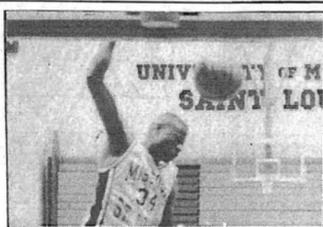


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Watch and learn
Eric Lytle of the UM-St. Louis Rivermen teaches Missouri Southern a thing or two in Wednesday's win, but the team was less fortunate in its game Saturday night.

EDITORIAL

A student, who's been at UM-St. Louis for just a short while, wrote his observations in a letter to the editor.

FEATURES

Russian students Eugene Burau and Marina Kourzenko study abroad at UM-St. Louis.

SPORTS

UM-St. Louis looks into the possibility of moving from the MIAA to the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Curator deems tuition hikes necessary

Hall says 20 percent of new revenue to be earmarked for student aid

by Brian A. Dashner
associate news editor

One hundred and fifty University of Missouri students couldn't stop the Board of Curators from voting 7-1 to increase student tuition two weeks ago at the UM-St. Louis campus.

Mary Gillespie was the lone curator of the eight-member Board to disagree with continuing the five-year plan, now in its fourth year. The plan calls for fees to rise at the rate of inflation plus \$200 per academic year, increasing this year's tuition 9.9 percent.

The cost per credit hour rises from \$101 to \$111 for a resident, undergraduate student. A student taking 30

credit hours will pay \$3,330, which is \$300 more than last year.

Fred Hall, Jr., vice president of the Board and chairperson of the Finance Committee, said the tuition hikes are necessary.

Hall said Missouri ranks 46th in the nation in per capita spending on higher education. Only Florida, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire rank lower. Missouri's tax contribution per capita is \$111, compared to Nebraska at \$212 and Iowa at \$203.

"Where you have a low higher education support you will have higher student fees," Hall said.

He also said that tuition raises made from 1970 to 1990 were inadequate in

keeping pace with inflation, so the Board found itself in a financial hole in the 1990s. He cited faculty salaries as being hit the hardest.

"When you lose your faculty, you lose your guts," Hall said. "The quality of the faculty is the quality of the institution, and the UM faculty have taken pay cuts for far too long."

Hall said that 20 percent of the new revenue will be earmarked for student aid.

"Those funds will be distributed to student programs such as housing and in-school grants on each campus," he said.

Hall went on to say that the chancellor of each campus would be decid-

ing how to use the revenue. He said that each campus would have different priorities.

The Republican Party's Contract with America may affect tuition levels in the future.

"Some institutions will see a great impact from this [Contract with America] and [the tuition hike] may help some students who might be affected," Hall said.

Hall went on to say that student fees may be raised again if it is necessary to supplement revenue lost due to the Contract With America. This would be in addition to the five-year plan.

"(Raising tuition) is the hardest thing I'll have to do all year," Hall said.

Educational fees on the rise

This chart shows the average tuition cost at UM for a 15-hour sem.

Academic Year	Undergraduate resident	Graduate resident
1975-76	\$540	\$1,620
1980-81	\$774	\$2,322
1985-86	\$1,379	\$4,137
1990-91	\$1,894	\$5,677
1995-96	\$3,330	\$9,954

Greek government endows professorship

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

The campaign for a fourth endowed professorship at UM-St. Louis ended Tuesday when Nicholas Dimadis, the secretary general for Greeks Abroad, presented Chancellor Blanche Touhill with a gift of \$150,000 from the Greek government.

The University had three such professorships prior to Tuesday's announcement, including one in Nursing, another concentrating in "creating a regular institution for the advancement of science education and an endowed professorship in Education," and a professorship in the field of citizenship education.

"Unlike other endowed professorships that came about because of a single donor, this was a community effort," Touhill said.

"Over 300 people worked to make this possible."

The campaign to raise \$550,000 took about one year. UM-St. Louis and the surrounding community collected \$400,000 before the final donation was made by the Greek government.

"We are grateful for this extremely generous gift from the Greek government," Touhill said. "Currently, no university in Missouri offers modern Greek studies. This professorship will meet that need by making accessible an array of courses in Greek culture and language, which are critical to the understanding of western civilization."

The state of Missouri will match the private donations with a separate gift of \$550,000, and the University of Missouri will pay the salary for a full-time position.

Dimadis congratulated everyone involved

with the project. Before his 15-minute presentation which was spoken in Greek, Dimadis presented Touhill with the gift.

"This University will soon be the meeting place of two cultures," Dimadis said. "This meeting place will be extremely fruitful because the two cultures share common principles and common values."

"I believe your University, by establishing this professorship, is taking a big step that our government would love to assist."

Diane Toulaiatos, a music professor at UM-St. Louis, led the fund-raising efforts in the St. Louis community.

"Dr. Toulaiatos worked tirelessly to see that this goal was reached," Touhill said. "We owe her a great deal for the many hours of work she gave to this cause."

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Bel Nor bars two Newman House boarders

by Deana Austry
of The Current staff

Bel Nor zoning regulations recently prevented two UM-St. Louis students from moving into the Catholic Students Center (Newman House).

Dennis Chitwood, the campus minister for the Catholic Students Center, said he would have liked the students to live at the Center to help run the ministry.

Chitwood said the students would have been expected to answer the doors and answer the telephones. He also said a constant student presence at the house would make it safer. Chitwood said the students would be charged a small fee to cover utilities.

Chitwood applied for an occupancy permit, but the zoning codes established by the Village of Bel Nor require that a family

unit occupy a residential space.

Bel Nor classifies the Catholic Student Center as a structure used for "educational

'I think we need to broaden our definition of the word family to adjust to the 1990s.'

Dennis Chitwood, campus minister Catholic Student Center

activity." Codes concerning these "activities" are found under the classification "E1" in the institutional district zoning codes. These codes

specify that only families can reside within a building housing an "educational activity." This code defines a family as a group of people "whose relationship... descends from an immediate common ancestor or by marriage."

Chitwood said this definition has not kept pace with the times.

"I think we need to broaden our definition of the word family to adjust to the 1990s."

Bel Nor Mayor Frank Topping said he didn't know what the reasoning was behind the codes.

"They were written long before I was put into office."

Chitwood said the next step is to appeal to Bel Nor. He said he would be asking the Bel Nor Board of Adjustments for a variance for the Catholic Student Center. He said he would stress to the Village that the tenants would be providing a specific service to the ministry.



photo courtesy of USMC

(L-R) Capt. Etoy D. Brown, Capt. Jacqueline Sutton and Capt. Sheryl Gatewood are graduates of area high schools. Sutton spoke Tuesday about leadership.

Black History Month begins: UM-St. Louis, USMC kick off observance

by Brian A. Dashner
associate news editor

The UM-St. Louis Office of Equal Opportunity and the United States Marine Corps (USMC) kicked off Black History Month with a presentation delivered by Captain Jacqueline Sutton.

The presentation, held Tuesday in the J.C. Penney auditorium, was part of an ongoing campaign by the USMC to recruit African American women into leadership and officer positions. Sutton spoke about USMC leadership opportunities.

Sutton, who is a budget analyst for training and education, has been in the USMC since 1988. She said that the perception of the USMC by African American females has kept the number of officer candidates small for this group.

"Many do not feel that there are any opportu-

nities for African American women in the Marines," she said.

Sutton said that the USMC allowed her the opportunity to obtain a Master of Business Arts degree from Webster University. Other opportunities Sutton has gained from her service include several tours overseas and a leadership role in the USMC.

"The Marine Corps has opened a lot of doors and offered me a lot of opportunities," Sutton said. "I am one of 37 female African American officers in the Marine Corps."

