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SGA endorses \$6-per-credit-hour hike for new U Center

by Mary Lindsley
staff writer

Student government representatives passed a non-binding resolution to support a proposal by administration officials to increase student fees for the new University Center a year earlier than expected.

The proposal, which calls for the \$6.05-per-credit-hour increase to take effect next fall, was endorsed by student representatives by a vote of 23-11.

James Krueger, vice chancellor of Managerial and Technological Services, explained that the University had originally planned to pay interest on the bonds used to finance the center when it opens during the 1999-2000 school year.

Instead, repayment of the interest will begin when construction of the building starts next summer.

Krueger and deputy to the chancellor Donald Driemeier explained that charging student fees for the center next fall would raise \$1.3 of the \$1.8 million needed to pay the interest.

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-Donald Driemeier
deputy to the chancellor

Driemeier said, "We can go one of two ways. We can downsize the project and spend more time, lose more time downsizing it or we can assess student fees for the building one year earlier."

Krueger said the University would raise the remaining \$500,000, although he did not specify how that would be done.

SGA president Jim Avery supported the resolution, explaining that a delay could drive up the cost of the project, resulting in the plans for the facility being scaled down.

"This idea [the center] has been delayed a couple of years already," Avery said. "We needed to get on with the planning and building of it."

Michael Rankins, SGA vice president, cast one of the dissenting votes. "A number of people have

brought concerns to me about it," Rankins said. "It was not popular."

Chancellor Blanche Touhill will decide on the administrative proposal by today. It will then be forwarded to the board of curators for a final decision.

In a separate vote, SGA representatives also voted to recommend an increase in student fees in other areas including the current university center, athletics, student health services and recreation and facilities.

Altogether, the fee increases recommended by SGA will represent a 48 percent rise over last year's fees.

Patricia Dolan, director of athletics, said part of the fee increase would be used to improve the recreational facilities in the Mark Twain Building.

"It is time to make it a little more appealing," Dolan said.

Speaking on behalf of University Health Services, Karl Beeler, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said an additional nurse practitioner and new services would be added with an increase in the student health fee.

A HIKING WE WILL GO

Fee (per credit hr)	1997-98	1998-99*	% Increase
Athletics	\$6.88	\$7.30	6.10
University Center	3.54	3.60	1.70
Student Activity	1.78	2.03	14.04
Student Service	.35	.47	34.28
Recreation/Facility	2.18	2.35	7.79
NEW U CENTER	N/A	6.05	N/A
Cost per credit hour	14.73	21.80	48.00
Total Fees for:			
Full-Time Students (12+ hours)	\$176.76	\$261.60	32.00
Part-Time Students (6+ hours)	88.38	130.80	32.00
Student Health Fee**	7.50	9.00	20.00

*proposed increases **flat fee, not assessed per credit hour

Bridging the Gap (with a walkway)



Workers shovel debris from the Computer Center Building where a new enclosed walkway will link it and the Social Science and Business Building when complete.

Daniel Hazelton/The Current

University joins local ministry to feed area needy during holidays

Support from campus will help pantry stay open for Christmas season

by Becky Zagurski
staff writer

The Northside Team Ministry's 13th annual food drive is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff members to help during Holiday Week.

The Ministry is a non-profit shelter and food bank located in the Cottage Hill area on the north side of St. Louis.

"Around now, Thanksgiving and Christmas, is when we get the most calls," said Theresa Johnson, ministry secretary. She also said summer is a busy time because kids are out of school.

Most of the people that will benefit from the food baskets are regular clients of the shelter. Towards the end of the month they tend to run out of food, Johnson said.

"It is very important. We are fulfilling a need that they have," said Denny Kiehl, food drive coordinator. "Last year at this time the shelter had to be shut down because it had run out of food."

"We do have times when [the pantry] is bare," Johnson said. There are several ways for people to participate in the drive.

On-campus departments and clubs can donate food baskets consisting of non-perishable food and household products.

The baskets should be brought to the Student Center Dec. 1 through 5.

According to Kiehl, if a group is unable to deliver baskets themselves, arrangements can be made for the Sigma Pi fraternity to make the deliveries.

People can donate to the drive on an individual basis as well.

Money can be donated via change jars located by the cash

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-Denny Kiehl
food drive coordinator
Student Activities

registers in the Underground, Bookstore and Candy Store.

For the first time, residence hall members can donate the money left on their meal plan at the end of the semester to the drive.

The money will go straight to the North Side Ministry to buy meat to add to the food baskets, Kiehl said.

The food drive is part of Holiday Week sponsored by the University Center.

On Dec. 3 refreshments will be served at a reception in the U Center lobby.

Anyone with questions regarding the food drive or Holiday Week can contact Denny Kiehl in 267 University Center, or call 516-5291.

HOLIDAY HELP & HAPPINESS

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campus donations can be
dropped off at U Center

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reception for food drive in
U Center Lobby 10 to 2
and 5 to 7

Parents of 'road rage' victim visit SGA Assembly

by Mary Lindsley
staff writer

The mother of a UM-St. Louis student killed in an alleged "road rage" accident last summer spoke about her daughter and the dangers of road rage at the November Student Government Association meeting.

Jennette Lierman, the mother of Jennifer Hywari, talked about the accident that killed her daughter on Aug. 11.

"Never in my worst nightmare did I expect my only child would die due to the carelessness of another person who was angry that morning and had gotten behind the wheel of a car," Lierman said.

Hywari graduated from UM-St. Louis last spring with a degree in history. She had planned on returning this fall to pursue a master's degree in business.

Since the accident, Lierman and her husband, Mike, have become members of Citizens Against Speeding and Aggressive Driving (CASAD), a non-profit, Washington, D.C.-based organization formed in response to the increase in road rage incidents nationwide.

Everywhere we go, people tell us they drive differently today because of what happened to Jennifer.

-Jennette Lierman
mother of Jennifer Hywari

"Whenever you get behind the wheel of a car, you have a responsibility to yourself and all other drivers on the road," Lierman said. "The road does not belong to you and you alone, but is shared by everyone."

In addition, the Liermans have become involved with Operation Gateway, a police effort to reduce incidents of road rage. The Liermans have also adopted the stretch of I-64 where Hywari was killed.

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Mike and Jennette Lierman with a photo of their daughter, Jennifer Hywari. Hywari, a recent UM-St. Louis grad, was killed this summer in a highly publicized road rage incident.

Stephanie Platt/
The Current

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The Current Events Bulletin Board

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Monday, Dec. 1
 • **Taize Prayer** in 78 J.C.Penney from 12:05-12:25 p.m. sponsored by Campus Ministries. Contact: 385-3455.

Thursday, Dec. 4
 • **The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students for Change** meeting at 3:30 p.m. in 441 Stadler.

