speak for itself. They concentrated on awakening individuals to be more aware of the choices in their lives and take more responsibility for ones made, so they can live fuller lives. •Keep your eyes open for more notices of more Psi Chi lectures, usually alternating Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.. You can even join the national psychology fraternity.

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For purposes of verification, all letters must bear the writer's handwritten signature, address, student identification number and home or work telephone number. If requested, all efforts will be made to maintain the writer's anonymity.

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Talent said current health care coverage is not completely unworkable, but it still leaves 15 percent of Americans uninsured.

dures are performed because the patient knows the costs will be covered by insurance.

category. With his plan, Talent said insurance companies would be forced to carry high-risk consumers.

money for insurance directly. The consumer would then have the option of purchasing basic comprehensive high deductible coverage while putting the remaining funds in a Medisave account.

Westfall from page 1

Westfall said. He said there are full-time officers in St. Louis County and City working in the program. Westfall called them "advocates of positive peer pressure."

Westfall said the renovation of St. Louis County Jail in Clayton, to be completed in two years, will keep more criminals behind bars.

With space for 1,200 more prisoners, Westfall said he would like to see judges punish first-offense criminals with "shock probation."

"Shock probation gives [the criminal] a taste of losing their freedom," Westfall said. "Once they see what it is like to lose their freedom, they may be less likely to commit another crime."

George from page 1

developed into one of the finest educational programs in the nation. It's because of a lot of people who worked hard, including the cooperation of the College of Arts and Sciences and the central administration [at University of Missouri]."

legalization of illicit drugs, because he would be "afraid" of the results. He said it will lead to a country that does not take drugs seriously.

"If you're 13 or 14 and have been committing burglaries and you get caught when you're 17, the juvenile records are closed and you think it's a first-time offense," he said.

University of Missouri-St. Louis Student Activity Fee Committee Recommendations for fiscal year 1994-95.

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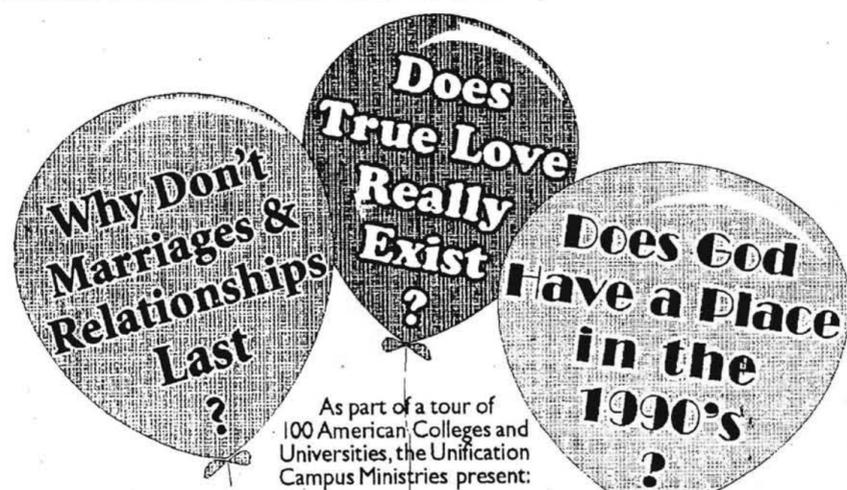
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Japanese, UM-St. Louis Students Debate Gun Control Laws

by Jeffrey Struyk
features editor

The UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate Team was proud to welcome two Japanese students to an audience participation debate last Tuesday.

The topic of the debate: "Should the private ownership of guns be significantly curtailed in a civilized society?" On the affirmative side of the debate were Reiji "Buzz" Yamanaka from Hitotsubashi University and Rebecca Witte from UM-St. Louis. On the negative side were Mitsuhiro "Clutch" Kurano from Dokkyo University and Nkrumah Zuberi from UM-St. Louis. Nicknames were given to the Japanese students to simplify the pronunciation of their names and were used throughout the debate.

Buzz opened the debate with an argument that gun control saves human life. He said the phrase "guns don't kill people, people kill people" is wrong. Guns do kill because they are the tools of the criminal. They are a convenient, effective way to kill," Buzz said.

