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# Campaigns begin for 1995 SGA elections

## O'Keefe, Perry stress unity

by Rob Goedecker  
news editor

On March 9, Tom O'Keefe, Jason Perry and Pam White announced their candidacy for the elected positions of Student Government President, Vice-President and Comptroller.

By kicking off their campaign early, they are hoping to better understand the interest of the student population and find out what the students expect from their elected officials.

"We would like to see if there is something that Student Government can do for the student organizations that it hasn't been doing," O'Keefe said. "We have already talked to several organizations on campus."

O'Keefe said that they had already talked to business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi who has agreed to endorse them in their campaign. Other endorsements are expected in the near future.

O'Keefe, Perry and White are all involved in many different activities on campus. They feel that

diversity is important when understanding the needs and interest of the students.

"Being that we've been involved with a lot of different organizations demonstrates the fact that we represent those organizations on campus," Perry said.

O'Keefe, who is running for president, has been involved in numerous activities as a student at UM-St. Louis.

He is the speaker of the Student Assembly, a member of the University Program Board and a member of the College Republicans. He is also the president of Sigma Pi Fraternity.

"I'm fairly well versed in Student Government and how it works," O'Keefe said. "I'm not just someone from a fraternity coming out to run for Student Government president."

Perry, who is running for vice-president, is the parliamentarian of the Student Assembly, president of the Residence Hall Council, a member of the University Program Board, and

see O'Keefe, page 4



Tom O'Keefe



Jason Perry

## Familiar faces: Titlow, Zweifel

by Jeremy Rutherford  
managing editor

If Beth Titlow and Clint Zweifel are elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Student Government Association (SGA), they will be building on their own success.

Titlow is the current comptroller of SGA, and both were members of the Transcript Fee committee, which recently pressured the University into lowering the cost of a transcript from \$5 to \$3.

Both Titlow and Zweifel credit the last two administrations with the increasing success of the campus' largest organization. Those two administrations consisted of former president Andy Masters and the current SGA president, Chris Jones.

"We have to build off the progress they have made, or else we are starting from ground zero, again," Zweifel said. "They have really turned up the heat."

The two feel their combined experience will provide students with a solid ticket when they are asked to

vote at the upcoming SGA elections on April 17th and 18th.

Titlow has been a member of the SGA executive board ever since she joined the campus in the Winter semester of 1993. Zweifel, who started at UM-St. Louis in 1992, was a member of the staff at *The Current* for two years before he resigned this semester.

"I think that, with her SGA experience and with my vantage point from evaluating each of the last three administrations for the newspaper, we really mesh well together," Zweifel said.

"Clint has been looking at things from a different perspective than I have," Titlow said. "I've been in the thick of things. But our goals are the same in that we put students first."

The name of their campaign is "The Student Coalition for Action - Bring Forth the Student Voice," and their campaign manager is Eric Barnhart, who was also a member of the Transcript Fee committee.

Titlow said the slogan was de- see Titlow, page 4



Beth Titlow



Clint Zweifel

## Hutchinson wants equality

Deana Autry  
of *The Current* Staff

Tonya Hutchinson has announced her candidacy for SGA President. Hutchinson's name should sound familiar to most students because of the complaint she lodged against Sigma Pi in regards to their Sexy Legs II sign

A complaint that she registered with Student Court yielded a recommendation that the text and graphics of signs and posters be viewed before they are displayed on campus.

As of yet, Hutchinson has not chosen her comptroller or her vice president. Perhaps what sets Hutchinson apart from the rest of the candidates is her unique platform which consists of five main

points: (1) Racism on Campus, (2) Sexism on Campus, (3) Campus Safety, (4) Promoting Awareness of Gay and Lesbian Issues, (5) Student Tuition.

Hutchinson said that to combat racism on campus affirmative action should be enforced. She said that no more white teachers should be added to the faculty until more black teachers and teachers of other ethnicities are added. She said that there are not enough teachers of

other cultures and ethnicities.

To fight sexism Hutchinson said that the Equal Opportunities office should become separate from the administration to make it easier for students to register grievances.

"Many sexual harassment cases get stuck [because they are handled by the administration]," Hutchinson said.

In regard to the Sexy Legs II incident Hutchinson said, "The Student Handbook should have more specific guidelines about what student groups can and can not do. Also, stricter policies should be written in respect to recourse."

Additionally, she said that the Student Court should have more power than just being able to recommend things to the administration.

Finally, Hutchinson said she wants Sigma Pi to be reprimanded for the Sexy Legs II sign that appeared in the quad last semester.

To increase safety on campus Hutchinson said that police should be more visible. She said she wants to see "police officers patrolling on foot, on the grounds and in the buildings."

She said she would set up a see Tonya, page 4



Tonya Hutchinson

## Student representation in Senate may soon be limited

by Jeremy Rutherford  
managing editor

Members of the UM-St. Louis Senate are hoping this will be the year when students express a newfound interest in becoming a student senator.

"We'll know in about one week," Senate chairman Steve Lehmkuhle said.

Lehmkuhle said that if students don't take advantage of their situation, the Senate could begin to reduce

student representation.

"I think it's becoming 'use it or lose it,'" he said. "The faculty members are beginning to wonder if their effort is worth it. If students don't want to be in the Senate, why should we try to incorporate them?"

Last year, 25 students applied for the 25 student senator positions that were open. This year the campus has enacted bylaws which will reduce the number of student senators if less than 25 students apply for the positions.

"The University Senate is a campus-wide governing body that incorporates faculty, students, administration and staff," Lehmkuhle said. "It decides which issues affect the campus as a whole, and it's important that there are students on the Senate."

Lehmkuhle and other members of the Senate continue to be concerned with the students' interest in the campus' governing body.

"The sentiment among the Senate is to reduce the representation of students if they don't take their posi-

tion in the Senate seriously, and my sense is that would happen in the long-term," Lehmkuhle said. "It's hard to put a timetable on when that would happen, but many in the Senate don't feel it's worth the effort [to leave seats open to students]."

"I don't support that notion," Lehmkuhle said. "Having students on the Senate is essential to its mission. We need students on the Senate."

Students who will be enrolled at the University in the 1995-96 academic year and meet the Senate's requirements will have their opportunity to apply for a position March 28th and 29th.

The requirements include enrollment at the University, not being on disciplinary probation, and maintaining a 2.0 or above grade point average.

