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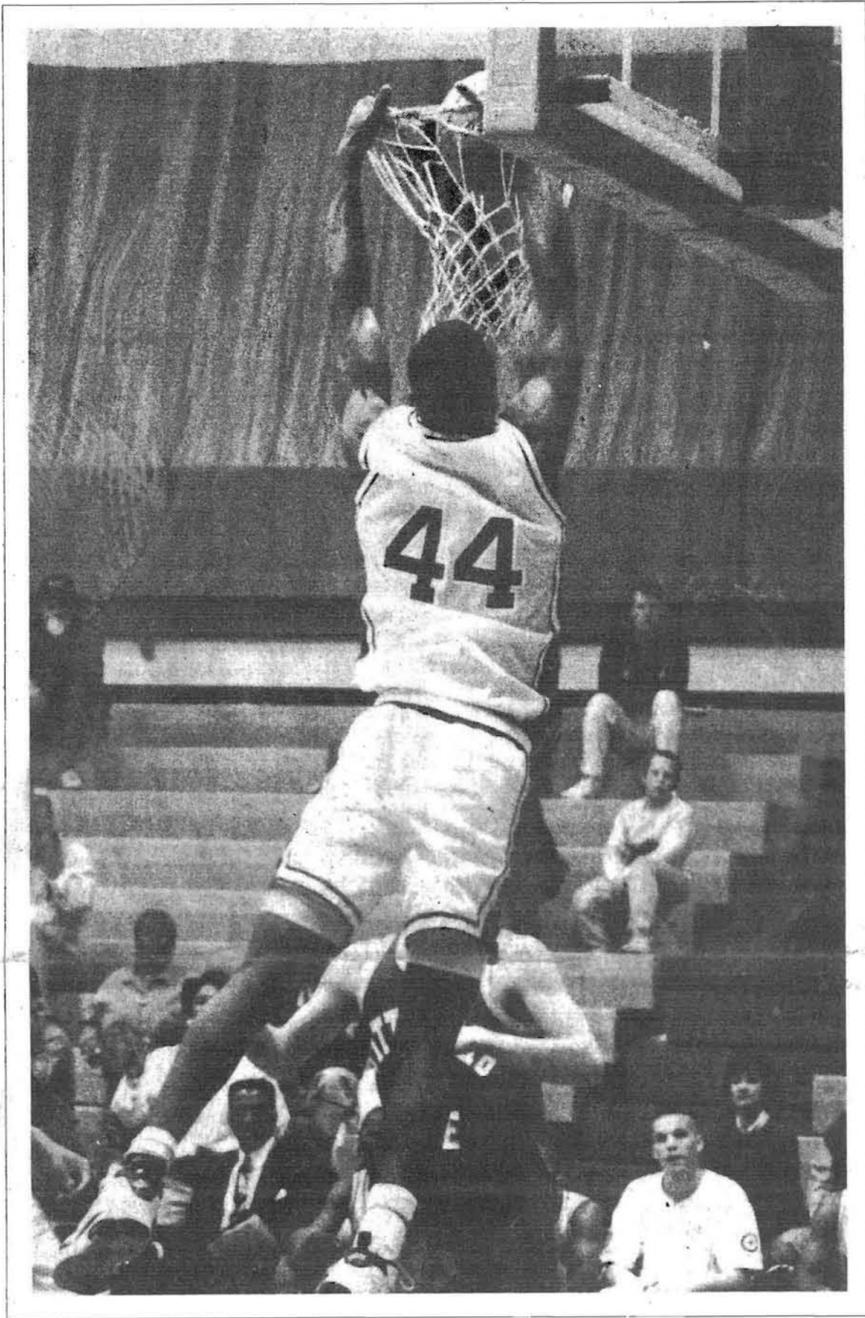


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TAKE IT TO THE BANK: UM-St. Louis forward Marvin Smith puts the exclamation point on two of his points against Pittsburg State. The 86-71 victory was the Rivermen's first of the season in the MIAA.

Getting It Straight

Curator Says "Selective" Admissions Standards Are Misleading Students

by **Clint Zweifel**
news editor

A University of Missouri Curator said "the University is misleading the students" resulting from the "selective" admissions standards UM chose last spring.

John "Woody" Cozad, UM Board of Curators member, sent a letter to Board President, James McHugh, Dec. 21, 1993 complaining that the University has not followed through with a "managed enrollment" plan. The plan was the University administration's main argument for choosing "selective" criteria versus the option of "highly selective."

Cozad said at last Tuesday's UM Board of Curators' Academic Affairs Committee meeting he had not been in favor of choosing "selective" criteria, but was told that the four UM chancellors would provide a basis for the decision with a "managed enrollment" plan. He said each university did not provide enough specifics concerning admissions standards in the reports.

Cozad said he sent the letter to McHugh to use "the failure of managed enrollment as a trigger to revisit the selective classification" since he was dissatisfied with the choice of "selective" criteria.

In the letter Cozad wrote: "As we all now know, the "managed enrollment plans" presented by the four campuses, and particularly by

the Columbia campus, made virtually no mention of admission standards, and certainly did not provide any substitute for our failure to choose "highly selective."

Since "managed enrollment" has failed to deliver as promised, should we not reconsider which Critical Choice the University should make?"

Cozad said by not designating UM as highly selective, the University is saying it is not as academically de-

schools who were reluctant to go along with this. It was clearly understood at those meetings that this is what the University was going to do, but we didn't do it."

Cozad said students and parents need an accurate gauge to decide the university of their choice so the student can succeed academically. He said "selective" criteria is not an accurate portrayal of the University's academic program.

"Maybe we should go back to Critical Choices," Cozad said. "Under these rules were not going for the toughest standard. There are a whole lot of students here who don't succeed. It's efficient education to generate tax flow."

George Russell, UM president, said the University chose the "selective criteria" because they did not have confidence in using ACT scores and class rank as the main standard for a student's admission. Russell said there are many successful students at UM who would not be accepted into the University under "highly selective" criteria.

"We didn't believe that the simple sum of ACT score and class rank was the best we could do," he said. "If you take highly selective criteria you wipe out a lot of students who were successful at the university."

Charles Kiesler, UM-Columbia

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John "Woody" Cozad, UM Board of Curators member

manding as other regional colleges. He cited Northeast Missouri State University who chose "highly selective" last spring and Southeast Missouri State University who plans on using "selective" criteria within a few years. Cozad said UM needs to stay on top of other regional schools academically and is failing to do so by not choosing "highly selective" admissions standards.

"(Administration) has always said this University will be at the top or near the top," Cozad said. "We shied away from that."

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Administration, SGA Initiate Meeting To Find Method Of Receiving Feedback

by **Jeremy Rutherford**
associate news editor

Chancellor Blanche Touhill's response to an incident on campus is set to be followed by a meeting on Feb. 9, according to Rick Blanton, associate director of University Center.