Buzz also said that a decreased availability of guns makes a "crime of passion" a less likely occurrence. A "crime of passion" is a crime committed by a person who is in a state of

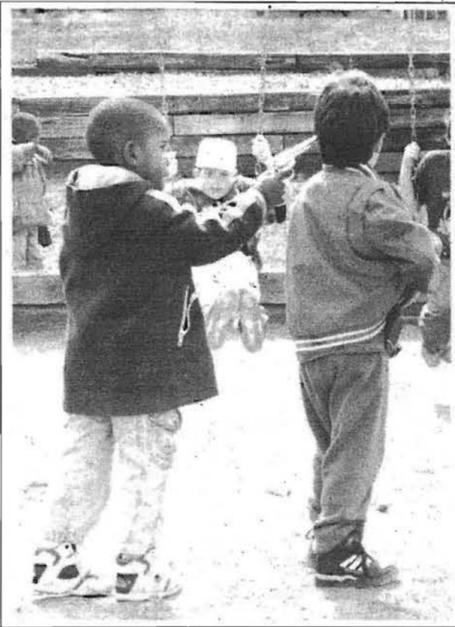


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emotional distress. Buzz also included statistics of cities where the homicide rate has dropped significantly since gun control laws were put into effect. "You cannot elimi-

nate crime, only restrict the means," Buzz said.

Zuberi cross-examined Buzz. "Do guns have eyes?" Zuberi asked. Zuberi tried to take the blame off guns and place it on the people who use them. While this type of persuasive questioning would normally be effective, some of its effect was lost crossing the language barrier. It took Buzz about a minute before he realized what Zuberi meant about guns having eyes.

Clutch opened his argument by pointing out that when gun control measures are implemented, gun sales rise steeply before the laws go into effect.

"We have a right to defend ourselves," Clutch said. "Guns act as a deterrent to criminals. If a criminal knows there is a gun in the house, he is less likely to try to break in."

Clutch also said that guns will still be sold on the black market and as a result, only criminals will have guns.

Once the positions on each side were established, the debate heated up. Witte asked the negative side, "When does it stop? People will always be trying to get a bigger, more



Photo: Jeffrey Struyk

THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS: Japanese and UM-St. Louis Students debate whether or not private ownership of guns should be controlled.

powerful gun that shoot more bullets than the next person's gun."

Zuberi said that the problem is not the guns, but the people using them. "People's behaviors need to change," Zuberi said. "Amendments [imposing gun control] are one thing, enforcing them is another. As an African living in America, I feel helpless without a gun."

Zuberi also said he was in the pro-

cess of purchasing his second gun.

Zuberi was the most outspoken of the four debaters. He was quite loud, but witty and popular with the audience, particularly with those against gun control. He emphasized repeatedly the need for education and health care, but frequently dodged direct questions. He stressed the need for

social change as the solution to violence, but took a vigilante attitude when talking about owning a gun and glamorized the "war zone" image of America. It was his passion rather than his ideas that was Zuberi's best asset for the negative side of the debate.

The negative side won in the voting, 38-30.

Who Do You Like, Mules or Elephants?

Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

It was the battle of political wit when the College Republicans took on the College Democrats in a debate of current issues.

The debate was part of Student Government Association's (SGA's) "State of the Nation: The Student Perspective." SGA President Andy Masters was the

guest moderator of the event.

SGA Vice President David Roither and the team of Democrats (Timothy Minden and SGA presidential candidate Jason Peery) had their work cut out for them in the debate. The Republicans were led by hot shot speaker J. Elizabeth Titlow. Her entourage was the young, but informed, Benjamin Ashe and the next Jack Kemp, Eric Barnhart.

Barnhart came prepared for battle with a stack of statistics from several different publica-

tions. The Democrats were looking laid back, and the Republicans were ready to show they meant business.

"We can't ignore where we've been," Titlow said in her opening arguments. She asked for us to consider what happened the last time a Democrat was in the White House. Titlow also voiced that there has been a decline in moral values in our country.

"Compassion is not measured by financial aid, but by how many people need it," Roither said. He stressed the Democratic focus on education as a tool which leads to equality. "The Democrats believe in building a strong, just society," Roither said. He said basic rights play important roles in providing equality.

In arguments of civil rights issues, Peery said Asian and Hispanic-Americans are now facing former problems of African-Americans. Minden pointed out the seemingly lack of home purchases by minority groups.

"Black people are doing it themselves," Barnhart said. "They don't need the help from big-daddy government."

Titlow's response to the argument was not nearly as brash as Barnhart's. "I don't think poverty is a racial issue. Poverty crosses all social and racial boundaries," she said.