Applications will be available at the office of Student Activities, the office of Undergraduate Studies in

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Stephen Lehmkuhle

## No st(r)anger to juggling

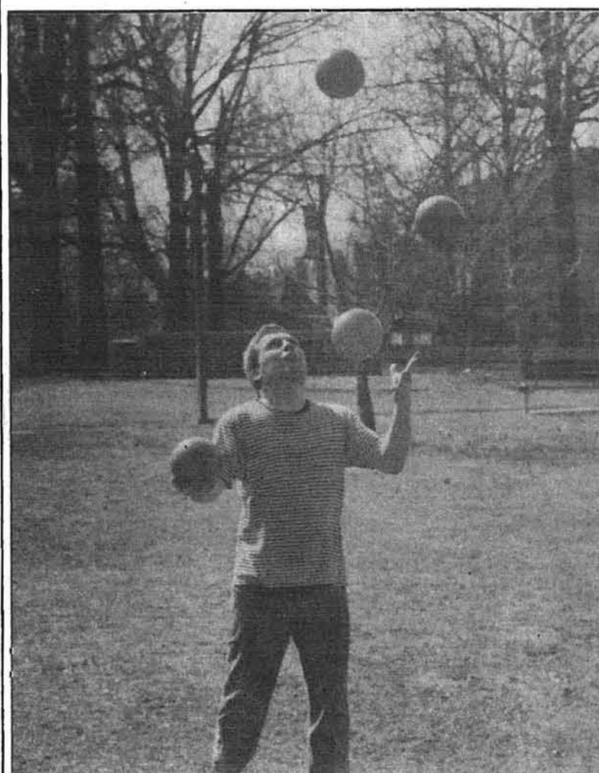


photo: Ken Dunkin

Al Stanger enjoys the weather last week in front of TJ Library.

## Hutchinson searches off campus for solution

by Rob Goedecker  
news editor

Last week Tonya Hutchinson posted signs around the UM-St. Louis campus stating that Chancellor Blanche Touhill's "solution to sexism on our campus is to take a philosophy class."

Hutchinson said the sign is a continuation of the "Sexy Legs II" controversy. She was disappointed that the Student Court didn't grant her three requested penalties against the Sigma Pi fraternity.

'Now I'm ready to get down and dirty.'

-Tonya Hutchinson

Her requests consisted of the removal of Sigma Pi's recognition for one semester, a letter of apology from Sigma Pi printed in *The Current* and the posting of another apology as large as the "Sexy Legs II" sign which would be displayed on campus.

"They didn't grant anything I asked for in reference to Sigma Pi," Hutchinson said, "so I went to the

chancellor to try to get her to do something directly because I thought she was my last alternative."

Hutchinson was disappointed after she met with Touhill.

"She denied every one of the three requests that I asked for, and she told me that maybe I should take a philosophy course," Hutchinson said. "I think she was trying to be very pa-

tronizing, but, in essence, she was being very insulting."

Touhill feels she was just doing her job.

"I received a recommendation from Dr. [Lowe] MacLean on this issue, and I accepted that recommendation," Touhill said. "I think Tonya was disappointed that I accepted Dr. MacLean's recommendation."

Vice chancellor Lowe "Sandy MacLean received the recommendation from the Student Court. It states

see Solution, page 4

## UM-St. Louis to start exchange program with Hungary

by Amy Pierce  
associate news editor

The UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies received a grant on March 6 for an exchange program with the University of Hungary.

UM-St. Louis won the grant, which many universities competed for, by entering a contest given by the United States Information Agency (USIA).

Assistant Professor of Communications at UM-St. Louis Rita Csapo-Sweet, who first suggested that the University apply for the grant, said Hungary is ideal for college students.

"Hungary is a great place," said

Csapo-Sweet, who grew up in Hungary. "The campus is nicely situated, and students will have the opportunity to meet international students from all over the world."

Bob Baumann, Assistant Director of International Studies at UM-St. Louis, said the exchange would last a year.

"This federal grant will enable four selected students from UM-St. Louis to study at Kossuth Lajos University in Dedrecen, Hungary during the August '95 - May '96 school year," Baumann said. "The Kossuth Lajos University will in return send four of their students to study here at our university."

The grant will pay for the cost of round trip airfare from St. Louis to Dedrecen, Hungary. It will also cover meals, books, campus housing, language training, and basic insurance for students while in Hungary.

"The only cost for students is the regular tuition at UM-St. Louis," Baumann said. "As soon as students arrive in Dedrecen in August they will have to take a special language training class before the semester begins. The rest of their classes will be taught in English."

When the Hungarian students arrive at UM-St. Louis, they will take classes of their choice, and live in campus housing.

"Basically they will get all of the privileges that our students get Baumann said. "The students from Hungary who will study at UM-St. Louis will already know English and taking English speaking classes will not be a problem for them."

UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies is still accepting application for students who would be interested in studying at the University in Hungary.

"This opportunity is open to any UM-St. Louis student," Baumann said. "The four chosen students will be selected on the basis of merit."

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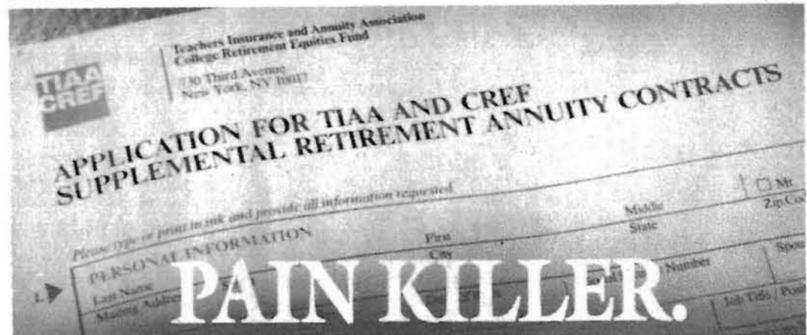
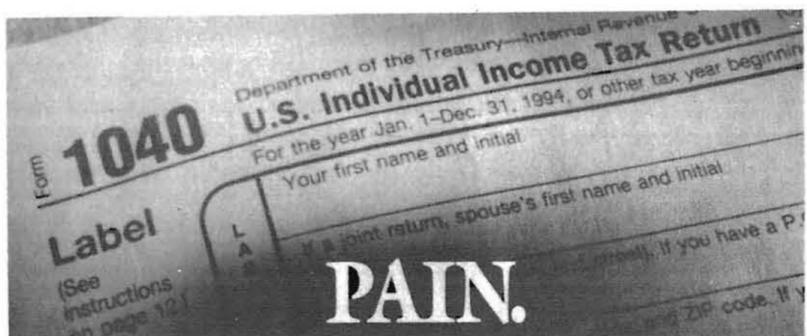
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## Student senator position could be extinct in the future

by Matthew J. Forsythe  
editor-in-chief

Are student senators going the way of the dinosaurs?

The student community is facing a big decision about who will keep a large chunk of the political power on campus. The choice is to volunteer and take a little responsibility now or gradually let the position of student senators pass away.

Last year the campus approved several bylaw amendments that govern the student senator elections. Students will now be responsible for filing their candidacy in advance. In addition, these bylaws stipulate that if fewer than 25 students apply then fewer than 25 students will be chosen as senators. The amount of students who register this year could set a precedent for the following years. A bad showing this year in number of student senators could set a pattern of erosion in the political power structure for the following years.



senators to become more involved in the Senate meetings. Chairman of the Senate Steven Lehmkuhle said the sentiment in the Senate is to decrease the number of student senators if there is going to be a continued lack of participation by those senators.

