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Digging for gold

UM-St. Louis Rivermen are now 3-1 in the MIAA with Saturday night's 86-69 win over the UM-Rolla Miners.

EDITORIAL

Do you think that increasing tuition and rising student fees are forcing students out of UM-St. Louis?

FEATURES

Credit cards and college students; experts comment on why the two are sometimes a dangerous combination.

SPORTS

UM-St. Louis swimmers break school records in the Indianapolis Invitational.

University announces plans for apartments

Project pulls merger one step closer

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

Results of the University of Missouri's five-year plan were on display Wednesday, when Chancellor Blanche Touhill announced plans to construct a \$12 million apartment complex.

The University will construct a 10-building complex that will cover nine acres and house 480 students. The step is the second of three to complete the UM-St. Louis/Barnes College of Nursing merger.

About 400 nursing students, all freshmen, started at UM-St. Louis last fall. The sophomores, juniors and seniors will remain at the Barnes location on Kingshighway, until the first half of the apartment complex is completed in August.

Missouri Housing Partnership, a subsidiary of Century Development, will finance, construct and operate the facility under a 40-year lease arrangement. The company plans to break ground at the end of January.

Touhill and Donald Driemeier, deputy to the Chancellor, spoke to a crowd of about 200 in Pierre Laclède Honors College. Touhill addressed the



photo: Monica Senecal

Donald Driemeier, deputy to Chancellor, tells a crowd of about 200 that the University has contracted Century Development to construct a 10-building apartment complex.

general concept of the project, while Driemeier elaborated on the details.

"These apartments will provide students an extremely attractive setting in which to live and study in St. Louis," Touhill said. "While UM-St. Louis will remain primarily a campus of commuter students, this development will help create a significant-sized residential community for students."

In 1991, UM-St. Louis offered housing to its students for the first time. The University leased and later purchased the former Incarnate Word Convent, which has 90 rooms, to house members of the Pierre Laclède Honors College.

Driemeier said students will have the option of four different room specifications. He said the most popular with students, according to the construction company, will be a four-bedroom, two-bath unit. It will house 108 students.

The second type is a two bedroom, two bath unit. Driemeier said 100 such units will be available to 200 students.

"This unit will be an absolute delight for students who enjoy maximum privacy," Driemeier said.

The third and fourth types will be available to a smaller number of students. Only 40 "efficiency rooms" (single or double occupancy) and eight single units (one bedroom) are offered.

Century Development has designed similar complexes for 14 other universities.

The first unit is scheduled to be completed in June, half will be completed by August and the entire complex is expected to be completed by January 1996.

"I wish that I were 40 years younger, so that I could anticipate living in this complex," Driemeier said. "There will be rules at the complex, but not like at the current Residence Hall. We will, though, ask for common respect for neighbors and the complex."

The average cost per student in the new apartments will range from \$230 per month to \$290 per

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Curators to meet at UM-St. Louis

SGA gears up for meeting; fee increase tops agenda

by Matthew J. Forsythe
editor-in-chief

The University of Missouri Board of Curators will be having a meeting at UM-St. Louis on Jan. 26 and 27.

If things go as planned Student Government Association (SGA) President Chris Jones and Vice President Kel Ward will have a quite a student reception waiting for them.

Jones and Ward want to let the Curators know how the students feel about the eminent tuition increase called for in the five-year plan. The Curators will vote on the increase during their visit to UM-St. Louis.

The SGA president and vice president wants to let the Curators know that what is amounting to roughly a 10 increase per credit hour, per year was too much.

"We don't think it should be raised [as much as] \$10 a year," Jones said. "We could see moderate increases, but \$10 a year [is too much]."

The five-year plan, adopted in 1992, calls for fees to rise at the rate of inflation plus \$200 per academic year for each of the five years.

This would mean that the cost per credit hour for an undergraduate student would rise from \$101 to \$111. The plan

calls for the increases to be spent on improvements in physical plant, libraries, financial aid, equipment, salaries and specific campus priorities.

Ward was adamant that the increases have not led to any measurable differences for UM-St. Louis students.

"[UM administration] raises the tuition, but the quality of the education has not gone up," Ward said.

David Lendt, Director of University Relations at UM-Columbia, said the five-year plan's fee increases are "modest." Lendt said that in comparison to the other public members of the Association of American Universities, UM tuition fees are still below the average.

In addition Lendt said that as far as state revenue goes Missouri is 48th in per capita spending on higher education.

"There are only two places where Missouri Universities get their largest chunks of money- the State and tuition fees," Lendt said. "Missouri has the worst of both worlds."

Lendt did sympathize with students whose fees were rising.

"Increases are never low enough for the people paying the bills," he said.

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Green light



photo: Monica Senecal

Officer Gary Clark stops traffic, allowing Ken Herrmann and Chrissy Cable to make their way to Woods Hall.

Integrated library system approved

Innovative Interfaces Inc. system to replace LUMIN

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved the purchase of an on-line integrated library system at its Dec. 15-16 meeting. The winning bid, presented by Innovative Interfaces Incorporated (III), will cost the UM-system nearly \$1.2 million.

The system will be implemented in 1996 and will replace LUMIN, the system currently used by the four universities in the UM-system (Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla and St. Louis) for the last 14 years.

"The LUMIN system was a good system when it was built," said Joan Rapp, director of the Thomas Jefferson Library. "It is old software, and the new

system is so easy to use."

The UM-system began its search for a new system two years ago. The four library directors have had many meetings to decide which bid would best fit the universities.

"During the process, one of the bids we were seriously considering dropped its system," Rapp said. "That presented a problem we needed to review."

The two essential requirements of the new system are:

- To provide tangible day-one benefits for faculty, students and staff on the four University campuses.
- To increase library staff productivity.

The process started with seven bids, which were trimmed down to three.

The second-place bid came from DRA, a St. Louis-based company. Innovative Interfaces Inc. is based in Berkeley, Calif.

"The (III product) is, in our minds, a superior system," Rapp said. "We talked to many people and asked them to fill out response forms. We had the demonstrations of the three bids last spring, hoping to receive some feedback. The responses were important in the decision process."

The members of the Physical Facilities Committee wrote in their recommendation letter to the Curators, "the advantages of the III bid outweigh the inexpensive of the DRA system," which was listed at \$656,532.

Several features provided by the III system, but not included on the DRA

system are:

- Menu driven, integrated services
- Ease of use without extensive training
- Electronic interface for acquisitions and serials
- System flexibility that allows customizing by campus

The Committee also listed particular advantages of the III system in its letter to the Curators. Members felt users could move more easily from one function to another with a minimum of keystrokes.

"The beauty of this system is that it is so user friendly," Rapp said. "If you misspell a word, it will try to find the word you were looking for. It never puts you in a position where you don't know what to do next."

The system offers other options that see System, page 4

Students, patients benefit from new eye-care center

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

Anyone can see that the partnership between Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (SIUE) and UM-St. Louis to create the East St. Louis Eye Center is off to a great start. Just ask some of the people involved.

Carol Merritt is the director of the East St. Louis Eye Center, and she said the partnership has been a success ever since it was announced Nov. 2.

"The partnership is working really well," Merritt said. "[SIUE] has been a real good referral source. School districts and businesses have been calling us to see what we offer."

The center currently has four examining rooms, and it serves between 10 and 15 patients daily. When the center first opened, the number of patients that did not show up for appointments was high, but that is changing.