Titlow, unlike her team, took a very quiet reserved approach to the debate. She spoke eloquently and intelligently, and her closing statements on topics impacted the audience and the opposing debaters.

Roither and his team battled hard through topics on crime, condom distribution, health care and presidential leadership. In the end, though, the Democrats were no match for the words of Titlow and the stats of Barnhart.

Barnhart produced stats and documents like it was the play-by-play of Monday Night Football. He even had statistics on the percentage of Mercedes bought by African-Americans.

On many topics, both teams had similar beliefs, though, there was still the air of partisan politics.

When the tally was over, the College Republicans won the debate in a 5-3 vote. The College Democrats will now have to wear "I Love Reagan" shirts on Mirthday April 20.



The Current File Photo

David Roither
SGA Vice President



The Current File Photo

Benjamin Ashe
College Republicans
Member

Chatter Box

by Cinde Poll
of The Current staff

If you could take back one thing you've done in the past, what would it be?



"If I were to go back to high school, I would try to become more involved academically and socially because at that time I was sort of an introvert and missed out on a lot."

Christopher Flinchbaugh
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Photography

"I wouldn't do anything differently. I value my family, friends and education and I believe that is most important."

Sheila Walley
Sophomore
Accounting



"My college education. As I became older I realized what was really important. Just think where I would be if I had pursued my Criminology degree then."

Tina J. Wright
Junior
Criminology

"I bought this camera five or six years ago and I only started to get into photography a few months ago. If I would have done it then, I would be more of an expert at it. It could eventually become a way to make extra money."

John Fichtner
Junior
Business Administration



LitMag Celebrates A Decade of Art

by Julie Earhart
for The Current

LitMag, the student organization that produces the annual campus literary magazine, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The magazine and the organization's members have changed over the years, but two characteristics have remained the same: the goal and guiding influence.

The goal of LitMag is to display the literary and artistic works of UM-St. Louis' students. The campus is rich in cultural, economic and social diversity; the writers and artists mirror these differences. Yet the magazine dispels these differences by providing inclusiveness of all students.

The magazine began when Linda Belford, an English major, wanted to revive Watermark, the campus literary publication that folded in the late 1970s.

During the fall 1982 semester, Belford approached Nan Sweet, a lecturer in the English department, about starting another version of Watermark. "Nan encouraged me to try, and

she agreed to be the faculty adviser," Belford said. "But I had no idea what I was getting into. The volume of paperwork involved in starting a student organization is awful. I think that is why I was elected to be the first editor: I filled out off the paperwork."

After the paperwork was completed, Belford needed a staff. "That was fairly easy," she said. "I recruited other students from Nan's classes." The first staff was definitely diverse, she recalled. There was a mixture of young-older, black-white, male-female.

Next came soliciting other students to send in their works. "That was easy too," Belford said. "We put up some posters, had the writing instructors announce in their classes that we were soliciting poems and short stories and spread the news about the magazine around by word of mouth."

"It wasn't always fun, weeding through all the submissions," said Belford. "We worked hard. Each poem or short story was read and discussed by the editorial board. It was a frenzy of activity, gathering in the Summit

and going through the submissions.

The selection of works to put in the magazine was based on anonymity, a process that has carried on through the decade. Students submit their works, which then are logged and a staff of readers critiques the works without knowledge of who the author is.

The hardest part, after all the paperwork, was the production process. Those were the days before computers and desktop publishing. LitMag staff members Steve Givens and Marty Klug used the equipment at *The Current* to typeset the magazine onto metal plates. They had a difficult time finding a publisher who would stay within their \$300 budget.

Then came naming their creation. "I remember that generic products had just hit the market," Belford said. "Get it: literary magazine, LitMag? I never meant for

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the name to stick, and I'm glad to see that other staffs have given the magazine a variety of names," she said. "Though the magazine's behind-the-scenes work has basically remained the same, each magazine looks and sounds different in relation to size, format, style and attitude," Sweet said. "It's very positive, it gives the staff a sense of ownership." The 1993-94 staff kicked off the 10th anniversary year with an open

mike reading in the J.C. Penney Building in September. Two additional open mike sessions were held during the fall semester. When the winter semester began, the group began sponsoring an open mike series (another first) every two weeks at the Pierre Laclède Honors College. The series features student, faculty and staff writers reading their own works. "It's made quite a mark on campus," said managing editor

Donald Barnes. "The organization and the magazine have more recognition with students than before. LitMag is a unique opportunity for student writers to get published." The 10th anniversary issue will soon be published. "Steps Astray," the issue's subtitle, has a dark and violent theme. "It's a rather sad reflection of our society, I guess," said Barnes. "We're only printing 300 issues this year, but we will have more pages than ever, possibly as many as 88. It's not surprising since we received more submissions than ever before."