On Jan. 20, Clint Zweifel, *The Current* news editor, was arrested by campus police for attending a closed Student Court meeting.

Touhill said, in her response to the campus, she was concerned with the overall issues raised.

"I believe there should be some discussion as to which (meetings) should be open and which shouldn't," Touhill said.

Touhill said she asked Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, vice-chancellor of Student Affairs, to review with student leaders the constitution of the Student Government Association (SGA) and/or the by-laws of the SGA.

MacLean appointed Blanton to initiate the first

meeting of discussion on this issue. Blanton said the meeting will include MacLean, Bob Schmalfeld, director of University Center, and a selected group of SGA officials. "The purpose of the meeting is not to decide which meetings should be open or closed," Blanton said. "This meeting has been scheduled to act as a vehicle to find a method to receive feedback from a larger group of people, not just the ones at the meeting."

MacLean said this is a very meaty issue, and he related this situation to prior incidents.

"It's like our discipline hearings," MacLean said. "They are closed, so there maybe times when we ought to leave it up to the students involved."

"They should bring it up in student government. They should get the faculty and staff involved, too."

Touhill agreed.

"This is a college campus and debate is good," Touhill said. "But I think this is something the students will have to discuss. I would hope the Student Government will have a meeting with *The Current*."

Forum Centers On The Struggle Of Blacks' Inclusion In Politics

by **Jeremy Rutherford**
associate news editor

"The power is in our minds and in our hands," said Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of the National Rainbow Coalition, in a presentation via satellite from Washington D.C. to the UM-St. Louis campus on Feb. 2.

Beyond The Dream VI: "Blacks in Politics — A Struggle for Inclusion" was cosponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity as part of African-American History Month. The presentation was dedicated to Adam

Clayton Powell Jr. (1905-1972).

"Adam Powell was the first African-American to serve as a Congress chairperson," said Norman Seay, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity.

"He was a minister, very flamboyant and really did his homework. He was a highly respected man that spoke out for African-Americans."

Beyond the Dream VI consisted of an eight-member panel that addressed political activism, Black and Latino coalitions, women in politics and other key issues in the African-American

community.

Cleo Fields, a panel member, is the youngest member of the U.S. Congress (D-LA). At 24 years of age, his

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Board Passes Nursing Merger Proposal

by **Clint Zweifel**
news editor

UM Board of Curators approved a proposal to merge UM-St. Louis and Barnes College of Nursing programs by Fall Semester 1994 at the Board meeting Feb. 3.

The proposal will be sent to the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education for their approval. If the plan is approved, Barnes and UM-St. Louis can negotiate a contract to merge the programs.

The proposal will bring a baccalaureate degree in Nursing to UM-St. Louis. The University already has a program for registered nurses who wish to complete their bachelors degree. UM-St. Louis also has masters and doctoral degrees in Nursing. Barnes offers a four-year baccalaureate degree program.

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill said combining the academic and clinical resources of both schools will benefit students academically.

"This joint venture enables the University and Barnes College to utilize and share their resources to best benefit the students and the community," she said. "It is a private and public partnership which is advantageous for all parties involved."



Photo: Dave Floyd

Former East St. Louis mayor Carl Officer (l) speaks during the Forum Feb. 2.



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UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill at the board meeting Feb. 3 held on the UM-St. Louis campus.

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From the editor's desk

SABC Begins Budget Deliberation; UPB Gouges Request By More Than Double From Last Year's Request

by Russell Korando
editor-in-chief

Student Organizations received a combined \$299,988 last year for each's annual budget allowance. This year, \$607,867.93 has been requested by 72 recognized student organizations for the 1994-95 school year.

So, my questions are: Where is the additional \$321,479.93 going to come from? And, which student groups are to blame for the request-gouging.

But then again, of UMSL care about matter as how their are spent? Even organization's mandated an ap-Student Government-meetings failed to

These absences their re-admittance, arrest of *The editor* for trying to

ings for the *student* paper. For those students not in the loop of student power (that's a sardonic remark) here's a brief explanation of where a full-time student's \$99.60 is partly going and who decides this matter.

Each year, the Student Activity Budget Committee, whose members are appointed by the UM-St. Louis vice chancellor for student affairs (Lowe S. MacLean), receives budget requests from each group. Committee members then are supposed to use a set of funding guidelines to determine appropriation.

It's easy to see how this could turn into a misuse of power, when two of the committee's nine voting members are a part of Student Government Association's (SGA) executive committee. No one is to blame. These two students applied, and were nominated by an impartial judge. But it is hard to imagine SGA taking a cut in funding, or not having an influential say in how much other groups receive.

Having attended last year's SABC meetings, and personally knowing someone who voted on the committee, my conspired nature tells me that personal attitude toward a group, not professional aptitude of that group, is what determines what it receives.

If *The Current* runs an unflattering story about SGA, personal opinion then becomes the standard. And the old "spoils" system comes into play when it's reported to me that the paper will get what it asked for provided there is quid pro quo.

Politics on a much smaller scale. But real-life deal-making none-the-less.

Before readers begin to think that some students are making six-figure decisions with only a modicum of experience in doing so; sit back. Bob Schmalfeld, chairman of SABC, observes meetings of the committee, and offers advice.

From having dealt with Schmalfeld, I couldn't think of anyone else that I would want to hold the job. His title is director of the University Center, and he has been credited by MacLean for saving the University millions, but to me he is the "Accountant from Hell." Schmalfeld's pencil is so sharp, the paper bleeds when he writes on it.

But he doesn't vote. That's the problem.

I liken the situation to that of a trial by a jury of peers. Deciding someone's fate, without prior knowledge of character is risky. Decisions that are made by such predetermined observances as race and physical appearance come into play. In murder cases, the dead don't get their chance on the witness stand, but the accused do.

Hang the jury members to the cross for being a hung jury in the Menendez trials. Shoot your parents at point-blank range; reload, and fire into their dead bodies again. Verdict for first degree murder in the U S of A: Not guilty.

The Menendez jurors' only prior experience with the law was watching "The People's Court" or Perry Mason. Now they let one of the most critical murder cases in our country's history become gnarled in indecision.

While distributing monies for student groups isn't exactly a decision based on life and death, the parallel here is students (jurors) incapable of making proper adjudications because they lack proper training.

Criminal justice majors will scoff at that notion. Throw away our entire legal system because jurors lack jurisprudence; because students lack the capacity to impartially govern financially.

Another problem with SABC is its members are overwhelmed with classes, jobs and maybe families, and on top of it they must spend two and a half months deliberating before final recommendations are handed down May 2.

Each member is provided a book containing all budget submissions. This book is thicker than your average pre-law text. The book contains budget requests from the Accounting Club to the Wesley Foundation. New groups spring up each year.