The eye center will do a complete comprehensive eye exam for a \$40 fee. Although the center is not yet set up to take private insurance, they do accept Illinois Public Aid and Medicare. Merritt said most people just pay by cash or check.

The UM-St. Louis Optometry students who work in see Center, page 4



photo: Beth Robinson

Chancellor Blanche Touhill spoke at the opening of the East St. Louis Eye-Care Center on Nov. 2, 1994. The center is a joint project between UM-St. Louis and SIUE.

Write this down . . .

University to change phone prefix Friday

by Amy Pierce
of The Current staff

If anyone tries to call UM-St. Louis using the prefix 553- after Friday, they may have trouble getting through.

Bob Samples, director of University Communications, said the current phone system needs to be upgraded, and the University would like to handle more phone calls. Therefore, the UM-St. Louis phone number prefix will change from 553- to 516- after 6 p.m. Jan. 20.

The changes could have been made sooner, but administrators wanted to minimize disruptions to the campus, particularly during key enrollment periods.

For the first 90 days, when users call the old number, the call will be automatically forwarded. After April 20, a recording will answer and announce the new prefix.

Who?

- UM-St. Louis campus
- What?
- Phone prefix change
- When?
- Jan. 20

"NA, NA, NA — The number you have reached 553-xxxx has been changed to 516-xxxx."

Samples said some people may not like the change.

"But overall changing the prefixes will make our whole phone system even better," he said.

This new system is a hassle not only for phone users, but also for fax senders. Over 40,000 postcards are

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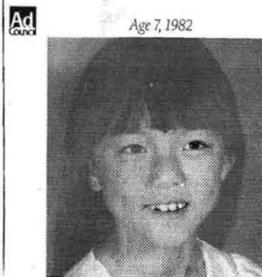
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Planning for future can be balancing act

by Matthew J. Forsythe
editor-in-chief

Developing a campus for the future is a big, multifaceted, tightrope act.

Balancing the needs of the different groups that come together to form a University is a day-by-day activity that has to be handled by someone with a year-by-year outlook.

The UM-system administration has set out on a five-year plan of aggressive growth. The Curators have approved this plan in order to make sure that the



UM-system continues to grow. Every tuition increase is focused on making the University of Missouri system bigger and better than it has been in the past.

The five-year plan means two things to students. The first is improved services, and, of course, the second is rising tuition costs. The administration at UM-St. Louis has many projects pending that are part of the five-year plan. In addition, UM-St. Louis is building a new apartment complex and planning a new University Center.

There is a lot of growth going on, and the UM-system administration is taking an aggressive style of management to achieve the goals of higher education in Missouri. UM-system administration believes the adage that fortune favors the bold and have taken the actions to prove it.

UM-St. Louis administration is following this lead. Chancellor Touhill's recent announcement about the addition of on-campus apartments to the UM-St. Louis campus is just one of the projects the administration is considering.

Another large project the administration has been working on for the past four years is a new University Center. It will reach the conceptual drawing stage next week. It is hoped that the new center will take over the duties of University Center and hopefully house many student services, i.e. cashier's office, bookstore, cafeteria, registration and student group areas, under the same roof.

The Chancellor's approval is still needed for the final version of the new

building, but if things go as planned, the students could take a vote on the issue in April.

The administration is not bound by the student vote, but they are offering a student referendum in order to get the students' opinions about the project. Members of the planning committee said if students vote down the referendum, it could mean going back to the drawing board to re-examine their data.

But if everything goes according to plans, UM-St. Louis will enter an unprecedented period of growth in the next five years.

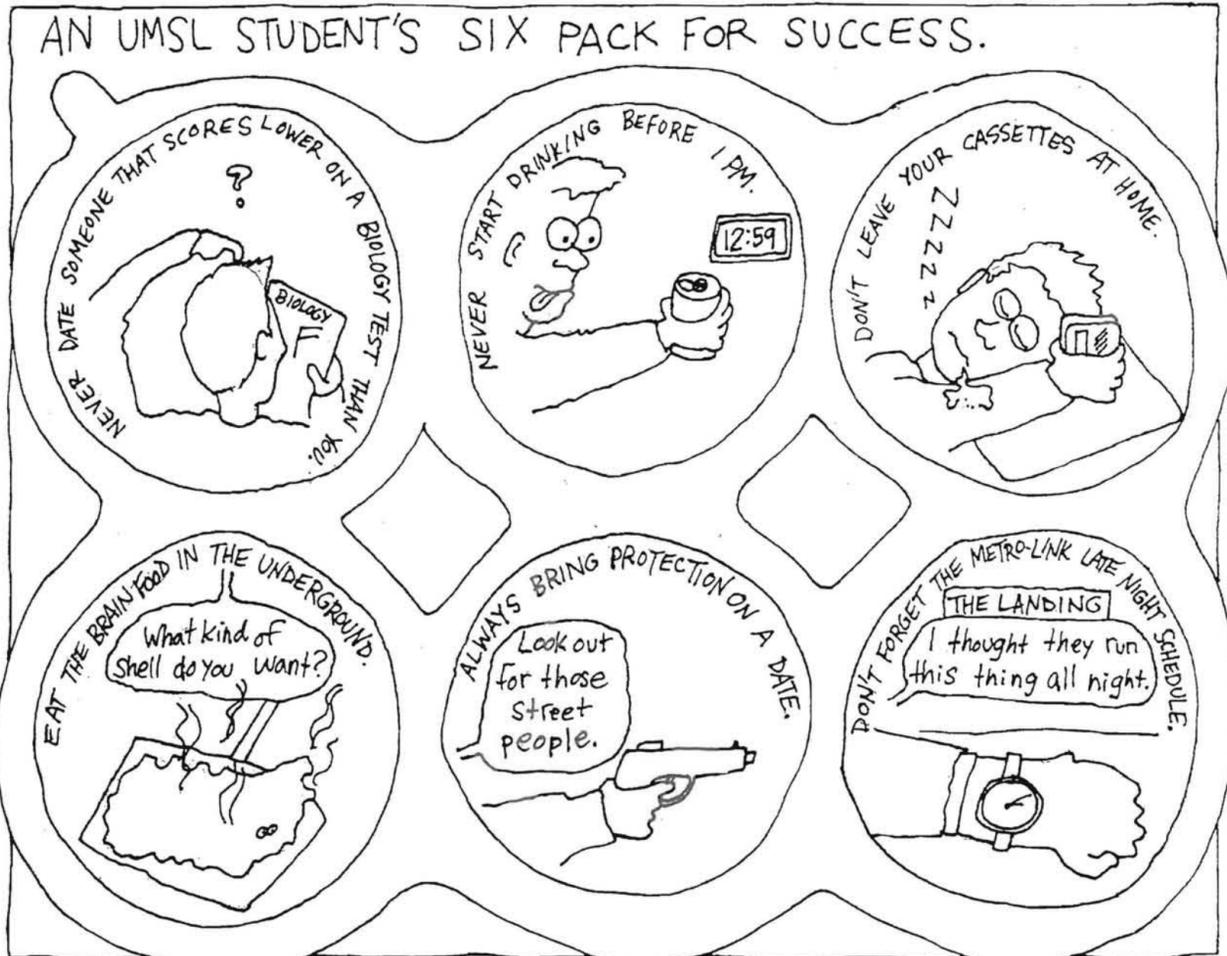
The University is building toward a crescendo of improvements. The last barrier to all of these improvements might be the final cost to each student.

