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## LeLoup leaves Research Centers amidst media scrutiny

by Scott Lamar of The Current staff

After 6 years as director of the Public Policy Research Centers (PPRC), Lance LeLoup is leaving on somewhat of a sour note.

LeLoup, a professor in Political Science, resigned March 15, two months after an internal audit of the Centers. In addition, an article in *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported that the Centers had fumbled three contracts and alluded that LeLoup was guilty of mismanagement.

Despite the recent audit and negative press, LeLoup said that is not the reason why he is leaving and called the story in *The Post* unbalanced and inaccurate. LeLoup was not quoted in the

story.

"I talked to [Chancellor Blanche Touhill] about my interests and my future," LeLoup said. "I felt we had

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— Lance LeLoup

achieved a lot in the first five years. And because of the Fulbright Scholarship, I had all kinds of new research opportunities."

LeLoup acknowledged that the Centers was in financial trouble but

didn't find out until he came back from Hungary where he worked on his Fulbright Scholarship. While in Hungary, LeLoup helped faculty at

Budapest University of Economic Sciences design that nation's first public policy program.

"Everything went fine until I went away on leave. I think it's important for people to know that I wasn't here when

any of this happened," LeLoup said.

LeLoup said that before he left, PPRC was financially stable. However, LeLoup said, PPRC found itself with a deficit after several employees left and took some of the Centers' accounts with them.

"I didn't find out about it until I got back," LeLoup said.

LeLoup said the reversal resulted when Fred Springer, a former PPRC employee, left to form his own research firm, EMT Associates, and recruited graduate students and support staff to go with him.

"There was no new money coming in," LeLoup said. "The existing projects weren't getting done by the deadlines, and they took contracts with them."

Springer denied forming EMT (En-



Lance LeLoup

vironmental Management Training) and taking any University accounts. He said that he had been doing consulting work for the Sacramento-based company for 15 years.

"The reality is that EMT already existed," Springer said. "And EMT doesn't compete for studies the University would be interested in."

Springer also denied taking any PPRC accounts with him. However, an account with Jennings School District migrated from PPRC to EMT, which Springer said was the district's choice.

LeLoup also said that Springer, the only source quoted in *The Post*, didn't

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## Student Government Association Election '96

### LITMAG AND UPB TEAM UP FOR SGA

Fritchey and Hornaday focus on campus unity as key to more involvement

by Heather Phillips of The Current staff

It is almost time to elect new Student Government Association (SGA) officers, and there is only one candidate each for president and vice-president; Bob Fritchey and Angela Hornaday.

The primary goal of both Fritchey and Hornaday is increased involvement. Both would like to see more involvement on campus and within the different student organizations.

"I want to make students aware of what opportunities are out there," Fritchey said.

Hornaday would like to work with the student organizations and set up a network between them. She would like to see them work together and not individually.

"I want to combine the efforts [of the different student organizations] to have a better turnout at events and to have everything run smoothly,"

said Hornaday.

Both candidates feel the bonfire held at University Meadows was the high point of last semester. Several organizations worked together on it, and it was highly praised and attended.

Fritchey would like to focus on the evening college.

"I think the evening college feels least able to get involved," he said.

Hornaday would like to focus on the day students.

"There is not much involve-

ment," she said. "Students pass by the bulletin boards without stopping to see what is happening on campus. Involvement is the big issue. We need to find ways to spark student interest."

Ways of finding out what students want include conducting surveys and personal interaction. Fritchey and Hornaday would like

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### CANDIDATES ASK STUDENTS TO 'WRITE IN'

Jason Warren and Tonya Hutchinson outside contenders for executive race

by Michael O'Brian of The Current staff

Even though there is only one ticket officially on the ballot for the Student Government Elections, two candidates are actively pursuing a write-in campaign. Jason Warren and Tonya Hutchinson are claiming themselves as unofficial candidates for president and comptroller.

"The first words out of my mouth are 'write in,'" said Warren, a freshman studying political science and psychol-

ogy.

Hutchinson, a junior studying social work, originally entered the race for president. She says a miscommunication resulted in her missing the mandatory meeting to get on the ballot.

Now teamed with Warren, the two have a campaign platform and are running against the official ticket despite the obstacle.

"The main thrust of our campaign is student involvement," Warren said. "To achieve that we want to offer diverse programming. We're going to be

there for all students."

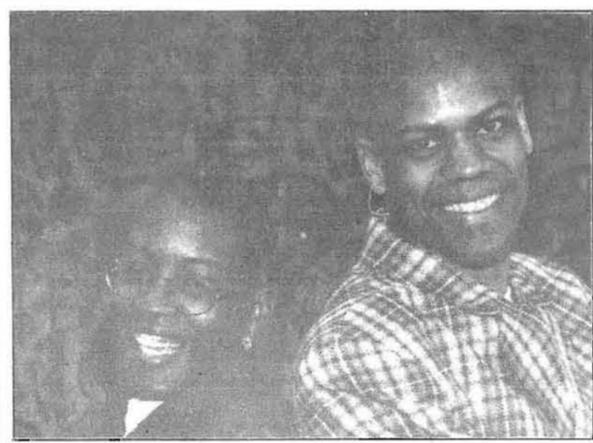
"I know Beth (SGA President Beth Titlow) has tried," Hutchinson said. "But the former administration has been narrow in scope. There must be diversity in student involvement. We must tap into the huge international student population. If you put something out for a specific type of student, that's what you're going to get. We want to represent all students on this campus."

Tuition stability is one issue that Warren hopes will get student attention.

"How can you increase tuition and see no results?" Warren said. "If I spend \$5 at McDonalds, I want to be full."

Warren cites that the computers shouldn't always be going down in the labs and that students should be able to connect to the internet from their homes faster because of all of the money spent for the instructional computing fee. He also said that something should have been done about the cam-

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Tonya Hutchinson (left) and Jason Warren hope that students respond to an alterna-ticket and an unprecedented write-in victory.

The only official candidates for the SGA election, Bob Fritchey (left) and Angela Hornaday are working the unity angle.



Photos: Monica Senecal

## Student leaders awarded at recognition ceremony

by Susan Benton of The Current staff

University administrators, advisors of various organizations and students representing their organizations showed up in full force to pay tribute to the most active students, the most innovative

program and the outstanding cultural diversity/awareness program.

The most involved individuals and organizations of UM-St. Louis were recognized March 29 in the Summit Lounge at the Student Leadership Awards Banquet.

Don McCarty and Lowe "Sandy"

McLean emceed the event, while Aramark catered the banquet which entertained over fifty people.

The award for best campus community building program was between the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) for their program, "Elementary School Vision Screenings;" *The Current* Newspaper; Pierre Laclade Honors College Student Association for "Casino Night;" and the Residential Hall Association for the UM-St. Louis Bonfire. The award went to the Bonfire, in which hundreds of students gathered at University Meadows Apartments last semester amidst a blazing bonfire.

The outstanding cultural diversity/awareness program award went to the Hispanic-Latino Association (HISLA) for "Hispanic Latino Heritage Month." Other nominees were *The Current* for "Cultural Heritage Coverage;" Horizons for "Horizons Peer Educators Second Annual International Ping Pong Tournament;" and the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Students for Change for "Cul-

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## Diane Menne died at 38

Supervisor of the student computing labs made substantial contributions to UM-St. Louis

by Michael O'Brian of The Current staff

Following a long battle with cancer, Diane Menne, supervisor of student computing labs, passed away on Thursday, March 28.

"It doesn't surprise you when you lose older colleagues," said Coordinator of Managerial and Technical Services Jerold Siegel, "but you don't expect to lose someone so young."

Menne was 38 years old. She began working for UM-St. Louis in 1991. Siegel said that he hired her because of her experience working in the student computing labs at UM-Columbia. He said she came to UM-St. Louis just as the computing lab system was getting started.

"Diane was a pioneer in this field," Siegel said. "So much was happening that we were making it up as we went along."

As the supervisor of the stu-

dent computing labs, Menne's main task was putting together a system of student workers. Siegel said that this was Menne's greatest contribution to the University.

"She seemed to have a knack for finding the best students," Siegel said. "Many of them are still working for this campus."

Siegel said that Menne was a hard worker who always accomplished what was necessary.

"She was a very perceptive person," Siegel said. "She had a good instinct for what needed to get done."

Siegel said that there was a tough side to Menne that came through even though she was a private individual who liked to separate business and pleasure.

"I never worried about someone taking advantage of her," Siegel said. "Her loyalties were to the job she needed to accomplish. I relied on her tough side."