Saturday, Dec. 6
 • **Babysitting** from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. Contact: Heather, 6973.

Sunday, Dec. 7
 • **Babysitting** from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Monday, Dec. 8
 • **Taize Prayer** in 78 J.C.Penney from 12:05-12:25 p.m. sponsored by Campus Ministries. Contact: 385-3455.

• **Dedication of the St. Louis Regional Education Park** at 10:30 a.m. at 8225 Florissant Rd. Sponsored by UM-St. Louis, UM-St. Louis School of Education, Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the

Professional Development Schools Collaborative. Contact: UM-St. Louis, 5789.

Tuesday, Dec. 9
 • **Biological Society meeting** at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in 111 Benton Hall. Contact: Biological Society, 6438.

• **Phi Alpha Theta meeting** in the fourth floor Lucas Hall lounge. Contact: Michelle, 5509.

Wednesday, Dec. 10
 • **Biological Society meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in 111 Benton Hall. Contact: Biological Society, 6438.
 • **SGA Meeting** at 2 p.m. in 222

J.C.Penney. Contact: SGA Office, 5105.

Monday, Dec. 15
 • **Taize Prayer** in 78 J.C.Penney from 12:05-12:25 p.m. sponsored by Campus Ministries. Contact: 385-3455.

Tuesday, Dec. 16
 • **1997 Tele-Learning Technology Fair and User Conference** from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. in the Columns Ballroom at the Reynolds Alumni Center on the UM-Columbia campus. R.S.V.P. to the Distance Learning Design Center by e-mail to dlcd@ext.missouri.edu, or by calling 573-882-3303.

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Campus Crime Line

A service provided by the Campus Police.

October 23
 A person wanted by St. Louis City was arrested on campus at 8:10 p.m.

October 24
 A faculty member was sexually assaulted at 3:50 p.m. while using the sauna at the Mark Twain Men's Locker room. A description of the suspect was given.

October 26
 A student at the U-Meadows reported receiving four harassing telephone calls at 9 p.m.

October 28
 A student at U-Meadows reported receiving numerous harassing telephone calls which began on Oct. 24. The investigation is continuing.

October 29
 Athletics staff reported that between Oct. 20 and Oct. 29, seven pairs of Rawlings Basketball shorts were stolen. The shorts were found at the Shipping and Receiving Office at the General Services Building.

October 30
 Bookstore staff reported that between Sept. 19 and Sept. 23 a person stole \$472.00 in books from the store. The incident is still being investigated.

A person reported a theft of a gym bag which occurred between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 24 outside 142 Mark Twain.

October 31
 A student reported that on Sept. 12 two credit cards were stolen from his wallet while he showered at the Mark Twain Building Men's locker room. The locker used was not locked at the time of the theft.

The campus Food Services Department reported that their van was taken by an employee and not returned. The van is listed as stolen with the employee as suspect.

Two students living at the U-Meadows reported being spit on by another student.

November 2
 A student reported being sexually assaulted and \$45.00 in cash stolen while at an apartment at U-Meadows at 1:35 a.m.

November 8
 A MetroLink passenger reported being robbed of her wallet and \$404.00 in cash between 9:37 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. while waiting for the train at UM-St. Louis North MetroLink. The suspect in the robbery displayed a knife. The wallet and cash were recovered by MetroLink Police in a train seat.

A person visiting the Mark Twain Building reported that between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. unknown persons had stolen a AM/FM stereo from the dash of her vehicle. The vehicle was parked on lot "M".

November 10
 A student reported that between 3:05 p.m. and 3:35 p.m., unknown persons took a leather jacket from an unlocked locker at the Men's locker room in the Mark Twain Building.

November 12
 Staff at the U-Center Candy Store reported that at 12:45 p.m. ten candy bars were stolen by a person who fled the store. A description of the suspect was given.

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OUR OPINION

Fee hike reflects officials' poor planning

THE ISSUE:

Administrators are considering assessing a \$6.05-per-credit-hour fee a year earlier than expected to finance construction of the new U Center.

WE SUGGEST:

The University should have addressed this issue with the SGA Assembly before now; such carelessness suggests poor planning for such a large project.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Let us hear from you. Submit a letter to the editor on this or any issue.

Somebody goofed. That, or the planning gurus for the new University Center take students for the biggest group of dimwits around.

Why else would they come begging to the Student Government Association Assembly for a whopping \$6.05 per-credit-hour fee to bail out the new U Center before ground has even been broken?

We just assumed that the numbers had been crunched enough times and the financial ducks all put in a row long before now. But apparently that's not the case.

And frankly, that's more than a little disconcerting for a number of reasons.

First, it further suggests that the University is in no position to erect the mother of all university centers: enrollment each semester has consistently failed to meet the projections on which plans for the center were likely based, and more and more space is cut from the building each time architects from Kennedy Associates come back with "revised" plans.

Second, administrators asked the assembly to make a million-dollar decision on virtually no advance notice.

If administrators knew they were going to ask for the assembly's approval of this proposal a month or two ago (and let's hope

they did), why didn't they present their case at the October meeting, thereby allowing representatives time to discuss the proposal with their respective organizations?

Not to mention that this "non-binding resolution" is administrative legalese for "we just want it to look like we're letting you decide, but you'll have to pay this fee whether you want to or not."

There's more than a trace of administrative contempt for students' analytical capacity here.

And if administrators didn't know until this month that were going to need the money, what does that say about their ability to plan for and execute construction of a building of this magnitude?

Not that advanced notice would have mattered much. For its part, the assembly, or rather, the 23 representatives who endorsed the resolution, didn't even blink when faced with a proposal that will impact over 12,000 students.

Maybe the fee was necessary to keep the building from being "revised" yet again. That's understandable, even if it's hard to swallow when the cashier's office comes calling.

But financially ambushing students makes us all wonder if our best interests are really what's motivating the University in its zeal to construct the U Center.

Consumers getting nickle and dimed

While most recognize the implications of inflation and the stress it imposes on those who provide services, it still seems excessive that Southwestern Bell telephone should charge \$.35 for a single phone call.

This recent price increase is an unfair burden to place on the public, especially on already burdened students.

As is commonly recognized, students already face weighty financial responsibilities. To impose this new rate on college campuses seems tantamount to an insult especially in the face of a continual flood of pronouncements about the benefits of increased competition.

Advocates of dismantling Ma Bell predicted lower prices and greater convenience for the consumer, but such results have failed to materialize.

In fact, consumers must contend with higher phone rates as well as obnoxious advertisements for battling long-distance companies.

As advocates of "competition" are now setting their sights on making similar changes in the operation of electric utilities, the public, and especially those sectors of it which stand to hurt the most from price increases, students, should follow the process closely. Only vigilance will protect consumers from further abuse.