By costs I mean total costs. The UM-system is on track with the tuition increases included in the five-year plan. In addition to tuition increases, there will probably be a fee increase for the new University Center. On top of those we have the new increase in student services fees and any additional fee increases that could take place in the next year.

Increases in the total bill per student are coming from a variety of sources, so many sources that UM planners might have failed to add up all the costs. The UM-system is mandating some increases, and then the UM-St. Louis administration is asking for their building fee. In addition, every little office on campus is requesting their particular fee increase. When all these costs are added up in the future, will there still be a group of students rich enough to save money by going to the UM-St. Louis? Or is the University planning itself out of its demographic profit area and into oblivion?

Hopefully the Curators have done the math and looked at the demographics to ensure that a particular University doesn't add too many new charges, too fast. They should make sure that the growth of the total cost is in line with what an average student can pay.

The planners at the UM-St. Louis have big dreams, but what use are those dreams if the people you built them for cannot afford them.



Apartment complex increases marketability of campus

by Clint Zweifel
managing editor

UM-St. Louis administration's decision to begin construction on a student apartment complex is a refreshing and positive step in the right direction.

UM-St. Louis has long been perceived as a non-traditional campus. The student body is racially diverse, over 10 percent African American. The average age of a UM-St. Louis student is 27, about 3 years older than most traditional schools. Located in an urban area, the campus is primarily commuter and non-residential.

One apartment complex will not change the ideals upon which the campus was built, but it does add an important facet to the University. The concept of student housing has been relatively untouched by the administration in the past, and the University has felt

the effects of that decision. According to a Post-Dispatch article published Jan. 10, 3,500 students at South-



west Missouri State University come from the St. Louis area. Obviously, UM-St. Louis does not have arrangements to house all of these students, but there is potential for growth. At least some of those students might consider attending a university in the St. Louis area if it is affordable and has student housing. UM-St. Louis apartments might be especially appealing since they will have the community feel of a residence hall without the sometimes strict rules and regulations of traditional campus

housing. The apartment complex could make attending the University a real option for students who may not have considered the University previously.

UM-St. Louis has failed to focus on attracting traditional 18-year-old high school graduates who want to live in student housing. By adding enough space for nearly 500 students, the University is tripling the number of on-campus student residents. The complex enhances the University's ability to provide a more traditional atmosphere for students who want that.

Also, the apartments could become a haven for graduate students. Many of them teach and/or spend hours in the library completing research. The apartment complex provides accessibility to the campus without sacrificing privacy they could lose in a residence hall setting. The apartment complex combines accessibility with a mature atmosphere,

making it a more realistic choice than off-campus housing or a residence hall.

The complex also provides an opportunity for athletes at UM-St. Louis. Jeff Kuchno, sports information director at the University, said about 30 percent (about 50 students) of UM-St. Louis athletes come from outside the St. Louis region. Currently, many of the athletes reside in Lucas and Hunt Village apartments. For a less expensive price and increased accessibility to the campus, athletes could live in the new complex.

The decision to begin construction on the complex is more than an addition of extra student housing. UM-St. Louis administrators have made a conscious decision to grow as a campus and make the University an attractive place for more students who have different needs and wants.

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Dear editor,

I was saddened to read about the death of Post-Dispatch journalist/historian Carl R. Baldwin. I had the good fortune to have Mr. Baldwin as an extracurricular teacher for a semester. In 1974 I earned an English degree at UM-St. Louis while working on the student newspaper, *The Current*. I was close to deciding on a career in journalism when I met Mr. Baldwin. His superb instruction and wonderful tales convinced me to make a living by writing. During that semester 20 years ago, our editor, Ellen Cohen, hired Mr. Baldwin to critique the paper. His red ink bled over each section, but, mindful of our feelings, Mr. Baldwin said, "You should see what my copy of the Post looks like after I critique it." Mr. Baldwin taught: "Shorter is better and write like you talk." And, opening an imaginary door, he said, "Pulitzer is pronounced, pull it, sir." In addition to the vital mechanics he showed us, he demonstrated with his mannerisms, good humor, dress and demeanor that journalism/communication is an honorable profession. That was important to me.

Upon graduation in 1976, I went to work as a reporter and editor for the old Globe-Democrat. In 1985, I left for a position in marketing communications at Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages Inc., where today I'm responsible for internal communication, including the employee newspaper. Like countless communicators, I owe a debt to Carl Baldwin.

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month, depending upon the size of the apartment and length of the contract.

Driemeier said the merger with Barnes was the initial reason for the purchase of the complex. Students currently live in the Barnes College of Nursing will have the first opportunity to rent the apartments.

"They get first priority," Driemeier said. "We knew from the time of the merger that we needed a place for the nursing students to stay."

Heidi Hengsbach, a first-year nursing student, said she and her peers are excited about the new complex.

"We've heard rumors about a new complex," Hengsbach said. "And we were curious about (Wednesday's)

press conference. The University's announcement is definitely a step in the right direction."

Touhill said she is delighted to have completed the arrangement for three reasons.

"It's a step ahead with the nursing merger, graduate students who wish to stay on campus may now do so and foreign students studying at UM-St. Louis can now be easily accommodated," Touhill said.

"Over time we envision creating a residential community on campus that will serve as many as 1,200 students a year," she said. "I believe these efforts will prove beneficial for students and for the community as a whole."

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Gayatri Bhatt, student representative to the Board of Curators, wants to make sure that the students paying those bills have their opinion voiced at the Curators meeting.

"I think despite where we are [in relation to other Universities] students still don't want tuition increases," Bhatt said.

Bhatt said student opinion can have an influence on policy if the students take the time to attend meetings and give feedback to the Board.

"Students need to realize the Curators' meetings are open to the public," Bhatt said. "These meetings are not behind closed doors."

Ward and Jones said student support would be important.

"We're not leading a protest," Ward said. "This is an opportunity for the students to let the Curators know how they feel about the increase."

Ward has been in contact with student leaders from the other campuses. He said they plan to bring some student representation from their schools as well.

The meeting will take in Summit Lounge from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. The tuition increase will be discussed on Thursday.

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can be added after 1996, which will eventually make the library a one-stop shop.

"We'd like to have that in the next three to four years," Rapp said. "A place where you can check on a book's availability, journals and their issue num-

bers at other universities. You can also check on books that are on order and what books are circulating.

"In terms of productivity and ease of use, the choice of the III system just made more sense."

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being mailed to those outside the campus community, including alumni. Every cover page of faxed documents will also have a memo attached, Samples said.

Given the efforts of the University Communications department, it will

be nearly impossible for a member of the campus community to miss hearing about the change. Every faculty paycheck, student bill, voicemail box, bulletin board, and even the the St. Louis Post-Dispatch will have reminders plastered on them.

Center from page 1

the center are able to gain hands-on experience working with real patients. The students work in the center on an eight-week rotation basis.

Merritt said that people in the East St. Louis area have not had access to eye care for 10 years. She also said there has been a high incidence of eye disease.

"[UM-St. Louis students] are able to see some challenging cases," she said.

Loree Ebbinghaus, a fourth-year intern, said the clinic provides opportunities for a student to see what a

'We might see some things that we won't see again until we are out in the real world.'

-Loree Ebbinghaus, fourth-year optometry intern

Optometrist sees on a daily basis.

"If it's slow, we have time to go from room to room and see some interesting cases," Ebbinghaus said. "We might see some things that we won't see again until we are out in the real

world."

