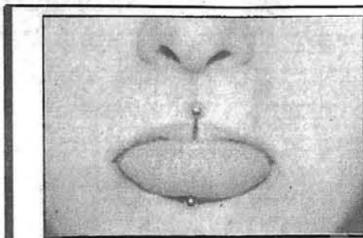


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The UM-St. Louis Rivermen are on a roll. With an 84-68 win over Pittsburg St. Saturday night, they are 5-1 in the MIAA.

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January 23, 1995

Site approved for new U-Center

by Matthew J. Forsythe
editor-in-chief

Chancellor Blanche Touhill has placed the cornerstone for the master plan.

That is the way many members of the University Center planning committee describe the Chancellor's action to approve a site and conceptual plans for the new University Center building.

The planning committee met Thursday to narrow the plan down to the best options, and on Friday the Chancellor viewed, asked questions and approved the plans.

The Thursday meeting started with the committee looking at five different designs for the new building. The committee quickly narrowed these plans down by rating how well the different designs fulfilled the characteristics a new University Center needed to have.

These characteristics included

centralized location, disabled access, service access, student circulation, cost to develop, location to main entrance and compatibility to the master plan.

Two designs incorporated these characteristics better than the rest. After more discussion and some design work by the architects, the committee came up with one site and one design which incorporated the best features of both of the earlier choices.

The future changes in the master plan affected many of the decisions made by the planning committee.

"I think student circulation should be rated extraordinarily high," said Lowe "Sandy" MacLean, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, during the meeting.

The committee chose the site with this in mind. The master plan calls for future parking areas to flank the new building to the northeast. After parking, students will be drawn into the building on their way to classes.

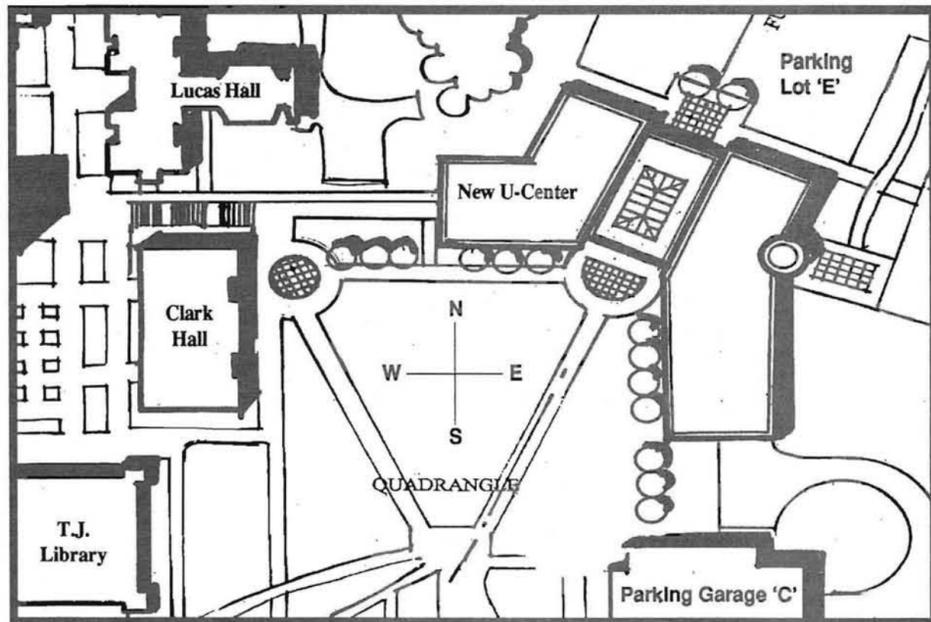
Compatibility with the master plan's topography was also important to the committee.

Deputy to the Chancellor Donald Driemeier said the master plan used the natural topography to enhance overall beauty of the campus. The committee wanted a building which would fit in with the natural hills and valleys of the campus which the master plan preserved.

"Using the natural topography was very important," Driemeier said. "It sort of comes with the campus. We don't want to cover it up. We don't want to destroy the natural ridge lines. We want to use the valley to add to the natural aesthetics."

In addition to the site being chosen, the Chancellor also approved some conceptual drawings of the building itself.

Al Oberlander, an architect for Renaissance Design Group generated this diagram to illustrate the intended position of the new University Center. Parking structure 'D' is not shown in this diagram. It is scheduled to be razed before construction begins.



Martin Luther King tribute deals with human impact



photo: Jack Crosby

Charles Dooley, the first African American elected to the St. Louis County Council, and Deborah Burris, assistant director of the Office of Equal Opportunities, celebrated the observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 16.

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

The eighth annual observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday paid tribute to a man who's life had an impact on many individuals.

The Office of Equal Opportunities sponsored the activities, which were held in the J.C. Penney auditorium. Approximately 300 people watched a video titled "Happy Birthday Dr. King," and listened to various speakers.

The speakers included John Hara, president of the Japanese-American League; Pandy Tiroch, president of Ballet Latino Americans; Frances Hoffman, director of the Institute for Womens and Gender Studies; UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill and Chris Jones, president of the Student Government Association.

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Robert K. Mordt, pastor at Normandy United Methodist Church. The first African American elected to the St. Louis County Council, Charles A. Dooley, gave a speech titled "Another Barrier Removed."

In 1971, Director of the Office of Equal Opportunities Norman Seay founded the com-

mittee that established the holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. in St. Louis.

The committee was able to do three things. One was to establish the holiday to observe King's birthday. Secondly, Seay and East St. Louis Mayor James E. Williams agreed to rename the Veterans Bridge to the Martin Luther King Bridge. Finally, the Easton-Franklin Street in St. Louis was renamed Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, and there is a corresponding street in East St. Louis.

The annual holiday observing King's birthday is a chance for all people to acknowledge his contributions, according to Seay.

"I am always excited when the day comes because he meant so much to everyone," Seay said.

Seay also noted that other countries have postage stamps and holidays honoring King.

"I have been a victim of discrimination and segregation, and I participated in the struggle to remove the laws and practices that made one feel inferior and as a second class citizen," Seay said. "I believe in the philosophy of non-violence and

see King, page 4

Chancellor reports to Senate

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

Chancellor Blanche Touhill played the role of a reporter at the first UM-St. Louis Senate meeting of the winter semester Tuesday in the J.C. Penney Building.

Touhill capsulized the University's plans to construct a 10-building apartment complex, which she announced Jan. 11 at Residence Hall. Century Development plans to break ground on the complex, which will house 480 students on the South Campus, at the end of January.