Missing J.C. Penney before its even gone

The J.C. Penney Building is ugly. It's blocky and inaccessible and it's confusing. I don't know when I'm in the J.C. Penney Building and when I'm in University Center. Or are they the same place?

And yet, for all its flaws, it still manages to get the job done. Of the complaints I've heard about food service and campus dining, none of them had anything to do with the diners' inability to stomach food, any food, in the J.C. Penney Building (or is U Center?).

And though I feel as if I have been financially violated every time I leave the bookstore, I can't think of any measurable benefit I could receive from its being moved.

Nevertheless, that's exactly the plan. That, and moving about every other administrative department or on-campus service with which you do business to the new University Center (likely to take the name of the politician whose support made it possible once it's built; officials plan for a May ground-breaking ceremony and completion sometime in 2000 or 2001.)

Financial Aid, Admissions, Women's Center, campus dining services, Student Activities, Registration, advising, everything put peace, love and an end to world hunger in this building.

One stop shopping, it's called. Social center of the University, they say.

Well, okay. But I've seen the plans for this building and frankly, I'm not sure it's the holy grail of student services that it's been made out to be.

Since this new U Center thing really took off in 1994 or so, I have had misgivings about it. Something about it never seemed right. Unfortunately, I couldn't decide exactly what "it" was until a few days ago, when I and a new friend of mine were discussing the building.

After we lamented the absence of any real recreational and lounging space (there is very little save for a few tables at which to dine), he commented on the practically guaranteed, almost insufferably long lines that would form on most of the building's three levels given all the departments housed there.

Yes. That's "it," I said. Among students (and I know this will come as a crushing blow to all of its inhabitants), Woods Hall is the architectural pariah of the University. If I did not know it to be true, I could not ever imagine that one building could be home to so many crummy elements of a student's life: the money lenders, the money takers, the advisors with bad news, the long, long, long lines.

They're all there. Now cram all that stuff into the same building with the bookstore (more senseless spending there, too) and the food people.

And though I'm not psychic, I can guess students won't spend one more second (or dollar) in that building than they absolutely have to.

The chancellor has this "all roads lead to Rome" philosophy: major North Campus parking lots will feed directly into the building via sidewalks and covered walkways thereby promoting its use among students.

But glorified cow paths won't make the building the "social hub" of the campus.

Makes you wonder if maybe the J.C. Penney Building (or is it U Center?) isn't such a bad place after all.



Doug Harrison
editor in chief

GUEST COMMENTARY

Activities are there, but students aren't

One of the things this university is successful at is a lack of student participation. Too often have I seen the students of UM-St. Louis walking around the campus going from class to class looking only at their feet as they walk. Most students do little or no socializing with the exception of a few fraternities, sororities, religious centers and a handful other organizations.

Fortunately for us we have the Office of Student Activities. Student Activities has been incredible this year showing an immense desire to increase student involvement. They have had a number of different events and services this semester and there are more to come. Some of the events scheduled are the film series which takes place nearly every week, and another group of activities entitled "Experience St. Louis" where the students are offered free transportation to some of the exciting places this city has to offer.

The only problem with these programs is the lack of attendance. These are free events, but only a few people take advantage of them. Granted, many of us have to work or have a long way to drive before we get home, but there are also a number of us that live on or relatively close to campus. We are either ignorant as to what is occurring on campus, or we just don't care about anything related to the University. If I had to guess, I would have to say the latter of the two was the dominant reason.

People can't say they are totally oblivious to anything that happens on campus because there are campus related events posted all over the place. In the University Center there is a bulletin board - at the Underground entrance - with flyers posted all over it. No one can walk through there without seeing them and knowing what the University has in store for them.

A few weeks back there were a couple of events sponsored by the Athletics Department, like the Katie Trail bike ride and the football game at Mizzou. Very few people attended these. Maybe people had prior engagements those days. Maybe they were too far away, but at a university with 16,000 people, I would think we should have had some kind of reasonable turnout.

I would recommend to anyone who likes a good Christmas light display to go to the "Experience St. Louis" event coming up on Dec. 5. It will be going to Tilles park where you can be taken through a display of lights on a horse drawn carriage and, if nothing else, at least you'll meet some new people from the University. Then, maybe, you won't walk from class to class looking only at the ground in front of you.



READER RESPONSE

Despite what article said, contest was a success

In reference to your article "Problems hinder computer programming contest" that appeared in the Nov. 17, 1997 issue of *The Current*:

Although the headline makes it appear as if the contest were plagued with problems, it was an overall success. Several representatives of the participating universities went out of their way to compliment UM-St. Louis on how well the contest was run. Typical was an e-mail from SIU-Carbondale stating "HI. I would like to thank you for a well organized contest. See you next year."

Although there were some minor glitches, the only major one occurred at another school where the contest questions and answer sheets for the local judges were prepared. All 81 teams across the Midwest were affected by this.

We feel that instead of emphasizing the negatives, the article should have devoted some space pointing out the positive aspects of the contest as well. In particular, Alice Weiss from the Office of Computing and Networking Services spent a number of hours trying to get things working with the short notice of two days that we received from the national organization that sponsored the contest. Our student volunteers spent an entire Saturday trying to make the contest a success.

Ray Balbes
Sanjiv Bhatia
department of mathematics and computer science

Campus has much to gain from involvement

Student leadership, involvement and pride in our University are some things that need improvement on our campus. During the weekend of November 14 through 16, I saw these three attributes at their pinnacle as I attended a regional conference for Residence Hall Associations with 12 other students from our campus. They brought back skills on effective leadership, how to promote involvement, new and unique programming ideas and an increased sense of pride in being a student in the residence halls at UM-St. Louis.

Although we are still fairly new to the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, and this was our first conference ever for the Midwest College and University Residence Halls, we were comparable to schools with long-standing histories in these organizations.

In closing, I ask the faculty and administration on this campus to support these students, and others like them, in their vision and not allow bureaucracy or apathy to stunt the growth that is trying to happen on this campus. The campus can gain much from student involvement, but you must give us a chance and not block us at every inroad. I applaud the UM-St. Louis RHA delegation that attended the MACURH '97 conference, and every student who has ever tried to make a difference. Together, we can make a change!

Patrick Rauscher

Glory days returned

All through grade school and high school, I was always on some kind of sports team. My freshman and sophomore years of high school seemed weird because I didn't play a fall sport.

By the time junior year rolled around I was playing football, basketball and baseball. Though I was starting in all three by senior year, I knew I was not good enough at any of them to play in college. At the end of each season I would feel an emptiness inside because I knew I would never play the sport again (especially when football season ended, because I knew I would never put on pads and hit people again).

Entering college was a bit of a shock and kind of depressing for a while. For the first time in 14 years I was not an athlete. I had spent the majority of my 18-year-old life playing organized sports - being an athlete - and I didn't know what I was anymore, except just a student.