When Menne came to the University there were only three student

computing labs. That number increased to fourteen during her tenure with UM-St. Louis. The on-campus computing system here is one of the largest of its kind with software and support for a number of operating needs.

"It's not cliché to say I was shocked when she died," Siegel said. "I worked with her and know she was careful with her health. She was not the standard candidate for cancer."

Diane Menne graduated from Arcadia Valley High School, and she received her Bachelor of Science in Computer Sciences from UM-Columbia. She is survived by her grandmother, Helen McGartland; parents Dr. Marvin C. Menne, MD and Patricia Menne; a brother Michael Menne and two sisters Mary King and Gerri Anne Jeffery.

Memorials may be sent to St. Vincent DePaul Society, 350 S. Main St., Ironton, MO 63650.



Photo: Ken Dunkin

POWER FRESHMAN. Residence Hall Association President Brian Reed (left) accepted two awards for the emerging RHA along with an Atlas Award for his leadership abilities.

## Long live the Easter Bunny

by Scott Lamar  
of The Current staff

I think the idea of worshipping somebody is ridiculous. Ever since I was about 10 years old, I've thought that getting up early to attend church was completely insane. I don't believe in God or any of the tenets associated with Christianity. My close friends know how much I loathe the establishment of religion because I have always been quick to ridicule it. Even my parents know better than to ask me to go to church.

For a long while, I was even hostile towards anyone who dared to raise an opposing viewpoint. I would ask why people go when they either don't pay attention or can't decipher what the sermon was about. Taking potshots at priests was way too easy.

Furthermore, I would try and sway individuals who were unsure of their beliefs and attempt to make devout Christians question their own faith. Pretty evil, huh?

Nonetheless, I vowed many times that I would never set foot in a church other than to attend a funeral or wedding.

Yesterday, however, I went. My girlfriend Lisa asked me to go with her and her family to Easter mass. I did it just to make her happy. I'll admit that I wasn't looking forward to it. I thought for sure that it would be a miserable experience.

But it wasn't. In fact, I came to the realization that religion wasn't deserving of the contempt I was bestowing on it. As I stood, sat and knelt (it was a Catholic church), I watched the people around me. Like myself, many of them would take a timeout from the priest's sermon to monitor the children's activities. Amidst all of the crying and laughter, I decided that the congregation's faith wasn't worth fighting.

In fact, religion itself deserves some credit. If it weren't for Christ, we wouldn't have enjoyed Easter dinner with our families or watched the

kids hunt down Easter eggs. And I wouldn't have received a towering Easter basket from Lisa.

In addition, I doubt that Christmas would be the same if Christ wouldn't have achieved fame.

Religion only becomes irritating when zealots start showing literature in your face. Shouting verses out of the Bible and telling people that they are sinners bound for Hell is certainly not the way to win over someone sitting on the fence between Christianity and confusion.

Though I didn't listen to the priest's every word at the mass yesterday, the priest was trying to convey that Jesus really did rise from the dead despite the articles in *Time* and *Newsweek* that stated otherwise. He was preaching to the converted. Christians have obviously been exposed to Darwin's Theory of Evolution. In addition, they've probably heard

scholars doubt that Jesus Christ even lived let alone rose from the dead. Their faith is good for them. It gives them some semblance of hope that we don't just die and become merely worm food.

In matters of faith, it is extremely difficult to push people into one belief or another. You basically have to be sold on a religion at an early age. Many parents drag their screaming kids to church in hopes that they will believe the same things. Bad move.

Young children get nothing out of it but a heavy dose of propaganda. Unless they can't get a baby-sitter, parents ought to let children decide for themselves what religion is right for them.

Some people turn to God after a tragedy of some sort. These type of people are usually extremists who shout and students in front of University Center.

Although I have a different outlook, I'll still avoid church like the plague. I'm quite happy being an atheist. The only difference is that I'll let other people practice their faith in peace. There are much bigger issues to attack than religion.



## Pro-life insert wasn't forced upon anyone

by Monica Senecal  
of The Current staff

"She's a child not a choice" bumper stickers everywhere proclaim. But this phrase made quite a stir when it ran on the cover of an insert in *The Current* two weeks ago. Many people who know I'm a part of *The Current* came up to me personally and asked "What was up with that insert? Are you guys trying to force your opinions down our throats or what?"



We chose to run this insert for several reasons. First, the organization was a paying advertiser. Second, a majority of *The Current* staff felt that the organization sponsoring the ad had a right to express its opinions, just as anyone else in our society does. There was one condition, however, that pro-choice organizations

would be offered the same rate and opportunity to advertise, which they chose not to do. Finally, the insert was clearly marked as a publication by the Human Life Alliance of Minnesota and it was apparent that the insert was not an expression of the opinions of any or all *Current* staff members.

Unfortunately, many students and faculty members did not think these reasons were good enough to justify running the insert. The fact is, people just don't like the feeling of being told what they should or should not do with their own bodies.

Abortion is a really touchy subject. Politicians can win or lose an election based on their opinion on this one topic depending on which group is in the majority at the time.

It's really difficult to make such a hard judgment call on an issue as

delicate as this, however. I know that whenever I am asked whether I'm pro-life or pro-choice, I falter for a second. I like to think of myself as a woman of the '90s with my "No man is gonna tell me what to do with my body" mentality, but I can't agree with the senseless killings that this kind of attitude opens the door for. I fully support a woman's right to do with her body what she will, but I cringe at the fact that some women actually choose to kill their own babies. I certainly could never do it, and I'm very thankful that none of my family, especially my mother, would ever consider it as an option.

I know that's a cop-out, but that's how I feel. I'm not making these feelings known so that I can change your position on abortion or, God forbid, force my opinions down your throat. I really don't think it's anybody's business but my own. This is not to say that I discourage others from expressing their feelings and

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opinions to me about the subject. If someone wants to share their views with me, possibly in the hopes that I will think the way they do, I'll hear them out, and then I can do with that information whatever I wish. I'm certainly not going to throw a tirade and accuse people of forcing their opinions on me.

It was a harmless insert. A little corny and a trifle graphic in some sections, yes. But the advertiser was just expressing its side and nobody was there to force anyone to read it. Everyone had the choice to thumb through it and see what information was offered or to file it in the nearest trash can. So try not to take it so personally. As long as things stay the way they are now, you'll always be in control of your own body and your own mind, but don't waste this privilege by locking yourself into someone else's way of thinking just because of a title either way, pro-choice or pro-life.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Stop lying about gun control

Dear editor,

In his article, "The right to life, liberty, and you AK-47?", Managing Editor Scott Lamar displays a misunderstanding of the issues and an ignorance of the principles and equipment involved.

He opens the article with the statement: "What are law abiding citizens to do when they are about to be accosted by a carjacker or robber? Easy. They reach into their glove box, pull out an assault rifle, and blow the would-be robber to ribbons." He goes on to state that this is unrealistic and launches his case against those people who would repeal the un-Constitutional so-called "assault-rifle ban".

By his own admission, the cops won't protect you from carjackers or robbers or worse. Then he ridicules the idea that self-defense is a reasonable and viable alternative. He doesn't suggest any alternative course of action but for heavens sake, don't protect yourself! I suppose he would

have us all go like lambs before the slaughter.

While his opening statement is meant to show the uselessness of a particular weapon in a particular scenario, it is a good reason for concealed-carry.

He then expresses his outrage that politicians would actually have the gall to vote based on the influence of some interest group. That's how the game is played. That's how Clinton was elected and why he signed the ban in the first place.

The reason that the ban specifies make and model of weapon is because there is no fundamental difference between a so-called "assault rifle" and an auto-loading hunting rifle, save cosmetics. This is one reason that the ban is so odious. It is an ill-conceived and illegal breach of a citizens Constitutional rights.

Mr. Lamar's logic grows even more spurious when he attempts to appeal to our sympathy and elicit moral outrage by naming the tragic

criminal actions of a few, let's call them what they are, CRIMINALS. Mr. Lamar wants Congress to stop supplying "teenage urban armies". It is already quite illegal for teenagers under 18 to buy or possess a rifle, 21 for pistols. It is illegal for a convicted felon to buy or possess a firearm. It is illegal for any person with a history of mental illness to buy or possess a firearm. In fact, there are currently over 10,000 gun control laws on the books in the U.S. alone. When I last checked in 1993, Washington D.C. had an absolute prohibition of firearms and also had the highest murder rate per capita. The laws are not working and we, the people, are not holding anyone accountable. If people like Mr. Lamar are too afraid to stand up to the thugs and criminals, why would he have every other law abiding citizen retreat to his level? Since

when was a bully ever pacified by being meek? To paraphrase Winston Churchill; All that is needed for evil to win is for good men to do nothing.