Sutton said that three of the 37 are graduates from St. Louis area high schools. Sutton is a graduate of McCluer North, while Captain Etoy D. Brown and Captain Sheryl

see Sutton, page 4

Who's having a party?



photo: Jeremy Rutherford

(L-R) Dan Griesenauer, Jim Dempewolf, Adam White and Bryan Ryscavage are members of the Sig Tau Gamma fraternity, which had it's "Big Chill" party Friday.

Former chancellor stood for leadership

by Amy Pierce
of The Current staff

Dr. Glen Robert Driscoll, former chancellor of UM-St. Louis, died Jan. 16 at his home in Clovis, Calif. He was 74 years old.

Dr. Driscoll arrived at the University in June of 1964. He then was appointed chairperson of the Social Science Division. In addition to his administrative duties, he taught History.

"He was always the type of guy who thought the UM-St. Louis campus should provide open access for all who have the talent and ambition to succeed," UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill said, in her book "The Emerging University."

Dr. Driscoll was active on a policy committee which served in a leadership capacity for creating campus policies and curriculum. He later became graduate dean and then Chancellor of the University.

"Dr. Driscoll was a very warm individual who always put everyone at ease," said Donald Driemeier, deputy to the Chancellor. "His contribution put focus on the breath of programs and the opportunities for students to achieve."

Driemeier said Dr. Driscoll's commitment caused the campus community to think about a more comprehensive university.

"He added to the emphasis of the University, which still continues today," Driemeier said.

David Ganz is the associate dean of the School of Business at UM-St. Louis.

"Besides being a hardworking Chancellor, Dr. Driscoll was a



photo courtesy of University Archives

Dr. Glen Robert Driscoll

very big supporter of campus activities and was very well known to attend every sports event," Ganz said.

Dr. Driscoll left UM-St. Louis in 1972 and moved on to become director of The California Bowl and then president of the

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SGA President has his own version of five-year plan

by Jeremy Rutherford of The Current staff

Don't quote me, but I think we've seen our final fee increase of any kind for awhile, at least a year. The reason I believe this is simple. What else is there to increase?

Once-free transcripts are now going for \$5 a pop, as compared to the \$3 average at other universities. Before leaving as chair of the Senate Student Affairs Committee, a concerned Martin Rochester made a counter proposal to Chancellor Blanche Touhill, which would entail a couple of free transcripts. But she hasn't responded, yet.

For transcripts that exceeded the two freebies, Rochester recommended a \$3 charge for each copy picked up or mailed. If it was to be faxed within the U.S., a \$10 charge would apply. Students faxing copies internationally would be charged what I guess is a \$5 tariff, therefore \$15.

"These fees are more in line with a number of other institutions, such as UM-Kansas City and St. Louis University," Rochester said in his letter to the Chancellor.

"The Committee urges you to give every consideration to this recommendation, since the transcript issue is one that many students feel strongly about."

Another issue students feel strongly about is student fees, which will be increased in the summer of 1995.

Five categories including Athletics, University Center, Student Activity, Student Service and Mark Twain Renovation will all see significant increases.

"We are under a UM directive to pull money out of auxiliaries and put it into higher priorities," said Lowe 'Sandy' MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

So the money's needed, fine. There has been an increase in student involvement in recent years, and if this extra money will continue that trend, let's make the investment. Of course, UM-St. Louis has more than its share of bad apples, who will say: "Just let me go to school, to work and to bed."

O.K. you robots, you have every right to complain. But if you want something to really complain about, listen up.

Student Government President Christopher B. Jones, Vice President Kel Ward and Comptroller Beth Titlow met in November, after MacLean's visit with the entire Assembly.

"After a few hours of deliberation, the vice president, the comptroller and myself decided to raise the fee," Jones said in a Jan. 23 letter to the Assembly.

"To alleviate the situation of having three which would entail a couple of free transcripts. But she hasn't responded, yet.

Jones' proposed model will annually increase the Student Activity Fees by the inflation rate +3 percent. He said this will increase the amount of funds available through the Student Activities Budget Committee process for all recognized student organizations.

"As the enrollment increases, and student involvement follows, the need for these additional funds will become apparent," Jones said.

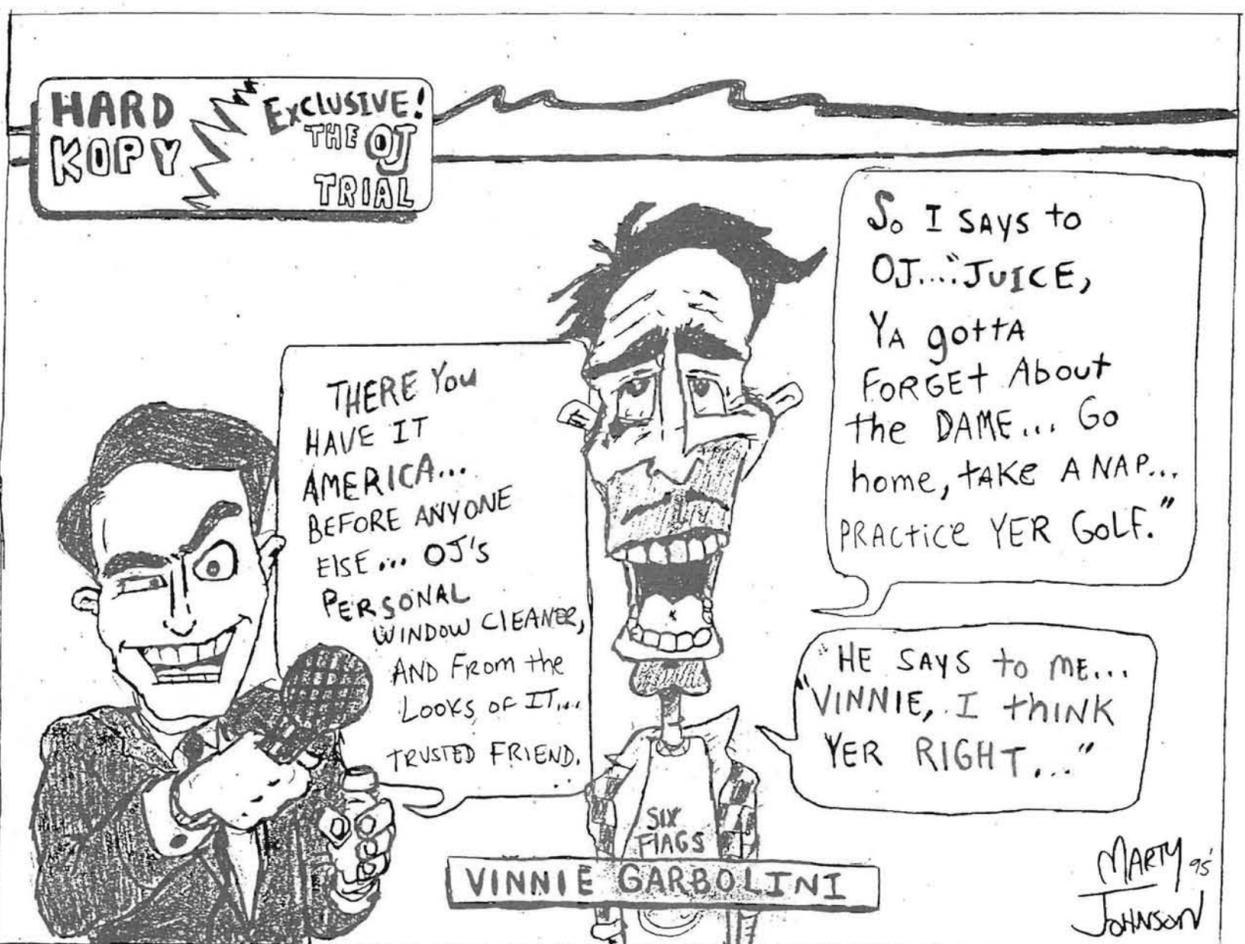
I don't like Jones' reasoning. I think he is making the rate of the Student Activity Fee increase too automatic and too mechanical. This is something people should have to think about every year, not just let it be decided by some piece of legislation. This sounds like Chris Jones' version of the five-year plan.