Example: The Sisterhood Exchange and Sisters Who Dance groups received no funding last year, but are asking for a combined \$15,765. One of the groups' president wrote a letter in apology of their vice-president's absence from budget workshops, which is a mandatory meeting, though meetings on two different days were held. There budget was accepted. This is a discretion in SABC policy not being upheld.

Perhaps the answer in the request-gouging can be found reading the SABC recommendation's list. Of the 73 groups mentioned on the list, 17 received no funding last year. These 17 groups are asking for \$55,932.25.

But the biggest culprit in the request-gouging category belongs to University Program Board (UPB). UPB received \$62,960 last year—by far the largest sum for one group. This year they want \$206,683 to hire bands no one has heard of and comedians no one thinks are funny.

Schmalfeld said the total disbursement for funding last year totaled \$299,988, so obviously SABC members have to find a way to either whittle down everyone else's request or take a fireaxe to UPB's.

UPB is responsible for campus programming . . . i.e. concerts, seminars, Mirthday, and they state in their goals and objectives that their main goal is to bring first-class entertainment, lectures, theater, and art series to UMSL.

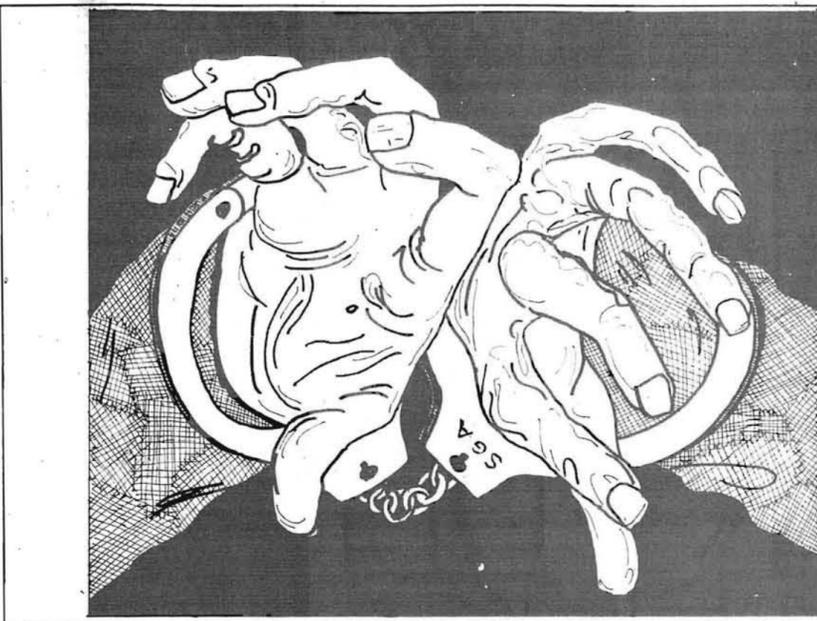
I'll let, you, the reader decide if Mirthday is worth a whopping \$143,723 increase. Along with nine members of a misinformed committee, it's you who pay the bills.



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UM-St. Louis/*The Current* Newswire

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Radbill will be hosting local segments of Morning Edition from National Public Radio (NPR) and producing news features and reports for KWMU. Radbill comes to St. Louis from WAMU, an NPR affiliate in Washington D.C. where she was a reporter. Radbill also has been a Reporter/Anchor at WFMD in Frederick, Md. Radbill has production and writing experience at WRC-TV in Washington, D.C., WHAG-TV in Hagerstown, Md, and MCPS-TV in Rockville, Md.

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The Professional Development School, Program, operated by the School of Education, expands this month to the Laclede Elementary School in St. Louis. The program brings University faculty and students together with teachers and students from area elementary, junior and high schools to upgrade teacher education and improve the overall quality of education.

VOX POPULI

Dear editor,

As president, I feel obligated to comment on recent publicized events involving my organization. According to Student Government Association (SGA) by-laws, the power is vested in the chief justice (Kel Ward, student court chief justice) to be responsible for all court proceedings. I respect those powers granted to the chief justice realizing the intent of separation of powers.

In the light of this issue, we will be looking into a possible revision of our judicial process throughout this semester to allow for smoother court proceedings in the future. This will be at the forefront of our SGA by-law revision drive; we will be continuing throughout this administration.

I felt the coverage of the recent events was very professional, and I do appreciate the supportive editorial of Clint Zweifel in the Jan. 24 issue. I do wish it had been reported that it was a student activities administrator who summoned for the UM-St. Louis police, though, and not the student court or SGA.

Sincerely,
Andy Masters, SGA president
Dear editor,

The implications of female violence was a non-contextual joke about a social issue that was not previewed, and, or authorized by the advisors, or members of the Business Management Exchange Student Organization. Also, it is not reflective of the policy, procedures or participants of the organization. In addition, I personally apologize for offense rendered by the comment, and have the utmost respect for individual freedom.

Sincerely
Gerald A.P. Hill

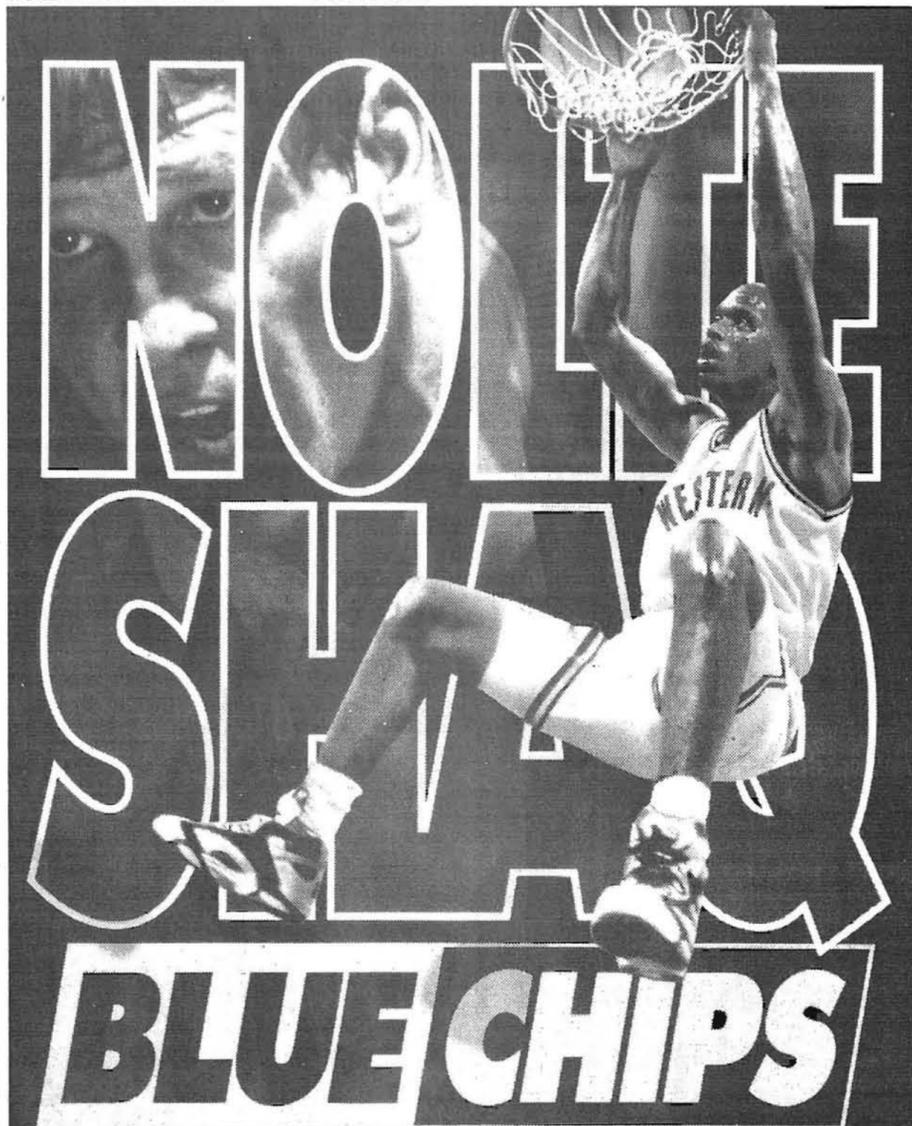
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chancellor, said he believes "selective criteria" with "managed enrollment" works well for UM. He said the choice the University made provides more flexibility, resulting in a diversified student body.