The answer from the student community must be to make sure that 25 senators are nominated. The next step is to find a way to make the student senators more effective. One way to generate ideas is to turn it over to the candidates who are running for Student Government Association (SGA) offices. I am sure that they would be more than willing to make an issue out of how senators should be used on campus. Students need to take note here, dig in and ask these candidates for next semester what their position is on this issue. I am sure this will generate several different plans on how to handle the situation.

I would also encourage any student in the campus community who

Now I am not an ostrich with my head in the sand; I know that student senators haven't been the most potent political force on campus. In fact, they have been politically silent on every issue facing students. There have been debates in the past about what student senators actually do, or should be doing. I think that part of the long-term solution to the questions regarding student senators is how they will be organized in the future. Will it be the responsibility of the senators to report to their constituents in some manner? How will senators get feedback from the students they represent? And, how will senators use that feedback to vote on the many issues considered in the Senate?

The decision students must make is to stand up and take control of their political destiny by putting student senators to work.

The Senate is coming to the end of a trial period it granted student

is willing to make a commitment to improve this University to fill out a student senator application. The campus needs people who are willing to get involved and take a stand on some issues. That special person could be you.

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## Father knows best: but don't take him out in public

by Julie Pressman  
of *The Current* Staff



My 46 year old father never learned when to keep his mouth shut. It doesn't matter if you are black, white, big or small. He is an equal opportunity offender. After 17 years of humiliation from his non-selective smart ass comments to his jokes to the supermarket checkout lady, he sometimes just makes me want to go into hibernation.

He finds what he considers an injustice every couple of months and initiates a crusade supported by facts, not assumptions. Sometimes his crusade changes things and sometimes it doesn't. But he doesn't let rejection get him down. He still fights for his beliefs regardless of what people think.

He rarely sugar coats anything. If I write a paper that stinks, he tells me it stinks. Then he shows me ways to

improve it so I won't humiliate myself (that's his job).

Despite his risky endeavors, his intelligence has allowed him to become a successful lawyer. Not only is he successful in work but he has many friends of all races and sexes.

His success makes me realize that you don't have to follow the pack to be somebody. What you say has more impact if you articulate a fresh opinion. By speaking bluntly and honestly you may save someone some hefty consequences down the road. Another thing my father taught me was you don't have to tiptoe around people to show respect to all races, sexes and sexual preferences.

Just because I admire my dad's boldness, doesn't mean that I enjoy taking him out in public. But he sure would make a great English partner. No more whimps with their "how interesting's" Those people are just plain useless. For once I'd like someone to say "Why don't you use this paper to line your bird cage?" instead of giving you a false sense of security. No wonder people act so shocked when they get F's.

Another thing I admire about my dad is that he never compromises his credibility with unfounded and unprovable accusations. Before he says something that may ruin someone's reputation, he makes absolutely sure they really did something to deserve it.

What about those people on campus who read into everything you say or do looking for racism, sexism or homophobia? They claim that everyone on campus is guilty of these forms

of bigotry except them. Obviously they don't know everyone on campus, they don't even know their names. It scares me how easily the throw around accusations that if take at face value could ruin someone's reputation. Admittedly there are problems of bigotry on every college campus. However, these people initial their own form of bigotry by stereotyping everyone else as bigots. Contrary to popular belief, not all white people belong to the Klu Klux Klan. Not all men are pigs (except for the ones I've dated). And not all heterosexuals live to bash gays and bisexuals.

Another thing my dad taught me was that everyone has a right to their own opinion. But then again, he also told me to carry water balloons and rotten eggs to any two side demonstration. But that's another story.

## Will students vote in droves like last year?

by Jeremy Rutherford  
managing editor

I know the year is not over, but were you satisfied with this year's Student Government Association (SGA) administration? After all, over 1,000 of you turned out to vote last year, so you must have some feeling.

Chris Jones was elected SGA president last April with 220 votes, which was nearly the total number of people that voted (300) the year before.

The numbers are on the rise.

The campus turned into an election frenzy a year ago, and 30 votes separated the top three candidates for president. The vice president's race was a landslide with Kel Ward winning by 138 votes.

Two weeks before the election, the four candidates were given 3-5 minutes at an SGA meeting to present themselves. The allotted time was necessary for students, and it may have made the difference.

Jones and Ward, who entered the race on the April 1 deadline, had a short time to prepare, but as time told us, students liked what they heard.

And when there was a lack of new information, students began to create rumors. After one day of voting, there were conversations circulating that the vote totals were leaked. Instead, the leak was the fact that students were voting in alarming numbers.

Last year's Election Chairman Tony Grey said, "There were more voters than anyone expected. I have seen students take an interest in the

election. It has come about for the simple fact that four (candidates) induced the people to participate."

This year there are three candidates for president: Tonya Hutchinson, Tom O'Keefe, and Beth Titlow. They are looking for a turnout similar to last years. They need it; the school needs it.

All three candidates are strong leaders. They deserve a good voter turnout.

O'Keefe is a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity and spearheaded a defense team last semester in "Sexy Legs II" case, in which the fraternity was found innocent. He and running mate Jason Peery are basing their campaign on unity; if they can accomplish this, they will make an improvement that past administrations haven't been able to accomplish.

Hutchinson never found herself bored or at a loss of words in her first year at UM-St. Louis. In addition to taking the Sigma Pi fraternity to Student Court, Hutchinson formed the

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Gay and Lesbian Students for Change. In her campaign goals, she addresses racism and sexism on campus.

Titlow is only in her second year at the University, but has made some quick connections as a two-year member of the SGA executive board. Currently, she is the SGA comptroller and was a member of the Transcript Fee Committee, which recently pressured the administration into lowering the fee from \$5 to \$3.

Will even more students turn out to vote this year? If you don't, remember to keep quiet next year when you're paying a fee to sharpen your pencils in Clark Hall, and there's one at the top fighting for you.

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member of the College Democrats. White, who is running for comp-roller, is a member of Senate Student Affairs Committee, the S.G.A. representative for Evening College Council and the treasurer of the Evening College Council. O'Keefe is hoping that White's presence on the ticket will get the Evening College students some representation. They make up approximately 30 percent of the UM-St. Louis student population. "As things stand now, the Evening College kind of gets ignored," O'Keefe said. "We think by having an Evening College member on our ticket it's going to be really helpful in bringing their views to Student Government. We think it's very important to include them in the campus involvement."

Safety is an important issue on their campaign. They want to encourage UM-St. Louis police to increase the foot patrol of campus, especially at night. "There are parts of campus that are way too dark," O'Keefe said. "Right now, campus can be a scary place." O'Keefe said that student organizations patrolling the campus at night could be a possibility. "We need to at least do something to make the campus [safer]," O'Keefe said. Better communication among the four UM-system campuses is another important issue in their campaign. "Most problems or disagreements that people have generally relate to the fact that they just misunderstand each other and can't communicate as

well as they could," O'Keefe said. "If we had a direct computer link with the other campuses that would help the communication greatly." Once a month, each one of the four campuses send a Student Government representative to a meeting at one of the four campuses. O'Keefe said that, with a computer-linked system, they will be able to communicate more often during the month. O'Keefe said this type of system would be economically feasible. "There will be no need to make a long distance phone call," he said. "Once the computer is hooked-up, it's pretty much a one-time fee." He said it could also possibly cut down on the travel. O'Keefe would also like to see better communication between other area universities and colleges.