"It will be added to the standing rules of the Assembly, where it could be amended by the Assembly in years to come," Jones said, but isn't that what they're doing in the first place - amending last year's numbers?

Luckily, your student representatives questioned the proposal and tabled the decision for another date.

Take a minute out of the old work schedule, and find out who the representatives to the Assembly are.

It's not so much the increase, Chris. We're for student involvement. But after the successful meeting that took place two weeks ago, let's continue the harmony.



A farewell...

Clint Zweifel resigned his position last Wednesday in order to pursue other interests. As editor-in-chief I will miss Clint and his 'take no prisoners' style of journalism. He was a big part of all the improvements we have made this year. His passionate dedication to putting out a quality paper was unequalled. There is no one else I would rather have as my managing editor. I wish him continued success in whatever field he plans to conquer next.



Clint Zweifel

Editor-in-chief Matthew J. Forsythe

Letters to the editor...

Stop transcript fee tyranny; cost too high

Dear Editor,
The transcript fee committee of Student Government has officially been formed in the hopes of reducing the transcript fee to a reasonable level that matches that of the other area schools. As previously reported in The Current, the transcript fee generates \$115,000 in revenue and is at the high end of the scale for schools around this area. Five dollars a copy is an outrageous amount for what it costs to produce one.

Floissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec, St. Louis University, Webster University, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, UM-Rolla, and UMKansas City all charge \$3 or less for transcripts. At UM-Rolla current enrolled students can have unlimited transcripts mailed to other universities and employers free of charge. At UMKansas City each currently enrolled student gets one free transcript. The average UM-St. Louis student can barely afford the tuition let alone

the many hidden fees like the transcript fee. Whatever good intentions the administration has for the fee does not justify students paying an absurd amount of money just to get a legal record of their grades. I have talked to several students who think the transcript fee is yet another example of the University profiting from the students. I personally do not believe that. The chancellor almost always does the right thing concerning student interests. Last year the Senate Student Affairs Com-

mittee came up with a reasonable recommendation which the chancellor rejected. In the age of increasing tuition fees, it would be a nice gesture for Chancellor Touhill to reduce the transcript fee. Students would see the administration acting in good faith and understanding the many burdens placed upon the students.

Eric Barnhart
Assembly Chairman of Student Government

University should cut incremental grading

Dear Editor,
Do grades give a true representation of a student's academic performance? Many think so. Some perspective employers seem to think so. Most parents give merit to grades given by instructors. We are told good grades can get us into a good university, get us our first job... I believe that by giving instructors the freedom to decide whether they prefer to use the incremental grading system (A, A-, B+, B-, etc.) or the standard system (A, B, C, D, F) jeop-

ardizes the credibility of the grades given. It doesn't end with that choice. Consistency is lacking. Instructors also arbitrarily choose their own cutoffs. A B+ can mean something different to different instructors. Instructors decide to whom the incremental grading will apply. An instructor may be using the incremental system for all students except A students and another may use it for everyone with a C- or better. Another instructor may use just A, B+, B, C+, C... no minuses given. Another interesting inconsistency, not all uni-

versities in the University of Missouri are using incremental grading. How can this be good for the students? According to the interview Clint Zweifel of The Current had with Sharon Levin, Chairwoman of the Economics Department, "Professors who use the incremental grading system to justify and explain why one student has a B and another has a B+." I don't buy that bill of goods. The instructors that weren't organized and didn't justify themselves before don't become more organized and define their expecta-

tions because they choose to use the incremental grading system. What does a grade mean if guidelines are not set and the system is not standardized? The grading system employed by a university should be the same for all students and should be used in a consistent manner by all instructors to ensure the credibility of the grading system and for the sake of every student who is affected.

Sincerely
Aleta Saena

Student radical calls for action

Dear Editor,
I am a transfer student new to this university. For the last month I have been feeling my way around and trying to figure out what is going on here. What I have found is appalling. First there are only two student organizations who were actively pursuing new members (other than the "come get drunk" groups). Then there were upper classmen who were more than happy to tell me how much the SGA and The Current sucks. And no they had not done anything to try to improve things. Then last week when everyone should banded together and

stood up to the curators, very few bothered to show. The attitude that this tuition hike was and is a "done deal" is a crock!! It is high time that all of the students on this campus get off their collective butt and start taking some action. Everyone here is eligible to vote. Last Fall the administrators insinuated that there would not be any need for tuition hikes if Amendment 7 failed. It did, but guess who got the shaft anyway - you the eligible voter. Now it's time for you to get even. Start by writing your congressional representatives at both the state and federal levels. Those of you whose parents are helping to pay

the bills should encourage them to do the same. Write to the mayors of your respective cities. You members of the political organizations, take the lead. That's what student organizations are suppose to do, teach leadership! College is not just for academics, you can learn many valuable life skills if you will get off your butt and do something.

Signed,
The Radical

editor's note: The tuition hike were part of a five-year, UM system plan that was started in 1991.

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Sutton made subsequent presenta-
tions at several colleges in Illinois.
Other scheduled stops included a lun-
cheon with St. Louis Mayor Bosley Jr.
and a military ball held in honor of

Colonel Charles Bollen, who will soon
be promoted to the rank of General.

"When [Bollen] achieves General
status, the Marine Corps will have two
African American Generals serving
simultaneously for the first time in
history," said Lieutenant Colonel Cossey
Bailey.

Driscoll from page 1

University of Toledo.
Dr. Driscoll is survived by his wife,
Patricia Driscoll of Clovis; mother,
Jennie Driscoll of Ohio.

He is also survived by two sisters
Julie Stockmen and Ruth Hallman, both
of Ohio; brother Carl Driscoll of Ohio;
sons David Driscoll of Texas and Rob-
ert Driscoll of Idaho; a daughter, Nancy
Husted of Iowa. Dr. Driscoll had seven
grandchildren.

campus crime campus crime campus crime

The following criminal incidents
were reported to campus police
during the period Dec. 12, 1994 to
Jan. 31, 1995. If readers have infor-
mation that could assist the police
investigation they are urged to call
516-5155.

Dec. 13
A student reported that between 7
a.m. and 4:30 p.m., unknown persons
took 60 compact discs from the front
seat of his vehicle. The vehicle was
parked on the second level of parking
garage "N" with the doors unlocked.

Dec. 15
Thomas Jefferson Library staff re-
ported that four CD-ROMS were sto-
len between Dec. 14 at 4:15 p.m. and
Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 16
A staff person reported the theft of
a Motorola Cellular Telephone from
her car on Dec. 13, between 9 a.m. and
2 p.m. The theft occurred on parking
lot "J."

Dec. 20
A staff person reported the theft of
a name plate from a door in the Com-

puter Center Building. The theft oc-
curred between Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m.
and Oct. 20 at 10:38 a.m.

Dec. 30
Two juveniles were arrested for
trespassing in the Social Science Tower
Building at 2:42 p.m. They were re-
leased to their parents pending Juvenile
Court disposition.

Jan. 10
A staff person reported that between
12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., unknown
persons stole a mountain bike from the
bike rack in front of Thomas Jefferson
Library. The bike had been secured
with a lock.

Jan. 17
A graduate student reported the
theft of two credit cards from her purse
between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 237
Benton Hall. The office area was not
locked at the time of the theft.

Jan. 18
A person reported the theft of a
wallet containing \$35.00 in cash and
credit cards between 2:30 p.m. and
2:45 p.m. from the Mark Twain
Building men's locker room.