"We don't want people who won't succeed at the University," he said. "But how much of a place of opportunity it can be is important. A state university should be a place of opportunity for those who normally wouldn't have the opportunity."

Russell said before a change is made in admissions standards, more research

needs to be completed. He said UM-Columbia Chancellor Charles Kiesler has experimented with different gauges other than ACT score and class rank. By substituting grades in core courses for class rank, Kiesler said there has been an accuracy improvement of 20 percent in predicting students' success.

"I am concerned about the University not being in the highly selective criteria, but I am willing to wait and see what comes out of (Kiesler's work). I am very skeptical of implementing things if it is not scientifically correct."

Nursing from page 1

Faculty of the two schools will be combined. The dean of UM-St. Louis' College of Nursing, will be the school's chief academic officer and the dean of the Barnes College of Nursing will be the assistant dean.

The proposal will increase the number of students in UM-St. Louis' nursing program from about 250 to 650.

Any contract between Barnes and UM-St. Louis must be approved by the Board of Curators.

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community supported his bid for a position in Congress after he organized a presidential election vote drive that interested 4,000 students on the Southern University campus.

Fields is not alone. Many African-Americans have had success in recent elections. Carol Mosley Braun, United States Senate (D-IL), is the first African-American woman in the Senate. Women now makeup 29 percent of all Black Elected Officials (BEO).

In 1993, there were 8,015 BEO. That was an increase of 5.6 percent for local elections; 10.1 percent (state); 6.5 percent (county); and 50 percent (federal).

Seay said the re-establishing of the districts is a cause for the turnabout with African-Americans involved in politics.

"Years ago the districts were gerrymandered so that the blacks would not get recognition," Seay said. "But, the districts were organized in 1990 to ensure representation for whites and especially African-Americans and Hispanics.

Deborah Burris, assistant director of the Office of Equal Opportunities, said awareness was the main focus of the presentation.

"Like what was said in the presentation, politics affect everyone," Burris said. "Plus, it's part of a student's academic preparation. Going to a university is more than just earning a degree, it's being educated about the world; locally, state-wide and nationally."

Other cosponsors of Beyond the Dream VI were Fontbonne College, Harris Stowe College, Washington University and UM-St. Louis' College of Arts and Sciences and Public Policy and Research.

Featured panelists included: Andrew Young, former Congressman, Ambassador to the United Nations and Mayor of Atlanta; Gracia Hillman, Executive Director of League of Women Voters; Cleo Fields, U.S. Representative (D-LA), youngest member of Congress; Willa Hall Smith, former White House Aide, the Bush Administration; Michelle D. Kourouma, Executive Director of National Conference of Black Mayors Inc.; Eddie N. Williams, President of Joint Centers for Political and Economic Studies; Harvey Gantt former mayor of Charlotte, NC, and former U.S. Senatorial Candidate; Ron Walters, Professor of Political Science, Howard University; and a special interviews with Maxine Waters, U.S. Representative (D-CA) and Eleanor Holmes Norton, U.S. Representative (D-DC).

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Not as well known as the Ten Commandments

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14th- Bobcat Ticket Sales Begin
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Rush Is On For Greek Seekers

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

Signs line the walks on campus advertising upcoming parties. This is all part of the traditional Greek system "rush."

Rush is the process where the Greek organizations get to meet potential recruits and students get to familiarize themselves with the Greek system.

"Animal House is a gross representation of rush," said Jesse Grant student services coordinator. "Rush parties are very laid back and informal. There is no alcohol permitted."

This semester's rush began the weekend before classes started on Jan. 10 and is ongoing for all chapters on campus.

"We don't put an official end date on rush," said Grant. "The different national chapters have membership requirements which we allow the groups to pursue in their own fashion."

This self-governing style is consistent with the administration's

policy concerning the Greek system. The different organizations are all part of SGA and receive funding. The national chapters have certain requirements of each organization on an individual basis.

The sororities each have philanthropies they must do work for. This work normally comes in the form of fund-raiser.

"Our Greek system is very active in community support," Grant said. "Panhellenic (oversees Greek society) did a blood drive for the Red Cross last year, and Pi Kappa Alpha had benefit parties for flood relief."

The Greek system is doing things positive for its members as well as the community. The work done for the community ties students with people involved in the business sector.

"It's a great networking opportunity for members," Grant said. "Being a college student is more than going to class and getting an A. Campus involvement is just as educationally important. I encourage all students to participate in some campus organization."

Not only does the Greek system create business relations, it provides travelling opportunities. There are national committee meetings as well as each chapter holding conventions which students attend on a funds available basis.

"Participation in the Greek system requires good character, leadership abilities and community service oriented individuals who maintain a minimum GPA standard," said Grant.

Students on average who participate with Greek organizations show an increase in GPA. This may be attributable to programs such as "study buddies."

Grant is very pleased with the quality of students who have been and are part of the Greek society. Mike Tomlinson, former Pike, was a past SGA president and now works with a number of political offices in the St. Louis area.

"Elizabeth Titlow and Kelly Harris are some of the many exceptional students who are part of our current system," said Grant. "These are women who you can tell are really



Sigma Pi, one of the UM-St. Louis fraternities participating in this year's rush festivities

going places."