It is unreasonable to attempt to ban everything that might be misused for harmful or even criminal ends. Computers, cars, alcohol, cameras, even hands can and are abused to the harm of others. What this Country needs is not more laws that don't work. This Country needs citizens who take responsibility for their actions and demand the same of others. We are abdicating our responsibilities to lawmakers, police and others in authority and we are losing our liberty, our honor and our dignity.

Gregory W. Leake  
Senior  
Evening College

### Thanks for the insert

Dear editor,

Thank you for the supplement in last week's *Current* (issue 853) on the facts on abortion. It is always good to learn. However, on method of abortion was not mentioned—partial birth abortion. (Partial birth abortions involve delivering all of the baby except for the head. Then the baby's skull is collapsed by sucking the brain

out with a suction catheter for easier removal.)

The U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives has just passed a bill to repeal this method.

How can anyone with any sense of humanity allow this to continue?

Betty Chitwood  
Campus Minister

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THE RED MENACE



by Don Barnes  
of The Current staff

Oh I tell ya folks. If my life was that easy.

I've got a few things to light upon this week. Jump around if you so desire. There are no rules in the barnyard.

First, I want to apologize publicly to the young ladies who's pictures appeared on the Features page of issue number 853 of The Current. For those of you who don't know, besides writing this column I am also the production peon over here at the newspaper. This means I help lay out the pages, and at times write photo captions and headlines for the stories and photos we place on the page. Well, on the afternoon of Sunday, March 24, probably around 4:30 p.m., I decided to write the headline "Shake it up baby!" for the lead story on belly dancing. Bad move, Barnes. I'm not even going to attempt to explain or justify why I did it. I just want to say I'm sorry. It was brought to my attention that the two subjects of the story and accompanying photos, Michelle Sarver and Jennifer Green, were somewhat put off by the apparent sexual overtones of the headline. If you knew me personally you would know that though I am kinda freaky, I am at the same time consciously aware and highly respectful of the stature of the female gender. I intended no malice or disrespect towards either of you, and apologize for my error in judgement.

On to sweeter bird. A toast of the chancellor's private stock to everyone involved in last Friday night's Student Leadership Awards Banquet, hosted by those fine folks of Student Activities in the ever popular Summit Lounge. Those cats at Pierre Laclede did it again. Four years in a row as the Outstanding Student Organization of the Year. You just go, Dean Fred!

And speaking of awards (What a transition!) some of The Current staff are gearing up for a road trip to K.C. this weekend to represent UM-St. Louis at the Missouri College Media Association conference and awards banquet. I went last year and let me tell ya I had the best time. Met all kinds of nice people. Even came home with an award, which was kinda cool. And this year we're talking K.C. instead of Kirksville. Man I can hardly wait. I've never really hung out in Kansas City for any time worth talking about. I've driven through it five or six times, had a couple of train lay overs there. But I've never had a couple of days to get mobile with. Look for the photo spread in next weeks issue. And wish me luck—I'm driving!

# A trauma of times



DR. PATRICIA RESNICK

by Jill Barrett  
of The Current staff

In one sentence, a United Way advertisement sums up the emotional impact of sexual assault on the survivors: "The average rapist gets 3.5 years; most victims get life." Every year 683,000 women are sexually assaulted. Half of these women develop chronic emotional symptoms that can last for years without treatment.

Dr. Patricia Resnick, professor of psychology and director of the Center for Trauma Recovery, is studying the effects of two different types of treatment for crime victims. She also studies the women who recover without needing treatment in order to learn more about the recovery process after sexual assault.

Almost all survivors of sexual assault experience symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the first three months after an assault. These symptoms can include disturbing memories of the assault, flashbacks, increased anxiety or withdrawal from others. Although these

symptoms are common reactions to sexual assault, they can become chronic and disruptive to a survivor's daily life.

"What we've found is that the women who recover without treatment had pretty good coping skills to begin with," Resnick says. The second study focuses on treatment for women who have chronic symptoms.

The Crime Victim Recovery Project, sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health, compares the effects of two types of therapy: cognitive processes and prolonged-exposure therapy. In the cognitive processes therapy, the therapist works with the client to change her assumptions about the attack. In prolonged-exposure therapy, the client relives the attack with the therapist's help.

"It would seem to go against conventional wisdom, but it's better to relive it than suppress those feelings," Resnick says. "PTSD is a memory disorder in that they have these memories, but they don't know

how to make sense of them. People tell them it's best to forget, but they don't. They can't." Both cognitive processes therapy and prolonged-exposure therapy help the clients make sense of their distressing memories, and both therapies work equally well.

"Out of 31 completed treatments, only two clients didn't improve," Resnick says. Resnick says that recovery rates for clients who knew their assailants are no different from clients who were attacked by an unknown assailant.

"The recovery rates aren't different; what is different are the issues involved," Resnick explains. "When a woman is attacked by a stranger, she has safety concerns; when a woman knows who assaulted her, her problems are with trust and relationships."

The Crime Victim Recovery

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## ON DATE RAPE

by Jill Barrett  
of The Current staff

Safety strategies are essential, but a can of Mace will not help a woman fend off an attacker if

she knows and trusts him. Most self-defense strategies are designed for protection against an unknown assailant. Although these tactics may be effective in that situation, statistics show that

70% of women know their attacker before they are assaulted. According to Joleen Understall, educational coordinator at the Women's Self-Help Center, effective rape education needs to

focus on destroying the myths around rape because these myths condone behavior conducive to rape.

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# Casino '96 Night

by Jill Barrett  
of The Current staff

Get that beaded flapper dress from the back of the closet and practice the Lindy Hop, because the Twenties will roar through UM-St. Louis this weekend. Casino Night '96 has the Roarin' Twenties as its theme. Sponsored by the Honors College and the Residence Hall, the second annual Casino Night is to be held at the Honors College Great Hall Friday night from 7-11 pm.

The student planners intend to make the experience as authentic as possible. "After students pay their money, they must knock on the door and give a password," says Lisa Glenn, a member of the Honors College Executive Committee. During the 20s, restaurants that sold illegal alcohol were called speakeasies, and—in an effort to keep out Federal agents—patrons had to whisper code words to get in.

The speakeasy will have other signs of the 20s, like tommy guns, and students are encouraged to wear vintage costumes. Casino Night may even have bathtub gin—without alcohol—if the Honors College can find a bathtub in time.

Casino Night will only carry the 20s theme so far. Al Capone might be there in spirit, but he would be uninterested in the taking over the Honors College territory. Gamblers play with funny money. The \$5 admission—the only real money in the place—will be donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of St. Louis.

Players can choose from blackjack, roulette, craps and poker. Casino Night also offers a horse racing wheel on which gamblers can "play the ponies." "We tried to get live mouse racing, but the guy [who provides the mice] was booked," explained Thompson Knox, member of the Honors College Executive Committee and resident Casino Night thug.

At the end of the night, players can use their funny money to buy prizes at an auction. Auction items will include a compact-disc player, mirrored beer signs, and gift certificates for local businesses. If you're feeling lucky this Friday (or even if you're not), head on over to Casino Night. Just don't forget to tell them that Joe sent you.

## Physical simulations for mental stimulation during Disabilities Awareness Week

By Jill Barrett  
of The Current staff

Part of the college experience is learning to see the world from another person's perspective. Disabilities Awareness Week gives students an opportunity to learn more about the daily challenges of coping with a disability. Disability simulations are particularly effective in raising students' understanding of disabilities, according to Marilyn Ditto, coordinator of Special Student Programs.

On Wednesday, students will have the chance to participate in simulations designed to provide a sense of what it is like to have a disability. At various locations around campus, volunteers will have students perform tasks like putting on a shirt with only one hand.

"We find that awareness comes very quickly," Ditto says. During last year's wheelchair simulations, students learned the finer points of wheelchair use.

"Sometimes students realize a small detail can have implications for someone using a wheelchair," Ditto says. "For example, some elevators are so small that if many people get on, a person using a wheelchair has

no room. Students will say, 'I never thought about that before—next time I'll let someone with a wheelchair get on first.' That's what the simulations are for—getting us to think about things we never think about."

This year, volunteers will give students a list of things they need to do at different buildings around campus. The students select for themselves where to go first and what route to take. This method will make students think like someone who needs to use a chair would think.