Jan. 20
A part-time worker reported being
raped in a vehicle by a male acquaint-
ance on Dec. 15, 1994, at 8:30 a.m. on
the MetroLink parking lot at UM-St.
Louis South. The investigation is con-
tinuing.

Jan. 23
Optometry staff reported the theft
of a lens-o-meter valued at \$750.00 at
234 Marillac Hall.

Jan. 24
A student reported her purse con-
taining credit cards and identification
being stolen between 6 p.m. and 6:15
p.m. from the third level of Thomas
Jefferson Library. The purse was left
unattended while the owner went to the
fourth floor.

Jan. 26
A faculty member reported a cut
telephone wire in her office at 1109
Social Science Tower. The wire was
cut between Jan. 25 at 10:45 p.m. and
Jan. 26 at 4:10 p.m. The office door was
locked.

Jan. 31
A person reported a cracked wind-
shield while the vehicle was parked on
the first level of parking garage "C" at
7:15 p.m.

A suspicious person was reported
being seen on parking lot "E" follow-
ing a person to her car.

A person using the fitness facilities
at Mark Twain Building reported that
his car keys were stolen from a locked
locker and that his vehicle was missing
from parking lot "M". The incidents
occurred between 1:30 p.m. and 1:40
p.m.

A disturbance involving a fight
between 10 to 15 persons playing bas-
ketball at the Mark Twain Building
gym was reported at 7:50 p.m. Persons
involved ran from the building.

UM-St. Louis Police 516-5155

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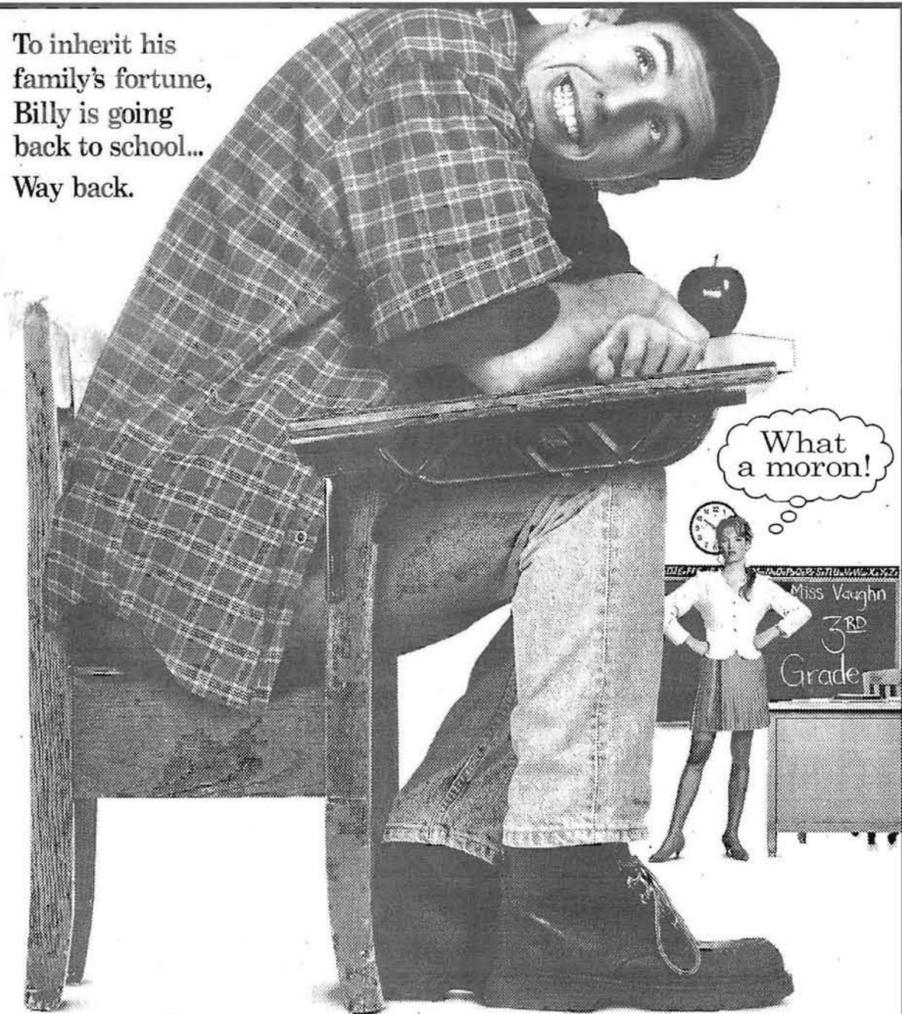
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Just a Thought

by Don Barnes
columnist

Comin' to the end of the line



You may remember, last time I filled some space for "Just a Thought" I discussed a train trip I was hours away from embarking on. Well, we didn't jump track (that there's a railroad term), but that's not to say it wasn't a memorable experience.

The train from St. Louis to K.C. is like a shuttle, what us railroad people call a quarter train. It was only four cars long: an engine, two passenger compartments, and a refreshment car. I was freaking out thinking I was going to have to ride that thing all the way to Albuquerque! Fortunately, as I discovered from the ticket guy, there was a switch in K.C.

It was a seven hour trip to K.C., and I was awake the whole time. We arrived around 10 p.m., and had a three-hour layover. I cruised down the street to this hotel and asked a guy where the party was, and he told me to go to the Westport area. I didn't know K.C. had a Westport area, but they do, and I liked it. Very well lit, clean, good music, fair prices. Worth a visit if you find yourself up there.

I got back to the station around 12:30 a.m., and my connecting train was in—the Southwest Chief. Nice name, huh? Nice train too. Double-decker, I don't know how many cars long. A dining car, an observation car, a little shop/snack bar, free water, movies at 7 and 10, a smoking lounge (that was in desperate need of an exhaust fan), nothing but friendly folks. Well, the passengers were friendly. The staff was indifferent, apart from when they didn't appear annoyed or disturbed. I did meet and see a few courteous employees, but they were definitely the minority.

I didn't actually meet any psychopaths, for a change, but they were around. There was some loon on the outbound leg of my journey, but I slept through his antics and got all of my info second hand, little of which was very detailed. I found out from one of the employees that the guy had gotten on in Chicago and had been trouble since he set foot on the train. They ended up locking him in one of the employee sleeping

compartments while we were somewhere in Kansas. On the way back, there was this guy who the crowd in the smoking lounge was calling Forrest Gump. I still don't know why. He reminded me of somebody though, some secondary character from a Burt Reynolds prison movie maybe, I don't know. Somebody. I didn't talk to him either. I think he was tempted to strike up a conversation with me at the K.C. layover on the homeward journey, I'm not really sure. It was like 5 a.m. Monday morning. I stepped outside to have a smoke, and he was out there monologuing to this helpless sap who I barely got a glance at before I positioned myself behind a pillar for protection from the wind. When the sap went back inside, I heard homey's sandals dragging my way. I don't know if I started growling or what, but as soon as he got a full look at me he turned around and went inside. Go figure. The guy everybody on the train was trying to avoid talking to finds me an unsuitable candidate for conversation.

I was asleep 10 minutes after we left K.C. that morning, and woke up early in the afternoon as we were pulling into downtown St. Louis.

In a few words, I had a blast! It's too bad that the St. Louis-Kansas City route could be cut in April of this year. Many of us don't think about it, but one day this country is going to have to realize the necessity of efficient rail service for short, medium and long distance travel. Now is not the time to start eliminating rail service; it's time to start expanding and improving it.

Some of you have done the Eur-Rail thing, so you know where I'm coming from when I say there's nothing like the train. If you've never taken the tracks, you really should check it out sometime. Maybe you'll dig it, maybe you won't. I don't know—it's just a thought.

Note: For more information on Missouri rail service, especially on how to preserve the 130 year old St. Louis-Kansas City route, write to The Missouri-Kansas City Rail Passenger Coalition, P.O. Box 411192, Kansas City, Mo. 63141.