To celebrate the anniversary, the Evening College Council is sponsor-

ing a reception at the Alumni House on April 19 to coincide with the magazine's annual publication. An open mike reading is scheduled with a special invitation to the published authors and artists. In addition, a showing of the artwork will also be featured. If anyone is interested in presenting the group with an anniversary present, office space would be nice (hint, hint). It does not have to be very big. "A broom closet will do," Barnes said. "Any place to store a few boxes and get them out of Nan's office."

Happy anniversary LitMag! Here's to 10 more!

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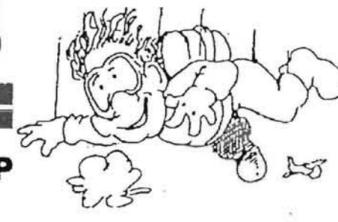
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How To Eat And Buy A Computer

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

In today's scholastic market, it is becoming more essential students have a computer. Computers have gained so much versatility that not only can a student do papers and assignments on them, they can connect with the school via networks, have access to libraries of information and provide a great means of entertainment. The great question is cost.

Here are a couple of alternative schools of thought for purchasing computers. The University's computer store, located in the University Center, may provide an option for students who are most interested in having the up to date equipment. The store is also enticing for those who need the security of extended warranties before committing to such a purchase.

At the computer store, a student can use their student identification card to charge up to \$500 on their student account. That can bring the immediate capital on a new Macintosh to some-

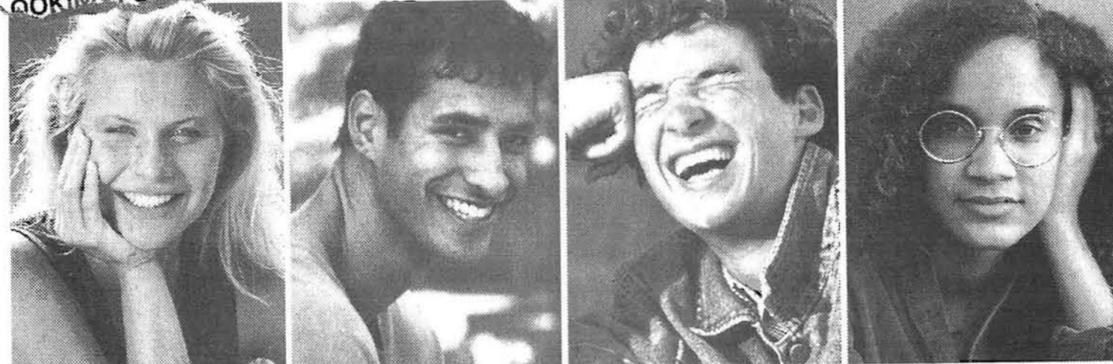
where around \$1500, or as is the case now could purchase the store's demo model with an additional \$1200.

The used computer market provides a less costly alternative for the consumer. Computers as young as one year-old can be found hiding in the small but growing collection of second hand computer shops.

One such store is CWW, located west of 270 on Olive. This store has a nice selection of Macintoshes at all levels and needs. Their Macintosh 2 has a one MB memory and a 40 MB hard drive that includes the mouse and keyboard for \$599. These memory capabilities are small, but can be upgraded for a nominal amount. As is, the computer has the capability for basic word programs, games and accounting programs, which probably would be sufficient for most of us.

The difference in cost is the most important factor for a lot of students and as you can see, that difference can be as drastic as 70 percent less. Of course, you still may have maintenance problems which could cause problems down the line, but the money saved should still outweigh the cost of most problems.