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signed to reflect the direction of the campaign. "We have set up simple goals that can have far-reaching effects," Titlow said. "It's better to work with simple goals in mind. If you try to focus on sweeping changes, you'll lose momentum. You can make significant changes by taking small steps." The first issue that Titlow and Zweifel are going to address is something they call "Students as Customers," or SAC, of the University. "We talk about students and their groups, but the group that we leave out is the students that aren't involved in a group," Titlow said. "It's based on supply and demand. If the University doesn't supply me with my demands, I'll take my money elsewhere. "It's kind of like a bad restaurant. You tell your friends, and then they don't go to that restaurant. It's the same as college." The campaign has a list of objectives which both Titlow and Zweifel said that they will accomplish, and many of their ideas concentrate on communication. Titlow said that, to account for the communication gap between the Evening College and day students, she and Zweifel would conduct forums for students to voice their opinions to the student government. Titlow also said they will have

tables set up on campus during the week to make SGA's presence visible to the students. This is in addition to a student information publication they have planned to introduce. "I think that it is important to stay in communication," Titlow said. "I have heard from the administration and others that when I talk people listen. I've developed a working relationship with the administration, and I think that, as SGA president, I can be an effective medium of communication for students." Zweifel mentioned the success of the student action committees in the last two years beginning with the Textbook Reform committee in 1993. Zweifel said that he and Titlow have plans to expand the committees and have them meet once per week instead of once a month. "We can meet with these committees and direct the individuals to the right avenues," Zweifel said. "We can lead them through the process. If you put the proper pressure on the administration, progress increases as it has this year. "And when things are going right, everybody gets involved. You have to have a government that puts people first. Cooperation is the key." Titlow and Zweifel currently do not have a comptroller selected, but they plan to name one by this week.

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that Sigma Pi would not lose their recognition as a student organization, and they would not be placed on probation of any kind. By posting the sign, Hutchinson said she is hoping to gain some support for a campaign she's getting ready to start. Her campaign against sexism

was originally directed solely toward the Sigma Pi fraternity, but has recently grown into a much larger issue. "The administration of the campus, as a whole, has totally ignored this problem," Hutchinson said. "So now I see no other solution but to bring people from outside of the cam-

pus to help me with this." Hutchinson said she is getting help outside of the campus because it is difficult to gain support on campus. "I've had people, guys and girls, come up to me individually and tell me I'm doing a great job," Hutchinson said, "but it's hard to rally support when people are afraid of Sigma Pi

and the administration. I figure, if I bring in people from the outside, maybe they would be more responsive, and they would feel more safe." Hutchinson said, "It's time to stop being nice. Now I'm ready to get down and dirty. This has dragged on for too long and everybody's tired of it, and, believe it or not, I'm tired of it too."

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committee to deal with the safety of students on campus. The first things she would work on are increased visibility of police officers and better lighting on campus and in the parking areas. The next item on Hutchinson's platform is the promoting awareness of Gay and Lesbian issues as well as other cultures and backgrounds. Hutchinson said that although there was one class offered last semester dealing with Gay and Lesbian issues, it was not offered again this semester. She also said that while there is a policy protecting Gay and Lesbian students from discrimination, no such policy exists for teachers.

"The teachers should have a venue for recourse if they are discriminated against," Hutchinson said. In dealing with classes on specific culture or issues, Hutchinson said whenever possible a teacher of that culture or affiliation should be asked to teach the course. For instance, Hutchinson said that there was a white teacher teaching a course on African Art. "It would make more sense to have an African teacher instructing that course," Hutchinson said. The final item on Hutchinson's platform deals with student tuition. "Students should have a major say in a tuition raise because it affects stu-

dents directly," Hutchinson said. She said that UM-St. Louis was designed to provide low cost education, but with raises in tuition that may not always be true. "Students are the university and if higher tuition means that fewer people enroll then there will be no university," Hutchinson said. Ultimately, Hutchinson said that students should have a more active role in deciding how university money is spent. "I challenge my opponents to bring up issues like these openly and publicly," Hutchinson said. "If the students of this campus believe in fighting institutionalized forms of oppression as well as assuming our power as students, then their vote should be for me. I am raising important arguments that my opponents will not fight as rigorously for, if they fight for them at all."

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**Better late than never?**



by Scott Lamar features editor

Procrastination is a horrible thing a disease which causes all that is important (homework) to be put off until it can not be put off any longer.

Procrastination causes grade point averages to plummet and racks individuals with enormous amounts of stress.

I liken procrastination to the chicken pox. Some people are stricken more severely than others. Most students catch it in their senior year of high school, hence the name "senioritis".

Yet most can find a way to overcome their desire to skip their algebra homework and get it finished anyway.

Once students graduate, their battle with procrastination is, for the most part, something that can be dealt with effectively.

For myself, procrastination has become something greater than the common senioritis. By my sophomore year in high school, procrastination was uncontrollable. My will to get my homework finished would lose out to the dreaded monster which is procrastination every time.

Fully aware that I had a problem, I sought out my guidance counselor. He suggested that I fill out a weekly schedule of activities.

He said that for each day I should plan a specific time for sleep, exercise and most importantly, study time. It sounded like a good idea, but there was a problem. There was no incentive to follow the schedule as planned other than feeling guilty for not doing it. Unfortunately, I could sleep just fine despite having blown off my homework.

Deadlines meant nothing to me until about 6 hours before my assignment was due. By this time, the stress I was supposed to feel last week was just hitting me. Stress, I feel, spurs motivation.

I felt no stress, therefore I lacked the motivation to do it. I couldn't help it, and I still can't.

For a term paper due in the morning, I would normally begin the work at 11 p.m. the night before it was due. With the help of one or two No-Doz tablets and five or six cans of Pepsi, I could read all the necessary literature, write a rough draft, which also happened to be the final draft, and type it all before it was time to leave for school.

At school, my friends and classmates would look at me and ask me if I had been in a war. After all, I had bags under my eyes, was shaking uncontrollably from the massive doses of caffeine and couldn't speak without slurring my words together. By 10 a.m. that day, I was dozing at my desk.

I don't know just how many times I did this in high school, but I do know that, after each time I did it, I would promise myself that I would never do it again. But I always did, and, as a sophomore in college, I still do it. Even here at the newspaper I have a tendency to stretch the old deadline every now and again.