"It's been something we've been working on for three years, and something we've been

see Senate, page 4

Students charge University for everything Identification card sounds like answer to campus freedom

by Amy Pierce
of The Current staff

Just charge it!

This seems to be the saying of the 1990s. It is easy and convenient to just hand over a card and be able to pay later.

UM-St. Louis has started a new service for students and faculty members called the Debit Card system.

"The Debit Card system allows students to charge food, books and other materials to their account," said Bob Schmalfeld, director of University Center.

A student identification card and a copy of your winter semester course schedule are needed to charge items at the bookstore.

"Books and other supplies are added to your tuition when you charge from the bookstore," said Gloria Schultz, director of the University Bookstore.

Currently, bookstore workers have to do the crediting manually. Schultz expects the system to be on-line by February and then computers will credit the merchandise.

Schultz said students will not be affected by the change.

"Students really seem to like the

new system," Schultz said. "Especially when they have outstanding loans and do not have to pay their account balance until their student loan checks come in."

Another application of the Debit Card system allows Residence Hall tenants to charge food in the Underground Cafeteria.

"This makes it really easy now for students from Residence Hall, who do not have to carry cash with them," Schmalfeld said.

In the near future, the identification cards will offer even more opportuni-

ties to UM-St. Louis faculty, staff and students. Students will be allowed to enter locked buildings with their identification card, and Residence Hall tenants will be able to enter their apartments with the card.

The cards will also be scanned in the computer labs and in the Mark Twain Building to assure that students and faculty members are eligible to use the facilities. These features will be available when the hardware is installed.

"I suspect these changes to be made by the fall of 1995 at the latest," Schmalfeld said.

Board expected to approve federal grant

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

The University of Missouri Board of Curators is expected to approve a \$10 million federal grant when it meets Friday at UM-St. Louis. The grant will allow the University to begin construction on the Center for Molecular Electronics.

The federal government authorized a contract with Henty Construction Co. Inc. to begin construction on the building if the plans are approved by the Board. The building will cost approximately \$7 million and the remaining funds will be used to purchase equipment.

Bernard Feldman, Chairperson of Physics and Astronomy, is the point man of the project. He expects the building to be completed 18 months after Henty breaks ground in March.

"Before we could build, we needed environ-

mental assessments that had to go through three sets of governmental lawyers," Feldman said. "That's why the project was delayed two years. One stipulation the government made was that the project had to be environmentally approved."

The new facility will be a three-story, 27,800 ground square feet (gsf) addition to the north end of the west wing of Benton Hall in the Science Complex. Approximately 800 gsf of Benton Hall will be remodeled to accommodate internal connections with the addition. A boiler, chiller and cooling tower will serve Benton Hall and the new center.

The building will make room for offices and research facilities for 12 faculty and staff members associated with the Center for Molecular Electronics. Dan Leopold and Ian Brown are two scientists currently researching at UM-St. Louis, but who originally worked at McDonnell Douglas. The two are working for UM-St. Louis and Washington

University and will move their laboratories into the new building.

"The building will house two of our scientists that are receiving half of their salary from UM-St. Louis and half from Washington University," Feldman said. "I think it's significant because of the cooperation between the two campuses and McDonnell Douglas."

Feldman said the two campuses will also purchase the equipment needed for research laboratories.

"It will probably be announced that we will purchase the equipment Leopold and Brown used at McDonnell Douglas," Feldman said. "That deal is almost completed."

The grant was awarded to the University through federal legislation sponsored by U.S. Representative

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Cut it out



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Todd Appel, a Music major, cuts out a piece of felt material for the Newman House 1995 Retreat banner.

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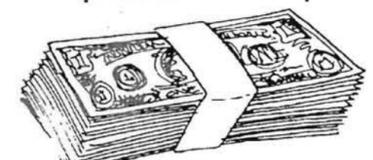
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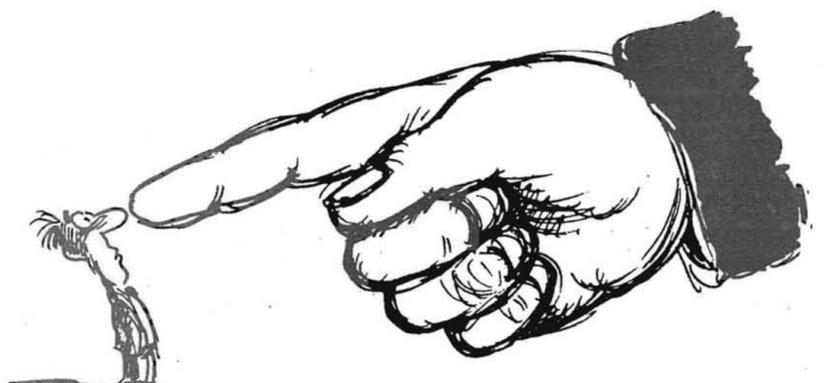
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Senators need to work for constituents

by Matthew J. Forsythe
editor-in-chief

The UM Board of Curators are coming to town Thursday and Friday.

The Board plans to vote on many things that will affect the future of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

That means this meeting could affect your future too.

It is unfortunate that many students don't understand the connection between campus politics and campus policy. Politics develop the policy. So that when some kind

of new policy is implemented by the University there is a good chance it was discussed for months or even years before being enacted in committee.

Now many students might shrug their shoulders at the political process on campus. I'm sure many student are tired of being hit over the head with the slogan "get involved." It is an important thing to be informed and be part of the political process, but not every student has enough of the most precious of all commodities, time.

That is why we have elected other students to give us a hand with the political process. We have elected them to represent us and to keep us informed about what is happening on campus.

That is why students may want to look at ways certain elected student officials are operating and make some improvements. These improvements could go a long way toward making UM-St. Louis a campus with students who know what is happening in their governing bodies.

This idea was sparked when I was speaking with Steve Lehmkuhle, chairman of the UM-St. Louis Senate, about problems with the student senators.

The senators are 25 students on campus who have voting rights in the UM-St. Louis Senate. They are elected for a year and are apportioned to the different schools and colleges according to the student enrollment in those particular schools and colleges. These 25 students represent the student body at the Senate meetings. They have the power to start legislation and vote at the Senate meetings.

Lehmkuhle pointed out that many of the student senators do not attend the Senate meetings. He said part of the

problem was related to the fact that the Senators did not have to report back to a constituency. Lehmkuhle said things might improve if student senators felt a responsibility to a certain group of students. He suggested that student senators represent student groups.

Lehmkuhle's idea is sound, and needs to be implemented in some fashion. Student senators should be motivated by some sense of responsibility and some action should be taken to strengthen the connection between the senators and the students.