Since the eye center is still in its first stages, the students working there are helping to decide what procedures and policies to follow. Many students are also learning about certain state laws.

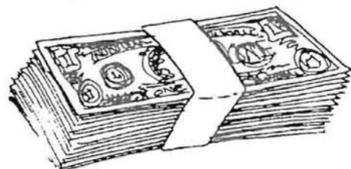
Kristin McMurry, a fourth-year intern, said she has learned technical laws, in addition to gaining practical experience.

"The therapeutic drug laws are different in Illinois than they are in Missouri," she said.

Merritt said she thinks the students are enjoying their work at the eye center and she feels they have been well received by the surrounding community.

"At first I was nervous about coming to East St. Louis, because of the stories you hear, but it's a nice clinic," McMurry said.

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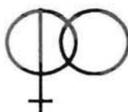
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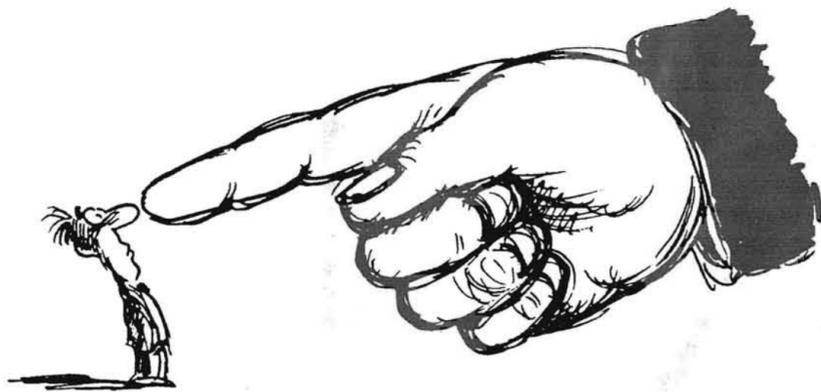
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Plastic Act

Credit cards give students uninhibited financial freedom...for a while

by Clint Zweifel
managing editor

John (not his real name) has learned from his experience in college. The experience even landed him a well-paying job soon after he graduated. One experience in his college years, though, has given him a hefty debt to pay. The lesson of credit cards, he said, has been clear and a little harsh.

John, 25, said he acquired his first credit card at the age of 19. For two years he made payments on time without any problems. Then, he was sent a Gold card with a pre-approved credit limit of \$5,000. Little did John know, the card would be the birth of a debt that has now matured to \$6,500.

Ed Lawrence, professor of Finance at UM-St. Louis, said John is not alone in his problems in handling credit. He estimates about 25 percent of students run into some problems with their credit, i.e. late payments, carrying large balances. Lawrence estimates between five and 10 percent of students' credit troubles are more serious, resulting in

the involvement of collection agencies.

"College students are looked upon as an upwardly mobile group," he said. "Many students, though, don't have the knowledge or maturity to use credit cards."

Vicki Jacobson, the director of

"We see a person who has graduated from college and he or she has student loans, car loans and credit card loans," she said. "The credit card payments are numerous and maxed out. They are trying to meet all three payments and they don't have a job yet."

"They are 22 or 23 and on the brink

can take years to pay off.

"When they use credit in college, they are pledging their unearned income for goods and services today, not thinking they are spending future income," she said.

As a former banker, Lawrence said credit card agencies' aggressive marketing approach to students is not conducive to responsible credit usage.

"I am a little troubled by it," he said. "There is not a problem with students having credit cards. It is just made a little too easy...people don't have to think about what they're doing."

He said the banks' approach fits their financial goals since they make most of their money from the interest paid on balances carried from month to month.

"Banks want you to pay an annual fee and they want you to carry a balance," Lawrence said.

John said credit card agencies need to choose one of two options to ensure more responsible credit usage. He said banks need to eliminate pre-approved

"They are 22 or 23 and on the brink of financial disaster."

-Vicki Jacobson, director of education at Consumer Credit Counseling Service, speaking on college student who fail to use credit cards responsibly

education at the Consumer Credit Counseling Service in St. Louis, has seen some real horror stories concerning students and credit cards. The non-profit agency works with clients who are having problems paying their bills. Some situations, she said, can be drastic.

of financial disaster."

She said some college students do not take the responsibility of using credit seriously since the financial damage is not always immediate. Jacobson said, though, these students are literally throwing away income they may earn in the future. She said even small debts

Digging free from debt

by Clint Zweifel
managing editor

So you have just paid the minimum monthly balance on your Visa using your MasterCard.

According to Vicki Jacobson, director of education at the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a person committing this act either is, or is on their way to being, overloaded with credit loans.

Jacobson said there are definite signs when one's personal finances may be out of wack.

- numerous cards with the credit limit exceeded on some or all
- the monthly payment is too large for the customer to pay
- the use of one credit card too pay another loan payment

She said many of her agency's clients come into the office because they cannot make their minimum monthly payment. Jacobson said a counseling service agency representative will sit down with a client and evaluate their financial situation. Jacobson said the agency does this by totaling debts and income and

talking to the client about changing their financial behavior.

The agency then looks at whether the client has the available resources to pay the minimum balance required. If the client does not have the available funds, then an agency representative can sometimes get the minimum monthly payment lowered through negotiations with the credit card company.

"We act as an intermediary between the credit card company and our client," Jacobson said. "We negotiate with the [credit card] agency to lower the monthly payment so that it is manageable for that client."

Jacobson said the service, which is free for the client, is a good alternative to bankruptcy. The client makes a monthly payment to the counseling agency, who in turn disperses payments to the client's various debtors. She said the agency's average client stays with the service for two to three years.

John (not his real name), an

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credit limits of \$500 or more. The other option, he said, would be a minimum age to acquire a credit card with a limit of more than \$500.

"It's like they're setting you up,"

John said. "It is not reasonable to extend credit lines to students who don't have any income status."

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Movin' on up



by Scott Lamar
features editor

Greetings and salutations one and all. Please allow me to tell you a thing or two about myself. Just last year, I was sitting in my news writing class staring at my blank notebook and wondering just what in the hell I would do with myself career wise.

Then Matt Forsythe marched in the room. As some of you may know, Matt is the editor-in-chief of *The Current*. He was on a campus crusade looking for new writers to work at the newspaper. He informed the class that working on the paper was a great opportunity for students with no experience in journalism to get bylines, learn about the PageMaker layout and design program, work under a deadline and improve writing skills.

I saw this as a chance to get off my lazy butt and do something. I was sick and tired of coming to school, attending class, and then driving home without doing anything. I was just another face in a crowd of fellow commuters.

Boring!

I always heard that college should be a great time. I don't know about you, but that wasn't happening for me. For me, the passiveness had to stop. I was fed up with doing the UMSL 10-step, the act of walking 10 steps and then looking down at the ground to avoid eye contact with passers-by (a Sept. '94 column by former feature editor Don Barnes). It was time to get involved and meet some new people. So I walked into *The Current* bright-eyed and bushy tailed, anxious to tackle a story. There I met Matt and Clint Zweifel, the managing editor, a couple of smart guys who showed me the newspaper biz, something I knew nothing about.

After about two weeks, though still an infant in the newspaper world,

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Rat's Reviews

Cucumbers are back after bleak past

Michael J. Urness
of *The Current* staff

Pop/Rock

The Cucumbers—
"Where We Sleep Tonight"

If you are in the University City Loop Friday Jan. 27, You may want to check out the Cucumbers who'll be performing at Cicero's. Though I won't be able to make the show, I've had the pleasure of hearing the band's latest recording and, for the most part, liked what I've heard.