Knowing the seriousness of my problem, I frequently ask myself several questions: Will I procrastinate when I get a real job in the real world? Will I procrastinate when say, income tax time comes? Will I graduate

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## Strong arm of the law:

### UM-St. Louis grad practices law by day, teaches it by night

by Scott Lamar features editor

Excuse him if he looks a little ruffled when he walks into class, he's a very busy man.

Richard Moran battles for the rights of the accused everyday as a public defender for the city of St. Louis. At night, he teaches Criminal Law here at UM-St. Louis, his alma mater.

Although it would seem that having two jobs would be quite taxing, Moran said that going from one job to another isn't a hassle because he thoroughly enjoys his work.

"I like doing both," he said. "I enjoy running over the elements of law with my students. It keeps me on my feet and keeps me reviewing the law with the citizens of St. Louis; whether it be my students or a jury in my trial."

Moran said that the law is a common bond throughout his family. Both his father and uncle are retired police officers. His brother and cousin are police officers. Bob McCulloch, the St. Louis County prosecutor, is also a relative.

"I guess some people would say it's in by family blood," he said. "I went to college to get my bachelor's degree to go on to law school. I've wanted to be a lawyer for a long time."

Moran, who attended law school at American University in Washington, D.C., said he wanted to be a trial lawyer all along. Unlike most people in law school, he didn't want to work in a large firm and make a huge salary. He desired a more active role with more interaction with the public. Being a public defender allows him to do this.

"I don't want to be stuck in a



Richard Moran

building with a lot of documents and no communication with people," he said. "I've got a great job where one of the main parts of my position is

communicating with people, whether it be my client's family, expert witnesses, doctors or psychiatrists."

Moran said he is as thrilled to be teaching as he is practicing law.

"I enjoy the classroom," he said. "I enjoy the exchange with my students. I think that I get ideas from my students about practicing law. I respect their opinions." Moran has been teaching one class per semester for the past three years. He either teaches a class at 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

"It's flattering that I'm teaching here," he said. "It's an honor to be teaching here with the faculty that taught me like Dr. Wagner, Dr. Decker and Dr. Wright."

Moran, who has been practicing law for five years, said he spends about eight or nine hours a day working in the public defender's office. Most of his day involves preparing for trial. Moran makes frequent trips

to the city jail or workhouse to speak with clients about the strengths and weaknesses of the states' case. He said he takes the plea offers made by the state to his client and discusses with them whether or not a trial is in their best interests.

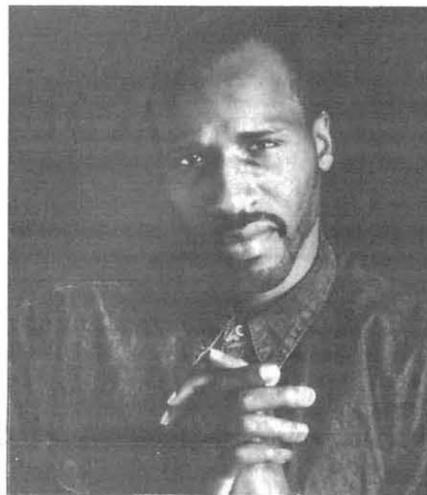
"Currently, I represent a lot of people charged with murder, rape and robbery," he said, "so I review their files often because they are complex cases and the defendants are facing a lot of time."

Although Moran often must take his work home with him, he gets plenty of moral support from his wife Martha, who is also a public defender.

"It's great because she knows exactly what I'm talking about because she has the same job," he said. "She gives me ideas about trial strategy and her professional opinion

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## Rat's Reviews



Willie D

Rap  
Willie D  
"Play Witcha Mama"

Former Geto Boy Willie D has kicked out a rather respectable album. After achieving a lot of fame with his work in the Geto Boys, he left the group to pursue a solo career.

"Play Witcha Mama" is his second solo

release, and he doesn't disappoint. The best song on the disc is "Is It Real (My Mind Still Playin' Tricks On Me)", the follow up to the mega hit "My Minds Playin' Tricks on Me," which was released in the early '90s. The song has a very basic beat that complements Willie's slow rhyme scheme. He goes through the tale of going to his grandmother's house, and then he wakes up in a graveyard next to his grandmother's grave. The song has an eerie message and is well worth a listen.

"Play Witcha Mama," the title track, has a surprise visit by Willie's long-time friend and former N.W.A. member Ice Cube. Although the song seems choppy at first, after several listens I found the song to be very good. Cube works very well with Willie, and their collaboration turns a rather average song into a topnotch recording.

Willie also dips into a market left alone by many rappers — religion. In "Guess My Religion," Willie rips apart every religion that he could think of; no one was safe. Christians, Baptist, Muslims — all feel the wrath of Willie D:

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## Good performance by comedian goes to waste in Summit Lounge

by Dan Holtzer of The Current staff

Comedian Nancy Norton performed at the Summit, Wednesday, for a cheese sandwich, several book bags, and, oh yes, 20 or so students. Norton, who was born in the Ozarks was, understandably upset by the lack of publicity for the event which was presented by UPB on Campus. The event was advertised through a scattering of scarcely visible, paper-sized flyers and said, "I wish I were bipolar: this would not matter."

Her bitterness was tinged with kindness, though, and she valiantly carried on. Perhaps she was aided in handling adversity by her past experiences as a nurse.

Norton drew on many of these past experiences, from matching a small man with a large catheter to falling on a needle full of morphine, to create laughs.

Norton does not possess the theatrical skills of, say, Lily Tomlin or Robin Williams; she tended to rely a bit too much on the "theatrical" move of putting her hands on her hips and crouching.

But Norton is a far more expressive and honest performer than the average Tonight Show joke machine, and her material, though mixed with some stock, often went beyond simple, tired jokes.

She spoke of a burping doll that sometimes had to be stepped on to provoke the action: she labeled the doll "Stomp-O-Burp." This is fairly

average material, but her statement that the doll was used for home plate in baseball games — a belch before a tag making the runner safe — made the bit above average.

About 20 minutes into the show, Norton "came out." She said that her mother reacted to the news that she is a lesbian by saying, "I gave her an



Nancy Norton

Easy-Bake oven. I did the best I could."

Norton was once married to a "very nice man," but divorced him because, "he would not wear the Jodie Foster mask."

Her remarks on how parents try to restrict children by gender were poignant and clever. She said that her mom painted her room pink and gave her a frilly canopy bed.

## The best of both worlds

### High school students experience college

by Julie Pressman associate features editor

Ever wish you had the social life of a high school student but still could keep the freedom and challenge of college?

There are a small but increasing number of students who end up getting the best of both worlds. They attend both high school and college.

At the beginning of this year, Ladue high school senior Daniel Katz needed less than three credits to graduate. He decided that instead of earning credit he really didn't need, he would explore the college circuit and rack up a few credit hours. Next year he plans transfer these credits to the University of Indiana.

Katz spends only three hours a day at Ladue high school through the schools dual enrollment program. During the remainder of the day, he works at a local hardware store. In

the evening he attends a geology class at the University.