To keep from turning into a fat, lazy slob I started running every morning. At least I was doing something. However, getting up and running at six o'clock in the morning seemed to hinder my ability to stay awake in class.

My running program was not a consistent one, either. Every morning I would struggle with the urge to stay curled up underneath my electric blanket for another hour. As time went by, the urge to stay in bed increasingly overpowered my hunger for physical activity, and my routine slowly became unroutine.

I was feeling discouraged about running in May of 1996, when my brother's girlfriend told me she was going to run a marathon and asked train with her. For the first time since I started running, I was excited about it. I had a goal, a challenge.

I bought a book titled, "How to Train for and Run Your Best Marathon," by Gordon Bachulas Bloch. It was extremely helpful. It had three different training programs for three different levels of runner. I fell under the "former nobody small high school athlete who does not dare chew gum while walking" category.

After about three months of preparation, the big day arrived. I was nervous because my marathon training had not gone as well as I had planned. I was afraid that I had not put in enough miles to strengthen my legs for a 26.2-mile race, and my family was going to be there to see me cross the finish line - if I crossed it.

Thankfully, I didn't embarrass myself and I completed the marathon. My family was waiting on the sideline near the end of the course to give me high fives just before I crossed the finish line.

Completing the marathon has been the biggest accomplishment of my life. Even though I didn't come even close to winning the race I felt like a champion.



Bill Rolfes
managing editor

ODDS & ENDS

Stick it in the Fridge



Becky Rickard
features editor

I don't mean to sound like a party-pooper or a grinch, but holiday cheer makes me sick. I don't like "Jingle Bells" or "Deck the Halls" anymore because the malls play the elevator versions of them more than MTV and VH1 played Alanis Morissette.

It's past Thanksgiving and I am done thanking everyone and everything. Yes, I have a family whom I love and thanked. I also thanked my friends for, well, putting up with me. I can fake holiday cheer when necessary.

It's after Thanksgiving and I want to talk about the things that need no thanks.

The soup course is the Calvin - minus Hobbes - pissing on Ford/Chevy decals. I would like to personally piss on the guy who decided to corrupt this cute character. I can't fathom why anyone would want to use Calvin, the sweet and innocent little boy, to further the voice of the red necks that sport the decal. College students should be especially adamant about this decal because we are all striving to overcome the red neck ignorance by participating in higher education.

The salad course is people who suffer from road rage. I was run across three lanes of highway a few Wednesdays ago because I applied my brakes when a tailgater wouldn't leave me alone. It is one thing to be an aggressive driver—trust me I know I am. It is quite another when you want to kill another person (i.e. run them across three lanes of highway) because they were doing the speed limit when a cop was shooting radar. If you are one of these people who believes in tailgating and sparing the daylights out of the drivers around you, get off the road and go to a therapist. It is not your fellow highway traveler's problem that you are running late for work or that you've had a bad day.

The main course came as I was looking at the many syllabi I have collected this semester and I am going to scream! AHHHHHHH! Dear instructors: please take into consideration that students usually take more than just one class, your class, per semester. Yes, I know students have the whole semester to work on papers, projects and blah, blah, blah. Most students at UM-St. Louis have jobs, school, family, friends, some semblance of a social life and Must See TV that must also be penciled into their schedules. Please, give us a break. Talk to other instructors and coordinate your assignments so students don't have three tests on one day or four papers in one week. The human mind will hallucinate after 72 hours without sleep. Please! Try to remember. What was it like when you were in college a long, long, long, long time ago?

For dessert I would also not thank St. Louis weather. I'm sure doctors love the weather because it gives them a job. The average person can't afford to get sick. The flu, the common cold and other strange infections seem to flourish in St. Louis. I want to stand outside, raise my arms upward toward the sky and yell, "Would you make up your damned mind?" If it is going to be warm, stay warm. If it is going to be cold, then stay cold. In addition, if it is going to be cold, please snow. Snow makes cold weather worth while.

When I say that holiday cheer bothers me, I really mean that holiday cheer should be everywhere, everyday. The holidays are not the only time of year that cheer should veer its happy head.

Most of all, it is OK to be in a bad mood over the holidays. If you are cheerful most of the time, bad moods can happen - holiday

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"For women it's hard to climb over the barriers. Marathonning is a metaphor for my work, because you have to climb over barriers."

-Vivian Eveloff
runner and director,
institute for women in public life

Niether rain nor clouds
nor fear of thunder
would keep her from her
appointed marathon

by Bill Rolles
staff writer

The sky was gray and dreary, and the moist, Staten Island air loomed around the massive crowd on the morning of Nov. 2. More than 30,000 runners waited in the 60-degree weather for the beginning of the 1997 New York City Marathon.

Just past the starting line lay the base of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. Vivian Eveloff, director of the Institute for Women in Public Life, said that the fog was so dense that she could not see the end of the bridge, which stretches about a mile across the Narrows of New York Bay and connects Staten Island and Brooklyn.

The New York City Marathon started at Fort Wadsworth, on Staten



Vivian Eveloff

Island. A cannon blast announced the start of the race, and the horde of runners began crossing and approaching the starting line.

Eveloff said the crowd was so large that it took her at least five minutes to reach the starting line after the race had officially begun. She was one of the 30,427 who would complete the 26.2-mile race. She said there was never a time in the race when the crowd thinned out and she had to run by herself.

"When you have 30,000 people running you're never alone," Eveloff

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Medal-winning prof walks all over the world, has health to prove it

by Amy Lombardo
staff writer

Richard J. Friedlander is living proof that walking can definitely take you places. This past summer, his walking took him to Durban, South Africa.

Friedlander, an associate professor of mathematics, computer science and educational studies, spent July 17 through 27 in Durban to compete in the 12th World Veteran's Track and Field Championships. This is a competition specifically designed for people over the age of 40. Friedlander qualifies for the 50- to 54-year-old age group.

He walked away with the silver medal in race-walking for the 20K event, finishing with a time of 1 hour 43 minutes and 19 seconds. One week later, he took the gold for the 5K event in a mere 22 minutes and 51 seconds. Friedlander added a bronze medal to his collection when the United States received third place for the team competition.

He began running during graduate school at UCLA, simply to stay in shape.

"I never thought about doing race-walking at all," admits Friedlander.

In 1972, he moved here to teach at UM-St. Louis. He is now a joint math and education pro-

fessor, and an associate chairperson. He often uses running as a metaphor in the classroom. He feels it is helpful to illustrate math using situations that may be familiar to students.

Friedlander competed in running events into his 30s and 40s. In 1993, his hip was fractured in a bicycling accident. Confined to crutches for three months and restricted from running for one year, he turned to other methods of exercise.