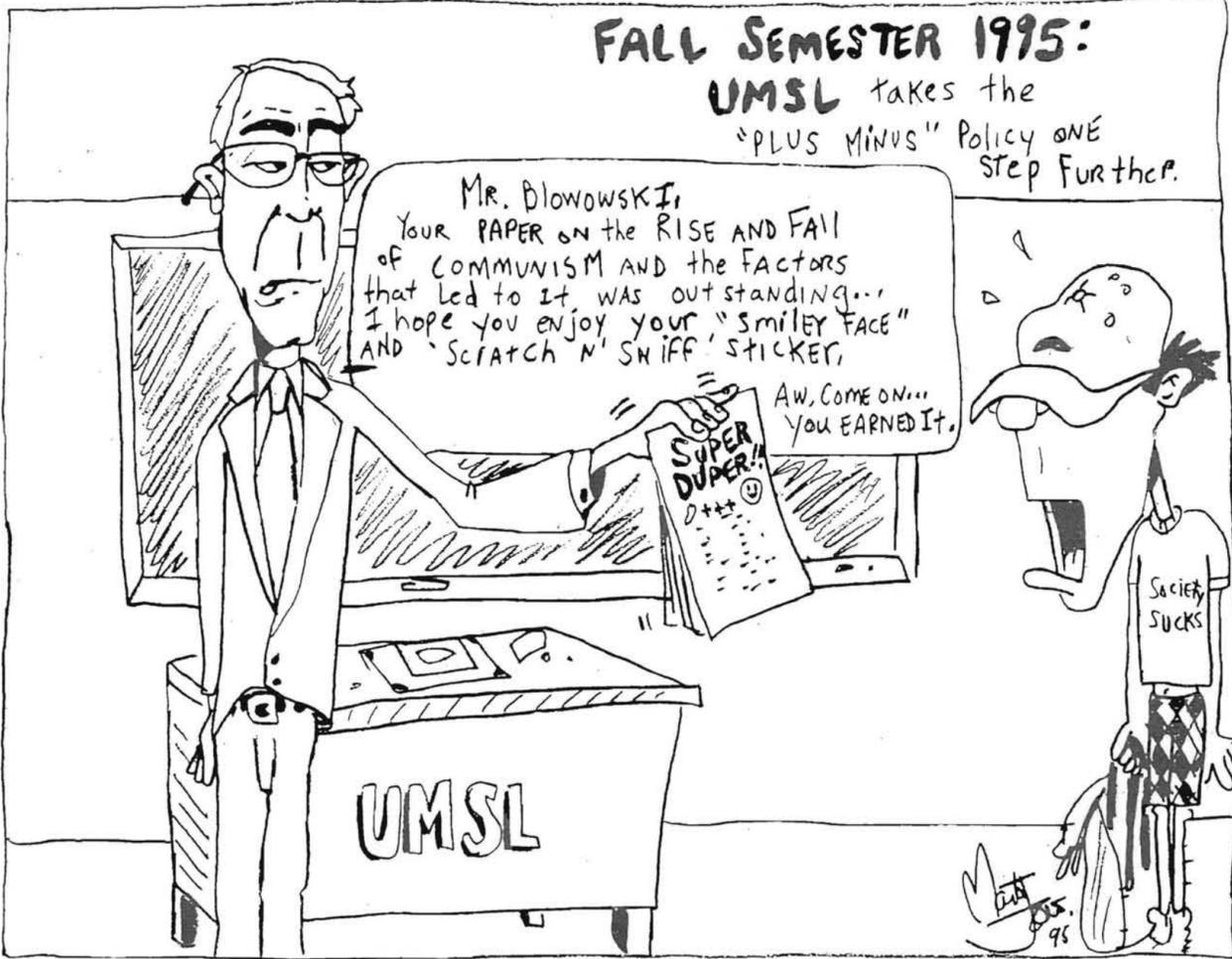
I interviewed one of the student senators. The senator, who I will call Mr. X, admitted that he had only been to two Senate meetings for his entire term. Mr. X is a highly involved student on campus, despite this he said his poor attendance record to Senate meetings was justified. Mr. X stated that he thought the Senate meetings were boring and that little if anything said pertained to what UM-St. Louis students needed to know.

I've been to my share of Senate meetings and I would have to disagree with Mr. X. In one way he is right. Most of what is said does not pertain to an average student, but I wouldn't say that for all of the meetings. Some of the monthly meetings include pertinent facts for students and more importantly student leaders.

The senators shouldn't just be using their jobs as resume stuffers. They have a responsibility to represent the student body and they should take it seriously. Also students should know what a senator does and be able to contact a senator and ask for information about the political process on campus or communicate a concern about that process.

Those student leaders, like the senators themselves, have to act in accordance with the responsibility given their positions. The only way that they will do this is if we make them responsible by making their bond to the students stronger. This is fixing the system so that the senators get in line and do their job. The responsibility is the key.

The only time government works is when the people represented create systems that hold those in power responsible.



Computer technology could bring SGA to students

by Clint Zweifel
managing editor

Computers might be part of the solution to strengthen a weak UM-St. Louis Student Government Association (SGA).

The World Wide Web (WWW), a computer program that helps users organize and publish information on the Internet computer network, could give students the opportunity for student government involvement.

UM-St. Louis' SGA has the technology to make a collection of text, images and pictures about the organization itself and events it is promoting on the Internet. Meetings and upcoming legislation could easily be outlined on the network.

Currently, SGA does not have the perception of being easily accessible by the average student. This could change though. By making student government information easily acces-



sible to the average student through Internet, there would be more opportunity to recruit students who might not have ever considered becoming part of extracurricular activities at the University.

SGA has a real chance to market itself and the University as a whole by using Internet. The barrier between student involvement and apathy is education. With the communicative power provided by the Internet, students can easily learn about SGA if information is made available.

SGA should take a serious look at this. They are missing a market of students who might otherwise remain

untouched by a campus student organization. SGA needs to take the responsibility of making their presentation to the student body and educating them about the rewards of being involved.

Secondly, SGA could use Internet to better inform those who already participate. Legislation to be voted on at upcoming meetings could be spelled out on the computer. SGA representatives could make their opinions on issues easily accessible to the student body. A busy representative could even carry on political dialogue prior to the meetings using electronic mail.

Education for those already involved is important. Few representatives take it upon themselves to introduce legislation, something each of them have the power to do.

This type of interaction is important between representatives. It educates them, helping them form opinions on issues affecting the student body.

Most importantly, the idea works.

UM-Rolla Student Council President Andrew Sears built a student government headquarters on the Internet. Since its beginning last August, nearly 100 student governments from six countries have established themselves on the Internet headquarters.