Russian students invade UM-St. Louis

Julie Pressman
associate features editor

With images of Beavis and Butthead serving as a trademark for an entire generation of Americans, many wonder why anyone would choose to study in a country whose catch phrase is, "This sucks!" However, this image doesn't seem to slow the overwhelming flood of foreign students who wish to study in America.

An especially active group of students from abroad are those of the former Soviet Union. The two organizations, which sent 13 students to the University, the American College Consortium and the American Council of Teachers of Russian, solicited and made arrangements nationwide for over 1700 students of the former Soviet Union.

Most students receive full scholarships, which include tuition and a room in one of the universities two residence halls or the University owned house. The scholarship generally pays for meals also. All but one of the 13 students live on campus.

The Center for International Studies helped find housing and arranged the purchase of meal plans for the stu-



Eugene Burau

dents. Although the exchange program offers an opportunity for American students to travel to schools of the former Soviet Union, no UM-St. Louis students have chosen to take advantage of the program.

"The Russian students are as much a part of the residential community as any other student living in the residence halls," said Director of Residential Life Dr. Lisa Grubbs. "They have assimilated into the environment to the point

where some even hold office in RHA [Residence Hall Association]."

Despite cultural differences and in a few cases a minor language barrier, the students seem to fit in well with other members of the University.

Most students speak fluent English and perform well in class. Some students use this opportunity to work towards their major during their two semester stay. Others like Marina Kourzenko from Vladivostok, take classes outside their major for enrichment.

Kourzenko wants to be an English and Japanese interpreter and her intended major at her home school in Vladivostok is the History of Buddhism. UM-St. Louis offers almost nothing in her subject area, so Kourzenko, like many students from the former Soviet Union, plans to study Business Administration.

"Because of the communist system, nobody had much need to learn about private business," Kourzenko said. "Now with the demise of communism, business has become extremely lucrative especially in the resale of goods. Now there are an overwhelming number of people who want to



Marina Kourzenko

learn business, but there are very few people who know how to teach it."

The students seem to be somewhat divided on the housing situation. Eugene Burau likes the fact that a security guard protects both residential halls from intruders and appreciates the residence hall staff's attempts to create innovative programs. Kourzenko is

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American Red Cross out for students' blood

by Jennifer Green
of The Current staff

Everyday they're out there, ready to take your blood. They don't suck it out of your neck like a vampire or a leech, you willingly give it to them.

The American Red Cross visits schools, businesses and churches each day in search of blood.

A team from the Red Cross visited UM-St. Louis Jan. 30 and 31. According to Barb Myers, the site coordinator for the Red Cross, teams from the Red Cross go out everyday to communities within a 150-mile radius.

"Wherever they let us come, we draw blood," she said.

Myers said she expects to draw anywhere from 25-500 units a day, depending on the location they visit.

Unfortunately the team didn't take much of UM-St. Louis students' or faculty blood.

"Our goal is 50 each day, and Monday we only did 21," Myers said.

A unit is the plastic bag that hangs from your arm when you give blood. A pint of blood goes into every unit, and each person donates only one.

The blood drive was advertised on cardboard place cards, on classroom chalkboards, in the Underground and on fliers throughout the school, but the



Teresa Moss, a senior majoring in biology, is one of many who donated blood

photo: Fernanda Lima

actual donor area was difficult to find. A sign that read "Blood Drive" was posted on the doors of the student center and J.C. Penney building (where the blood drive took place). But once in J.C. Penney, you were left on your own to guess in which of the many rooms the blood letting took place.

A few of the students who found it, (Room 222) and gave blood, were experts at it. One student, Sue Hardin, a junior criminal justice major, gave blood out of a sense of compassion and its amenity.

"It's convenient," she said. "It's an easy way to help people."

Myers said the whole process takes only about an hour.

However, certain restrictions do apply. You must be at least 17-years

old and must weigh between 110-350 pounds. People who have taken certain medications and who have certain diseases may be rejected.

Myers said they do a "mini health history" on each donor which includes taking the blood pressure, temperature, pulse and hemacrit (iron level) of the donor. Only one person at the UM-St. Louis blood drive didn't qualify Monday.

After the blood is drawn, it goes to a MUA (mobile unit assistant) who processes the blood. This includes separating the tubes, sealing the lining and making sure it's a good unit. The MUA then seals it in ice. Each hour and a half, a driver comes to the blood drive location and takes the blood to the lab at 4050 Lindell Boulevard. The blood is then tested and sent out to If

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LitMag visits the Lords of Language

by Don Barnes
of The Current staff

LitMag, the student organization that produces UM-St. Louis' annual literary and arts magazine, took a trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico the weekend of Jan. 20-22 to give a literary performance for and discuss small press publication with the Lords of Language, an Albuquerque based literary group.

The exchange was the brainchild of Julia Gordon, director of the St. Louis chapter of the Writer's Voice, an organization sponsored by the YMCA to promote artistry nationwide. Gordon had sponsored a reading by LitMag November 18 at the Chesterfield YMCA's community theatre.

"I was astounded by the professionalism of this group of individuals," Gordon said. "They had really great written works, and read in such a manner that everyone in the auditorium was hanging on every syllable."

She called her friend Robert Masterson, editor for life of the Lords of Language and member of the English faculty at the University of New Mexico-Albuquerque, and he was en-

thusiastic about meeting the group and promoting a performance there.

It all came together Saturday, Jan. 21 at Molloy's, a bookstore in downtown Albuquerque that sells only used

Gordon.

"Because I do so much literary promotion in St. Louis, it doesn't feel right reading my stuff in St. Louis," Gordon said. "But this was great. The audience

LitMag, was also very pleased with the audience.

"The turnout was great," Davis said. "Albuquerque is a culturally deprived town—they don't even have a symphony even though they're the largest city in the state. But it was still a great experience meeting the people there, from young writers to professional reporters to retired professors from New York University who had once lived in St. Louis."

This was LitMag's fourth major performance of the academic year. Their first was back in October at the Missouri Athletic Club, for the Media Club of Canada's 90th anniversary conference. As mentioned, they performed for the Writer's Voice in November, and followed that up with a reading at the Chancellor's Monday Live Series.

"Hopefully this is just the first in a series of such exchanges that LitMag will be participating in," said Don Barnes, production editor for LitMag. "It's great to see what other university level literary organizations are doing and how they're doing it. And it's



The staff of LitMag. Top row (from left): Cynthia Weber, Mike Halwe, Julie Earhart, Don Barnes, Dale Denny and Mary Alice Dultz. Front row: Diana Davis, Laura McAdam, and Julia Gordon.

books. About 20 people attended the one hour reading which featured eight UM-St. Louis literary artists and Julia

was so attentive." This was Gordon's first public performance.

Diana Davis, acquisitions editor for

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Current Chatter by Fernanda Lima associate photography

What do you think about the vote to raise tuition by 10 percent?



I think the increasing cost of tuition will drive us out to another college.

Steven Schmitt
Senior
Sociology

I'm thoroughly disgusted.



Chris Emke
Junior
Nursing



I really don't care because I have financial aid, but if I was paying with my hard-earned money, I'd be ruckin' up a storm.

Angela Coburn
Sophomore
Communications

If they're going to use the money to fix the pot holes or the parking, then maybe it's a good idea.



Colleen Fischer
Junior
Nursing

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impressed with the size of her room but is upset with the transportation problem. Both students dislike the rules concerning visitation and alcohol consumption in the rooms.

Although they had no choice as to which University they would attend, both are just happy to be in America. "When I told my roommates back home I was going to live in America, they were so jealous!" Burau said.

Both Burau and Kourzenko admit that, although things are improving, there are still massive economic problems at home. They indicated that problems in finding consumer goods and utilities still exist.