Walking became his key form of physical therapy, and eventually he rebuilt his strength. Friedlander found that the aerobics of walking improved his original ability as a runner.

In 1995, he competed for the first time in the World Veteran's Championship in New York and came home with fifth place. He decided he could really do well as a race-walker. The rest, as they say, is history.

Friedlander is still a runner at heart. He originally planned to compete in the running events at Durban as well, but unforeseen circumstances did not allow it.

"I would like to go back and get the gold medal in both running and walking," says Friedlander.

He continues to train every day, running six days and walking one.

When the next championship arrives in two years, Friedlander will be ready.



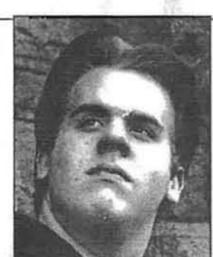
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-Richard Friedlander
assoc. prof. of math,
computer science and
educational studies

UNDER THE CURRENT

by Stephanie Platt
staff photographer

WHAT'S THE MOST DARING THING YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO DO?



"Eat Spam."
- Joshua Miller
freshman/chemistry
and pre-med



"Bungee jump."
- Natalie Voris
freshman/criminology and
criminal justice



"See Boogie Nights twice."
- Paul Van de Riet
undecided



"Skydiving."
- Heather Moore
senior/political science



"Move out of my parents' house. (It would cost too much)."
- James Laird
senior/biology and chemistry

Banking On It: Local bookstore is home to more than just print-bound words

by Craig Holway
special to The Current

Left Bank Books, a small, but thriving bookstore located in the Central West End, has been hosting book signings and readings since it opened in 1969.

"Left Bank has been around for a long time, ever since the Beat Days," said Phil Barron, assistant manager at Left Bank Books.

Left Bank Books is a place for local writers, poets and other artists to perform in front of an audience and show their works to St. Louis area literary critics.

The most recent readings and book signings have come from Eddy Harris, a local writer who teaches at Wash. U., Tim W. Brown and Marcel Toussaint, who read from his most recent book in his native French tongue.

Left Bank Books also sponsors weekly open mike nights, when the area's artists can read or perform their respective arts to local enthusiasts who share their passion for the arts.

Left Bank Books concerns itself with mainly local artists and writers and is a vibrant part of the literary culture in the St. Louis area.

According to Barron, the open mike nights are very popular.

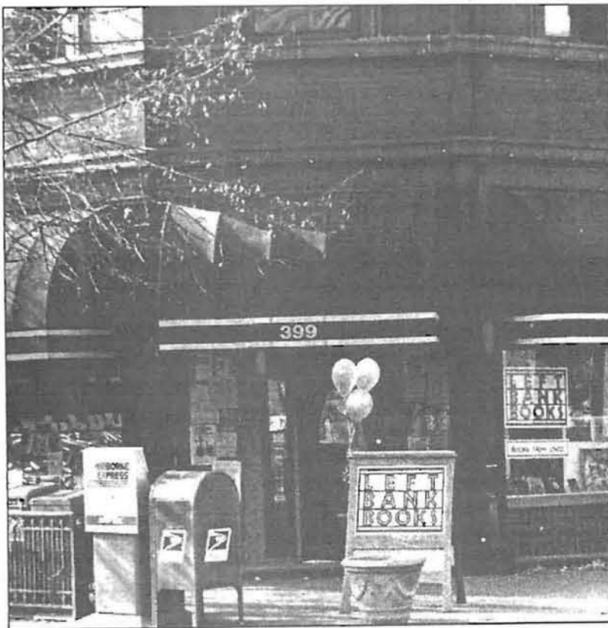
"The spoken word is much more popular now than it was five years ago," Barron said.

He explained that people are able to enjoy and relate better to the spoken word than they can just by reading it.

People have the opportunity to see the facial expressions of the artists and can enjoy their works even more than just by reading it.

Barron said he sees the popularity of book readings growing.

"Bookstore chains like Border have started doing signings and readings, too," Barron said.



Left Bank Books, located at 399 N. Euclid Ave.

Left Bank Books is a place for local writers, poets and other artists to perform in front of an audience and show their works to St. Louis area literary critics.

Left Bank Books has sparked an interest with the book readings and open mike nights.

The readings are held to do more than promote books. They also promote and exhibit a side of culture that has regressed in past years.

Bookstores like Left Bank and others have brought the art of literary reading back into the mainstream of fine art culture.

Left Bank continues to offer not only the printed page but the spoken word to entertain and educate. For more information regarding the events held at Left Bank Books, or for directions call 367-6731. All book signings and readings are free and open to the public.

MOVIE REVIEW

Anastasia revisits and revises Russian history

Anastasia
Twentieth Century Fox Films
Rated G Running time 1:40

I would like to state for the record that this is NOT a Disney movie. Disney doesn't make them like this - at least not anymore.

Anastasia has it all: a star packed cast, fantastic animation and a musical score that will stay with you long after you have left the theater. It is all brought together with such fluidity, that I found myself - at times - thinking that I was watching a stage production and not an animated movie.

The computer generated images do stand out from the more traditional forms of animation, but not so much that they become a distraction. The evil magician Rasputin puts a curse on Anastasia's family, and soon they are caught in the clutches of the Russian revolution. Anastasia and her grandma-ma, Marie, are helped to escape by a young servant named Dimitri. Marie and Anastasia make their way to a train station where they catch up to the rest of the royal family. Marie makes it aboard, but Anastasia is knocked down before she can board, and the train leaves her behind. Flash to 10 years later. A young woman is put out of an orphanage and told it is time to make her way in the world. She suffers from amnesia, knows only that her name is Anya and - from a locket she owns - that someone may be waiting for her in Paris. Rather than start her job as a fish-gutter, Anya heads for St. Petersburg with the intention of traveling on to

Paris.

In St. Petersburg Anya makes the acquaintance of a young con man named Dimitri and his friend, Vlad. The two men are trying to collect the 10 million-ruble reward being offered for the return, to her family in Paris, of the Grand Duchess Anastasia.

Anya fits the bill: no memories of her family, the right age, the right looks, the right bearing (almost) and the need to get to Paris.



Princess Anastasia is thrilled to be reunited with her grandmother, the Dowager Empress Marie.

On the way to Paris, she is taught, by Dimitri and Vlad, the royal family history, how to act in "society" and how to

dance. She also falls in love with Dimitri.

Upon their arrival in Paris, the threesome discover that Marie will only see those young ladies that have passed an initial screening by the over-abundant attendant, Sophie. With a touch of fear and after many reassurances from the two men, Anya meets with Sophie and passes all the tests. Marie has, however, decided that she will not see any more "impostors," and declares that she will not see anyone claiming to be her granddaughter.