"Students will have to think about what route is accessible; what might be quicker or less strenuous," Ditto says. "Some students are back with their chairs in 10 minutes."

The Wheelchair Marathon begins at 12 p.m. Wednesday at the University Center. Other simulations include a trust walk, sign language and lip reading for the hearing, and reading materials that are printed as a person with dyslexia might see them.

Disabilities Awareness Week runs through Friday. In

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What do you want to do that you've never done before?



"I want to be a musician and have my own show."  
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"Be a psycho-serial killer."  
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Senior • Biology



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— Tiffany Brimmer  
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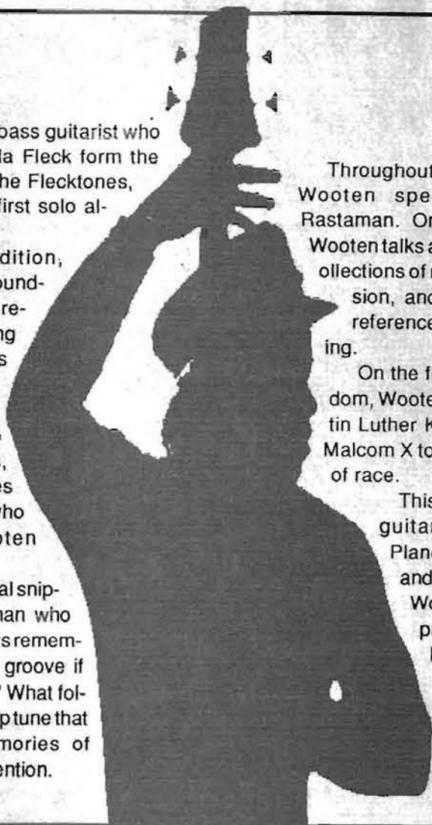
# The Current Reviews

## Victor Wooten "Show of Hands"

Victor Wooten, the bass guitarist who helped banjo man Bela Fleck form the tribal jazzgrass band the Flecktones, has just released his first solo album "Show of Hands."

In Flecktone tradition, Wooten pushes the boundaries of popular music recording this album using only his voice and his four-string bass. The vocals are just spoken-word snippets used to segue between tracks, and the voices he uses are those of people who have inspired Wooten throughout his life.

The introductory vocal snippet is that of an old man who advises Wooten to always remember "You can't hold no groove if you ain't got no pocket." What follows is a romp-and-stomp tune that at times evokes memories of Zappa's Mothers of Invention.



Free-form Jazz

Throughout the track More Love, Wooten speaks as a Jamaican Rastaman. On "Not Like the Other," Wooten talks about early childhood recollections of racial inequality on television, and in Justice he makes a reference to the Rodney King beating.

On the final track, Words of Wisdom, Wooten uses the voices of Martin Luther King, Jr., his mother and Malcom X to again address the issue of race.

This album is to the bass guitarist what Mickey Hart's Planet Drum is to the drum, and then some. Not only does Wooten give listeners an impressive demonstration of his musical talents but he offers listeners a glimpse inside his psyche and some valid social commentary as well.

—Michael J. Urness

# FILM SPIN

flirting with disaster

by Scott Lamar  
of The Current staff

"Flirting with Disaster" is up there with "Four Rooms" as one of the worst movies this year.

It seems as if director David O. Russell stopped after each scene and said, "Hey, what do you guys want to do next." The film had absolutely no continuity and ended more abruptly than it started.

The film centered around Mel Coplin (Ben Stiller). Despite having an attractive, amorous young wife named Nancy (Patricia Arquette) and a brand new baby, Coplin's life is incomplete without knowing who his biological parents are.

Much to the chagrin of his adoptive parents, Mel, his family and a psychologist from the adoption agency named Tina (Tea Leoni) embark on a cross-country journey in search of them.

After a short journey, Coplin meets his birth mother. Everyone beams. Whoops! The agency messed up. But Tina thinks she knows where to find his father.

They skirt up to Michigan where

they find Fritz Boudreau, a former Hell's Angel with a heart of coal. The highlight of their encounter is when father and son accidentally drive Fritz's rig through a post office.

Later, we find that Fritz isn't Mel's birth father. That's too bad because Fritz, although a sexist, was the most

Meanwhile, Coplin and Tina begin groping each other too.

Unfortunately, armpit licking, though quite peculiar and somewhat interesting, is the extent of the couples' extramarital activities.

Eventually, the Coplins and Mel's adoptive parents decide that they can

be one big happy family. The sudden ending will surprise you, but you won't be too disappointed.

The casting in the movie was one of the few bright spots. Mary Tyler Moore and George Segal were perfect as Coplin's neurotic adoptive parents. Likewise, Alan Alda and Lily Tomlin add some wit to the otherwise lackluster flick. Stiller (The Ben Stiller Show) has a lot of talent as does Arquette (True Romance). They are good, but not good enough to pull this one out of the dumpster.

"Flirting with Disaster" exemplifies

how a poorly written

script can ruin a potentially good movie. The film will elicit only an occasional chuckle or two. And those only serve to goad the audience into sticking around for the full 90 minutes.

Steer clear of this shadow of a movie. It's a stinker.



David Patrick Kelly (L) and Ben Stiller (R) in David O. Russell's new movie "Flirting With Disaster."

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"In this country, we have an explicit code of rape," Understall explains. "Legally, rape is a Class A felony. But we also have an implicit code of rape. This is the cultural standard that blames the victim while excusing the rapist."

Understall presented a program on date rape last Tuesday at the UM-St. Louis Women's Center. Understall had her audience do gender role reversal in an attempt to explore attitudes and misconceptions about rape. Some of these myths are the entrenched views that women want sex, or that they do something to cause the rape.

According to Understall, both

women and men are heavily influenced by these myths. "After showing a video where a woman leaves a college party with a man and is raped in his apartment afterwards, the audience often focuses on how she went back to his apartment with him. I tell them about women who go out with a man two or three times before he rapes her, and it's not something she did."

Understall believes that the implicit code of rape sets up both men and women. Men are still taught to be dominant, so a woman often lets the man set the agenda. "Because of these cultural beliefs, it is so easy for the woman to defer power to the guy. We need to challenge this implicit

code," Understall says.

Another cultural factor, according to Understall, is the American fascination with sex and violence. The incidence of rape in England is 13 times lower than the incidence in America. Japan's rate is 20 times lower than that of the U.S.

"This country is not in an adult stage of human development. It's more of an adolescent stage," Understall says. "We need to work on ending rape, not just preventing it."

Understall finishes her programs by asking men to work with women to end rape. "I encourage men to take a proactive role, because rape can't end until men see the need to end this."

animated, likable character in the movie.

Before the group leaves Michigan, they hook up with two ATF agents, Paul and Tony. Tony and Nancy know each other from high school. Soon, they want to get to know each other in the shower.

script can ruin a potentially good movie.