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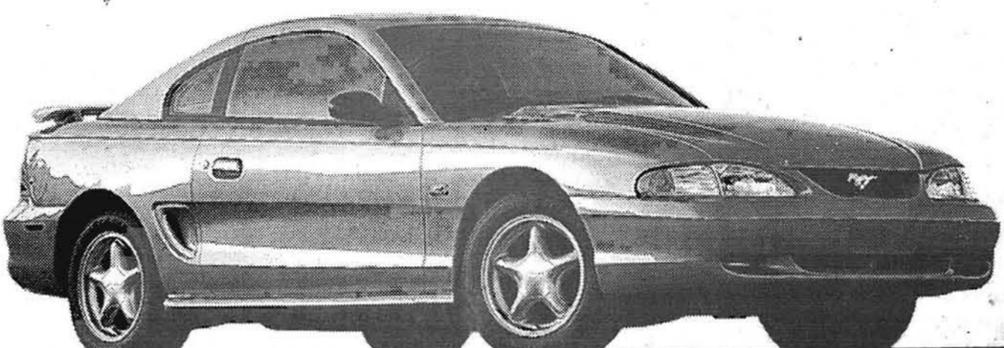
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Out In The Open



by Rob Goedeker
of *The Current* staff

When I first visited the UM-St. Louis campus, I didn't know anything about the University. All I knew was that I wanted to be a journalist. I was just a kid coming out of high school, and I was nervous about stepping out into the real world and experiencing college life. I've heard so many things about college life from my friends, who have gone on to experience the post-high school era before me. I knew, though, that I would have to experience college first-hand in order to find the answers to my questions.

Last summer I went to UM-St. Louis' freshmen orientation and had the opportunity to meet with some of the professors and see the campus facilities. As college students know, the first time you see a university campus it makes high school look like day care.

At the end of the orientation, I went to University Center, where all the local university organizations had a table set up so they could meet and talk with the new UM-St. Louis students. By the end of the day, I had been approached by every fraternity at UM-St. Louis and knew about all the upcoming parties before I got a chance to see a lecture hall. I had so many fraternity business recruiting cards, I could have sat down and shuffled them.

I wanted to be a journalist, so I looked for a representative from the University newspaper, and that is where I met Cory Schroeder (sports editor) for *The Current*. He told me everything that I wanted to know about writing for a college newspaper, specifically sports writing, and made me feel welcome, as did everyone else on *The Current* staff.

After I completed my first semester, I started right away and wrote my first article on the men's basketball game against Southwest Baptist University. I was surprised that I was thrown out in the open as soon as I was, but the unexpected experience gave me the courage and confidence I needed to be a sports writer.

The men's basketball team was the worst under head coach Rich Meckfessel this year. I found a respect for Meckfessel's attitude towards the Rivermen's unforgettable season. When the season had hit rock-bottom and recovery from the team's mental mistakes and injuries seemed out of reach, Meckfessel never lost his poise or his temper whenever I conduct a post-game interview with him.

With Meckfessel's encouraging attitude towards failure and a little more size and talent on the team, the Rivermen will be an exciting team to watch.

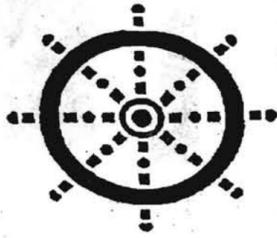
On the other hand, the women's basketball team had a successful season for the first time in eight years under first-year coach Jim Coen. Coen set goals for his players that seemed far-fetched by all the critics. "I think everybody thought our goals were unrealistic, except for us," Coen said.

"After the basketball season was over, I started covering men's and women's tennis.

Last Feb. 11-13, the Rivermen tennis team left for a preseason tournament in Kansas City. Tennis coach Carl Walker was told the Rivermen would get a chance to play against the eight schools that would participate in the tournament, but it ended up only playing against three of them. The trip was a disappointment.

"We didn't get to see a lot of the other conference teams, especially Southwest Baptist," said No. 4 player

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by Russell Korando
editor-in-chief

Pitchers must be perfectionists. They must throw the ball into the area the size of a dinner plate; hence homeplate. Concentration is critical.

Out of Rivermen lefty Tim Stratman's 85 pitches to Southwest Baptist University batters Friday, one cost him dearly. Bearcat freshman Jack Funderburk stepped into a waist-high changeup and sent it flying 380 feet toward N. Florissant Rd. The Bearcats led 2-0, just minutes after scoring seven runs in the ninth, to win game one of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) doubleheader 9-7.

Stratman returned to the dugout, smiled, said, "That's my fault," sat on the end of the bench and stared straight ahead. He continued to smile, he wasn't going down without a fight. Perfection would be the key.

"I felt I prepared myself before the game," Stratman said.

"I just try to blow that stuff off," he said about giving up runs early. "That was a mental mistake. I realized what I did wrong, but I came back and pitched strong."