Well, the movie does continue from this point, but I will go no further. If you want to know if Anya is Anastasia, if Anya and Dimitri ever "get together" or if Rasputin returns, go see the movie. You will not be disappointed and the kids will love it, too.

Featuring the voices of: Meg Ryan, John Cusack, Christopher Lloyd, Angela Lansbury, Kelsey Grammer, Bernadette Peters and Hank Azaria.

-Scott Lee

CONCERT REVIEW

All Puff (Daddy), no creativity

Puff Daddy and the Family
No Way Out Tour
Kiel Center, Nov. 21

The No Way Out Tour hit the Kiel Center with some of the best rap and R'n'B acts in music today.

The headliner - Puff Daddy and the Family - were surprisingly bland and unoriginal. Their act began with a film showing clips of The Notorious B.I.G. Biggie's music began playing and Puff Daddy dropped from the ceiling doing a poor job of lip-synching. Puff then proceeded to talk about Biggie before, after and during every song. I know he misses his friend but the man needs to get a better focus on his music.

Puff talked so much about Biggie that he told the fans that 'Biggie is going to come down from the ceiling.' Sure Biggie was a great rapper and Puff knows that he is the only reason anyone even knows the name Sean 'Puffy' Combs.

Overall Puff and his family put on a good show but he needs material other than his current 'bite off a bit of Biggie's name' style.

Foxy Brown stole the show from all others on the tour. With her wild and funky stage show the Foxy one showed why she is on top of the music business. More than anyone else she had the crowd grooving.

The biggest disappointment was Busta Rhymes. Busta couldn't hold the attention of the crowd much less get them on their feet. Only after playing his two hits did the people stand up and that was after Busta and his back-up singer screamed and yelled.

This was one of the best rap tours to hit St. Louis in quite a few years and overall the groups were decent. But when the headliner only has one album it is hard to get hyped.

-Ken Dunkin



Puff Daddy from his latest release, No Way Out.

MUSIC REVIEW

Shining Sisters: Sister 7's debut release is worth a listen

Sister 7
This The Trip
Arista Austin

Sister 7's major-label debut *This the Trip* is quite an impressive debut. It includes elements from many genres of music including pop, rock, funk and blues.

The 11-song album showcases Sister 7's many talents. "Know what you mean" is a beautiful ballad while "This the trip" rocks all out, as does "Bottle Rocket."

Throughout the album, I kept imaging No Doubt minus the horns. Lead singer Patrice Pike sounds eerily similar to

Gwen Stefani of No Doubt fame.

They have the same type of energy as No Doubt, but it is channeled in different directions.

Whereas No Doubt has the southern California ska going, Sister 7 has the Texas rock.

- Matthew Regensburger

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SPORTS

off the WALL



Ken Dunkin sports editor

Rivermen open season with loss to Truman

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

Second-half blues stuck the Rivermen basketball team as they were defeated by Truman State in the season opener last Monday.

The Rivermen kept themselves in the game early with key play from freshman guards Greg Ross and Kyle Bixler.

Both of the freshman led the offense and defense in their first collegiate games.

Ross was the top player for the Rivermen. He led the team with 14 points and also led with 7 rebounds. Bixler was second with 11 points and 6 rebounds.

"It shows what they are capable of doing, but we have guys who were outstanding junior college players and have a lot more experience than them," Rivermen coach Rich Meckfessel said. "We have to get more production out of our other guys."

Despite loss, freshmen show promise, talent for young team

The freshman also picked up the slack on the defensive end. Bixler and Ross led the team in rebounding.

The Rivermen were disappointed with their rebounding production.

"Our defensive rebounding was horrible," Meckfessel said. "It is a credit to Greg and Kyle but it is an indictment of our big guys that they were our leading rebounders. That can't happen."

Truman improved to 2-2 on the 71-55 victory. The Rivermen fell to 0-1 overall.

Part of the team's problem was poor shooting. The Rivermen shot 31 percent for the game against Truman's 43 percent.

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-Rich Meckfessel
head coach
men's basketball

As the season progresses the team expects to improve.

"It is a long season and we will get better," Meckfessel said. "We knew there would be nights like this. There will be others."

Men's hoops look to freshmen

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

The Men's basketball team features eight new players to complement their four returning players. The Rivermen, 6-21 last season, hope that a large freshman class will help them improve.

Forwards

returning player for the Rivermen he averaged 6.1 points per game last season. He also averaged 3.3 rebounds per game. One of only three seniors on the team he will be expected to provide leadership with the young team.

Mike Harris. One of the more talented players on the team he should have a big impact on the new-look Rivermen. Harris was a three-year player at Indiana State University and hit a career-high 15 points against Ball State.

Jeremiah Fouts. Fouts comes from Mineral Area Junior College one of the best programs in the nation. He averaged 14 points per game last season which ranked seventh in the region.

Terrell Alexander. Though he is only 6-foot-3 he is still one of the best rebounders on the team. He will see playing time at every position on the

Centers

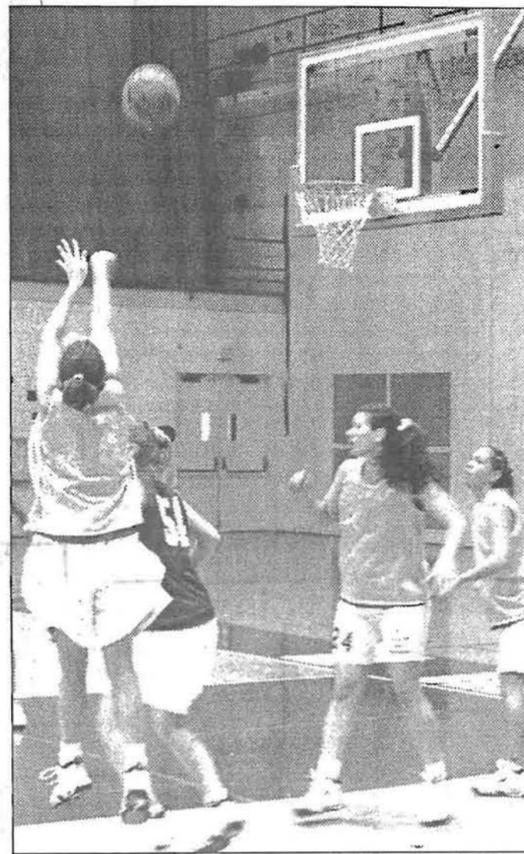
Jason Logsdon. Things are looking up for Logsdon as he has been named the teams starting center early in the season. A big player that will help fill in the center spot well for the Rivermen. He averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds last season in junior college.

Josh Wolf. Wolf is the tallest player on the team at six-foot-eleven. He has a good shooting touch for a big man but must add some weight and size to his frame. He should play well behind Logsdon giving the team a good one-two punch in the middle.