Sears said the network has been invaluable. When revising their campus' student government constitution, Sears was able to look at examples of 10 constitutions from other campuses on the network.

He said UM-Rolla's page holds minutes of all Student Council meetings, reports, electronic mail addresses and forms where students can send complaints or suggestions. Sears also said upcoming legislation is debated on the network.

Sears said he expects the student government headquarter to continue growing at a rapid pace.

Let's hope UM-St. Louis' student government helps in achieving his goal.

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working hard on for the last year and a half," Touhill said.

In the Chancellor's presentation, he updated the Senate on the changes involving the University of Missouri Board of Curators. The terms of three of the Curators have expired, and Malaika Home, a graduate of UM-St. Louis, was appointed to the Board in

August. Soon, four members of the nine-member Board will be new.

The Curators will meet at UM-St. Louis Jan. 26-27 to discuss the possibility of increasing student tuition.

Touhill also noted the Board will have a new president and vice president. Adam Fischer, last year's vice president, has been promoted to president and

will succeed James McHugh. Fred Hall was named to the position of vice president.

"The Board's makeup has changed drastically," Touhill said.

The Chancellor's Medallion was presented to Peter Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. A dinner celebrating the award was held Jan. 12.

The medallion is the highest honor the University can bestow and was awarded to Raven because of his service to the community. Raven was also instrumental in establishing the International Center for Tropical Ecology.

The event raised \$2,500 for students at the Center, which represents one of the largest pools of tropical biologists in the country.

Tom Schnell, associate dean of the

School of Education, made a motion that the Senate include in its minutes a tribute to recently passed away Dean of Education Rickey George. The Senate will send an engraved plaque with the tribute to the George family.

Building from page 1

William Clay.

The goals of the Center are to become a front runner in the field of molecular electronics and to assist in the development of high technology products by St. Louis area corporations.

"One thing we are trying to do is create a mass of scientists in this area," Feldman said. "It encourages cooperation and brings not only quantitative, but qualitative, dramatic improvement to both universities."

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overcoming the challenges that face people."

Seay served as coordinator for the march that was held in St. Louis for the holiday. He said the Ku Klux Klan had about 15 members demonstrating in St.

Louis, trying to persuade people not to participate in the holiday festivities.

"Their demonstration was not near the thousands of people who participated in the march to recognize the holiday," Seay said.

Site from page 1

Renaissance Design Group, said the intention was to make the new University Center have all of the openness of a modern mall.

"This came out when students in the focus groups were telling us what they didn't like about the present structure," Oberlander said. "One of the students suggested the new center should be more like a mall. It is a concept that has been demonstrated very successfully around the country in other student centers."

With this in mind the architects came up with a three-story building with a skylight in the center. They also planned in a stairway that is open to all three stories. The building is planned on the slope alongside parking lot "E," so that the stairways will bring the

students down in cascades into the new food service area, which will occupy the last floor and include an outside dining area.

The committee also talked about trying to make the main walls of all three floors glass (much like the front of the Thomas Jefferson Library) so that students could see the scenic views planned for the valley next to the building.

The next step in the process will be a student referendum, or student vote, on the issue. The administration is presently forming a student committee that will inform the students about the building and encourage them to vote on the issue.

The administration hopes to have the referendum on April 26, Mirthday.

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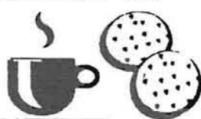
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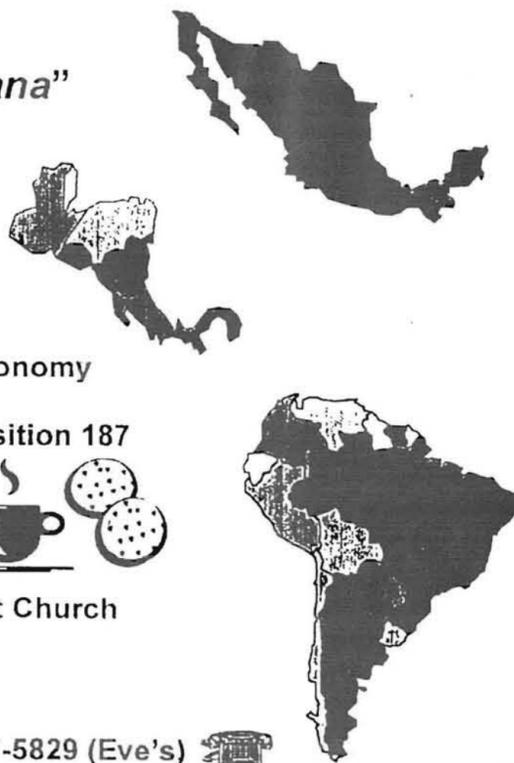
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by Don Barnes
columnist

Just a Thought

Takin' the Train



It's Wednesday, Jan. 18, around 9 p.m. as I sit down to write this weeks column. Tomorrow at this time I will be bound for Albuquerque, N.M. to participate in a workshop at the university there with a group called the lords of language. I am going to perform for them with some of the writers from LitMag.

The rest of the group is flying out Friday afternoon, but I decided to take the train, so I have to leave Thursday afternoon.

Now you may be wondering, as some of my colleagues were, if I am afraid to fly. The answer is no. I'm no Freddy frequent flyer miles, but I've been in the air a few times.

Why the train then? Because I wanted to and I love to ride the train.

I have very fond memories of my experiences with train travel. I lived in central Germany for three years back in the late 80's and early 90's, and during that time I never owned a car. Whenever I wanted to get to something in another town—a fest, a club, a concert—I would take the train.

I really missed that when I got back to St. Louis. I enjoyed having a car again, but I don't feel the same way about driving a car as I do about riding a train, and to be quite honest, I prefer traveling any distance by train to driving hands down.

For one, you don't have to know how to get there. You just have to know how to get to the train station. That was easy in Germany. If it wasn't in the center of the town there were plenty of signs telling you where it was. I spent 25 minutes driving around the same block looking for the downtown St. Louis station today.

For future reference, it's behind the parking lot where 16th street dead ends 3 blocks south of Market.

You never have to worry about missing your exit on a train. I may be telling too much here, but I can't count the times I've been cruisin' down 70, daydreaming or listening to a song or whatever, when I suddenly realize that I'm driving past my exit. On the train, you pull up, maybe they tell you where you are,

maybe they don't, you read the sign outside your window, the train stops and you get off. No problem.