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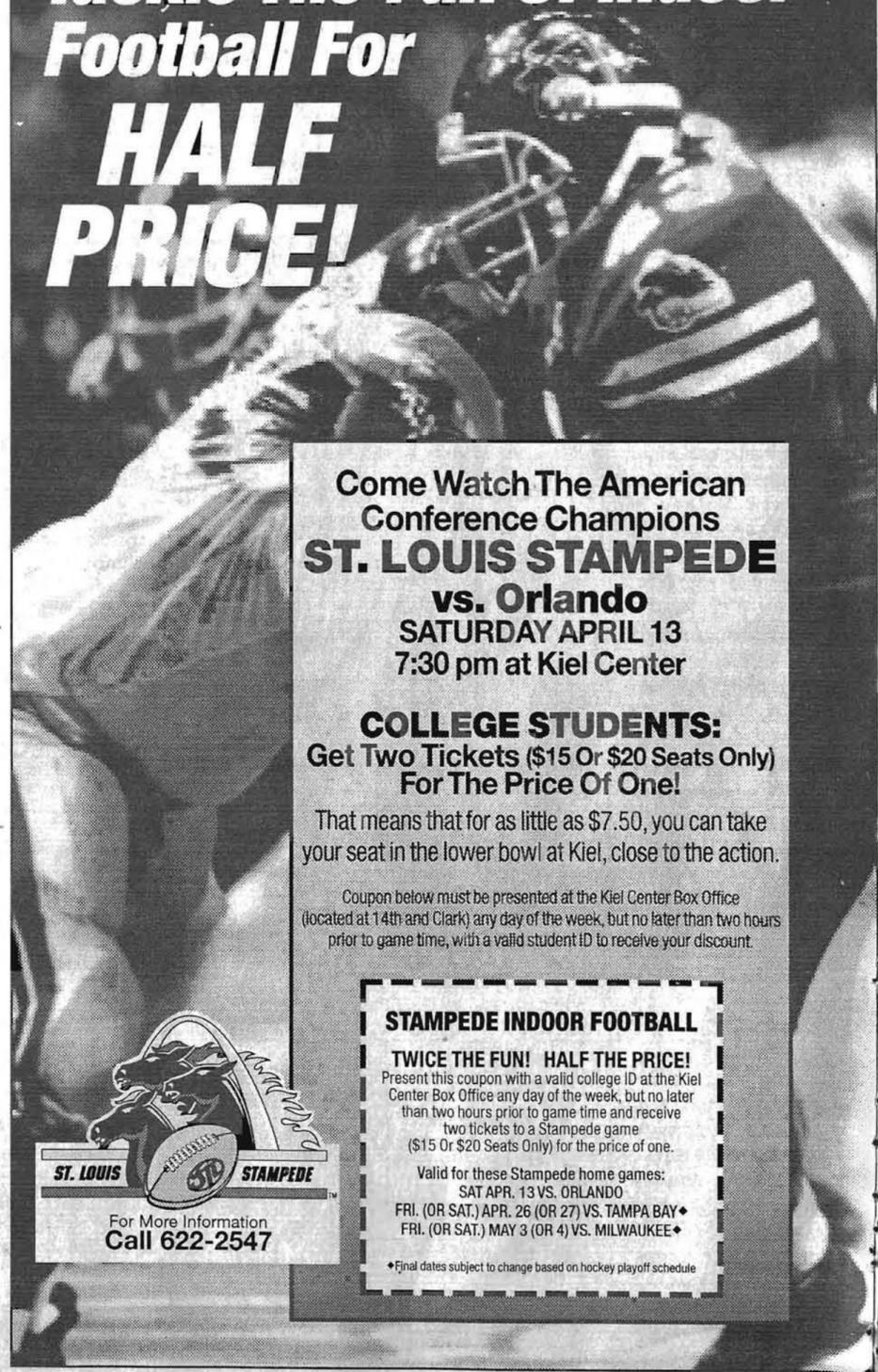
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## OFF THE WALL



by Ken Dunkin  
of The Current staff

Ok everybody has had a few weeks to cool off after it was announced that the swim program would be cut.

Now, how does everyone feel about it? Bad? Disappointed? Me too. So what that the swim team feels that I am out to get them and that I am a unprofessional writer (they told me as much) I still feel that the decision to cancel the program was a bad one.

So it will generate \$20,000 for other programs. OK. But isn't that what the tuition hike was for, to generate more money? The cost to attend UM-St. Louis has been going up for years and, all of a sudden, the athletic department needs to cut money? That just doesn't make sense.

The school operated under the same conditions in the '70s, but then they had track and field and wrestling programs in addition to the current programs. So now when money seems to be flying out of students pockets and into the schools bank account, money is now scarce? Umm.. no.

I understand that UM-St. Louis wants to go into the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) and make an immediate impact. Great. But isn't that possible under current standards? Maybe, maybe not. Dropping the program gives a few thousand dollars to other under-funded sports. OK. I hope the money helps them. I know many of them need it.

But dropping swimming just wasn't the way to go about it. The swim program was a quality sport for the University for the 25 plus years that it was here. The team regularly sent swimmers to the National meet and once finished 6th in the nation. It is difficult to understand why a program that has been so successful in the past can be dropped after a few losing seasons. I know the losing seasons had nothing to do with the decision, but don't kid yourself. If the team had been competitive this season, it would have been more difficult to cancel it.

Why did it have to be dropped in order to support other programs that haven't had half the success? It's hard for me to come up with reasons why the program should be cut. It was just one more sport that the University could add to their roll-call of teams.

For everyone involved, dropping the program is a losing situation for next season and for years to come.

# 15-2 Rivermen look to stay hot as they prepare for a busy April

by Brian Folsom  
of The Current staff

With one-third of the season completed, the U.M. St. Louis baseball team prepares for a tough and busy April trying to continue their winning ways.

The Rivermen are 16-2 and nationally ranked eighth, but according to Head Coach Jim Brady, there is a lot of work left to be done.

"We're off to a great start, but what we need to do is maintain our focus and keep playing well," Brady said. "We just need to continue to build as the season progresses."

April will be a busy month. One in which the team plays just about every day.

"I'm looking at this with a little cautious optimism," said Brady. "This will really test the mental tenacity of this ballclub." Brady said that will all the possible distractions such as school work, a busy schedule will really show what the team is made of.

Mental toughness could prove to be very important, because according to Brady, it is the one aspect that his team tends to lose at times.

"We don't necessarily lack mental toughness," said Brady. It just seems that we lose it at times, and then it comes back. "If we could keep it there all the time, we'll be alright," he added.

At this point in the season, Brady said that he is pleased with the way

his team has performed, and they have lived up to all his expectations.

"These guys worked real hard in the preseason," he said.

Junior Mike Stennett leads the way with a .481 batting average and 20 runs batted in.

"He has really been a surprise," said Brady. "I knew he was going to be good, but I didn't know he was going to be this productive." "He has really come on strong," Brady added.

Also contributing is junior Tim May (.455 batting average), who catches and also plays right field when Ryan Reeves is pitching, and senior shortstop Mark Peterson (.346 batting average).

"Mark is our most versatile infielder, and he is having a fine year," said Brady.

According to Brady, the team's top two players, Dan Chinnici and Josh Banks, are hitting .341 and .394, respectively.

Brady added that the Rivermen pitching has been a pleasant surprise this season and has really exceeded his expectations.

The team earned run average is 3.94, and there is good reason. Senior Reeves leads the staff with a 3-0 record.

"His greatest asset is his versatility," said Brady. Reeves also plays right field for the Rivermen.

Other starters getting the job done this season are Mike Scott, who is 2-

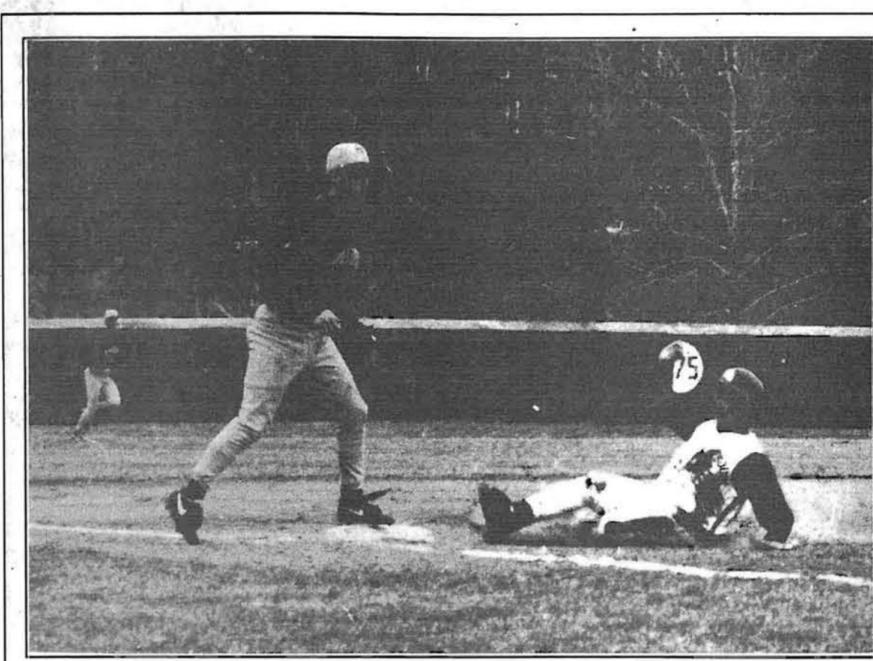


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Infielder Mike Stennett is out at first base despite his hustle. Stennett leads the team with a .481 batting average. The team is currently gearing up for the conference season.

0, and Trevor Whiteman, 3-1.

In the bullpen, setup men Jason Miller and Curt Salata have been steady. Included in the team's bullpen by committee are Chad Thomas (1.59 era and 3 saves), and Darrin Scott

(2.00 era and 2 saves).

The team beat Westminster on Tuesday 10-7, and have a tough conference series with Lincoln coming up.

"We try not to look ahead," said

Brady. "I really feel that the other teams will be wary of us because we are the team to beat."