"I like Ladue because all my friends are there and it's hard to see them anywhere else sometimes with work," Katz said. "But the classes at UMSL are a little more challenging which makes everything go faster."

Hazelwood Central junior Kevin Zeisel takes Calculus III at the University and still manages to take a full course load at high school. Next year he plans to enter the Pierre Laclede Honors College and take only one or two classes at Hazelwood.

"I want to try to get into MIT later and go into the math and science field," Zeisel said. "Hopefully all my credits will transfer and I will have saved myself some time and money."

Although both students enjoy UM-St. Louis and get along well with their classmates, they admit that they have deeper and

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## Current Chatter

by Fernanda Lima associate photography

Do you think that music with negative lyrics has an adverse effect on people?



I can see how it influences people negatively, but I don't think it is a major problem.

Danielle Difeo  
Freshman  
Special Ed./ Social Work

Music influences lifestyles individuality and way of life. It could be good or bad. It depends on how you feel.

James Trittler  
Senior  
Communications



In a way I think it does because people interpret songs.

Marquita Robinson  
Senior  
Social Work



I don't think music can influence anyone in their right mind.

Rashida Brown  
Sophomore  
Business



In April, Norton will be performing on Evening at the Improv, which is telecast on the Arts and Entertainment channel.

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"Ain't that a bitch, the church house gettin' rich. While I'm feelin like dookie on a stick..."

Willie has a way with catchy phrases; many of them are rather funny. "You better speed on before you get peed on," is his most often used phrase. Even if you don't care to listen to the lyrics, the background music is very good and makes this album a must for any Geto Boys fan. It is even recommended to anyone who is looking for a different way to look at things.

--Ken Dunkin

Bluegrass

Alison Krauss-"Now That I've Found You"

Traditionally greatest hits albums are released by elderly musicians as a means of milking a little more money from a rapidly declining fan base. "Now That I've Found You," the new greatest hits album by Alison Krauss, is a far cry from that description.

For one thing Krauss is not elderly, but, at 23, she has more talent than most musicians twice her age. She is continually being compared to a young Dolly Parton or Emmylou Harris for her fine voice, and one would be hard pressed to find a fiddle player, living or dead, who was good enough to compare her to.

Krauss and her Union Station band recorded their first album in 1985 when Krauss was just 14-years-old. In 1987 she and the band signed with

Rounder Records, and since that signing they've gone on to produce four chart-topping albums. In support of these recordings, the band has toured extensively on the bluegrass festival circuit and played regular concerts coast to coast.

As if all this didn't keep her busy enough, Krauss is constantly being approached by other bluegrass and country artists who want her to make guest appearances on their new albums. It's as if a guest appearance by Krauss guarantees the album will succeed. Surprisingly, she manages to squeeze in several of these guest appearances each year.

This new release features one song from each of Krauss' four previous Rounder albums as well as songs from five guest appearances on other projects. The last three are previously unreleased tracks.

One surprise on this new project was the previously unreleased track "Oh, Atlanta" which Krauss and Union Station played last year at their Mississippi Nights concert. It features Krauss singing the blues which is a bit of a departure for her but one she pulls it off surprisingly well.

Other highlights on "Now That I've Found You" include "Every Time You Say Good-bye," from the 1992 album of the same name, "Tear-drops Will Kiss The Morning Dew," from the 1989 album "Two Highways," "Sleep On" from the 1987 album "Too Late To Cry" and "I

Don't Believe You've Met My Baby" from Jerry Douglas' "Slide Rule" album.

Far and away this reviewer's favorite song was Krauss' rendition of the Lennon/McCartney tune "I Will," that originally was performed on the Tony Furtado CD "Within Reach." This is the most beautiful bluegrass adaptations of a rock 'n' roll love song that I've ever heard.

Last year, at the ripe old age of 22, Krauss became the youngest performer ever to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

With her angelic voice and incomparable fiddle playing Alison Krauss has put bluegrass music on the world map. This new release is a scrapbook that marks a few of the stops she has made along the way of what promises to be a long and prosperous career.

--Michael J. Urness

Rap

Bone- Thugs N Harmony "Creepin' On Ah Come Up"

Following in the footsteps of rap groups such as N.W.A. and Geto Boys, Bone brings gangster rap to a new level. The group consists of five Cleveland born gangsters that know what they are talking about when it comes to the street.

Eazy-E, the legendary rapper, was the executive producer and makes an appearance on the disc. "For The Love of \$" is perhaps the best track on the CD. The track is about Bone's basic goals in life—to have fun and make

as much money as possible. Eazy's rapping on this song is a nice touch considering he hasn't done an album in over a year. He has a double album coming out this spring which should be as good as any other gangster rap album.

"Thuggish Ruggish Bone" is the biggest hit on the release. MTV has been playing it a lot although they are sissies and feel the need to bleep every other word that the group says. Bone is sometimes hard to understand, but their rapping is music in its own right. They keep steady beats in their lyrics, and the background music is great. Former N.W.A. member Yella produces this track and keeps the song going smoothly.

The rest of the album is filled with tales of robbing jewelry stores, going off on cops, and doing drive by shootings. If you like the gangster fairy tales that their predecessors sang, you will most definitely like this album. If you don't like rap, because this is rap at its roughest.

--Ken Dunkin

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longer standing friendships in high school. Despite the problems of both high schools, their friends seem to be the one thing that allows them to bear it.

"I don't particularly like my high school except for the fact that I get to see my friends," Zeisel said. "They're the main reason I don't mind being there. But there are so many people around who don't want to be there and it just brings down the whole mood."

Both young men welcome their new found freedom. No more nic-

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about whether or not I am doing the right thing or the wrong thing."

Moran and his wife met through mutual friends in Washington D.C., where she attended nearby George Washington University.

In their spare time, Mr. and Mrs. Moran like to entertain and socialize quite a bit. They also make numerous trips to Washington D.C. to visit friends.

tine fits for Katz because the school won't let him smoke even outside. They don't have to grovel any more just to get a pass off the parking lot. And mom and dad don't need to write any more notes or make any more phones calls to excuse them when they're sick.

"The freedom of college is the first thing to get over," Katz said.

"In high school they basically force you to go to class. Here, if you don't go to class enough you'll probably fail. Luckily, I didn't have to learn the hard way."

In the future, Moran said he plans to remain in both professions. As far as the justice system goes, he hinted that the public's attitudes about crime and punishment are shifting to the right.

"It's getting to the point where public defenders are endangered species," he said. "I definitely perceive from the public that people just want to ship criminals away and forget about them."

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Education and the Evening College.

Lehmkuhle said that students can make a difference.

"Many issues are important to students, and they should have input," he said. "I have seen where a student standing up and saying something has changed the vote of the Senate."

But Lehmkuhle said the student

senators do not have a constituency to report back to, and he feels that may be the main reason students are not interested.

"That and accountability, and they are kind of similar," Lehmkuhle said. "Maybe if you have the chair of the Senate speak to SGA or have the student senator report back to the Assembly, then you would have stu-

dent interaction with the Senate."