Indeed, Stratman shut out a potent Bearcat lineup, until the seventh, when the Bearcats scored two insurance runs and won game two 4-1. Stratman pitched 6 1/3 innings, gave up six hits, struck out four, but most importantly, walked no

Rivermen Vs. Southwest Baptist



Photo: *The Current*

FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE: Centerfielder Donnie Jolliff lines a drive down the rightfield line. Jolliff, who has been struggling at the plate, batted ninth against the Bearcats.

one. Strong starting pitching didn't save the Rivermen from themselves, as they've been accustomed to since returning from a successful trip to Florida. They dropped to 13-10, and 2-4 in the MIAA. The Bearcats were a squeaky

clean 8-0 in conference play, and 22-6 overall, heading into Saturday's doubleheader against the Rivermen.

David Reynolds stood taller than his 6' 2" stature on the mound for the Bearcats, giving up only five hits in a complete-game effort. Reynolds

baffled Rivermen batters with breaking balls, often times out of the strike zone.

"We are not executing the fundamentals at the plate," Brady said. "We never stay back and drive the ball. Our discipline is nowhere near where it should be. If we get two strikes on us, our knowledge of the strike zone is so brutal that anything that's even remotely close, we swing at it."

"I know how to get our team out every time. Just throw breaking balls, and we'll swing at them. Then every now and then, I'll throw a fastball down the middle, and we'll look at it."

The Rivermen cut the lead to 2-1 in their part of the fifth when catcher Todd Schmidt scored on a David Lucas sacrifice fly. Donnie Jolliff reached on a bunt, but junior Dave Connelly grounded out to end the inning.

Jeff Peer led off the sixth with a basehit and the Rivermen went into their accustomed run-manufacture mode, the same type of baseball that used to be played a few years ago to perfection 15 minutes east of campus at Busch Stadium.

There wouldn't be a scripted ending, though. Pinch hitter Brian Moriarty successfully moved Peer to second on a sacrifice bunt, and a passed ball moved him to third. Peer chugged home when Jeremy Ragan hit a ball to the third baseman, but Peer was tagged out easily by Funderburk.

Brady said his rule of thumb is to run on a ball hit anywhere with one out. He said he made the decision to send Peer, the potential tying run, was made because of the Rivermen struggles hitting. Their only consistent hitter this year has been Peer.

"We go on ground contact with one out always... always," Brady said. "If the throw beats you, you have to get caught up in the rundown long enough to advance the runner, and we did not do that."

"As bad as our run production has been, we have to take a chance in those situations because the field conditions are not very good. It's a good chance,

with the field conditions with the way they are, the ball could take a funny bounce and the run scores."

Realistically, the Rivermen must win the rest of their confer-

ence games if they are to have a home berth for the MIAA playoffs, but they also win tough conference games on the road against powerhouse Emporia State, to even qualify for the Regionals.

The summit is high for the Rivermen, and they'll have to be perfect.

"We do everything the hard way. But we're going to win when it counts."

At press time, the Rivermen, led by Eye's four hits and a complete-game performance by Chris Dumm, beat SWB 13-3 Saturday.

"We are not executing the fundamentals at the plate"
Jim Brady,
Rivermen skipper

Rivermen's Three-peat Hopes Aborted By Stroke Penalty

by Cory Schroeder
sports editor

Seven hours of golf came down to a single stroke at the Rivermen Invitational March 28.

The Rivermen had a chance to win their own tournament but lost by a single stroke to the junior varsity squad from Southeast Missouri State (SEMO) 304 to 305.

"We played well enough to win," UM-St. Louis golf coach Jim Niederkorn said. "It's unfortunate it came down to that ruling."

A ruling on a shot by Rivermen senior Morgan Gonzales penalized him two strokes. Gonzales lodged a ball in a plant and moved the ball a glove's length before taking the next shot. Rules state that a ball can be moved a glove's length from a tree but doesn't specify plants.

"It's just one of those things," Gonzales said. "I asked the other guys I was playing with what I should do and they said go ahead and take the shot."