Unless you're asleep. That could pose a problem. That happened to me a couple of times. Taking that midnight train home from Frankfurt once or twice on a Saturday night, that cool night air blowing in from the window, the car rocking and swaying with the tracks, all stretched out on the seats. Aw well, sleep, and other things, happen.

There are a couple of other benefits that train travel offers me in particular that may not apply to everyone. I like to watch the scenery, view the landscape, sometimes stare into nothing and just let the vibrations of motion rock me senseless. I can't do that in a car, or a plane for that matter. In a car you have to be paying attention to the road and your gauges and other drivers and the whole thing is very consuming. And what can you see from a plane? Nothing, that's what. Aerial views of rivers and cities, which is cool. But that's only during take off and landing. That's why they give you a movie, because there's nothing to look at.

Besides being a landscape freak, I'm also a chronic people watcher. I can't get enough. Unlike a bus or a plane, a train is a string of compartments that I can move throughout. It's kind of a double dose of mobility. I can sit wherever I want for as long as I want, eavesdropping, or maybe just observing. God I'm sick! And if I find myself sitting next to a terrorist (take this train to Cuba!) or Reverend Jim from "Taxi" or some kids with no home training, I can just make tracks to another car.

I really don't know what to expect though. I've never ridden Amtrak and I've never spent 24 hours on a train. I doubt that I'll have any trouble passing the time (heh heh heh), and, barring a derailment, I suspect it will be a pretty comfortable journey.

One way or another, I'll let you know a little next time.

Until then, take it easy—and if it's easy, take it twice.

Human hole-punchers

For some, earrings are for more than just ears

by Scott Lamar
features editor

Getting punctured and perforated is definitely not for everyone.

Over the past few years, body piercing has emerged as something lasting longer than a fad, but not popular enough to go mainstream among high school and college students.

At first, having a nose ring was considered bizarre, socially unacceptable and a sight that would draw stares and some snickering.

Then the trend grew to pierced lips, navels, nipples, eyebrows and tongues. Currently, young adults are getting pierced in every part of the body outside of the eyeballs.

Although it is considered disgusting and painful to look at by many, those who have had their body pierced in some of the unorthodox places mentioned above say having the skin pierced gives them a charge.

A UM-St. Louis student, who will be referred to only as Renee, has multiple piercings on her body. She is pierced in her nose, navel, each nipple, tongue, clitoris and twice in her labia.

Like many people, Renee said she got her piercings for varying reasons.

"I think it's an endorphin rush more than anything. Others do it for the attention," she said. "I received the nose ring to balance a tattoo on my ankle. I got my tongue pierced for shock value and great oral sex. Plus, it's fun to play with."

Lloyd Songer, a professional body piercer at Nieja Bend on Delmar in University City, said that much like getting a tattoo, body piercing is addictive.

"Once you get one, you can't stop there. You want more," Songer said. "Also, it's a good release. It's not destructive to the skin. If the holes are left open, after a period of a couple of days, they will close without leaving permanent damage."

Others have deeper reasons for having the procedure.

"Now that I have them, I feel whole," Renee said.

The response people get with nose rings, lip rings, etc. varies from shock to envy.

"People freak out like I have the Black Plague," Renee said.

Renee said that she doesn't think people have the right to tell her how she should or should not look.

"If you don't like it, then don't look at it," she said. "If you saw me walking

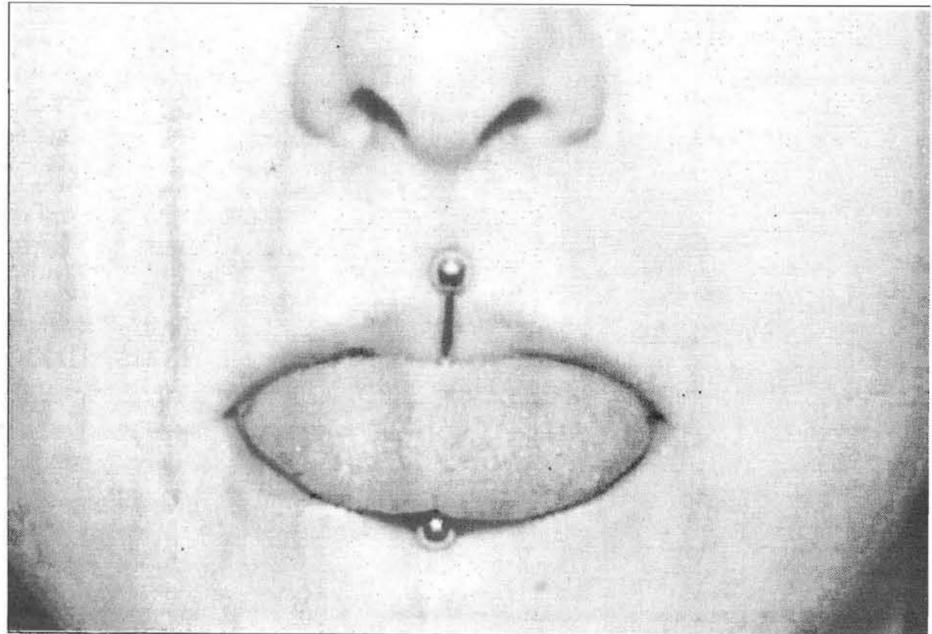


photo: Monica Seneca

UM-St. Louis student Renee opens up and shows off the silver barbell running through her tongue. Renee, along with many other people, are having their body pierced in several strange locations including her nose, navel and nipples.

on campus, you'd never know that I had all of my piercings. They can all be covered up."

Huisinga, an employee at Nieja Bend said on a recent trip to Jamaica, older people couldn't believe that she

ceps. Finally, the hole is made with a triple ground surgical needle."

Songer said the procedure is relatively painless—even for the tongue.

"Having my tongue pierced didn't hurt at all although I thought it would

talking and eating," she said.

Having piercings can occasionally cause some unique problems.

"One time at the Olive Garden I got my fork caught on the barbell in my tongue," Renee said. "My boyfriend had to tug it out."

There are other problems that can arise with rings getting caught on clothing.

"One time at Victoria's Secret," Renee said, "I was trying on a bra when one of the rings got caught. I had to cut myself out with a pair of scissors."

Huisinga says that right now, business is good. She said young women compose a majority of the clientele.

"Usually in the Winter time, business slows down," she said, "but this year it hasn't died down at all."

"Mostly college-age girls are having it done now," Huisinga said. "The nostril and navel are the most popular spots—probably because they are the most socially acceptable."

'I got my tongue pierced for shock value and great oral sex. Plus it's fun to play with.'

-Renee, an UM-St. Louis student who has her body pierced in eight areas.

had a ring in her eyebrow.