"All issues come to the Senate," Lehmkuhle said. "Student participation is welcomed and needed by the Senate. We can talk about library hours and parking, and we could have talked about the transcript fee issue. [A Senate meeting] is an appropriate forum to make those claims."

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ate this century? Will I find a job with my ugly college track record?

As these questions race through my head, it scares me to death. I don't know what to do about my condition. Should I read some motivational books or what?

For myself and others, I think we need to form some type of support group, I'm serious. We can't do it alone. Together, we just might me

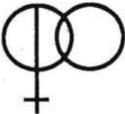
able to lick our problem.

I think that discipline is the key. Maybe if we have some people standing over us with a whip, we'll do the work. At this point in the game, torture is what it's going to take.

However, until there is a homework whip master or dominatrix in Thomas Jefferson Library, turning in an assignment late is better than never. See ya in two weeks.

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## Off the wall



### Dunkin's Donuts

by Ken Dunkin  
sports editor

The basketball season has come to a conclusion, so it's time for Dunkin's Donuts, my own UM-St. Louis sports awards. Although all the players did not win awards, all are thanked for their hard work and dedication to the game. Now on with the awards.

**\*Most energetic**

Eric Bickel: This guy had more expressions than a Mr. Potato Head doll. Bickel had an expression for every single action. He had many upset looks and many happy looks. The fans were never at a loss as how Bickel felt during the game.

Nichole Christ: Although Christ isn't as emotional as Bickel she showed a lot out on the court. The moment I will always remember is when the Riverwomen played UM-Rolla. A UM-Rolla player had been taunting Christ for several plays, but after she drove passed the girl and drew the foul, Christ let the girl know that she had been scored on.

**\*Most Valuable Player**

Marcus Albert: Although Albert struggled with his 3-point shot, he still managed to average 13.2 points per game. His leadership on the court was felt by everyone, and it was disappointing for me to see him struggle with his 3-pointer. He connected on 30 percent of his 3-pointers which isn't that bad, but when you consider the hot hand he had last season, it seemed like a disappointment. Bickel and Lawndale Thomas also were very strong candidates.

Laura Satterfield: There was no one even close to beating Satterfield for this award. Satterfield scored 18 points a game. Except for a small drought in the middle of the season, Satterfield was the only bit of offense the Riverwomen had to throw at opposing teams. She was also a top-notch defender and improved as the season progressed. She even made an appearance on News Channel 5, beating broadcaster Frank Cusumano in a shoot-out. Laura will be desperately missed by the team next season.

**\*Most consistent**

Rodney Hawthorne: Throughout the season Hawthorne played his usual 20-25 minutes a game and scored an average of 9.6 points per game. His point average was almost exactly like last season's when he averaged 9.9 a game.

Given the right opportunities Hawthorne, a sophomore, could be a top-notch scorer for the Rivermen again next season.

**\*Best Newcomers**

Eric Lytle: He was quite a player when he was on the court. A transfer from UM-Kansas City, Lytle was ineligible the first semester. But when he finally did put on the Rivermen uniform for the first time, he scored 31 points. Lytle's arrival gave the team a needed spark, but he later injured his knee and never recovered. Lytle finished with 11.5 points and 6.5 rebounds per game. His high flying dunks will be missed next year because Lytle is a senior.

Angie Stubblefield and Jade Turner: Both tall players helped greatly in rebounding and shot blocking. They are the big players the Riverwomen will need in order to be successful next season.

# Rivermen bomb Miners in weekend clash

## Hensleys lead assault on Sunday

by Ken Dunkin  
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen destroyed the UM-Rolla Miners last weekend in a back-to-back series of double headers.

The Rivermen had double headers on Saturday and Sunday against the Miners. They won both on Saturday 4-3, and 10-5. The first game on Saturday was hard fought. The game lasted twelve innings until Casey Hensley hit a sacrifice fly to bring in the winning run.

"Two different times we were within one pitch of losing," said head coach Jim Brady. "Josh Banks was at 1-2 and he got a hit, they Casey Hensley doubles to score Banks to tie the game. Then low and behold Casey is at the plate and he hits a sacrifice fly to win the game. It was a real nailbiter."

Trevor Wolfe threw nine and a third innings allowing three earned runs. He struck out four and walked only two.

"You can't say enough about the effort of Wolfe," said Brady. "He went ten innings and kept us in the game. The pitching has done the job for us this season."

The Rivermen pushed the Miners just as hard Sunday, they won 9-2. The win pushed their record to 9-4. Their hitting struggled early. The squad went down in order for the first two innings. In the third they jumped all over the Rolla starter scoring three runs on two hits.

"We came out a little sluggish since we had two pretty grueling games yesterday," said Brady. "Our top three

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**-Reed Hensley, pitcher**

guys Dan Chinnici, Josh Banks, and Casey Hensley stepped up a notch. David Lucas has gotten some clutch RBI's for us. Kelly Thornton hit a two run home run that broke their back."

Thornton's home run was smashed 345 feet to left field iving the Rivermen a commanding 7-1 lead.

Reed Hensley got the win in the opening game Sunday. He



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Rivermen first basemen Kelly Thornton takes a swing in the first game of a double header Saturday. Thornton hit a 445-foot home run Sunday to help push the team to a 9-2 victory.

went eight innings striking out nine, in the seventh inning he struck out the side. Reed Hensley only allowed six runners to reach base, three of them reach base via walk.

"There is a reason that there were so many scouts here today, they were here to see him," said Brady. "He responded with a great effort. He gets stronger as the game progresses, once we got the lead he dominated. He gave us a very nice effort."

"I felt like I had a good day," said Reed Hensley. "All my pitches were working. We beat these guys two games yesterday so they were pretty down. All we had to do was throw good and hit good and they would roll over."

Although the victories pushed the Rivermen conference record to 2-0 Brady still has his goals on a higher plateau.

"I'm still not completely satisfied," said Brady. "We still need to get better. If we're going to

excel we have to get here early and stay late. We can't take anything for granted. We're only going to be great if we show more consistent self discipline."

The Rivermen will play at the Mark Twain Center Tuesday. Game time is at 2:30 against McKendree. Admission is free to all fans.

They also play Mar. 28 against Westminster at home at 3:00. Washington University then comes to play the Rivermen Apr. 4.

## Short-handed tennis team wins handily over Benedictine College

by Ken Dunkin  
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen Tennis team beat Illinois Benedictine College 6-3 in a rather convincing style.

The Rivermen consist of only six players, which doesn't allow much rest for any member of the team.

"We only have six guys so I'm going with the players with the most experience," Rivermen coach Carl Walker said. "We're going to have to realize that every player can have a lapse in concentration. The one [team] that stays the most focused and consistent is the one that is going to win."

Overall, the team has remained focused and so far has rolled over its opponents.

Neil Sulthar breezed through his match, scoring a 6-4, 6-0 victory.

"Whenever you come out with a victory you feel that your players played well," Walker said.