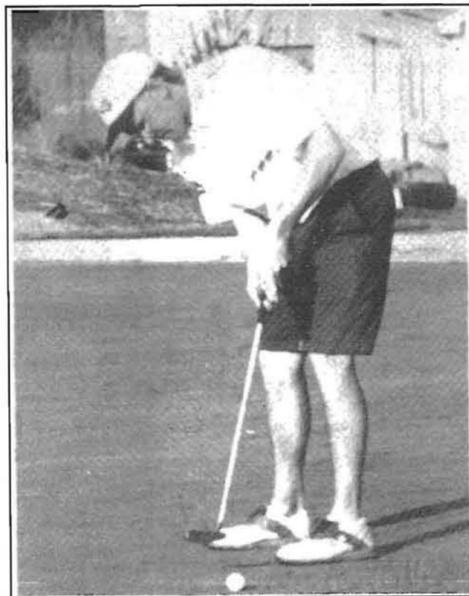
Ironically, had the penalty not been assessed to Gonzales, the Rivermen would have squeaked by SEMO and won the tournament. He finished with a 74.

"I didn't want it to come down to a controversial call," Gonzales said. "There's nothing I can do about it now."

Usually, a judgement is made by the coach who is running the tournament. Niederkorn, however, feared bias and deferred to UM-Rolla coach Bud Mercier who assessed the penalty.

"Morgan did the right thing by calling for the ruling," Niederkorn said.

It was tough from the get-go for all players, with a temperature of 30 degrees and swirling winds



NO PRESSURE!: James Trittler attempts to sink a putt at a tournament last year. Trittler shot an 80 at the Riverman Invitational.

accompanied by darkening clouds.

"That's the second time we've had such bad weather for the Invitational," Gonzales said. "I remember standing on the second

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compiled by Cory Schroeder

UM-St. Louis Grad Dies In Car Crash

Terrance Danzinger, a graduate of UM-St. Louis in 1980, died in a car crash in Charlotte, N.C. on Wed, March 30.

Mr. Danzinger was an assistant marketer with the Carolina Mudcats, a Class A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

Mr. Danzinger was exiting from the highway when his car hit a wet spot and slid nose first in the guard rail, Charlotte authorities said. Mr. Danzinger graduated from UM-St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in Communications. He was 35 and is survived by a wife, Danielle, and a son Michael.

No one else was injured in the accident. A motorist witnessed the crash and contacted the Charlotte police force, who arrived on the scene and said Danzinger was dead from a brain hemorrhage.

The Quote Box



Rivermen Golfer Morgan Gonzales On Playing During Frigid Conditions At The Riverman Invitational

"It's as if I wasn't even out there."

UM-St. Louis Die-hard Fan Mitch Waymer On Jim Brady

"Doesn't Brady look like the manager in Major League II?"

Martin Has Traded In Sneakers For Cleats

by Pete Dicrispino
associate sports editor

In the era of the two-sport athlete, softball player D.J. Martin has joined teammate Nicole Christ as UM-St. Louis basketball and softball stars.

Martin, a sophomore standout from Wentzville High School, has made the hectic journey from the basketball court to the softball field seem easy.

She currently leads the team with a .343 batting average and has started 25 out of the 26 games. She has been the biggest surprise to most, except her coach.

"She's a good athlete and she's very competitive," head coach Harold Brumbaugh said. "She has great eye

and hand coordination."

Martin was to see plenty of action at first base this season, but has spent all of her time in left field.

"She hasn't played a great deal of outfield in softball, but she has good range and has played well," Brumbaugh said.

Thanks to a rugged basketball schedule Martin and Christ got a late jump on the rest of the players. They were able to attend only two practices before the season opened in Florida.

"I would like to have had a few more days in the batting cages and outfield, but the Florida trip helped a lot," Martin said.

The Riverwomen played 10 games in five days in Florida and Martin had

to quickly get adjusted.

"It took a little time getting adjusted to the outfield," Martin said.

Martin has only made one error so far this season, so things must be going good.

"She still needs to improve on her hitting and batting stance," Brumbaugh said. "She needs to be more selective and needs a little more experience in adjusting to a junk ball pitcher."

"I could hit better," Martin said. "I just need to learn how to hit a changeup."

Martin also was a big surprise in the basketball season as she came off the bench and averaged 5.6 points a game. She scored 14 points in a 101-72 victory

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Next softball home game, April 6 at St. Ann Field against St. Louis University

Northern Iowa Tournament April 8-10

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hole and saying to myself 'I don't want to be here.'"

Despite less than desirable playing conditions, Rivermen senior Chris Sanders continues to impress. Sanders shot a 72 to finish third among individual leaders. Sanders finished second at the Wyattville Invitational and tied for second at Tullus Lake Intercollegiate earlier this year.

"The putting greens are usually

pretty slow during the spring at Bogey, but I was able to putt well which kept me in it," Sanders said.

Sanders is coming off a fine season in which he finished second only to teammate Dave Rhoads at the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association Championships (MIAA) with a 225.