"If we could avoid injuries and stay healthy, with a little luck we'll go a long way," Brady said.

## Rivermen baseball win big on Florida tour

by Ken Dunkin  
of The Current staff

The baseball team has gotten off to a hot start after going 9-1 in their first 10 games, in part due to a great showing in their games in Florida.

The Rivermen played nine games in Florida and amassed a 8-1 record. The team started off the season by blowing out Teikyo-Marycrest 13-0.

"It was a very satisfying trip," Rivermen head coach Jim Brady said. "I think what was the most encouraging was the more we played the better we got. Many times you come out of the gate and play well the first day

and then the jet lag gets to you. It seemed after every game, we got better."

The team rattled off win after win early in the trip. They defeated Bloomsburg 10-9 and then went on to defeat Pittsburg-Johnstown 12-4.

Andy Seal, one of the teams new starting pitchers, threw two shutouts during the trip. He shutout Teikyo-Marycrest in the opener and then blanked Bryant 21-0.

"He has to build on those two victories," Brady said. "He just has to continually get better."

The team also found that their bullpen is perhaps one of their stron-

gest points on the team.

"I am pleased with our relief core," Brady said. "Especially Darin Scott and Chad Thomas. They did an excellent job in Florida. When you have those forces down in the bullpen it makes your job a whole lot easier."

With the pitching doing their part the offense had to do their part. They did that and more. Including the teams 9-8 victory over Fontbonne last Thursday, the Rivermen had a team batting average of .356. And, the team has had quality performances from several players on the bench.

Joe Cooper has performed extremely well. He has been perfect so

far this season. He holds a 1.000 batting average, two at bats, two home runs. He has driven in six runs, been hit by a pitch and walked once.

"I really wish I could get (Cooper) in the lineup more consistently," Brady said. "He is a good hitter. I was so happy for him. It couldn't have happened to a better kid. I'm still trying to figure a way to get him in there."

Greg Gilbert, a player who didn't see much time last season, also got into the action. He hit a three run homer in Florida.

"I think hitting that home run took the weight of the world off of his shoulders," Brady said. "But he ran

around the bases so quick I don't think he had time to enjoy it. Going back on the plane Gil even got his name announced over the intercom for going yard.

"He's one of those guys that is here day in and day out. He gives you everything he has."

The only negative on the trip was the teams 12-2 loss against North Dakota. The team managed only two hits while giving up 11 hits.

"It is a game that woke us up," Brady said. "We didn't do the things we needed to do and I think we learned from that. Hopefully we will learn from this loss."

## Tennis team bouncing back

by Ken Dunkin  
of The Current staff

Improving is what athletics are all about, and the Rivermen tennis team has improved as much as anyone could expect though their record may not reflect it.

The improvement can be attributed in part to the hiring of coach Rich Gylenborg. Gylenborg has molded his players and made them better. The team has been responding to his coaching style more than they have to any other of their previous coaches.

"He really believes in us," Rivermen tennis player Matt Fagala said. "He has been working us hard and he has built up our confidence. We're also in a lot better shape this season as opposed to last year."

Being in better shape has helped the team improve on last year's performance. This year the team is 0-8 in meets. Many of the meets like the one last week have been close. In that meet, the Rivermen lost to Maryville 5-4.

"Don't judge us by our record," Gylenborg said. "Things are getting better. We are competitive, we are just maybe a step below the competition. We're not embarrassing ourselves."

"The competition has been strong enough that we're just trying to keep our heads above water. We need to learn how to win close matches.

"We're a lot better," Fagala said. "All of our matches are a lot closer. We're not getting blown away."

The Rivermen had to go up against one of the toughest teams in the country; Missouri Southern. Southern is a tough team. They're nationally ranked and their number one player is ranked

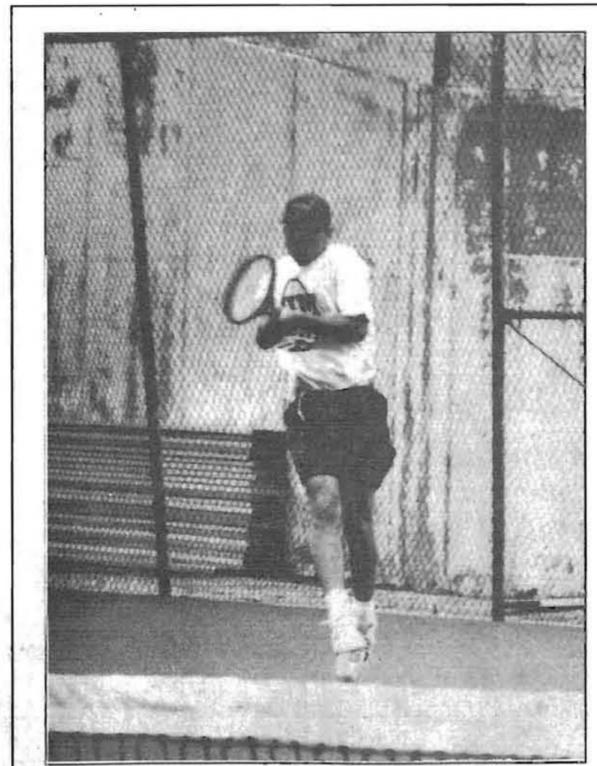


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A Rivermen tennis player returns a shot in a match earlier this season. The team is 0-8 in meets this season.

26th in the country. The Rivermen found out how tough they were losing 0-7.

"I think, considering the competition, we played very well," Gylenborg said.

As if playing a tough team wasn't hard enough, the team lost its number four player. As a result of the injury,

all of the other players moved up a slot. Jeff Munslick moved into the playing squad and had one of the best showings. He won several games against his opponent.

SEE TENNIS

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## Wet, windy, and eighth

Rivermen Golf Invitational cut short on account of bad weather and sloppy strokes

by Ken Dunkin  
of The Current staff

In the rain and wind the UM-St. Louis golf team grabbed a 8th place finish in the Rivermen Golf Invitational.

The Rivermen hosted the event April 1 at the Missouri Bluffs Golf Course in St. Charles, Mo. The event was originally scheduled to be a two day competition but was cut short due to the rain.

"The weather really hurt us," Rivermen golfer Jeff Metters said. "The weather made it feel like we were playing on a different course. It took away a lot of our advantages."

"They were very bad conditions," Rivermen golfer Brian Reed said. "We still had fun though."

Even though the weather took away the team's home-course advantage, the Rivermen still managed to finish with a combined score of 320. They weren't far behind the top team, Northern Kentucky, which finished first out of 15 teams with a team score of 306.

"We struggled," said Metter. "Our expectations were a lot higher going in. We were expecting to place higher. If everyone would have shot like they are capable of, we would have won it all. We'll just have to do better next time."

The team did manage to get one player on the top-10 individual list for the Invitational. Nick Jacobs, the fifth player on the team, shot a 76 which put him in a eight-way tie for 8th place. The team members finished with following scores: #1 golfer James Trittler shot a 79, #2 Dustin Ashby shot a 82, #3 Metter shot a 83, and #4 Chris Douglass shot a 87. Par for the course was 71.

Trittler fared well in the Heart of America Invitational held March 23-24 in Warrensburg, Mo. He finished in seventh place.

"Things are going all right with the team," Metter said. "We just haven't been able to put a solid team effort together. In one meet one player will do real well, and another player will do well in the next. We will have to put it together in the last two meets."

The team is making strides this season, and the golfers have high hopes of improving with each meet.

"We're doing very well," Reed said. "We're still trying to get our feet wet. We are definitely going to get better."

The next two meets will find the Rivermen playing at Norwood Hills Country Club April 7-8 in the Billiken Invitational. They will then travel to St. Joseph, Mo. April 11-12 to play against Missouri Western.

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"He has not even had a chance to play at this level," Gylenborg said. "He got his chance today and did quite well."  
The Rivermen still have a long road to the end of the season. They will have several tough matches coming up in the next few weeks.  
"I think we're going to be a lot better at the end of the season," Raffi Karibian said. "We're looking to knock off some people late in conference season."

With a little work and help from Gylenborg, these players have great potential for next season. They will only lose two players, Karibian and Fagala, and they'll have a whole season to practice what their new coach has taught them.  
"Hopefully the guys will go out and practice this summer and play in the fall," Gylenborg said. Then in the spring, they will be able to compete at a higher level."