The campus Greek population numbers 450 students. More than just friends, the students become each other's family away from home.

Students interested in becoming part of the campus Greek society can attend one of the many parties advertised on the displayed signs or can contact Jesse Grant at his office

number 553-5291. Grant suggests students interested should contact him in that each of the organizations have their own personality. Hurry, the rush is on.

Internet Connects Students With Computer World



Photo: Dave Floyd

GET CONNECTED: UM-St. Louis Computer Labs offer a gateway to the Internet and the world of Cyberspace.

by Jeffrey Struyk
features editor

"As a net is made up of a series of ties, so everything in this world is connected by a series of ties. If anyone thinks that the mesh of a net is an independent, isolated thing, he is mistaken. It is called a net

because it is made up of a series of interconnected meshes, and each mesh has its place and responsibility in relation to other meshes." —Buddha

The term "information super-highway" has been appearing very often in the news media. Vice-President Al Gore hopes one day

that each individual will have access to the worldwide Internet. What is this Internet, you might ask. Is Gore's wish a reality, or is exploring the regions of cyberspace just science fiction?

The Internet is nothing new. In the 1960s, the U.S. Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) began experimenting with linking computers together through telephone lines. The system allowed computers to share resources and to exchange electronic mail, or e-mail.

As the system, known as ARPANet grew, some college students developed a way to use it for online conferences with typically science oriented topics. Soon, this branched out to cover subjects in almost every imaginable field.

In the 1970s, the capabilities of the ARPANet expanded to allow file transfers over the telephone lines. This allowed the network to expand to what is today known as the Internet.

The Internet is not one single entity, but rather a collection of all of the components. As the name implies, the Internet can be best described as an international network of networks.

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New York Film Academy Awards Scholarships

by Jeffrey Struyk
features editor

Each of us has the desire to create things. Art is part of the creative process that distinguishes humans from the rest of the animal kingdom. Whether it be through writing, painting, sculpture, architecture or any other media, the human need for expression will always be in our nature.

A former English teacher once said, "a writer isn't a writer until he publishes something." There's a lot of merit in that statement. Without an outlet for a person's creativity, the talent will most likely go unnoticed and remain nothing more than an idea in the artist's mind.

The New York Film Academy, located at Robert DeNiro's Tribeca Film Center, is establishing that creative outlet by offering scholarships for potential directors, writers, editors, producers and photographers to test their talent on the big screen.

The New York Film Academy has been attracting many students from some of the finest film schools in the country like the University of Southern California (USC) and the

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). Chris Brosnan, son of actor Pierce Brosnan, struggled through UCLA courses with 100 or more students before deciding to check out the New York Film Academy.

"There's time for encouragement from instructors, and they cut right to the basics and build quickly," stated Brosnan. "Imaginative, free-flowing work is supported, whereas in a larger class there's a feeling of just being out there alone."

Jerry Sherlock, director of the New York Film Academy, explains why so many students are giving up the warmer climates of Southern California to learn about filmmaking at the Academy.

"They don't choose us for the weather experience of safety from the threat of earthquakes. They choose us because they're learning and making films in the most exciting city in the world. It's the 'total immersion' filmmaking philosophy and the courses that give them a great head start in a tough industry that draw students from

every corner of the globe to New York throughout the year."

The New York Film Academy is sponsoring a contest for college students offering a \$4,000 scholarship for its eight-week "total immersion" filmmaking workshop. Each individual in this program will write, direct, shoot and edit their own short film using 16mm Arriflex cameras.

Second and third place contestants will receive \$1,000 grants toward tuition at the New York Film Academy.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must submit a sample of their work on a VHS tape no longer than 10 minutes in length. If a tape is not feasible, up to five pages of a written description is an acceptable substitute. To have the tape returned, an appropriate self-addressed envelope with postage should be included. Submissions should be addressed to the New York Film Academy, 375 Greenwich

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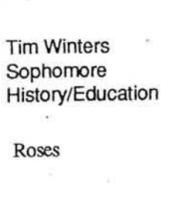
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What do you want from your lover for Valentine's Day?



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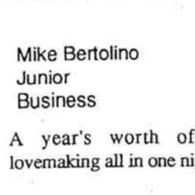
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To See Or Not To See, That Is The Groundhog

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

The campus is stirring, and everyone is asking the same question. Did the groundhog see its shadow?

"The groundhog did see its shadow," said Sue Pavick Chamber of Commerce director for Punxsutawney, Penn. "We are sure there will be six more weeks of winter."

Punxsutawney is the original home of "the great weather prognosticator, his majesty, Punxsutawney Phil." Phil is the groundhog that this small Pennsylvania town, America, and most of the world recognizes as the official predictor of the six-week weather pattern that follows Feb. 2, Groundhog Day.

"Everything has been crazy," said Pavick. "We've had calls from radio stations around the country, even one call from New Zealand."

No wonder the fuss, Punxsutawney has been elaborately celebrating Groundhog Day since 1887. Phil is said to be the same groundhog who reacted to his shadow 107 years ago.

"In all the years since Punxsutawney Phil's emergence he has never, never, never been wrong," said Charles Erhard former president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Circle.

For those who may have been under the weather, on Feb. 2 Phil comes out of his hole. If the sky is cloudy or raining, the weather will be smooth until spring. However, if the sun is shining and the groundhog sees his shadow he will be scared

back into his hole forecasting six more weeks of winter.

The festivities in Punxsutawney begin with the initial sighting of the groundhog. Phil Deeley, official groundhog handler, lifts Phil up to the crowd. The day then follows with a groundhog breakfast (customarily of moose milk, coffee and sweet rolls), a banquet at the Punxsutawney Country Club and finally the naming of the Groundhog King and Queen at the Groundhog Hop.

This year representatives from Sega attended the festival. Apparently the company's popular game character, Sonic the Hedgehog, is a distant relative to the groundhog.

Groundhog day dates back to the German celebration of Candlemas. An old saying goes "the shepherd would rather see the wolf in his stable on Candlemas day than the sun." The celebration was brought to the U.S. by German immigrants, many of whom settled in Pennsylvania.

James L. Morris made the oldest known written account of groundhog day in the U.S. dated Feb. 4, 1841.

Other groups claim to have the official groundhog including: The Slumbering Groundhog Lodge of Quarryville, Penn. established in 1907, and the Groundhog Club in Sun Prairie, Wis. established since 1948.

Still, no groups can claim a following equivocal to that of Punxsutawney Phil.

Information not taken from interviews is from "The American Book of Days" by Jane Hatch and "The Folklore of American Holidays" edited by Hennig Cohen and Tristram Coffin.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

During the month of February, the University of Missouri-St. Louis joins with institutions throughout the nation in celebrating African-American History Month. The observance was initiated by Carther G. Woodson in 1926. The purpose was to present the contributions of blacks to the development of America. It was Dr. Woodson's hope that through this special observance, all Americans would be reminded of their ethnic roots and that we could develop understanding among racial groups stemming from mutual respect for varying backgrounds.