The band is touring in support of their new release "Where We Sleep Tonight" the first recorded work for the band led by the husband and wife duo of Jon Fried and Deena Shoshkes since the band's premature departure from the scene in 1989.

Back in '89, it looked pretty bleak for the band and the couple as they had split with their label. Shoshkes was pregnant and a lump had been detected on one of Fried's lungs. To-

day, all are well and they assert this wellness on their new CD.

Immediately upon hearing the liltingly, seductive voice of Shoshkes, I was reminded of the early days of Edie Brickell. In addition to her seductive vocals she kicks in on guitar, keyboards and banjo.

Joining Fried and Shoshkes on "Where We Sleep Tonight" are: Jurgen Renner, drums; John Williams, bass and background vocals; Jimmy Lee, guitars and mandolin; Brett Ollerenshaw, sax; Steve Foreman, trumpet; and David Cogswell.

The band's blend of post-feminist, girl-group pop and garage rock, featuring a groovin' horn section and an equally righteous rhythm section, is sure to make more than just a little splash on the dance floor of your favorite alternative club.

Jazz

Toots Thielemans—
"East Coast West Coast"

After over 50 years in the business, jazz-harmonica great Toots Thielemans is still puttin' his bebop-influenced spin to some of the best jazz tunes in the world.

On his latest release, "East Coast West Coast", for the Private Music label, the 72-year-old Toots covers classic tunes by such legends such as John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, Thad Jones, Paul Desmond, Dave Brubeck and Bill Evans.

"It takes a lot of fortitude to re-visit standards created by one's masters," Toots says in the liner notes. "It hit me most with the old bebop themes, which were The Source in Belgium almost 50 years ago."

It's evident just minutes into the first cut, Coltrane's "Naima," that, like a good wine, Thielemans has only gotten better with age. He readily admits he can't play the "fierce eighth-note

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The Cucumbers

Residence halls strike a chord with some students

Regulations unique to each campus

by Brian A. Dashner
reporter

Students who live on campus at UM-St. Louis are subject to a different atmosphere than students at other "traditional" Missouri universities.

Some students say this difference is the result of regulations which inhibit freedoms sometimes enjoyed by college residence hall students.

Greg McCarthy, a freshman and Social Committee Representative for the third floor of Residence Hall said the residence hall has a community feel he appreciates.

"I love it," McCarthy said. "I know everyone here, and everybody knows everyone else. We have barbecues outside and toast marshmallows. It's fun!"

McCarthy went on to say that it would be much nicer if he had his own bathroom and kitchen, but he commented that the dorms at the University of Oklahoma have narrower hallways and smaller rooms.

"UM-St. Louis allows each person much more space," McCarthy said.

The biggest gripe residents have is with the rules limiting visitation time. "After midnight, it's all guys,"

McCarthy said. "People have to be in all night and leave their ID's with security. I understand the security issues, but it can be very frustrating."

Another residence Hall at UM-St. Louis is Seton Hall. Stephanie Sheaver, Amy Green, and Wendy Watts are UM-St. Louis nursing students who live in Seton. They complained of the same rules with a different twist.

Sheaver attended Northeast Missouri State University prior to coming to UM-St. Louis.

"It's nice not having a roommate," Sheaver said, "but the tuition is too high here. It costs me about \$500 per month to live here, and food is a mandatory \$700 more per semester."

"The kitchen in the dorm is not stocked and there is no access to food at night except from the machines," Watts said. "I really don't like most of the greasy food they offer in the cafeteria and feel that I shouldn't have to pay for food that I don't want."

Green said that the residential advisors and residential life staff can enter any dorm room at any time without

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Faculty Faces profiles:

by Scott Lamar
features editor



Susana Walter

Name: Susana Walter, Spanish lecturer.

College: UM-St. Louis, B.A./ Washington University, Masters.

Marital Status: Husband, Richard

Children: 3; Monica, Patrick and Francesca

Hobbies: Painting and spending time with her family.

I went into teaching because: I like teaching. I wanted to be a lot of things but teaching my native language seemed like the natural path to take.

Favorite food: I like to sample all kinds of foods. I especially like french cuisine.

An ideal evening out would be: Going to a good play and then having dinner with a group of friends.

Fantasy: Starting college over again at 18 instead of 27 so I could partake in more of the college life.

I'd give anything to meet: Hillary Clinton. I admire her very much.

Favorite TV show: Northern Exposure

Favorite Book: "Aunt Julia and the Scriptor" by Mario Vargas Llosa

Favorite movie: "The Browning Version"

Pet peeve: People who smoke in my face.

Favorite junkfood: McDonald's french fries.

Behind my back my friends say I'm: Absent minded, but we'll forgive her.

Reviews, from page 5

jazz" he was crankin' out in 1954, but he has replaced that lost speed with "long, lyrical lines" that have the hang time of a NBA all-star.

Recorded in two sessions, one in New York and another in Los Angeles, Toots managed to enlist the help of the biggest names in modern jazz for both sessions. On the West Coast he was joined by Lyle Mays, piano; Christian McBride, bass; Troy Davis, drums; Terence Blanchard, trumpet; Joshua Redman, tenor sax and Mike Mainieri, vibes.

On the East Coast he was ac-

companied by Herbie Hancock, Alan Broadbent and Micheal Lang, piano; Charlie Haden and Dave Carpenter, bass; Peter Erskin, drums; Robben Ford, guitar; Jerry Goodman, violin and Ernie Watts, tenor sax.

At just over 55 minutes running time, "East Coast West Coast" is a bargain for the discriminating jazz aficionado. Rock and roll fans will be blessed indeed if their idols are still able to produce as professional a sound as Thielemans has given when they reach their 70's.

Movin' from page 5

I was offered the job of associate features editor, which I took. I got a little lucky with the timing of it all. The features section had some positions open.

The feature editor job was given to Don Barnes, an awesome writer with an original style. If you didn't read his columns last semester, you missed out. Unfortunately, Don has left his post as features editor, which now has been passed on to me.

Fortunately, Don will be writing a bi-monthly column this semester. However, all of these promotions have left me in a daze (and without an associate).

My new position as editor will be tough. I wasn't sure if I was ready at first, but Don has faith in me, which really means a lot. Thanks old buddy.

This is a great chance to tell the world (well, just you guys who can read) what's on my mind. I encourage you all to tell me what you think. I really want to know. If you like what I say, tell me. If you think I'm lame, tell me. I can handle criticism. I also welcome any fan/hate mail you have to send. Just don't say anything derogatory about my mother or throw things at me. This is my first attempt at a column so be gentle.

All I want to do is make a dent in some of the attitudes of students here before I leave this University. Sure, it won't be easy. A lot of people are stubborn, may think what I say is crap or just not care (as I once did).

Hopefully, you'll like whatever it is I write about. What is it that I'm going to write about, you ask? Anything and everything that affects students. For some reason most are called "Generation X"—a topic I will discuss in two weeks.

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photo: Scott Lamar

Sophomore nursing student Heather Melton studies in her spacious abode in Seton Hall.

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asking. She said, considering the cost of the room, her privacy should not be violated.