"People on the street would see it and say 'Oh my God!'" she said. "Younger generations would come up to me and say 'I'd like to do that.'"

The fact that they can be easily covered up or taken out permanently without a scar is an added attraction to body piercing, unlike a tattoo.

Songer said the procedure for most piercings lasts about 1 minute.

"Everything is sterilized in an autoclave (a container that sterilizes by super heated steam) first," Songer said. "Then the entrance and exit is marked with a pen and held in place with for-

be excruciating pain," Songer said. "However, the tongue does bleed profusely."

Huisinga said there are other adverse effects early on after getting the tongue pierced.

"For a couple of days the tongue swells up and you have a hard time

Current Chatter

by Monica Seneca
photography editor

What do you think about the trend in body piercing/tattooing?



I think it is awful that people get judged by what they look like. I mean if they want to pierce what they want; so be it.

Fernanda Lima
Sophomore
Nursing

The ears and nose being pierced I could understand, but the eyebrows, the lips, and the private parts; that's ridiculous.

Sandy Shed
Junior
Nursing



The piercing is really getting a little bizarre..

Saidia Murphy
Junior
Biology/Pre-Med



It's not something I would do, but everyone has the right to do what they want to do with themselves

Tony Marzucio
Senior
Biology



'Before Sunrise' drags on like a disastrous blind date

by Scott Lamar
features editor

"Before Sunrise" is a movie that asks the question, "Can the greatest romance of your life last only one night?"

It's a good question. This movie answers the question in a peculiar way. Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine (Julie Delpy) meet on a train and develop an interest in one another.

Jesse is an American traveling in Europe and Celine is a French student on her way to Paris.

At Jesse's stop, he convinces Celine to come with him to journey through Vienna. The story is quite simple. The two roam the streets talking and getting to know each other a little bit better.

I felt both actors did great job in making the audience believe that the two strangers from different cultures could fall in love.

The main problem with this movie is in the writing. Writer/Director Richard Linklater, who directed "Dazed and Confused" and "Slacker", seemed to lack some action or humor or something to keep the audience from being lulled to sleep.

The whole movie consists of Jesse

and Celine feeling each other out with long, slow boring chit-chat followed by goo-goo, mushy puppy love that'll make you gag.

Vienna. Everything seems awkward. The conversation, the first kiss and the idea that Celine would take off through Europe with a total stranger.

cessful blind date is something very few people can relate to.

On the positive side, Hawke did an outstanding job in playing the role of Jesse. Hawke was about as charming as the role would allow him to be.

Jesse just broke up with his girlfriend and the lovely Celine was getting over a loser.

In speaking about his role in the movie Hawke stated, "Everyone has this misconception of how exciting their life is supposed to be. If you showed everyone how mundane all our lives truly are, then we might be happy when something interesting does happen."

In the meantime, do we really have to sit through a day in the life of their unexciting lives. It just isn't something you'd make a full-length movie about.

I expected better out of Linklater after seeing "Dazed and Confused" and thoroughly enjoying it. In that movie he tells of the lives of teenagers in the 1970's.

Linklater said, "Before Sunrise" is something seemingly unrehearsed and very real. It has the pseudo-documentary, day-in-the-life feel to it."

The acting was good in this movie, but since the story line was so dull, I would advise you to save your money.



Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke

Another big problem with the movie was its slow pace. The film moved as fast as a slug on a salt flat.

It reminded me a lot of a blind date. Actually it appears that someone's blind date was turned into a movie set in

The only part that everyone could really relate to was when Jesse and Celine had to part ways. It brought about some emotion in an otherwise drab, boring film. Everyone knows goodbyes are sad, but going on a suc-

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Out in the open



Field of reality

by Rob Goedecker
sports editor

Last year was a frustrating season for the UM-St. Louis soccer programs.

Throughout the season, players and coaches complained about the deplorable conditions of the Don Dallas Soccer field. In last years Vess/Gaffney's Classic, Gannon University head coach Marco Koolman had two players injured in the tournament. He blamed both injuries on the field.

Last semester, I wrote an article (Issue 802) on the soccer field. UM-St. Louis Athletic Director Rich Meckfessel said that work would begin by the last soccer game.

I followed-up on the story and asked Meckfessel if action was being taken towards improving the conditions of the field. I'm happy to report that what used to be a field of dreams will now be a field of reality.

Riverman assistant coach Gary LeGrand is glad to see the field finally getting the respect it deserves.

"It looks like it's all going to finally happen," LeGrand said. "It looks like Rich [Meckfessel] has held to his word, and we're going to have a brand new field despite the outrageous cost."

The cost is expected to run over \$25,000. The baseball team had their infield redone last November, but the cost was under \$10,000. Any project over \$10,000 the University would have to apply for a bid.

Meckfessel said four companies bid for the job of renovation. He also told me he signed a purchasing department document Wednesday (Jan. 18). The document states UM-St. Louis will accept the lowest bidder.

The name of the company has not been released by the University

"The company has to provide a
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Riverwomen finally win, end six-game skid

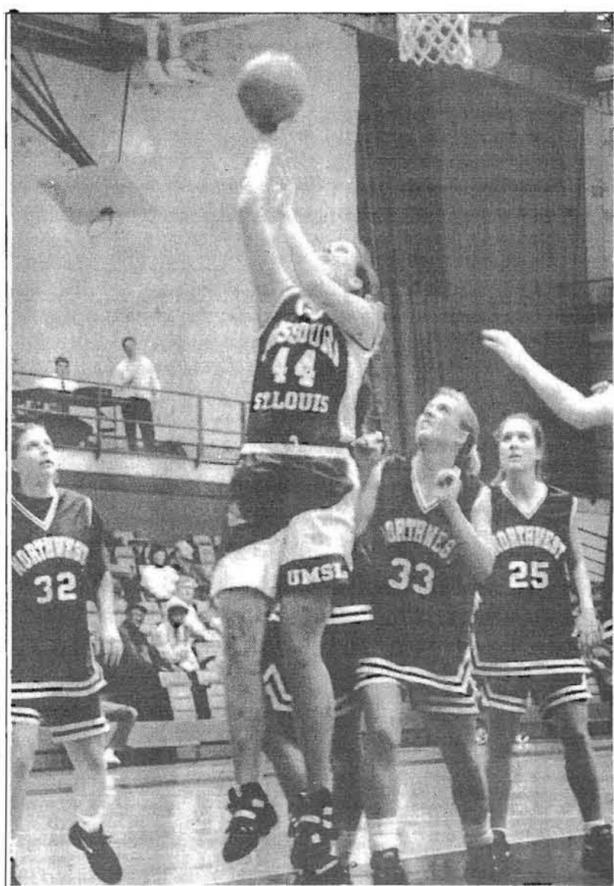


photo: Ken Dunkin

Riverwomen center Angle Stubblefield lays up the ball in a game against Northwest Missouri State. The Riverwomen won 89-78.

by Nick Farrell
reporter

Patience, and making 12 of 42 field goals from 3-point land were key ingredients Wednesday night as the Riverwomen snapped a six-game skid by beating Northwest Missouri State 89-78.