Are You Aware Of These Contributions By Africans Americans?

Norbert Rilleau (1806-1894)- The Scientist who invented a vacuum cup that substantially improved the method of refining sugar. Rilleau was born a slave in Louisiana, freed, and sent to France to be educated by his former slave owner.

Elijah McCoy (1844-1928)- An inventor who made many automatic lubricating appliances which were used on trains, steamships and in large industry today. "I want the real McCoy" refers to the appliances invented by Elijah McCoy.

Jan Matzeliger (1852-1889)- An inventor who created the first machine for attaching soles to shoes. The machine was patented in 1883.

Daniel Hale Williams (1856-1931)- A surgeon who performed the first successful heart operation at Provident Hospital 1893.

George Washington Carver (1864-1943)- A scientist who produced bleach, wood filler, metal polish, ink, rubbing oil, plastic and other items from the peanut. From the sweet potatoe, Carver produced starch, vinegar, rope and other products. Flour and powdered milk were produced from the soybean.

Garret A. Morgan (1877-1963)- The inventor of the "gas inhaler" which was later transformed into a gas mask. Later Morgan developed improvement on the sewing machine and invented the first automatic traffic signal.

Dr. Percy Julian (1898-1975)- A chemist who discovered a drug to relieve pain caused by arthritis and synthesized the drug physostigmine, which is used today in the treatment of glaucoma.

Dr. Charles Richard Drew (1904-1950)- A physician who solved the challenges of producing plasma from whole blood.

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Street, New York, NY 10013. Deadline for submissions is March 15, 1994. The winner will be announced on April 30, 1994.

Sherlock credits the success of the New York Film Academy to its "total immersion" policy.

"There were only a few film courses out there, mainly film appreciation and lecture courses, none that had you actually making films. At

the other extreme were New York and Columbia Universities with the full four-year commitments. They all do what they do well, but I felt nobody had a short, comprehensive program. It was clear that there was room for a hands-on program that would allow students to write, direct, shoot and edit their own film without requiring a commitment of four years and \$100,000.

The Current will run free Valentine's Day ads for Students next addition.

Ads must be 25 words or less and dropped at The Current's main office at 7940 Natural Bridge Rd. by 10:00 a.m. Thursday Feb. 10.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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The local networks of government agencies, universities and research companies are all connected to the Internet. Recently, commercial companies like Compuserve, America Online and Delphi have opened the Internet to the general public.

There are literally thousands of things you can do on the Internet. You can send e-mail anywhere in the world. News wire services, weather forecasts, movie reviews, sports news, and news features are all contained in the Internet. All this information is updated constantly, so the news is always current.

The biggest obstacle in using the Internet is getting connected. The best way for college students is to use the computer labs. UM-St. Louis offers free access to the Internet for all students, faculty and staff. If you do not have a computer account already, you can obtain one by going to room 451 CCB. Be sure to bring a student ID or proof of enrollment. Once you get your account, you're off to the lab.

When you first hook up to the Internet, there are several things you can do. They will seem confusing at first, but they soon become familiar. A feature called FTP (file transfer protocol) allows users to transmit data files to and from other host computers. Another feature,

called Telnet, allows one computer to connect to another and use its resources. Using each of these requires knowledge of the host computer's Internet address. This is similar to a phone number. It tells one computer how to access the other. As an example, my Internet address here at UM-St. Louis is "S91167@UMSLVMA.UMSL.EDU." Sound confusing? There's another feature to help with this.

A "Gopher" is a menu-driven guide to the Internet. Instead of entering a series of Internet addresses, the Gopher allows you to see a list of available options and select the one you want. The selection may be another menu, a Telnet site, or a FTP file. To access the Gopher at UM-St. Louis, simple log on to the local network and type "GOPHER" at the prompt. You're now connected to the world.

It's easy to see the potential benefits for a world-wide information network. There's so much available out there, and it keeps expanding. Everything from library catalogs to online games to real-time discussions on the existence of God, the Internet is bound to have something of interest for everyone.

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For Pete's Sake



First Half Basketball Awards

by Pete Dicrispino
associate sports editor

Sit back sports fans and hold on to your seats, it's time for another addition of the Peter Piper Awards.

This version of the Peter Piper Awards will be given out for the outstanding first-half basketball players.

Here's my list of the players, who I feel deserved to be recognized as mid-season all-stars.

First we will look at the women's basketball team, who are led by first-year coach Jim Coen. The Riverwomen heading into last week's play had a record of 12-9 overall and 4-4 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Association Conference.

Nancy Hesemann- This senior forward is ending her career in grand style. She leads the team in points per game (13.0) and in rebounds per game (7.1). She is also second on the team with 43 three pointers made and in three pointers attempted (159). She has started every game and has been the team's most consistent performer.

Laura Satterfield- Is the Riverwomen's other gun from the outside. Leads the team in three-point baskets made (56) and in three-point baskets attempted (174). She should end up breaking all of the school's records in the three-point category.

Christiana Hampton- A transfer from Florissant Valley Community College who has surprised many people. She leads the team in steals with 73, while averaging 10.2 points per game. She is the main reason for the team's pressure defense causing problems for opponents.

Arlatha Lewis- Is tied with Hesemann with a 13.0 scoring average per game. Has done a good job at forward considering her height (5-7). Needs to have a little more consistency in her shooting and rebounding to be all-around player.

Now for the men's team. The Rivermen heading into last week were 6-10 overall and 2-6 in the MIAA.

Marvin Smith- Leads the team with a scoring average of 17.6 points a game. He is also on top in the rebounding department pulling in 9.4 rebounds a game. Needs to improve on free throw shooting, as he is shooting a little over 60 percent from the line.

Marcus Albert- A transfer from Howard County Junior College leads the team with 45 three pointers. Is second on the team in scoring with an average of 13.8 a game. Also tied for the team lead in steal with 21.

Shawn Caldwell- Averaging 12.9 points per game and is second on the team with 34 three pointers. Third on the team with 35 assists, all while coming off the bench.

Rodney Hawthorne- A freshman from East St. Louis High is averaging 10.8 points and 7.6 rebounds a game. Has been a pleasant surprise as a freshman and should only get better.

How about the all-star coach at mid-season.

Jim Coen- Has done a great job in his first season as head coach.

Has mixed and matched a lineup together with only nine players and only one over six-foot. Has the players playing an exciting style and the games are fun for the fans to watch.

So, now it's up to all of the students to get off your butts and watch some exciting basketball. The teams could use your support.

Coen Wins 200, Riverwomen Survive Second Half Emporia State Surge

by Cory Schroeder
sports editor

A second-half rally by Emporia State did not falter the Riverwomen, who cruised to an 82-78 victory.