"He (Sanders) has really carried over that great finish at the MIAA's and played solid throughout this season," Niederhorn said.

Rhoads, the MIAA's top player from last season, finished with a less than sparkling but respectable 78. Rhoads, a junior, has been struggling after a superb sophomore season.

"He's in a slump right now," Gonzales said. "But he'll snap out of it."

The Rivermen will play today in the Hammersfield Invitational. Conference-rival Northeast Missouri State will also be there.

"We have the potential to win the MIAA Championships again this season," Sanders said. "We have all our players back from last year, and I think we're even stronger."

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over Missouri Baptist on Dec. 4. She was the basketball teams' most improved player.

Now, Martin is trying to be the biggest surprise on the softball field.

So far, she has gotten off to a great start.

Martin is also second on the team in RBI's with 11 and tied for second in doubles with five.

One thing Martin brings to the softball team is her desire not to lose.

"I hate to lose, there is nothing more important than winning," Martin said.

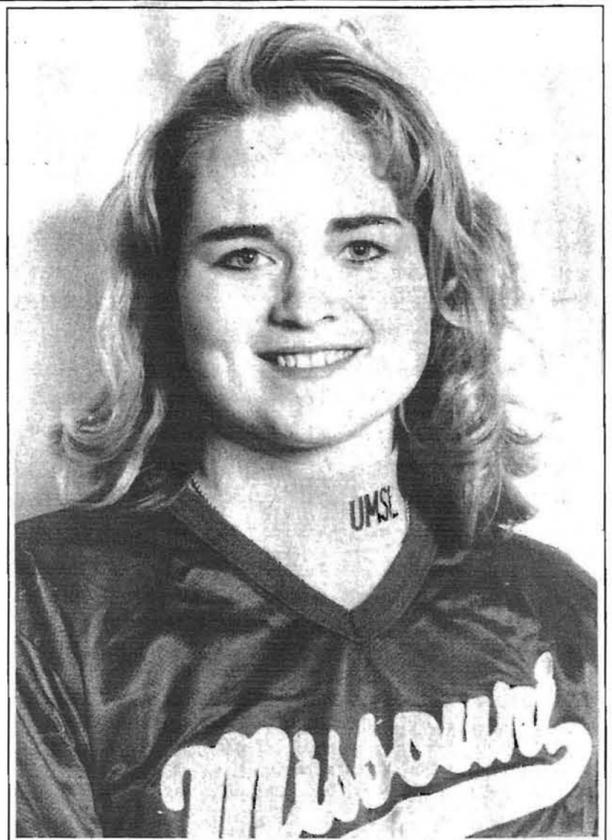
"She's a team player and has the desire to win," Brumbaugh said.

One thing is for sure: if Martin runs into any problems, Christ will be there to help her out.

"It helps to have someone else who is doing the same thing with me," Martin said.

The UM-St. Louis softball team will square off against the Lady Billikens of Saint Louis University at St. Ann Field on April 6.

Up next will be the Northern Iowa Tournament (April 8-10).



D.J. Martin

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Players To Watch

Golf - Dave Rhoads
Rhoads is experiencing just an average year. But with the championships around the corner, look for Rhoads to start cooking.

Baseball - Donnie Jolliff
Jolliff, a one-time all MIAA selection, is struggling at the plate. After an injury-plagued season last year, head coach Jim Brady had high expectations for him.

With each passing game, Jolliff has dropped further in the batting order.

If he can get his confidence back, Jolliff can again be a pivotal force.

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Matt Fagala.

Another problem with the tournament was the way the scheduling was set up. Because of the weather still being too cold to play outside, the tournament was held inside at private country clubs in the Overland, Kansas. During the day, the country clubs were busy accommodating their members and regular guests, so in order to not cause any problems with the members that belonged to the club, the tournament had to be played throughout the night.

By avoiding any problems with club members, the players are faced with problems of their own.

Getting into the habit of playing tennis from 11:00 p.m., to 5:00 a.m., is not a good habit to get into when your a full-time university student and have to attend classes during the day. It's sad that country club members can not sacrifice one or two days out of the year, to allow local universities to conveniently hold a tournament for their tennis teams.

I hope this isn't the last time I'm *Out in the Open*, writing and sharing my thoughts with you, the students of UM-St. Louis. Oh yes, by the way, I don't own a T.V. appliance store and I'm not a salesman, I'm a writer.

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