Eric Stiegman. A key

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Shoot for 2



Daniel Hazelton/The Current

A member of the Riverwomen basketball team takes a jump shot in a pre-season scrimmage

Riverwomen sport new team for '97-'98

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

With a new coach, seven returning players and 10 newcomers the Riverwomen basketball team is hoping to improve on last years 5-21 record.

Centers

Liz Kraeger. A good recruit who at six-foot-two is the tallest player on the team. She was a starter for two years in high school and could help the Riverwomen against taller centers.

Krystal Logan. Logan was a good player last year as the starting center. She will battle with Kraeger for the starting position and provide a good on-two punch in the middle.

Denise Simon. The older Simon is a great rebounder who has proven herself in the past two seasons. She averaged 8.3 rebounds and 8.4 points last season.

Sarah Carrier. Carrier had a good freshman season but got lost in the shuffle last season. She

averaged 6.1 points and 3.1 rebounds per game. She will need to use her size better this year to get more playing time.

Melanie Marcy. She will be a starter for the Riverwomen early in the season. She transferred from Illinois State. In high school she averaged 18 points per game and hopes are that she will get that touch for UM-St. Louis.

Annette Brandy. She was named the starter at forward at the end of pre-season practice. She brings good size to the number three position.

Leslie Dumstorff. Dumstorff is a good sized freshman who had a good career at Carlyle High School. She averaged 14.6 points and 6.8 rebounds per game her senior year.

Guards

Charlee Dixon. The teams returning starting point guard has come into a battle this season. She averaged 8 points and 2.4

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New faces may improve old record

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

After a disappointing season last year the men's basketball team is working to get back in the win column.

The Rivermen finished a disappointing 6-21 last season. They suffered through their first season in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The GLVC is one of the toughest conferences in Division II. The Rivermen learned that lesson after going 3-17.

"We needed more athletic ability and we needed players that really wanted to play and enjoyed playing" said Rivermen Head Coach Rich Meckfessel. "The team last year had a lot of good guys but I don't think basketball was as high of a priority as it is with the guys

this year."

The team will have the feeling of a whole new team. There are four returning players to go with 9 newcomers. As with any fresh-faced team it will take time for the Rivermen to come together.

"I think we improved ourselves quite a bit," Meckfessel said. "It isn't going to be very noticeable at first. Basketball is the consummate team sport and you can't bring in nine new players and expect them

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-Rich Meckfessel
mens basketball coach

to play well together from the get-go."

Being better than last year is a big goal for the team. They went into the toughest Division II conference in the nation and were beat often by the tougher GLVC schools.

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Ethridge tries to boost players' confidence

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

The women's basketball team has gone through major changes over the summer, it has a new coach and 10 new players.

The coaching change came after a disappointing 5-21 season, and brought in Shelly Ethridge who had a 109-44 career record at Belleville Area Community College. Along with Ethridge came 10 new players to augment the 7 players returning from last year. The team only lost one player in the off-season. Deena Applebury graduated and took her 19.8 points per game average with her.

With all the changes, the coach and players have hopes of making the program a winning one again. This will begin with the integration of the new players and forgetting last season's record.

"I'm expecting the girls to play hard and have fun," Ethridge said. "Everyone is going to be a contributor. I think we have some sleepers that, once they get more confidence, will be able to help us a lot."

The battle for Ethridge is injecting the team with the confidence it needs to win. Most players didn't have the attitude that is expected of players in the new UM-St. Louis program.

"The thing I struggled most with was the confidence," Ethridge

They finally know they can win and that they are expected to win. I don't like to tolerate anything except winning.

-Shelly Ethridge
women's basketball coach

said. "They finally know they can win and that they are expected to win. I don't like to tolerate anything except winning."

Winning will not be simple. The Riverwomen are in the toughest conference in Division II. They finished 2-18 in conference play last season.

The team will have several non-conference games before they have to prepare for the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They play Missouri Baptist, Lindenwood and Lincoln before starting the conference schedule against Bellarmine.

Those early games will serve as a bonding period for the team; the players that are ready to play will work together.

"I think after the first six games we should have wrapped up who is ready to play and who isn't," Ethridge said. "We just need to get some games in and get ready for the conference schedule."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Contact the Athletic Department for information about these and other events.	Monday	Thursday	Saturday
	1	4	6
Men		vs Bellarmine 7:30 p.m.	vs Kentucky Wesleyan 7:30 p.m.
Women	at Lincoln 5:30 p.m.	vs Bellarmine 5:30 p.m.	vs Missouri-Rolla 5:30 p.m.

Ken Dunkin's column appears every other week. Contact him at 516-5174, by fax at 516-6811 by mail (see page 4) or by e-mail kdunkin@rocketmail.com

Intramural programs finish busy semester

by Brian Folsom
staff writer

Despite limited time and space, the UM-St. Louis intramural sports program is closing out its hectic fall schedule.

According to Larry Coffin, the manager of campus intramural and recreational activities, this semester has been busier than usual.

"Right now we have all the people we need, but we always have room for more participation," he said.

Lack of participation may be a thing of the past thanks to the new

web page dedicated to campus intramural activities. Access to the web page is easy: just go the UM-St. Louis home page (www.umsl.edu), click on services, then click on recreational sports and you are there. This site allows you to browse through various aspects of the program, including facilities, intramural events, staff and there is even a photo gallery of past events.

Coffin said that this has improved student interest and participation over the last few semesters.

"It's easy to follow, and when

people see that they can get their picture online they really like that idea," he said.

Coffin added that the web site is an effort to make the program more of a reference program than an automated one.

Floor hockey, coed volleyball, and bowling are in the process of winding down, and championships for those games will be in the beginning of December.

According to Coffin, the most popular sport is volleyball, which offers a men's, women's and coed league in one semester.

Due to the beginning of the

men's and women's basketball seasons, there has been a limit on the time and availability of the gym in the Mark Twain Building.

"Sometimes we don't get the gym until 8 p.m., which makes it difficult, but we work around it," Coffin said.

The goal of the program is to offer as many activities as possible.

"We are usually pretty full, but we are flexible," he said. "If something comes up or there are more people who want to participate, we do our best to work around that."

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rebounds per game last season. She will possibly start or she will be one of the early players off of the bench.

Donna Simon. She is a good shooter that played well during her freshman season. Simon averaged 8.5 points and 4.4 rebounds for the Riverwomen last season. She is in a battle at the shooting guard spot.

Jamie Dressler. A good shooter who could see time in the back court. She averaged 5.4 points and 3.1 rebounds per game last year.

Missy England. The returning back-up point guard from last year. She averaged 2.7 points and 1.4 rebounds per game last season.

Lindsay Bressler. A good shooter who proved it in her senior season at Wesclin High school where she averaged 19.4 point per game. She will get a lot of playing time and will battle for a starting position.