"They can come in anytime, but I can't have guys over anytime," Green said. "It just isn't right. If my family visits me, I can let my mother and sisters stay, but my father and brothers have to go somewhere else. Males can stay downstairs overnight, but they aren't allowed to sleep there."

Everyone must leave a valid identification card with security to come in. Green feels safer that way, but she disagrees with them having to leave at midnight.

"Visitors can come in all day long without leaving identification," she said, "but at 5 p.m. they have to run downstairs to sign in. That doesn't make any sense!"

"The biggest difference is the quiet," Sheaver said.

She said at Northeast she sometimes had to wear earphones to get sleep at night.

"There are no activities here for a normal college student to do. Northeast had a socially oriented atmosphere where everyone could get together and

have a good time," she said. "Here it's like living in a convent!"

The three students agreed that the quiet was nice sometimes for studying, and that they felt safer with the security regulations. They also agreed, though, that the dorms should give more freedom to the students to make their own decisions.

Some students would like to see more freedom for students living in the residence halls.

Sheaver said she liked Northeast better. She said there was always something to do when she had spare time and no one could come into her room without her permission.

"I feel like I'm constantly being monitored here," Sheaver said. "I know I'm pretty safe and I like that, but I don't need to constantly tell someone who I have in my room and what I'm doing."

Cards from page 5

Lawrence said that although banks cannot provide training to all credit card users, it might be productive for banks to find out applicants' experiences in personal finances. If there is no history of loans or credit, he said banks could offer more information or training of some kind.

Jacobson said her agency is developing a program that gives financial training to students from kindergarten through high school. She still believe credit is a great convenience if used responsibly.

"Education is the answer," she said. "Using credit responsibly is what we like to see. Students need to manage their finances and credit wisely. It's just like shopping for another product; the buyer has to beware."

Debt from page 5

UM-St. Louis alumni who owes \$6,500 to credit card companies, accumulated his debt while in college and is still trying to catch up. John said he was advised against going to a credit counseling service since it becomes part of one's financial record and is considered a negative. He said he negotiated with the credit card companies himself to get his minimum monthly payment lowered. John said the company will continue to make that allowance if he makes regular monthly payments.

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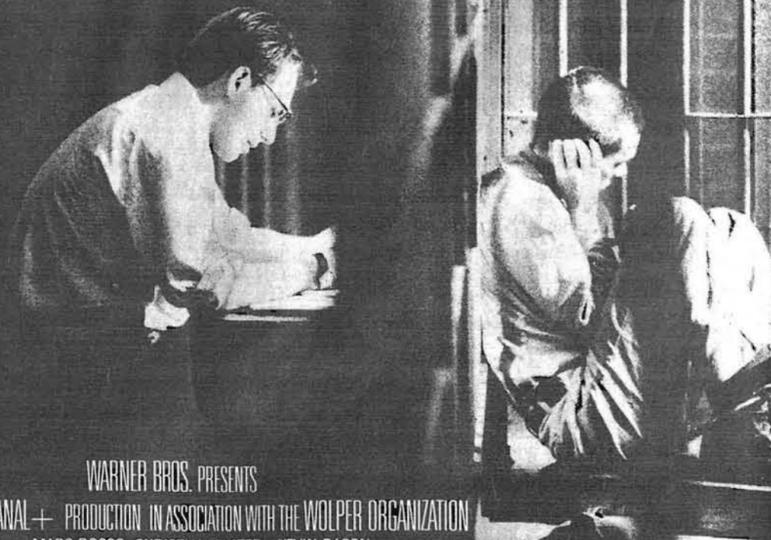
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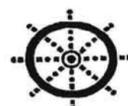
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Off the wall



by Ken Dunkin
associate sports editor

Welcome to Off the Wall. As you can read above, I am Ken Dunkin, the new associate sports editor. My hopes are very high for the sports Department this semester.

I started sports writing during my freshman year at Riverview Gardens High School. I worked my way through the sports department, and eventually, I became editor-in-chief of the school paper. Hopefully that experience will help me in my challenges at *The Current*. If I have any problems though, I'm sure that Sports Editor Rob Goedecker will be there to help me out.

I covered many sports in high school, everything from baseball to tennis. Although, in my four years of writing, I only covered women's sports a couple of times.

This school year, at UM-St. Louis, I began to cover many of the women's teams. This was a welcome change. No offense to any women, but in high school I didn't think the women's teams were as exciting as the men's teams. When Pete, last year's sports editor, and Rob assigned me to cover the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team. I was impressed. It was then that I realized women's teams deserve just as much press as the men's teams.

I am looking forward to bringing you the sports news. In my columns I will bring you my views. I may show a point of view that you may not have looked at before, or didn't want to look at because it is the complete opposite of what you believe. My main goal is to just get you to think about sports in a different way.

First, I would like to welcome back the St. Louis Blues after their much too long lockout. It will be great to have at least one professional team playing. For a while, St. Louis was a sports ghost town. One thing is for sure, they had better play well. The fans didn't wait this long to see another weak pathetic play-off performance.

Second I would like to congratulate Rivermen coach Rich Meckfessel for his work with the basketball team this season. After going 8-18 last season, he has guided the team to a 8-5 record so far.

The Rivermen have a 2-1 record in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. All three games were played on the road. It took all season for the Rivermen to pick up their first road conference victory, but this season, they got the job done on the first try with a convincing victory over Emporia State Jan 5.

This team, when healthy, can compete with any of their division rivals. They have depth at all positions, and the addition of Eric Lytle has created a log jam of talent at the forward position. All forwards have played very consistent, but Lytle should step in and grab many of their minutes.

The rest of the team has been consistent in spots. Eric Bickel has found the rebounding touch that made him famous at Ritenour High School. If he keeps it up opposing centers beware.

Mark Lash has been on fire from three point land, he has nailed 46 percent of his shots to lead the team. When he shoots look out it's nothing but net.

With the two conference road victories under their belts, the Rivermen should feel very confident. If you are a basketball fan you might want to take a look at this team. Their next home game is January 18 against Northwest Missouri State. I think that with a few breaks this team can go a long way.

Rivermen strike it rich, drill Miners

by Rob Goedecker
and Ken Dunkin
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In their first conference home game, the UM-St. Louis Rivermen basketball team had a convincing win over the UM-Rolla Miners 86-69 last Saturday at the Mark Twain Building.

"This was a very good win," said head coach Rich Meckfessel. "We had two good road wins last week, and if you lose at home, you throw the road wins away. If we are going to be in the conference race, we have to win at home."

Overall Meckfessel was pleased with the Rivermen's performance.

"I thought we played well," Meckfessel said. "Our defense was good, and we rebounded okay."

If the Rivermen were to be successful in the game, they would have to shut down the Miners inside game and establish an inside game for themselves. That's exactly what they did.

"One of the things we set out to do was get the ball inside and get Jamie Brueggeman (the UM-Rolla center) in foul trouble," Meckfessel said. "We did that. It is always nice to know you accomplished something you set out to do."

The team accomplished almost everything that they tried to do defensively. The Rivermen out rebounded the Miners by a total of 42-29. Everything seemed to go in the Rivermen's favor.

"We wanted to go out and get good pressure on them," Lytle said. "Our defense wasn't that good in the first half, but we picked it up in the second."

Offensively they did just as well. Five players finished in double figures.

Jim Robinson led all scorers with 18 points. Eric Bickel had 16 points. He was followed by Marcus Albert and Eric Lytle with 15 points respectively. Lawndale Thomas finished with 11 points.