# Winning road trip for softballers

by Eric Thomas  
of The Current staff

The UM-St. Louis Riverwomen softball team has been busy lately. Head Coach Rob Westling's team hit the highway to Bolivar, Mo. and took the field against Southwest Baptist on March 29. The Riverwomen swept the Southwest Baptist Lady Bearcats, winning both games.

UM-St. Louis	3
Southwest Baptist	0
UM-St. Louis	4
Southwest Baptist	3

Nicki Kocis pitched the game for the Riverwomen and held SBU to two hits.  
Audrey Kramme has been spectacular thus far this season. She contributed three hits and an RBI for the Riverwomen in the first game.  
"Audrey catches every single game, is a smart catcher, and really helps all the pitchers," Westling said.  
"She really gives 110 percent," Riverwomen pitcher Dianna Mooney said.  
Mooney started the second game and the Riverwomen rebounded for

a 4-3 victory. The team trailed 3-0 at one point. The winning run was scored by freshman right-fielder Shannon Humphrey on a wild pitch. Vicki Tepen also saw action on the mound, as did Kocis.  
"We really didn't believe we would get all four games in that weekend because of the rain," Kocis said. "The mound was soft and I couldn't get my footing. There was no traction, but after a few innings, I got the hang of it."  
An addition to the team is basketball recruit Michelle Hogan.  
"Michelle is really helping us out, and she plays great at third," Kocis said.

Hogan has played in all 16 games and sports a .156 batting average. Freshman Windy Hollon has hit the field 14 times for Westling.  
The Riverwomen then traveled to Rolla the following day and split a doubleheader.

UM-St. Louis	0
UM-Rolla	1
UM-St. Louis	7
UM-Rolla	2

Kocis pitched the first match, but despite her stellar performance the

team dropped the game to the Lady Miners 1-0 on an error in the sixth inning.  
"They bunted one down the first-base line and the throw to first was bobbled," said senior short-stop Nikki Christ.  
Mooney was on the mound for the second game against UM-Rolla and went the distance for Westling. The Riverwomen rebounded quickly by scoring a run in each of the first three innings, and two in both the fourth and fifth, and winning 7-2. The victory was Mooney's first of the season.  
"We hit the ball better harder, and it dropped in the right places," Christ said. "In the first game we lined 'em right at people."  
Kramme showed her versatility by catching the entire game and dishing out two RBIs on a shot to first.  
"It was a blooper and they misplayed the ball by overthrowing first," Mooney said. "Nikki (Christ) and I both scored on that one."  
Next up for the Riverwomen was Missouri Southern on April 5. Kocis pitched the first game and despite a few close chances, the Riverwomen couldn't seem to put a point on the board.  
"Our offense just isn't there at times to make up for mistakes in the field," Westling said. "But you have to give these ladies credit. It's never a blow-out."  
Mooney, nursing a sore left ankle, was ready for action in the second game.  
"Dianna's back in black," Christ said. Mooney was in action over last weekend for Westling and company.  
Despite her newcomer status, Humphrey leads the team in the stolen-base department and was ranked sixth in MIAA batting last week with a .439 average. She is sixth in stolen bases and has not been thrown out stealing. Kocis leads the pitching staff in strike outs and ranks fourth in the MIAA in ERA at 1.51. Team standout Christ tied for 18th with a .375 batting average and Jeri Maas at 20th with a .366.  
The Riverwomen battled the Pittsburg State Gorillas on April 6 and will play SIU-Edwardsville April 9 at ABC field in St. Ann.

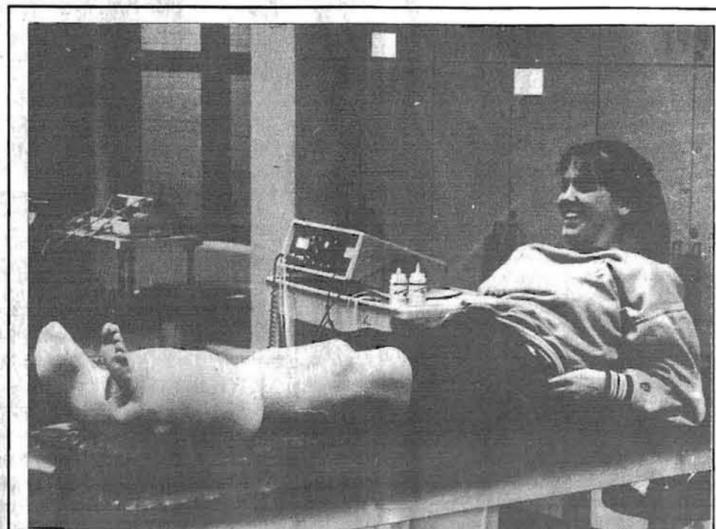
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# Campus blood drive

## Beta Alpha Psi sponsors life-saving event

by Tyrone Rodgers  
of The Current staff

Without a doubt blood is vital to life. On April 3-4, UM-St. Louis students gave blood to save lives. The winter semester blood drive sponsored by Beta Alpha Psi collected 117 units of blood which was 47 higher than the anticipated amount. This was an all-time high for the UM-St. Louis campus. "Giving blood is a small thing you can do that will help other people," said Lorinne Weaver as her arm pumped plasma.

Red Cross blood donations help thousands of people all over the world. Giving blood is a good way for people to help people. Karen Hudson (a member of Beta Alpha Psi) gives blood every time the Red Cross comes

to campus.

"One pint of blood will help more than one person," she said.

"I give blood because I might need some," Sonia Eschbach said. "Who else will give if I don't?"

Giving blood takes as little as 10 minutes and has the potential of saving lives. You get refreshments, a little sticker, and the personal satisfaction that comes from giving for the collective benefit of all people.

Beta Alpha Psi has been sponsoring the spring semester blood drive for a number of years and has won Best Sustained Program awards for members' hard work. The award is granted to UM-St. Louis programs that have existed for over five years. The Panhellenic organization sponsors a fall semester blood drive.

### LELOUP

inform anyone in the administration of his plans to leave.

"Springer was a faculty fellow involved in a lot of projects," LeLoup said. "He had a moral obligation to the University to be more open about what his plans were."

LeLoup called Springer's criticism of him in *The Post* the "height of hypocrisy".

"He was responsible for the Centers' financial situation while I was out of the country," LeLoup said.

Springer said the reason for the Centers' financial snags is due to the inability of the higher paid professionals who are still at PPRC to generate new funds.

"The Centers did not replace those who left with people who could generate much work," Springer said. "A lot of the money was brought in by many of the lower paid people who left."

Springer said that the problems associated with PPRC are with the its

direction and mission.

"The University doesn't understand how to work with state and local governments on research projects," Springer said. "It requires a lot of attention to details and to the clients which isn't the kind of work attractive to academics."

He said that LeLoup is a very good scholar but would be better suited in academic pursuits.

LeLoup is credited with forming the PPRC in 1989 by consolidating the four existing UM-St. Louis research centers: James T. Bush, Sr. Center, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Public Policy/Extension/Survey and Applied Research and The Institute for Public Leadership.

LeLoup said he is pleased with the growth of the Centers over the past five years. From 1989-1994, the amount of money brought into the University by PPRC increased from \$139,000 to \$504,000.

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### SGA

to set up a table and give small gifts in exchange for filling out a survey.

He feels that interaction is important. He wants to get out and talk with the students to find out what their wants and concerns are.

When asked what he would do different from this past year, Fritchey said he would like to be more involved with the University Senate and go to more Curators meetings.

"I want to be physically active on campus," Fritchey said.

Homaday would like to have an open meeting with the executive officers of all student organization so they can get to know each other.

"I want to be more visible in more programs," said Homaday. "I want to try to be more involved with the other organizations and work with them."

Fritchey would like to see the Homecoming Parade expand. He would also like to create a list of the contact people from each organization and distribute them on campus. This way students will know what opportunities are available and how to become involved.

Fritchey said he would also like to see a constitutional convention for reforming the SGA constitution. Homaday would like to see the student retreat expand. She wants everyone to learn more about the Uni-

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versity. She also wants to make sure that the organizations know about the various opportunities available to them on campus like advertisements.

There are other problems on campus such as student fees.

"I want to find a way to ease the student's fears of paying too much," Hornaday said. "Maybe we can ask administration to reduce some of the fees."

There you go. The key is involvement. You can make your decision on April 15-18. There will be sites all around campus for the students to vote at.

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pus roads and parking.

"There's a new building, but no new parking," Warren said. "There is no student parking for Stadler or Benton."

Other issues the two are focusing on are increasing the sensitivity of the UM-St. Louis Police Department while getting them to become more visible to students, and keeping better SGA office hours.