Riverwomen head coach Jim Coen almost had to wait another night for career victory 200 as the Hornets erased a 21 point halftime deficit to pull within two points with 1:48 left to play in regulation.

"We missed a couple of easy lay-ups at the start of the half and then we couldn't get any of our shots to fall," Coen said.

Coen has compiled 200 wins with stints at St. Mary's University, St. Mary Plains, East Texas State, Niagara University, and 13 wins at UM-St. Louis. His career record is now 200 wins and 180 losses. Saturday night's win over Emporia improved the Riverwomen to 13-10 overall and 5-5 in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA).

Senior forward Nancy Hesemann got the Riverwomen rolling in the first half scoring eight points including two three pointers. She provided the big punch all night finishing up with 17 points and a season high 14 rebounds.

"Her shot was not only on but she provided us with clutch scoring by hitting those threes at crucial moments in the second half," Coen said. "She played like a senior should."

Hesemann had the extended task of trying to shut down Emporia's skyscraper attack. The Hornets roster features five players over 5 feet 10 inches. Hesemann and seldom used center Arry Huber are the only Riverwomen above

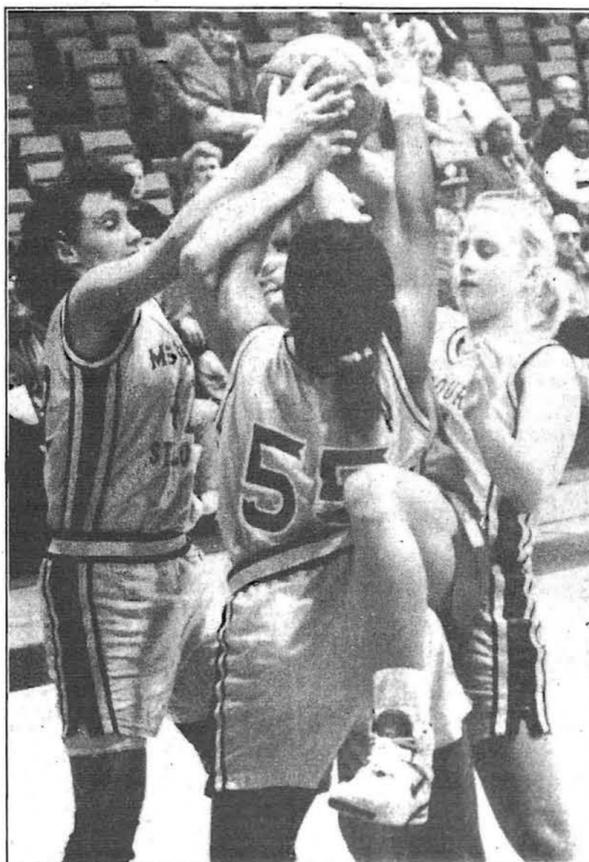


Photo: Dave Floyd

UP FOR GRABS: Riverwomen Nicole Christ (24), Christiana Hampton (55), and Laura Satterfield (far right) battle a few Hornets players for a loose ball in the Riverwomen 82-78 victory.

that mark. Hornets center Casey game averaging 16 points per game Cookson, a 6'0" senior, came into the and 10 rebounds. But some sprawling

defense by Hesemann kept Cookson off the boards, and she finished with a paltry 10 points and three rebounds.

"She (Hesemann) always had a hand in my face," Cookson said. "She seems taller than 6'2."

A pleasant surprise has been the improving play of sophomore guard D.J. Martin. Martin sunk three three-point baskets and led the team with four assists. She is averaging almost nine points over her last five games despite coming off the bench.

"D.J.'s gotten more out of her ability than anybody on the team," Coen

said. "She can give us a lot of minutes and she's only going to get better."

The Riverwomen entered Saturday night's matchup neck and neck with Emporia State for the final MIAA playoff spot. With the victory, UM-St. Louis appears to be in great contention for their first post-season showing in two years. They will host the always tough Jennies of Central Missouri State who look beatable after losing by more than 30 points to Washburn on Saturday.

Washburn defeated the Riverwomen 69-66.

The Jim Coen Record

1977-78	St. Mary's	2-21
1978-79	St. Mary's	10-18
1979-80	St. Mary's	11-17
1980-81	St. Mary's	18-8 *
1981-82	St. Mary's	19-18 **
1982-83	St. Mary's	18-11
1983-84	St. Mary's	16-13 *
1985-86	St. Mary Plains	24-5 **
1986-87	St. Mary Plains	20-8 *
1987-88	St. Mary Plains	20-7 **
1989-90	East Texas St.	7-20
1990-91	Niagara U.	10-16
1991-92	Niagara U.	12-16
1993-94	UM-St. Louis	13-10



* Won Conference Championship
** Won District Championship

Abandon Ship! Hornets Sting Rivermen, Hill Lost For Season

by Rob Goedeker
of The Current staff

Off to their worst start in MIAA Conference history, the UM-St. Louis men's basketball team didn't improve the cause in an effortless loss to the Emporia State Hornets 86-70 on Saturday.

"We played like the game didn't matter that much to us," said coach Rich Meckfessel. "There was very little intensity; very little team play."

With their third loss in a row and first home conference loss the Rivermen fell to 6-12 overall and 2-8 in the conference.

"We haven't got any better, and that is as much my fault as anybody's," Meckfessel said.

The Rivermen trailed throughout most of the game, being out-muscled by a much larger Hornet team. Ron Frierson led all scorers with 29 points and 17 rebounds. The Hornets' leading scorer, James McCallop, added 26 points. The Rivermen were out-rebounded in the game 51-40.

Even though Emporia had a larger team, the size didn't seem to be a factor in the game. The Rivermen beat themselves with 18 turnovers and poor field goal shooting in a game that had no team effort.

"We have not gotten any better, in fact, we've gotten worse," said Meckfessel.

"It's mental mistakes, that's what is hurting us," said sophomore guard Lawndale Thomas.

Emporia not only had the tallest players in the game, but

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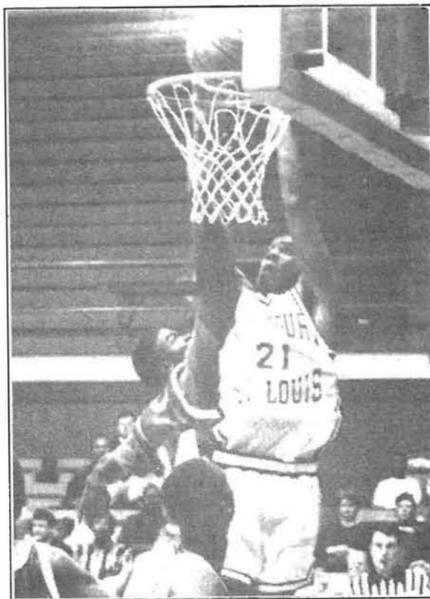


Photo: Dave Floyd

IN YOUR FACE: Rodney Hawthorne's (21) slam was about the only excitement in a Rivermen loss.