Lytle had his typical type of game. In addition to his 15 points, he pulled down seven rebounds and shot in 77 percent from the field.

"I wanted to slow things down in this game," said Lytle. "In the first three road games I was rushing my shot."

Albert hit his usual 100 percent from the free throw line, but in this game he also shot well from three point range. He also dished off four assists and pulled down two rebounds.

"Marcus Albert shot the three very well," Meckfessel said. "We think he is a great three point shooter, but he has not shot the ball well. In the last couple of games he has shot very well and I'm very sure he will keep it up."

Although most of the team was satisfied with their play Bickel was not. He had eight rebounds and shot 60 percent from the floor. His three rejections also led both teams.

"Most of my shots were hitting the front of the rim," said Bickel. "My shot just wasn't there tonight."

The Rivermen hold a 3-1 conference record going into play this week. Wednesday they play Northwest Missouri State. They hold a 1-2 conference record.

"I am predicting a very strong victory," said Lytle. "We play very good at home as long as we get support from the crowd."

Records can be deceiving, and no conference team should be taken lightly.

"Northwest Missouri State is a very strong, physical team," said Meckfessel. "They finished fourth in the league last year. It will be a tough game."

Rivermen 86, Miners 69										
UM-St. Louis										
	Min	FG	3pt	FT	Rb	F	TP			
Thomas	37	4-7	3-4	0-0	5	3	11			
Lash	13	0-1	0-1	2-2	1	3	2			
Albert	27	4-10	2-8	5-5	2	2	15			
Robinson	26	6-8	4-6	2-3	7	0	18			
Hawthorne	24	2-3	0-0	3-4	3	3	7			
Lytle	31	7-9	1-2	0-2	7	2	15			
Bickel	28	6-15	0-0	4-8	6	3	16			
Tuckson	12	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	2	2			

UM-Rolla										
	Min	FG	3pt	FT	Rb	F	TP			
Jackson	35	2-12	0-6	6-8	4	2	10			
Holloway	30	6-10	3-7	1-2	2	3	16			
Wade	28	1-2	1-2	3-4	4	3	6			
Lee	22	0-4	0-4	1-2	0	0	1			
Rush	27	4-5	1-2	6-8	3	1	15			
Tompkins	18	4-6	0-0	0-0	5	3	8			
Brueggeman	29	6-18	0-0	0-0	9	5	12			

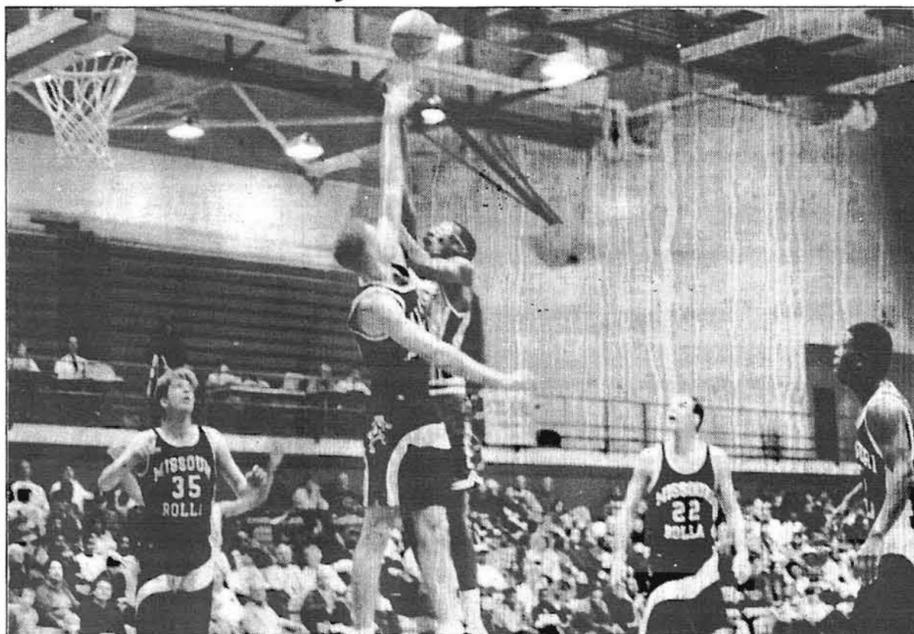


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Rivermen center Kevin Tuckson (white jersey) shoots for two points, while several Miners look on. The Rivermen have been playing very well in the conference. They hold a 3-1 MIAA record, 9-5 overall.

Former Kangaroo star finishes senior season at UM-St. Louis

by Ken Dunkin
associate sports editor

Eric Lytle has returned to his hometown to play basketball for the UM-St. Louis Rivermen after a one year stint with the UM-Kansas City Kangaroos. The last time Lytle played basketball in St. Louis was at Meramac Community College.

At Meramac, Lytle was a two-time all-region selection, and a National Junior College Division II All-American pick as a sophomore. He averaged 17 points and 8.5 rebounds a game. Lytle has returned to St. Louis, and has performed as if he had never left.

In his first game at UM-St. Louis, forward Eric Lytle scored 31 points, and pulled down six rebounds in a 130-61 rout over Sanford Brown College Dec. 22.

Lytle, a 6-foot-6 forward, was worried about his performance before his first game back.

"I thought I was going to play bad," Lytle said.

Since then, he has proved that his performance was no fluke.

Lytle played perhaps his best game of the year against Southwest Baptist. He scored 14 points, and he led the team with 10 rebounds. His play helped push the Rivermen over their division foe 81-76.

"Eric can score inside," said head coach Rich Meckfessel. "He can shoot the three pointer and make it. He is a very fine rebounder, particularly on the offensive boards."

This is Lytle's first season with the Rivermen. Last season he played at Division I UM-Kansas City. He played in all 27 of the Kangaroos games, while scoring 2.2 points a game and four rebounds a game. He also led the team in blocked shots with 28.

"Eric was a player that was on the rise," said Lee Hunt, head coach at UM-Kansas City. "We had a lot

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UM-Rolla deep-six Riverwomen

by Rob Goedecker
sports editor

Last Saturday's basketball game against the UM-Rolla Lady Miners gave the Riverwomen the opportunity to turn their season around.

The Riverwomen were going into their first conference match-up at home. They were coming off a five-game losing streak, and a 0-3 start in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) conference.

Victory would have been sweet, but this game was sour. The Riverwomen lost 84-76, dropping their overall record to 5-8.

"We're struggling as a team," Satterfield said. "We get tired really easy."

Fatigue has been the thorn in the Riverwomen's side so far this season. But with the possible return of guard DJ Martin in this Wednesday's match-up against Northwest Missouri State, the Riverwomen could get some needed rest.

"We're looking forward to her coming back," said guard Nicole Christ. "It's going to help us a lot once she gets back on the court."

In the first half, the Riverwomen jumped out to an early 4-0 lead. Then, they began to play sloppy, and the Lady Miners jumped back into the game with a 8-0 run.

Trailing 11-14, the Riverwomen went on a 6-0 run to take a 17-14 lead with 9:44 remaining. Then 1:97 later, the Riverwomen went ahead 22-18 on a 3-pointer by Satterfield.

Things were looking good for the Riverwomen, but then the Lady Miners went on a 8-0 run late in the half. It was sparked by a 3-pointer from UM-Rolla's leading scorer Becky Reichard.

Towards the end of the half, the Riverwomen players were slowing. Then head coach Jim Coen was ejected.