"This was a big pick up for the team," said Laura Satterfield, who paced the Riverwomen by nailing seven 3-pointers and finishing with 33 points.

"I average 19 points a game, but lately have only been hitting five or six," she said. "It feels good to play like I should."

Satterfield and the Riverwomen started out fast. They opened a 21-16 lead with a 9-0 run midway through the first half. Tough defense and great rebounding helped the Riverwomen by cutting down the Bearcats' chances. Center Jade Turner used her height advantage to corral 17 rebounds. Seven of them were offensive rebounds.

"Jade played real aggressively," said Riverwomen head coach Jim Coen. "She made a real difference for us inside."

Satterfield's hot 3-point shooting helped the Riverwomen to a 41-34 lead at the half.

The second half has been treacherous ground for the Riverwomen this season. It looked like fatigue had crept in, as the Bearcats countered with a full court press in the second half.

"We were aware that they tend to

fold when they fell behind in the second half," said Northwest Missouri State head coach Wayne Winstead. "We came out with a press, but we didn't match up very well with their 3-point shooters. Their hot shooting really motivated them."

Sloppy play and turnovers by the Riverwomen helped the Bearcats take a 51-46 lead with 11:42 remaining in the game. But the Riverwomen kept their cool, and fought back.

"We were more patient on defense," said Forward Angie Stubblefield. "I think that slowed us down and helped us keep our legs in the second half."

Coen said that team fatigue was not a factor in this game. "Satterfield's great shooting took a lot of work off the rest of the team," he said.

Whenever the Bearcats tried to make a move, the Riverwomen answered with a 3-pointer. This set up a see-saw battle for much of the second half.

Melissa Yates drilled another 3-pointer with 5:40 remaining to give UM-St. Louis a 64-62 lead; a lead which they never relinquished in cruising to an impressive victory.

With this victory the Riverwomen notched their first conference win of the year. The team felt it was a big hurdle to clear.

"It was hard to adjust to the losing streak," Stubblefield said. "It feels really good to get this win."

"We're real optimistic," Coen said.

"With D.J. Martin coming back, I should help out with the fatigue factor."

The team's morale is high, but can this victory change the outlook on the season?

"We need to take it one day at a time, and we need to play well every time out," Coen said. "Realistically we can win six or seven of our next 17 games."

With injured guard D.J. Martin back, the Riverwomen hope to gain momentum for the rest of the season.

"Eight more wins and we're in the play-offs," Satterfield said.

The Riverwomen return home to face conference foe Missouri Western Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Riverwomen 89, Bearcats 78

Bearcats		Min	FG	3pt	FT	Rb	F	TF
Rasmussen	36	6-8	0-0	0-0	9	4	12	
Ickes	34	7-13	0-3	10-7	5	7	17	
Feaker	24	2-8	0-1	0-0	7	2	4	
Cummings	39	8-22	0-4	2-2	1	2	18	
Coy	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	
Henry	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	
Krohn	20	3-14	0-6	0-0	3	2	6	
Oertel	24	5-12	4-10	3-3	2	4	17	

Riverwomen

Riverwomen		Min	FG	3pt	FT	Rb	F	TF
Erneling	20	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	
Satterfield	36	11-22	7-18	4-5	6	0	3	
Yates	35	5-18	3-10	0-1	13	4	11	
Christ	40	5-15	0-4	5-6	8	2	11	
Stubblefield	38	5-10	2-6	4-5	15	3	11	
Turner	31	4-10	0-0	4-4	17	4	11	

Hesemann's hard work pays off

by Rob Goedecker
sports editor

It was just a year ago that Nancy Hesemann was a team leader on the court for the Riverwomen. Now, she leading them from the side lines.

Hesemann was named assistant coach of the Riverwomen just before the beginning of 94-95 basketball season.

The announcement came as a surprise to Hesemann. She was planning on being a student assistant this season. But former assistant coach Victor Jordan resigned his position, and she was offered the job.

Head coach Jim Coen has been impressed with the job she has been doing.

"It's been difficult for her, considering that she wasn't suppose to be in this position," Coen said. "But overall, she's done a sensational job."

Former Riverwomen head coach Bobbi Morse is happy to see Hesemann get the job.

"I think this is a great opportunity for her to get her foot in the door as far as coaching is concerned," said Morse, who is currently an assistant coach at UM-Kansas City.

Hesemann completed a sensational career at UM-St. Louis. She played in 108 games, two seasons as a starter. She finished in 10th place on the school's all-time scoring list with 940 points, and placed third in rebounds with 599. She also

ranked sixth in steals with 113. And to top it off, she ranks among the top 10 at UM-St. Louis in 3-pointers made with 126.

Over the years, she developed a strong relationship with her teammates. It's been tough for her to adjust to the changes in the relationship when she became their coach.

"Having played with the girls last year, and then trying to step up and be their coach, I think it's a hard line to draw because I'm friends with all them," Hesemann said. "I think there is a level of respect between us. When it comes down to a situation in a game they'll respect my word. But then, I can also still be on the same level as them as far as friends."

Riverwoman guard Laura Satterfield was Hesemann's roommate last season. Satterfield has a lot of confidence in Hesemann.

"She's really intelligent," Satterfield said. "She knows what she's doing. She's an excellent assistant coach. She's a P.E. (Physical education) major, so hopefully she'll be able to go big time."

Satterfield has seen a side of Hesemann that she never saw as a teammate.

"It's hard to look at someone when your playing with them and say they know what they're doing by their actions on the court," Satterfield said. "But now, just by listening to her words I've realized, she really knows what she's doing. I was impressed."



photo: Ken Dunkin

Riverwomen assistant coach Nancy Hesemann is playing a key role on the bench this season. "She's the rock of the foundation of our team," said guard Nicole Christ.

In practice most coaches stand off to the side and shout instructions to the players, but Hesemann actually practices with the team in the scrimmages.

"It's been working out very well," Coen said with a smile.

Hesemann agrees. "It's fun for me," she said. "Coach [Coen]

does all the coaching on the side, but in the game I can relate with the players because of playing with them last year, and now in practice. I just try to be a positive influence on them."