Warren has not been involved in other SGA organizations to this point, but Hutchinson has been an active member for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students for Change. Students may also remember her for a number of activist campaigns on campus.

### LEADERSHIP

tural Diversity Series 1995-96."

The Most Innovative Program was awarded to the Residential Hall Association for "The Community Puzzle." Other nominees included the AOSA for the "Elementary School Screenings," HSLA for "Dia de los Muertos," Horizons for "Finals Week Survival," the International Student Organization for its "French Language Dinner," Litmag for "Premiere Performances," and the Student Government Association (SGA) for the "Homecoming Parade."

The Best Sustained Program was awarded to Beta Alpha Psi for their

"Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program." The award is presented to a program that has remained in existence for five years or more.

The AOSA's "Vision Screenings," Forensics and Debate's "International Debate," Horizons' "Alcohol Awareness Week," Pierre Laclède Honors College (PLHC)'s "Committee for Heightened Involvement in the Community," SGA's "Homecoming," *The Current* and *Litmag* were also nominated.

Three organization advisors captured the Outstanding Organization Advisor award. Donna Free (Beta Al-

pha Psi), C. Thomas Preston, Jr. (Forensics and Debate) and Nanora Sweet (Litmag) all received the award. Other nominees included Sharon Davis (AOSA), Judi Linville (*The Current*), William Long (Ice Hockey Club), and Lisa Grubbs (Residence Hall Association).

The most Outstanding Student Organization went to Pierre Laclède Honors College Student Association. Other nominees were Beta Alpha Psi, Horizons, *The Current*, Forensics and Debate Club, Litmag, Residence Hall Association, Sigma Pi fraternity and SGA.

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Atlas Awards, which reward students for their efforts on campus, were clinched by 14 individuals: Donald Barnes (Litmag), Jen Bullock (PLHC), David Dawkins (Physics), Leslie Desaeeyere (HISLA), Brian Edmiston (Lesbian/Gay), Tim Ennenbach (Forensics), Alicia Friedrichs (HISLA), Jennifer Gutmann (Beta Alpha Psi), Amy Love (Delta Zeta), Michael O'Brian (*The Current*), Brian Reed (Residential Hall Association), Jeff Stephenson (Student Missouri State Teachers Association), Elizabeth Titlow (SGA), and Deborah Wyatt (University Madrigal Ensemble).



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**Greek Studies Professorship Named.** The name of the endowed professorship in Greek studies, "The Hellenic Government - Karakas Family Foundation Professorship in Greek Studies," was formally announced March 29 at a public program on Greek/U.S. relations. The University also announced the creation of an outreach program in Greek studies and culture named "The Karakas Family Foundation Alliance for the Advancement of Hellenic Studies."

**disAbilities Awareness Week.** Campus activities for the 16th annual disAbilities Awareness Week, April 8 -12, will feature a cross-campus wheelchair marathon race from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10. Participants are to meet in the University Center Lobby. Other activities include movies in the Summit Lounge from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 9, and from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. April 11 and an awards ceremony at 12:15 p.m. Friday, April 12, Room 226 of the J.C. Penney Building. The event is sponsored by Students with disAbilities Association, Office of Student Affairs and Office of Equal Opportunity. Call 516-5228 for details.

**KWMU Receives First-Place Regional News Award.** The news department at public radio station KWMU 90.7 FM, has won first place in a regional awards competition for the Radio-Television News Directors Association (RTNDA). KWMU News Producer Mark Manelli won the first-place large-market regional award in the RTNDA's Edward R. Murrow competition.

**Gallery 210 Features Okun Exhibit, "The World of Mo."** An exhibit of Morris Okun cardboard cutouts from 1991-1995 will be on display from April 9 through May 4 in Gallery 210, Lucas Hall. An opening reception will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 11. Gallery hours are 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Call 516-5976 for more information.

**Director of Office of Equal Opportunity Recognized.** Norman Seay, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, was awarded a Meritorious Service Award at the 78th Urban League Association Dinner on Thursday, April 4. Present at the dinner were Rep. William Clay of Missouri and St. Louis Mayor Freeman Bosley, Jr.

**Register for nursing this summer.** April 10 is the application deadline to register for a three-week course in nursing in London this summer. Clinical assistant professors June Hertell and Joyce Hunter, Barnes College of Nursing will teach the course, "Perspectives in Classical and Modern Nursing." For more information call Peggy Dotson, study abroad coordinator, at 516-6497.

**"The Motion Is On The Floor."** Tickets are now on sale for the Spring Dance, "The Motion Is On The Floor," sponsored by the Student Government Association. The dance, which SGA plans to hold annually, will be held on Saturday, April 13. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. A cash bar will be open until 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person and \$10 per couple and will be available in the SGA office, or in the University Center Lobby April 8-12. Call 516-5105 for more details.



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Barnes College Student Nurses Association	\$ 7,000
Beta Alpha Psi	\$ 3,000
Biological Society	\$ 1,700
Catholic Students at Newman House	\$ 2,000
Chinese Student Association (Mainland)	\$ 1,600
Chinese Student Association (Taiwan)	\$ 800
Current	\$ 27,500
Delta Sigma Pi	\$ 2,500
Delta Zeta Sorority	\$ 1,700
Evening College Council	\$ 10,000
Forensics & Debate	\$ 21,750
Gospel Choir	\$ 2,400
Hispanic Latino Association	\$ 4,600
Horizons	\$ 19,000
Ice Hockey Club	\$ 20,000
International Students Organization	\$ 4,300
Kappa Delta Pi	\$ 4,300
Korean Students Association	\$ 600
Litmag	\$ 4,600
Malaysian Student Association	\$ 750
Mathematics Club	\$ 800
Midwest Model United Nations	\$ 1,800
Music Educators National Conference	\$ 1,000
Muslim Student Association	\$ 600
National Association of Black Accountants	\$ 3,000
Panhellenic	\$ 1,800
Phi Alpha Theta	\$ 1,000
Physics Club	\$ 500
Pierre Laclade Honors College	\$ 2,400
Political Science Academy	\$ 2,500
Political Science Graduate Student Association	\$ 2,500
Pre Law Club	\$ 500
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Psi Chi	\$ 1,700
Residence Hall Association	\$ 1,250
Sigma Delta Pi	\$ 300
Sigma Pi Fraternity	\$ 1,500
Sigma Tau Gamma	\$ 2,300
Sisterhood Exchange	\$ 2,500
Social Work Student Association	\$ 700
Student Activities Programming	\$ 20,000
Student Activity Budget Committee	\$ 13,340
Student Council for Exceptional Children	\$ 950
Student Government Association	\$ 45,000
Student Missouri State Teachers Association	\$ 750
Students with disabilities Association	\$ 4,000
Student Volunteer Optometric Services	\$ 3,700
Television Production Club	\$ 1,900
UMSL Dance Team	\$ 2,800
University Madrigal Ensemble	\$ 1,900
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University Singers	\$ 3,000
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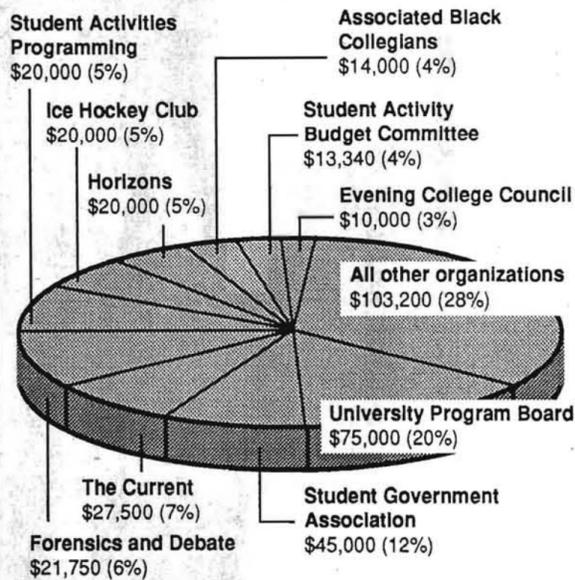
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National Association of Business Economists	\$ 300
Omicron Delta Epsilon	\$ 300
Pi Alpha Alpha	\$ 300
Pre Med Club	\$ 300
UMSL Riverettes Pom Squad	\$ 300
Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority	\$ 300

**Total \$369,790**

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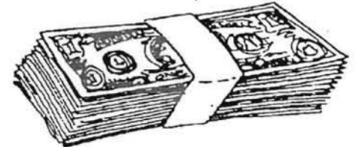


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