Rivermen On Cable

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball game against Central Missouri State University will be aired on Crown Cable Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 12 at 12:00 p.m.; and Feb. 13 at 8:00 p.m. All games will be shown on channel 8 of systems 1 and II and channel 108 of system III.

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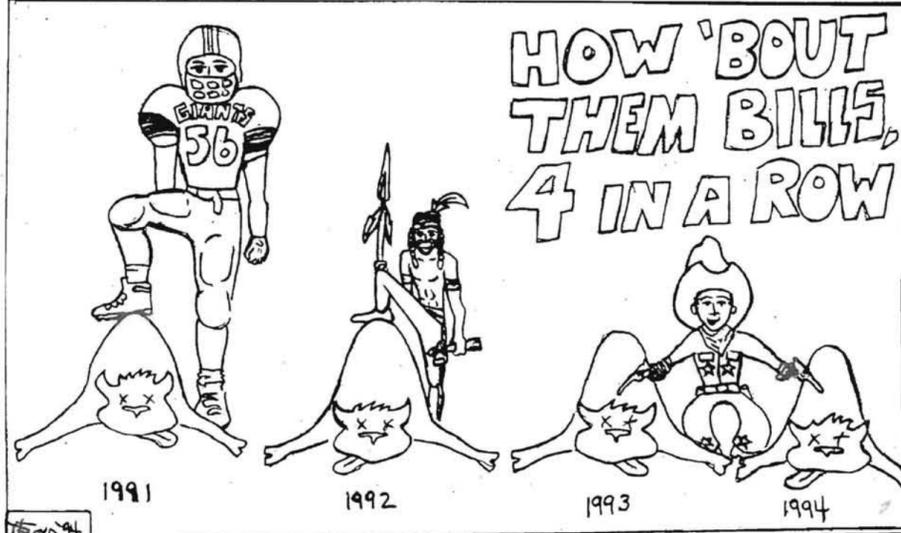
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MIAA Men's Basketball Standings

1. Washburn	9-0
2. Central MO	7-2
3. MO. Western	6-3
Northeast MO	6-3
Northwest MO	6-3
6. Pittsburg State	5-4
7. MO Southern	4-5
8. Emporia State	3-6
Missouri-Rolla	3-6
SW. Baptist	3-6
11.UM-St. Louis	2-7
12.Lincoln	0-9



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they also had the smallest in 5' 7" sophomore guard Lamont Bunton. Bunton used his weakness in size and turned it into an asset, as he dribbled the ball through a maze of Rivermen and dished off perfect passes to his teammates for open shots and uncontested layups. He had eight assists for the game.

The Hornets led the Rivermen at halftime 47-34. Just :31 seconds into the second half a Rodney Hawthorne dunk brought UM-St. Louis to within 11 points of the lead, but that is as close as they would get. After the dunk, the Rivermen scored only two more points, a total of four, in the first five minutes, until Thomas hit one of his team-leading

four three pointers at 14:11. But by then the Rivermen were trailing by 16 points and never recovered. The Rivermen trailed by 27 points with 6:16 remaining in the game.

Late in the second half, Thomas tried to single-handedly get the Rivermen into the game with two successive three pointers and a steal, sending Shawn Caldwell in for a layup to pull UM-St. Louis to within 11 points (77-66) with 3:44 remaining. But Thomas fouled out of the game with at three minutes. Thomas had a career-high 21 points and hit four out of five three pointers.

The Rivermen may have lost more than just the game. Late in the first half senior forward Malcolm Hill had to leave the game after getting tangled up with a Homet player. Hill was taken to the hospital after the game for X-rays. He may have a torn Achilles tendon, and may be out for the season, a big loss for the team, but a shame for himself, personally.

"He is about as nice of a young man that we have had in the program," said Meckfessel. "It would be a shame if he couldn't finish the season, but that's the way it looks right now."

In the future, the Rivermen may start focusing their game plan on next year.

"Starting with Monday's practice, we're getting ready for next year, not that we have given up on this year, but by getting ready for next year we may be able to produce some wins this year."

Whether it's this year or next year,

the Rivermen need to post some wins on the board and try to accomplish at least something before the season is over, and the players still believe there is light at the end of the tunnel.

"The season isn't over with, we still have more games to go," said Thomas. "Take one game at a time. We're not giving up, we aren't quitters. I don't care what anybody says, we aren't quitters."

Men's Box Score

Emporia State	47	39	86
UM-St. Louis	34	36	70

Emporia State- Bunton 4, Robbins 12, James McCallop 26, Robinson 3, Allerheilgen 0, Doria 9, Kirkland 3, Jackson 0, Vauppel 0, Frierson 29. FG-31 (7 3-point FG), FT 17, PF 22.

UM-St. Louis- Thomas 21, Graves 3, Hill 0, Hawthorne 6, Caldwell 6, Albert 11, Reddy 2, Smith 17, Tuckson 4. FG-24 (6 3-point), FT 16, PF 23.

Women's Box Score

Emporia State	31	47	78
UM-St. Louis	52	30	82

Emporia State- Schwartzendruber 8, Church 12, Rulon 11, Henry 7, Cookson 10, Humphrey 18, Butell 12. FG 35 (1 3-point FG), FT 7.

UM-St. Louis- Jordan 7, Howard 1, Hessemann 17, Satterfield 3, Lewis 14, Huber 4, Christ 11, Martin 11, Hampton 14. FG 32 (9 3-point FG), FT 9.

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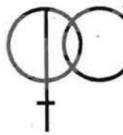


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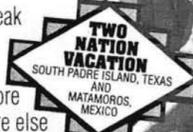


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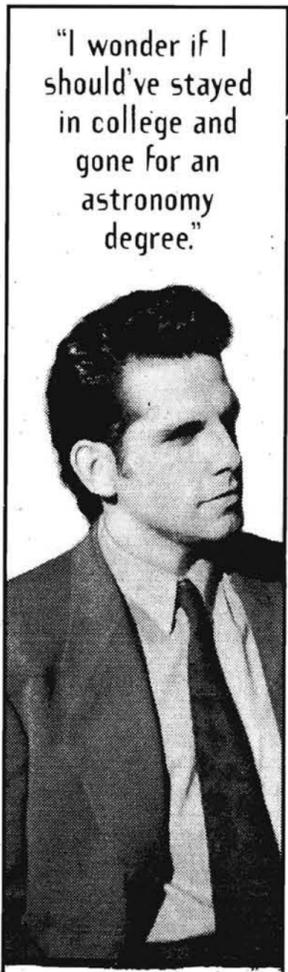
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