With :33 seconds remaining in the half, Coen was slapped with a technical foul for disputing a call with a ref. Then, after UM-Rolla made their free throws, Coen was given another technical foul for contesting the first technical. With two technical fouls, Coen was kicked out of the game. After the game, Coen wasn't too pleased with the officials.

"They're terrible officials, and they'll never work in our place again," Coen said.

The Riverwomen trailed at halftime 32-40.

With Coen gone, assistant coach Nancy Hesemann was given the reins to lead the team in the second half, but she



photo: Ken Dunkin

Riverwoman center Jade Turner shoots the ball. The Riverwomen lost their sixth game in a row.

was ready for the challenge.

"At first, I was nervous," Hesemann said, "but after we got into the swing of things, I settled down and just did the things coach [Coen] expected me to do."

The Riverwomen started the second half with a 5-0 run to cut the Lady Miners' lead to 40-37.

"We moved the ball a lot better," Hesemann said. "When we do that, we're going to get more open shots."

The Riverwomen continued to play well, but the 3-point shooting of Reichard was too much for the Riverwomen to handle. With 11:37 remaining in the game, the Riverwomen trailed by 12 points (50-62).

Midway through the second half, Nicole Christ started to take control for the Riverwomen. With her leadership and three 3-pointers, the Riverwomen drilled into the Lady Miner's lead. The Riverwomen tied the game 62-62 with 9:06 remaining.

"[Christ] really picked up the slack," Hesemann said. "She put it on her shoulder to cut down the lead, and that's exactly what she did."

The Riverwomen were never able to take the lead. UM-

Freshmen swimmers Bilhorn, Morlan break school records

by Rob Goedecker
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis swim team placed fourth in the Indianapolis Invitational last weekend.

UM-St. Louis trained hard for the meet, and in the end, their hard work paid off with some new season-best times.

"This is a very good accomplishment," Liston said. "We trained really hard. Then, turned around and swam a very long meet, and did a great job. We're swimming really strong."

Starring for UM-St. Louis at the Invite were highly-talented freshmen Cliff Morlan and Trevor Bilhorn.

Morlan, a Montana state champion last year in the 500-yard freestyle, just barely broke a school record in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:19.35. The old record of 17:19.35 was set by Tom Lombardo in 1987. Head coach Mary Liston is proud of his accomplishments.

"He did a great job," Liston said.

"He scored a lot of points, and he's only a freshman."

Morlan also set his season best in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:00.88.

Bilhorn, a Missouri state champion two years ago in the 200-yard freestyle, set his season best in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of :50.12. Bilhorn is impressed with the performance of the freshmen at midseason.

"We're all doing great," Bilhorn said. "We've got a great group. We're all swimming really well."

Other season-best performances for UM-St. Louis at the invite were in the 200-yard freestyle. Pierce Cole set his season best with a time of 1:54.06. Jodie Passwater set her season-best with a time of 2:14.37.

Captain Chad Fowler, a transfer from Mizzou, had a good meet. He placed 7th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of :57.03, and 5th in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:08.81.

The next meet will be at the University of Illinois Jan. 20 and 21.



photo: Ken Dunkin

see Reorganize, page 8 Freshman Trevor Bilhorn set his season best in 100-yard freestyle

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Rolla guard Christie Williams sparked a 7-0 run with a 3-pointer, and the Riverwomen were shut out from a victory.

Williams led the Lady Miners in scoring with 27 points, and Reichard added 17. Katherine Kersten scored 11 points along with 14 rebounds. UM-Rolla improved their record to 8-6 overall and 2-2 in the MIAA.

The Riverwomen were led by Satterfield and Christ with 23 and 18 points respectively. Stubblefield added 17 points, and grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Riverwomen are hoping for a brighter future, but right now their hands are tied.

"We're just trying to reorganize our goals," Christ said. "We would have loved to win this game. It would have been a big boost to our moral right now, but we can only do so much. There's just some things you can't do with six people."

Miners 84, Riverwomen 76

Lady Miners

	Min	FG	3pt	FT	Rb	F	TP
Williams	35	9-25	1-5	8-10	10	1	27
Reichard	31	6-16	5-11	0-0	1	4	17
Kersten	30	4-9	0-0	3-4	14	1	11
Burmudez	15	1-5	0-0	0-0	5	1	2
Martens	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2
Hartman	25	4-7	0-0	1-1	3	4	8
Bohannon	27	4-7	0-0	2-3	4	8	8
Arnason	15	2-7	0-0	1-4	8	0	5
Fischer	12	2-2	0-0	0-0	4	3	4

Riverwomen

	Min	FG	3pt	FT	Rb	F	TP
Ermeling	30	0-1	0-0	0-0	5	3	0
Satterfield	40	7-24	5-18	4-4	3	1	23
Yates	28	3-9	0-5	1-2	6	4	7
Christ	40	5-10	3-5	5-8	4	5	18
Stubblefield	31	6-11	2-4	3-4	11	0	17
Turner	31	5-6	0-0	1-2	12	4	11

Week in review

Jan. 10

Basketball (men):
Beat SW Baptist 81-76
Basketball (women):
Lost to SW Baptist 83-56

Jan. 14

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Beat UM-Rolla 86-69
Basketball (women):
Lost to UM-Rolla 84-76
Swimming
Placed fourth in the Indianapolis Invitational.

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of depth the season that he was here, so he didn't have enough time to put up big stats."

With the Rivermen, Lytle has been given the opportunity to get plenty of playing of time. He has taken full advantage of the opportunity. He is averaging 15.8 points a game and 8 rebounds a game.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," Hunt said. "I liked Eric. I'm really glad he is doing well."

Hunt was very disappointed to see such a quality player leave the program.

"He was a kid that was only going to get better," he said. "It is a big jump to Division I, and Eric was making it. He was going to be a big factor, but he got himself into trouble academically."

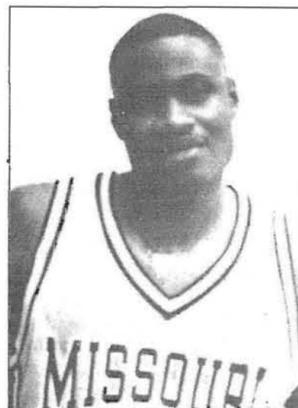
Despite some bad breaks, Lytle is glad to be back in St. Louis.

"I didn't want to go back [to UM-Kansas City]," Lytle said. "I wanted to come home."

Lytle's choice has been very popu-

lar with his coaches and teammates.

"Eric is a good person," said guard Lawndale Thomas. "When he is on the court he makes everyone want to play



Eric Lytle

harder."

"We are very happy to have Eric with us," Meckfessel said.

After deciding to transfer to UM-St. Louis, Lytle ran into more academic troubles. He was forced to sit out the fall semester. Meckfessel knows Lytle will get back to his old form.

"It is just a matter of him getting accustomed to playing in basketball games after being away from it for a while," Meckfessel said.

Meckfessel has big plans for Lytle as the season progresses. At UM-Kansas City, Lytle was a defensive specialist, but Meckfessel wants him to become more of an offensive threat.

"He going to play 30 minutes a game," Meckfessel said. "He is going to be our go-to guy, as soon as he has had a few more games to settle in."

Meckfessel is glad to be able to coach Lytle during his senior season, but he wishes he could have coached him longer.

"We would have loved to have him for four seasons, but we didn't," Meckfessel said. "We're glad we have him for the conference season."

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