"The last year I spent in Vladivostok, I didn't have running water for an entire month. Now, my mother tells me that they turn our electricity off for an hour each day," Kourzenko said.

Burau and Kourzenko both mainly use E-mail to communicate to friends and family. As Burau quickly learned, phone communication is extremely expensive.

"I used to call home very frequently. Then, I got my bill," Burau said.

Through their communication with home, they have not only heard about the economic problems facing their country but the political problems as well. The fighting in Chechnya strikes a particular chord with Burau. He feels that although Russia should not let Chechnya become independent, there is really no need to resort to such hostile action.

"If they were allowed to break away, more republics would attempt to do the same," Burau said. "Also, some valuable pipelines pass through that area. We cannot let them take

control of our fuel supply. But I still feel that my country should have done more negotiation before resorting to violence."

Blood from page 5

you missed the blood drive you can still donate at the American Red Cross Center in St. Charles, North County, South County or West County.

LitMag from page 5

invaluable exposure for the magazine and artists involved."

Plans are in the works for LitMag to host a performance by the Lords of Language in St. Louis, but no dates have been set.

Julie Earhart, directing editor of LitMag, said, "We're looking at sometime in May, probably right after we release our 1994-95 issue of the magazine. But we won't be doing any more performances this semester. Not until the magazine is finished."

by Scott Lamar features editor

The comic duo of Johnny Brennan and Kamal Ahmed, also known as The Jerky Boys, have established an underground cult following among college students that has spread to the mainstream with their album of prank phone calls.

With the release of "The Jerky Boys" the movie, they will most likely elate all those who own their CD's and spark an arash of prank telephone calls amongst adolescent boys.

The Jerky Boys did a pretty decent acting job for being an ex-construction worker (Brennan) and a cook (Ahmed). To my surprise, the movie doesn't show the pranksters making crank phone call after call, it actually had a decent plot.

The movie begins with Johnny and Kamal sitting in Johnny's mother's house, tormenting people over the phone. Although they both have made attempts at construction and fast food,

neither one of them can keep a job without insulting the boss or customers with vulgarities. What makes them so funny is the way they curse people out in everyday situations.

Throughout the movie, the standard four-letter expletives are staples to their lexicon along some



more creative adjectives like "Liver Lips", "Sizzle Chest", "Fruity Ass" and "Rubberneck".

Unfortunately, one of the Jerky Boys pranks gets them into trouble.

Johnny B.'s popular characters, Frank Rizzo, is a Chicago crime boss who calls the mob and tells them to take care of his henchmen (Brennan and Kamal) who are hiding out in New York. The Jerky Boys use their wit, which 13-year-old boys would most appreciate, to get what they want—a free ride.

The two show them no respect which really won the audience and myself over. The Jerky Boys shout and curse at the mob, which no one in their right mind would do. This is a large part of their appeal. They say things that ordinary people only think about saying.

The utter lack of respect scares the mob and its boss, Lazarro (played by Alan Arkin) into believing they are vicious psychopaths and deserve to be waited on hand and foot.

It works out for a while until they are ratted out by an old neighborhood acquaintance. They are then chased around Queens by the mob and elude them for a while.

Some of the their adventures include fighting off a horny snake charmer, repelling down a building using sausage links, sabotaging a Helmet concert managed by Ozzy Osborne and exposing government corruption.

If you like the Jerky Boys, you'll love this movie. If you don't, you won't.

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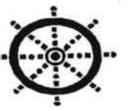
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Out in the open



UM-St. Louis and... football?

by Rob Goedeker
sports editor

The game is tied. The Rivermen are down to their last play. The quarterback drops back into the pocket. He's going long...! And it's caught at the 20-yard line. He's to the 15, the 10, 5, touchdown Rivermen!

The sounds of football at UM-St. Louis. Wouldn't that be something? A football team of our very own. Why not? St. Louis just recently got the Rams, so why can't UM-St. Louis join the parade?

Obviously, there are many reasons why UM-St. Louis doesn't and won't have football, but it doesn't hurt to dream.

UM-St. Louis has had problems with fan support throughout the years. But, if you think about it, it's hard to gain support when there is not a lot of school spirit among the students. I mean, how many UM-St. Louis students boast about the athletic program? In fact, how many students even know that we have a sports program?

Being a commuter campus, it's difficult for UM-St. Louis to have any school spirit. For most students, the only time they are around campus is when they're attending classes.

But, with the new dorms going up this year, along with the tuition, there would be more students on campus. Thus, there will be more students looking for something to do.

With football, the atmosphere around campus would be totally different. On a Friday evening, UM-St. Louis students could stand around after their classes and talk about Sunday's upcoming football game.

All the fraternities could compete against each other and have their post-game parties where students could all go and celebrate. Fraternities could

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Rivermen blow chance to be best in MIAA

Bulldogs devour Rivermen; second half comeback too little, too late

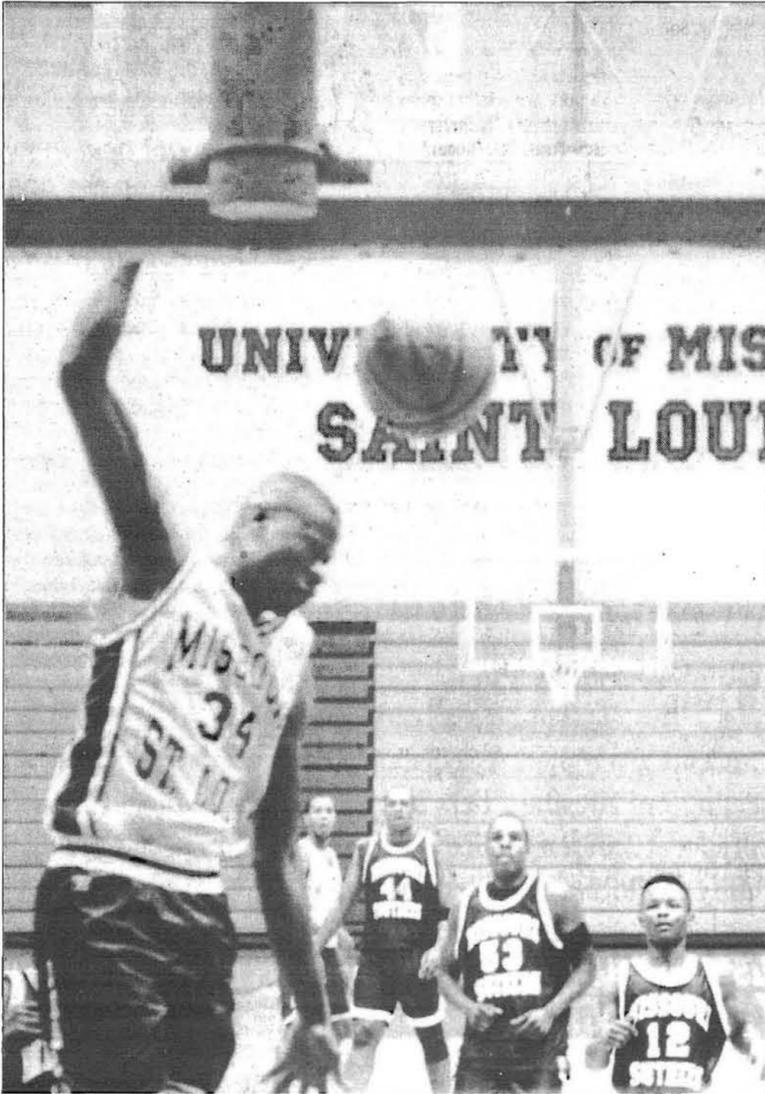


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UM-St. Louis Rivermen forward Eric Lytle dunks against Missouri Southern Wednesday Feb. 1. The Rivermen defeated Southern 91-83, but lost Saturday to Northeast 76-85.

by Nick Farrel
of The Current staff

A share of the conference lead in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association was on the line, as the Rivermen hosted co-conference leader Northeast Missouri State Bulldogs Saturday night at the Mark Twain Building. However, a valiant second half comeback fell short as the Rivermen lost 85-76.