According to Riverwoman guard Nicole Christ, Hesemann has been a great influence.

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Coaches Corner

Featuring

Nancy Hesemann

Assistant Basketball Coach



by Rob Goedecker
sports editor

Nancy Hesemann was a starting senior for the Riverwomen last season. As a senior, she led the team in scoring with 12.5 points per game. She was given the job as assistant coach just before this season began.

Birthplace: St. Louis, Mo.

College: Currently attending UM-St. Louis. Working towards a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Favorite college memory: All the people I was able to meet throughout

my years in college.

Personal hero: My sister.

One thing I can't stand is: Lazy people.

People who knew me in college would say: That I was a hard worker and determined to reach my goals.

Fantasy: I would like to one day be a head collegiate women's basketball coach.

Two words that best describe me: Good sense of humor and willing to listen.

What I like best about coaching: Being a positive influence on the girls. I like to be the one who can get them pumped up when they're feeling down. I like to get them to see the positive side of things, rather than the negative.

If I could change one thing about myself: My procrastination. I procrastinate too much.

Hobbies: I enjoy all outdoor activities.

Greatest game I ever played:

Beating Pittsburg State last year at home. It was their first loss at home in eight years.

Most disappointing game: Last year at Washburn. We had a chance to beat them with about 30 seconds left in the game. I took a shot and it went around the rim and fell out.

My favorite Sport (other than basketball): Football.

Favorite football player: Dan Marino. I'm a big Dolphins' fan.

Favorite Movie: Beaches.

Favorite restaurant: Pasta House.

Favorite fast-food restaurant: McDonald's.

Favorite childhood memory: My last Christmas together with my sister who passed away a couple of years ago.

What I want people to remember about me: That I could pretty much handle anything that falls upon me, and that I could work through it.

Rivermen beat Bearcats by a claw start MIAA season with 4-1 record

by Ken Dunkin
associate sports editor

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen improved their Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference to 4-1 with a 69-67 victory over the Northwest Missouri Bearcats.

They are quickly approaching the number one team, Northeast Missouri State, which holds a 4-0 record in the MIAA. Their overall record improved to 10-5.

"We didn't play very well, but you have to give Northwest some of the credit for that," said head coach Rich Meckfessel. "They played hard defensively, and got on the boards. They made it very difficult for us."

The Rivermen had been battling for the lead most of the fourth quarter. They would get a small lead, and quickly lose it. Then Eric Bickel pulled down a rebound and put it back up to put the Rivermen ahead 67-65.

Tom Szlanda of the Bearcats quickly scored a basket to tie the game. After a missed shot Eric Lytle pulled down an offensive rebound and got fouled. He had the game in his hands. If he hit both shots, the game was out of the Bearcats hands. He hit both shots in

the clutch spot to help win the game.

"I was tired of messing up, so I had to do something," said Lytle. "I was just thinking about hitting the shots. I thought we were ahead."

Lytle finished the game with 11 points and nine rebounds. Meckfessel has higher hopes for the newest Riverman.

"Eric is capable of playing a lot better," said Meckfessel. "He made the free throws that iced the game for us. There were a lot of things in the game that he didn't do that we expect he will do when he becomes more comfortable with playing."

Jim Robinson had a fabulous game. He finished with a game high 22 points. He only took nine shot from the floor. His four of six three point shooting effort also led the game.

"I thought Robinson played his usual solid game," said Meckfessel. Going into this game one thing the Rivermen would have to do was to shut down the Bearcats center Ricky Jolley. They did, in a way. Jolley finished with 18 points. His shots were not a factor and he shot a dismal 7 for 15 from the floor.

"He (Jolley) is a funny player," said Meckfessel. "I'm not sure if we

shut him down or he shut himself down. He didn't score much so I guess we did a good job. I think in the last three good minutes we did a good job on him. Bickel worked real hard on him."

They won the game, yet Meckfessel still sees room for improvement.

"This night we didn't play well Meckfessel said. "We can play a better."

"Teams that have good seasons win these type of games," he said.

Rivermen 69, Bearcats 67

Rivermen		Min	FG	3pt	FT	Rb	F	TF
Thomas	36	5-12	3-6	0-2	4	0		
Lash	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2		
Albert	28	1-11	7-4	0-4	0	2		
Robinson	32	7-9	4-6	4-5	4	2		
Hawthorne	20	3-10	1-1	2-5	2			
Lytle	35	4-10	2-3	3-5	2			
Bickel	31	2-5	0-3	4-4	14	2		
Tuckson	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	2		

Bearcats

Bearcats		Min	FG	3pt	FT	Rb	F	TF
Smith	21	3-10	1-2	3-3	4			
Fidler	26	3-8	1-2	6-6	3	5		
Simon	37	1-6	0-2	0-0	1	3		
Hoberg	16	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	3		
Jones	28	2-8	0-1	2-3	4	1		
Szlanda	27	5-12	0-2	2-10	1			
Jolley	34	7-15	0-4	4-12	2			
Golden	10	1-3	0-0	2-4	0			

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"She's very motivational," Christ said. "She has the experience from last year, so she knows the difference between seeing the game from the side and being on the floor. She's really a good person for us right now on the bench. Without her we would be lost. She the rock of the foundation of our team."

Now that she has had the opportunity to be an assistant coach, Hesemann has a better idea of what she wants to do with her education.

"At first I wanted to work with elementary kids," Hesemann said. "I never experienced working with older kids, but I think now that's what I want to do."

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certificate of insurance and a performance bond," Meckfessel said. "That will take a little time, but as soon as the weather is satisfactory for working, they should get started."

When work begins, the soccer field is going to be entirely regraded, and new seed will be planted. Meckfessel is hoping the job will be done around the first of May so that the seed will have time to sit and grow.

The news of the field finally getting resurfaced is something the UM-St. Louis soccer programs have been waiting for a long time.

"I feel very good about what's going on," said Riverman head coach Tom Redmond. "It has moved well beyond any phase that it got to last year. It's really going to happen."

The players are also relieved to see progress being made.

"I'm really looking forward to the field getting done," said Riverman forward Todd Rick. "It was so bad last year."

Riverwoman head coach Ken Hudson feels that the new field should help his recruiting.

"Last year, I told everybody that we were getting a new playing field and it didn't happen," Hudson said. "This year, I'll do the same thing because I've got confidence that it will get done. This is a big plus for the soccer programs."

LeGrand is happy to see unity in the Athletic Department.

"Even though I spoke out earlier, I am very happy that Mr. Meckfessel is coming through and showing some support to the soccer program."

As sports editor of *The Current*, I think it's great to see people working together for a common goal.

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