The doubles team played brilliantly as it won all three matches without much competition. Ryan Young and Jeff Grass struggled early against their opponents, but then they caught some momentum and won the match 8-7.

"We've had trouble in the past winning doubles matches," said Walker. "They are really important in winning the overall match. I hope we can continue to improve with our doubles."

Although the Rivermen have played very well, they know the schedule will get stronger as the season progresses.

"This school was very comparable to our's" said Walker. "Looking ahead (into the season) I know we will run into some tougher schools. That means we will have to practice harder and try to stay in there and stay tough with them."

Jeff Grass played well out in his match, but he lost 8-4. He and Young also played well in their doubles

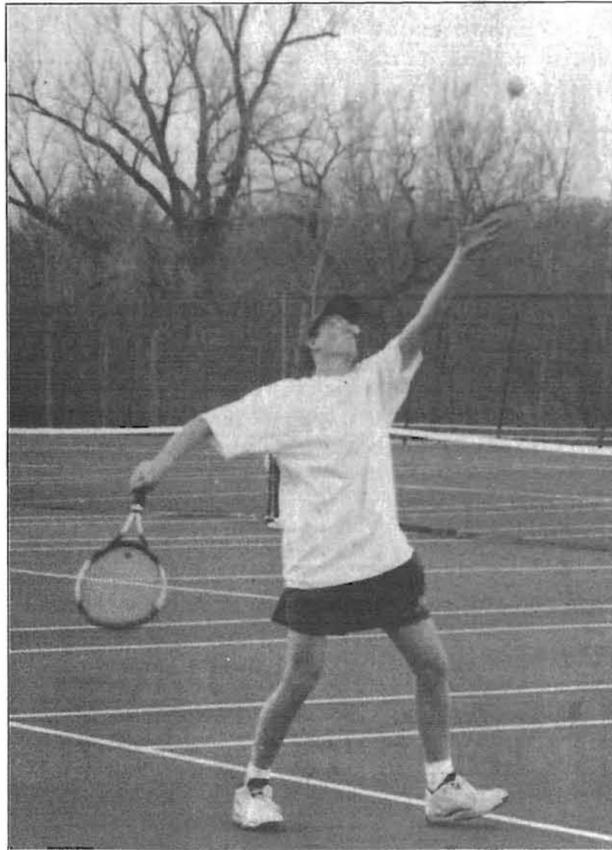


photo: Ken Dunkin

Matt Fagala, the top-seeded singles player, prepares to serve to an Illinois Benedictine opponent last Wendsday. Fagala lost his match 7-6, 6-4. The Rivermen won the overall match 6-3.

match, which they won.

"Jeff has a (bad) back that could give out on him tomorrow," Walker said. "Without another player he has to play doubles and singles. If we had another player he could play only doubles or singles, then he wouldn't have to put as much pressure on himself. Six players is a long hard season."

Even though the Rivermen only have six players, they are playing well as a team, something Walker likes a lot.

"They are gelling as a team," said Walker. "The camaraderie is great. We're going to work hard and have

fun. Hopefully we will have a decent season."

**In the matches:**

Matt Fagala lost to Premal Patal, 7-6, 6-4. Dean Parkinson lost to Hugo Cordova, 6-4, 7-5. Grass lost to Ahead Sidighi, 8-4.

Sulthar defeated Rick Shah, 6-4, 6-0. Lawson defeated Omar Sultan, 4-6, 7-5, 7-2. Young defeated Jason Ostby, 6-2, 6-4.

**In doubles play:**

Fagala and Parkinson defeated Cordova and Ostby, 8-4. Grass and Young defeated Sedighi and Patel, 8-7. Sulthar and Lawson defeated Sultan and Patel, 8-3.

## Way over the (blue) line

by Eric Thomas, of *The Current* staff

A lot of things are starting now that spring is upon us here at UM-St. Louis: trees are blooming, the quad is once again the place to be during class changes (during class even), professors are letting classes out



ahead of the rest and is reigning king on the penalty throne. His numerous 10-minute game misconducts throughout the year added up like O.J.'s legal bill. It seemed as though the zebras didn't dig Marco's

verbal abuse and threw him out on more than one occasion. Kirk Smith did his time in the box, placing his him second on the team in penalty minutes. Glenn LeCour, another Canuck, ran a close race with Smith, and that's something to be said considering he only played in seven games (well, 6.5 technically). In that short span, LeCour accumulated over 90 minutes.

Now on to the honorable mentions... To start out: Lou Grabou, John Dubicki and Smith all deserve to be congratulated on a killer season. These three, along with the addition of LeCour midway through the season, really showed they had what it takes for a stay-at-home defense to be successful offensively as well.

"Defense was our strongest point, needing little work to achieve perfection," said our center Horn.

"I'd say we (the defense) really had it together," he said. "I hope to see a couple of new faces and some legs that can skate come tryout [for the team] next season."

Wingers Charlie Farrell, Chad Bartoskevitz, and d-man Ken Adams all need recognition for their contributions. Next year, watch out for Greg Castner and Mark Levensgood, who were key role players this season.

Well, that about does it for the season summary. The hits, the checks, the sweet passes, the slapshots, the red-lights, the victories. But before you know it, they'll be facing off again. And when they do, you can bet your ex-girlfriend's college fund that *The Current* will follow every penalty shot along the way.

A special muchas gracias goes out to head coach Wayne Ghoulsen.

Now I know that the only thing running through your inquisitive little heads is STATS, so here are the numbers for the top five scorers:

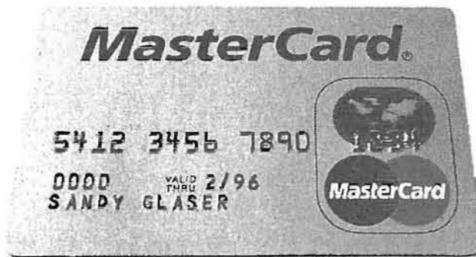
Coming in at No. 1 is forward P.J. Rogers with 15 goals and 12 assists. Right behind Rogers is Bryan Horn, who racked up 10 goals and 11 assists. Team president and player Dan Dagenais sits pretty as the team's third leading scorer with one goal and one assist shy of Horn's totals. Had a broken limb not sidelined him for a few games, those numbers would have been inflated. The fourth top scorer hails from Forest, Canada, and aided the Rivermen with eight goals and five assists. Rounding out the Top Five is John Dubicki, a d-man, who only netted three on his own, but aided his teammates with 12 assists. Dubicki seems to remind me of another unselfish St. Louis hockey player who was recently traded: Craig Janney, now a San Jose Shark.

In the goalie department, we have two to choose from. In aisle A we have Chris Perkins, who played in eight games and had a Goals Against Average of 4.5. This year's alternative model was a popular one: Jason Cutter. Cutter was just over 5.0 on the GAA scale.

It was a close call determining who spent the most time in the penalty box, but we've narrowed it down. Greg Marcovitz came out

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