UM-St. Louis couldn't seem to get much of anything generated on either end of the court. The Rivermen forced a lot of bad shots and played lazy defense allowing the Bulldogs to pull away with a 10-0 run and open a 20-10 lead with 11:35 left in the first half.

While UM-St. Louis was forcing shots, Northeast played a patient half court game resulting in many open shots. The Bulldogs took advantage of the open shots by shooting a hot 58 percent from the field in the first half.

"The defense played terrible in the first half, putting us way behind," said Rivermen head coach Rich Meckfessel.

The Rivermen had a deep hole to climb out of, as the Bulldogs took a commanding 48-35 lead into the locker room at the half.

"This team is way too good for us to fall behind by that much," said senior guard Jim Robinson.

The poor shot selection by the Rivermen resulted in a dismal 30 percent shooting from the field in the first half. U.M.-St. Louis wasn't as patient as they could have been, they seemed to force bad shots instead of waiting for a good look to open up inside. Most of the forced shots came from 3-point land as the Rivermen attempted 19 first half 3-pointers.

UM-St. Louis center Eric Bickel looked flat. The 6-foot-10 junior scored only two points all in the first half. Coach Meckfessel responded by benching Bickel for most of the second half.

"Eric just had a bad game," Meckfessel said. "Kevin Tuckson proved he was the better player tonight, both offensively and defensively."

Rivermen center Tuckson came off the bench to lead the Rivermen on a wild second half comeback. With the Bulldogs up by 10 points with 6:34

to play, UM-St. Louis switched to a zone defense which seemed to confuse the Bulldogs. The Rivermen were able to nail some big shots cutting the Bulldog lead to 77-76 with 3:14 to go.

"Switching to zone helped a lot," said Tuckson. "They didn't know how to handle it after seeing so much man to man."

When asked why they didn't switch to a zone sooner in the second half, coach Meckfessel said, "We didn't want to switch to the zone when we were that far behind, but it seemed to work well for us when we needed it."

Northeast remained calm and continued their

'We didn't come out as hard as we could have in the beginning. We need to work on going inside more.'
-Kevin Tuckson, Rivermen basketball center

patient play scoring the final eight points of the game and cruising to a 9 point victory.

The Rivermen were led in scoring by Robinson, and guard Marcus Albert, each chipping in 14 points in the losing effort. Bulldog point guard Brain Basich paced Northeast Missouri State with 22 points.

Throughout the game whenever the Rivermen started to get any kind of momentum, Northeast snuffed it by staying calm and being patient enough to wait for the good shots.

The Rivermen couldn't get much going on the inside. They relied on a barrage of 3-pointers to make up the deficit. Unfortunately they connected on only nine of the 33 3-pointers attempted. Guard Marcus Albert made only two of the 13 3-pointers he fired some of which came from somewhere off Natural Bridge Road.

"We didn't come out as hard as we could have in the beginning," said Tuckson. "We need to

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Riverwomen throw game away; Lady Bulldogs pick up free win

by Rob Goedeker
sports editor

Natalie O'Farrell hit a jump shot with 0:3 seconds remaining in the game to help lift the Northeast Missouri State Lady Bulldogs over the UM-St. Louis Riverwomen 86-85 Saturday at the Mark Twain Building.

"It really feels good to get the win," said O'Farrell, who scored 19 points for the Bulldogs. "We've been losing so many close games. It just feels good to finally win one."

Going into the game, both teams held a 2-7 record in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). The victory was a great pick-up for the Bulldogs, moving ahead of the Riverwomen in the MIAA standings with a 3-7 record, 6-13 overall.

"This was a very key victory for us," said Bulldogs head coach Jan Conner, "because eight teams get into the conference tournament. We were both tied. So, this win will get us a little closer to that eighth spot."

The Riverwomen played hard, but

made key mistakes throughout the game, which ultimately cost them a victory. Their record dropped to 2-8 in the MIAA and 7-13 overall.

"We got beat in two areas of the game," said Riverwomen head coach Jim Coen. "We got beat on the boards, and we got beat at the free throw line. If we had changed either aspect, we would have won the game."

The Bulldogs tore up the Riverwomen on the boards.

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photo: Ken Dunkin

Laura Satterfield, UM-St. Louis guard, prepares to pass the ball to a teammate in the Riverwomen 60-76 loss to Missouri Southern Feb. 1.



by Ken Dunkin
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Coaches Corner

Featuring
Chico Jones

Assistant Basketball Coach

would say: He gave all he had at all times. He left nothing to be said.

Fantasy: To be a head coach at the college level someday.

Two words that best describe me: Hard-working.

What I like best about coaching: Being around the players, the unity, the interaction. Being able to communicate with the players and stay close to the game.

If I could change one thing about myself: I don't want to change anything about myself.

Hobbies: All sports. I am a sports fanatic. I like it all.

What I'm reading now: "Ebony Man".

Greatest game I ever coached: I've only coached in one game. It was in 1992. Coach Meckfessel was late to a game against Missouri Western. I coached for 10 minutes. I was calling the shots. I loved it.

Most disappointing game: Playing Washburn at home about five years ago after beating them. I felt that game cost us a chance at the

NCAA tournament.

My favorite sport (other than basketball): Football.

Favorite football player: Deacon Jones. He played defensive end. He wasn't a very big defensive end, but he was intense.

My impressions on the way sports have become a business: I think the fans are being shortchanged. I can't say I can blame a player for getting what he can out of it. The owners have played a big part in it.

Favorite movie: I am a Clint Eastwood man--"Dirty Harry".

Favorite restaurant: Robata of Japan

Favorite fast-food restaurant: Subway.

Favorite childhood memory: Waking up Christmas morning with my family. We had a very big family--watching everybody tearing open their toys and gifts.

What I would want people to remember about me: I treated people like I liked to be treated. I gave all I had at all times.

UM-St. Louis looks into possibility of joining Great Lakes Valley Conference

First of a two-part series

by Rob Goedeker
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Last week, UM-St. Louis Athletic Director, Rich Meckfessel, confirmed that the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) has informally contacted UM-St. Louis about the possibility of joining the conference.

"They approached us and indicated that they would like to have another institution in the conference," Meckfessel said. "They said we would be a good candidate because of our location and the character of both our school and the athletic department."

Meckfessel said that UM-St. Louis is satisfied with the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), but is interested in the opportunity to join the GLVC.

"We're going to take a look at the GLVC and see if would be in the best interest of our institution to make the application," Meckfessel said.

The GLVC, formed in 1978, is considered one of the strongest con-

ferences in Division II. The conference currently has 10 schools: Ashland University, Bellarmine College, University of Indianapolis, Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne, Kentucky State University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lewis University, Northern Kentucky University, Saint Joseph's College, and University of Southern Indiana.

Just two years ago they were named the top NCAA Division II conference in the nation by a Basketball Times survey.

"We have been recognized as the best Division II program in the nation," said GLVC Commissioner Emeritus Richard Scharf. "We regularly have two or three teams in the national tournaments. We have been very successful."

Last summer, the GLVC announced that they were adding Midwest schools, Quincy University, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and University of Wisconsin-Parkside to expand the conference to 13 teams. The three schools would begin play in the 95-96 season.

Talks with the GLVC have been going on for quite some time.

Last March, UM-St. Louis was invited to a meeting at SIU-Edwardsville

to discuss to possibility of a new conference.

At the meeting were Quincy, Wisconsin-Parkside, SIU-Edwardsville, Northeast Missouri State, along with GLVC schools like Lewis University, Northern Kentucky University, and Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne.

After the meeting, the schools from the GLVC decided to stay in their conference. Soon after that meeting, independents Quincy, Wisconsin-Parkside, and SIU-Edwardsville decided to join the GLVC.

Then, two of the existing GLVC schools, Ashland University and Kentucky State University, decided to drop out of the GLVC bringing its membership down to 11 teams.

Ashland University and Kentucky State have been traditionally strong in sports like football, track, and swimming. These sports are not covered in the GLVC conference.

"They both made decisions that they thought would be best for them," said GLVC Commissioner Kenneth Lindsey. "As far as I know, they didn't have any unhappiness with the conference. They just felt like, at this time, that was the best move."

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Week in review

Jan. 30 Basketball (women) Lost to Quincy 61-72	Basketball (women): Lost to Mo. Southern 60-76
Feb. 1 Basketball (men): Beat Mo. Southern 91-83	Feb. 4 Basketball (men): Lost to NEMO 76-85 Basketball (women): Lost to NEMO 85-86

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Compete each week and try to come up with crazy ideas in an effort to become the top fraternity around campus. Maybe there could even be a new fraternity for the football players.

Speaking of the players, there are a lot of young athletes in the St. Louis area who love to play football. The only other university in St. Louis that has a football team is Washington University, and they compete in Division I Plus, without a scholarship, it would be just a quarterback his throwing arm is to get into the door.

Being in Division II and having a lower tuition rate, UM-St. Louis would be the perfect choice for a local player who doesn't have enough talent to play for major Division I school.

A new rivalry could develop between Wash. U. and UM-St. Louis. It could be a braggin' rights game for the local players who would be competing against each other. Students from both schools could show-off their school spirit, and for once, UM-St. Louis students could be proud to wear the wheel upon their chest.

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Since then, the GLVC has been looking to add another school to even out the conference.

"We would find it much more convenient to have an even number of teams in the conference," Lindsey said.

Lindsey said the conference is looking for the school that would best fit into the concept of the GLVC.

UM-St. Louis has been impressive so far.

"We have a lot of respect for UMSL and the program that they have," Lindsey said. "They have a fine school with a fine athletic program, and we think they emphasize the academics which we like in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. So, in many ways, we think they would be a good fit."

Next week, we'll take a look at how the coaches feel about a possible move in the conference.

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work on going inside more."

"Our shooting needs to improve and we need to be a lot more patient on offense in the future," said Robinson.

With the loss, the Rivermen dropped to 7-3 in the MIAA, and 13-7 overall.

Northeast Missouri State improved to a one game lead in the MIAA over UM-St. Louis with an 8-2 conference record and 12-7 overall.

The Rivermen return to action by playing at Central Missouri State Wednesday night. They return home with a big game Feb. 11 with conference rival Washburn. Going into Saturday night's action Washburn also had a 7-2 record in the MIAA.

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"They crash the boards hard," said Riverwomen guard Nicole Christ, who, along with D.J. Martin, paced the Riverwomen with 19 points. "We tend to worry about getting back and playing defense instead of playing offense."

They Riverwomen were out rebounded 59-31 for the game, despite having the two tallest players on the court in 6-foot-4 Jade Turner and 6-foot-2 Angie Stubblefield.

"Northeast just really attacks the boards hard," Coen said. "They're very aggressive, and they go after the ball. If

ing to the basket. She missed both free throws, and the Riverwomen went into the locker room trailing 39-44.

Conner received her second technical foul and was ejected with 4:36 remaining in the game. Trailing by 10 points, the Riverwomen had another golden opportunity to chip away at the lead, but Martin and Stubblefield only converted one of those free throws.

Even when the Riverwomen made a comeback, late in the game, they missed their free throws. Martin, who had a chance to complete a four-point

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-Jim Coen, Riverwomen basketball head coach

Bulldogs 85, Rivermen 76

Rivermen	
Player	Min FG 3pt FT Rb F TP
Thomas	35 2-9 2-5 0-0 5 4 6
Lash	26 2-3 1-1 2-3 1 1 7
Albert	28 4-16 2-13 4-4 1 2 14
Robinson	34 4-13 1-7 5-6 6 3 14
Hawthorne	14 5-11 1-1 1-2 5 4 12
Lytle	24 3-11 2-6 0-0 6 4 8
Bickel	20 1-3 0-0 0-2 8 1 2
Tuckson	19 4-8 0-0 5-8 7 5 13

Bulldogs	
Player	Min FG 3pt FT Rb F TP
Basich	35 6-9 4-5 6-7 4 1 22
Johnson	24 5-8 0-3 4-6 2 2 24
Taylor	15 1-2 0-0 1-1 1 3 3
Schwend/man	11 0-1 0-1 2-2 3 1 2
Vandehey	26 2-11 0-2 3-4 9 3 7
Eckholm	29 5-7 0-0 3-5 10 3 13
Cargol	24 2-6 0-0 0-0 3 0 4
Horton	36 8-12 0-0 4-12 12 2 20

you want the ball, you go and get it, and they do. They're a good team. They played hard and deserved to win the game."

The Lady Bulldogs knew what their role is going into the game.

"In the games we always give our players goals they have to reach, and our first goal was to out-rebound them," said Bulldogs head coach Jan Conner.

Conner prepares her players in practice, so they can succeed in their goals and play aggressively on the boards.

"We work on it every day in practice," O'Farrell said. "It's one of those fundamentals that we drill on every day."

Practice makes perfect, but what happened to the Riverwomen's free throw shooting? The Riverwomen shot 29 of 45 free-throw line.

With 1:59 remaining in the first half, and the Riverwomen trailing by six points, Conner received a technical foul for arguing a call by the official. The Riverwomen received two shots and possession of the ball. Stubblefield could only convert on one of those free throws, and then the Riverwomen ended up turning the ball over on the in-bounds play.

Again, with 0:3 seconds remaining in the half, and the Riverwomen down by five points, Christ was fouled driv-

ing to the basket. She missed both free shots, but she banked it off the rim.

Then, with :12 seconds remaining, and the Riverwomen leading by one (85-84), Martin had a golden opportunity to put the game away, but she came up empty.

"We really hurt ourselves by not hitting those free throws," Christ said.

The Riverwomen's next home game is Feb. 11 against Washburn at 5:30 p.m.

NEMO 86, Riverwomen 85

Lady Bulldogs

Player	Min FG 3pt FT Rb F TP
Ballew	2 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0
Volkmann	8 0-3 0-1 0-0 2 0 0
Brewer	23 3-8 3-6 0-0 4 3 9
Davis	20 1-6 1-2 1-2 2 5 4
Brown	30 4-14 0-1 0-3 4 5 8
Kinne	20 3-3 0-0 1-2 5 2 7
Harmon	3 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 0 0
O'Farrell	20 7-13 2-6 3-5 11 3 19
Bouton	19 2-3 0-0 0-0 5 3 4
Fluharty	27 5-16 0-3 1-5 9 5 11
Pillard	28 11-14 0-0 2-2 15 3 24

Riverwomen

Player	Min FG 3pt FT Rb F TP
Ermeling	11 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 2 0
Satterfield	38 6-13 4-7 1-5 2 1 17
Yates	21 3-6 1-4 0-0 0 5 7
Christ	40 4-8 1-11 0-11 4 4 19
Stubblefield	26 3-7 0-1 3-5 2 2 9
Martin	33 4-12 2-3 9-14 11 3 19
Turner	31 4-6 0-0 6-10 11 2 14

..ANNOUNCEMENT..

As part of the Student Government Association Assembly meeting on **Tuesday, February 7th**, which will start at **2:00p.m.** in **Room 78** of the **J.C.Penny Building**, there will be a presentation by the consultants who developed the Master Plan for the proposed new University Center.

This meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the proposed project; you are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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