Sarah Lawrence. She was in the running for the starting shooting guard spot until a wrist injury put her on the shelf. She is the all-time assist leader in Troy High School history.

Beth Ragsdale. Ragsdale is a contender to win the point guard battle with Dixon. Ragsdale is a senior transfer from Belleville Area Community College. She played under Ethridge the past few seasons.

Jane Ackerman. Ackerman is a former player of Coach Ethridge at Bellville Area Community College. She averaged 20 points per game in junior college. She also played at Illinois State.

Angela Stewart. Stewart is a junior college transfer from John A. Logan College.

Melissa Shumate. Shumate is a freshman from Jefferson City High School.

RIVERMEN, from page 7

team including center. He is also a good leader that should help out with the new look team.

Guards

Jason Frillman. Frillman will be a key player in the guard rotation for the Rivermen. Though he was brought in as a point guard he will get most of his playing time at shooting guard.

Bret Cariveau-He was red-

shirted last season and brings depth to the guard rotation. He stated two years in high school. Cariveau also has a good 3-point shooting touch.

Ryan Meyers. After gaining much needed experience last season he returns to add depth to the guard mix. Meyers is a hard working that leads by example.

Stein Rotegaard. A dead eye shooter that given a open shot will

succeed more times than not. Rotegaard has improved his athletic ability along with his shooting and could see more time in the crowded back-court.

Kyle Bixler. A fundamentally sound player who has won a starting position in pre-season practice. A solid guard from Indiana who is one of the best ball handlers on the team.

Greg Ross. Ross will likely

start the season as the teams' starting point guard as a freshman. In high school Ross played very well for Normandy High School, the expectations are high for him in college also.

Nate Simmons. A good shooter that could play in a lot of positions. He was a two year starter in high school and his strong shooting touch was felt by many teams. He will add depth for the guards.

RUNNING, from page 5

said. People from all over the world came out to run the marathon. Eveloff said she saw many international flags and she was never sure if she would be able to speak with the runners next to her.

The course touched all five boroughs of New York City.

"I spent a lot of time on bridges," Eveloff said. "All but one of the boroughs are islands."

All along the route people cheered for the runners. Eveloff said a gospel choir sang in front of a church in Harlem.

Not long into the race the gray skies began to thunder and lightning.

"It started to rain at mile eight or nine," Eveloff said. "At first you try

to run around the puddles and think about trying to get up on the curb, but then someone comes along and splashes you and you're all wet."

It rained off and on all day, but the crowds of cheering people who lined the route did not seek shelter.

"You have to give New Yorkers real credit," Eveloff said. "It's one thing to run in the rain; it's another to come out and watch in it."

Eveloff's husband, daughter, son and daughter-in-law were in the crowd rooting her on at several points along the 26.2-mile journey. Eveloff's daughter-in-law ran the last leg of the race with her.

The race was not record breaking for Eveloff, but she did meet the goals she had set for herself. She said she was not preoccupied with run-

ning the marathon as fast as she could and that she wanted to stay healthy.

"My goal was to not get hurt and to come in under five hours," Eveloff explained. "I did both of those. And I wanted to have a good time."

"I stopped and took time to take pictures with my family."

Eveloff had never run the New York City Marathon, but it was not her first marathon.

"My last, and first, was in 1983 . . . I've always wanted to do the New York Marathon," she said.

Eveloff began training for the race last winter and began doing longer runs in the spring. The farthest she had run before the marathon was 22 miles. She had also run, but did not complete, the St. Louis Marathon

on Oct. 12 as a training run for the race in New York.

At UM-St. Louis, Eveloff runs the Institute for Women in Public Life, which has been in existence for about a year. Eveloff said the institute provides opportunities for women who wish to "pursue careers in government and in other ways they can serve the public."

She said women can have a difficult time trying to access public positions. Eveloff said her job offers some awarding opportunities, just as completing a 26.2-mile race does.

"For women it's hard to climb over the barriers," Eveloff said. "Marathonning is a metaphor for my work, because you have to climb over barriers."

BASKETBALL, from page 7

"Other than Kevin Tuckson and Rodney Hawthorne we didn't have any players that were capable of playing on any upper-level GLVC team," Meckfessel said. "We didn't have enough good players and the coaching wasn't good enough. We just didn't get the job done last year."

With the knowledge that they must get better Meckfessel and staff brought in nine new players. One of those players Gene Stewart will not be able to play this year.

Of the remaining eight, the four freshman have Meckfessel looking to the future. Guards Nate Simmons, Greg Ross and Kyle Bixler should be around for years in

the back-court. Josh Wolf a six-foot-11 center should be the middle-man of the future.

"They will have four years to prove it, but this is the best freshman class we have had in a long time," Meckfessel said. "There is still a lot of learning to do. We think because of his quickness that Greg Ross will be our starting point guard and Bixler is a great shooter. This year we have 12 players who can play. We are certainly going to be better than last season."

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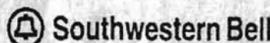
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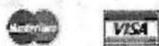
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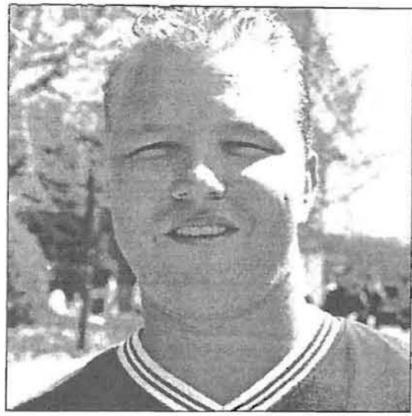
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Finalists come under gubernatorial scrutiny

The three finalists for the UM student curator were named last week and forwarded to Gov. Mel Carnahan. In the coming weeks, Carnahan will meet with and examine each candidate before naming one to the post in late December.

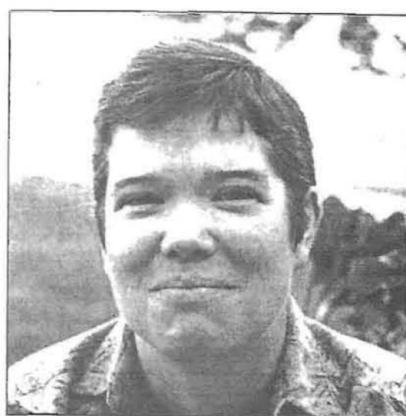
The chosen candidate will replace Troy Nash as representative to the board of curators. Each student curator serves a two-year term. The appointment rotates among the four UM campuses.

Information compiled by Bill Roffes
staff writer



The James Avery File

age: 26
from: St. Louis
class: Junior
major: Communication/Political Science
activities: Student Government Association
leadership experience: President, SGA; lance Corporal, US Marine Corps; owner, landscaping company
his future: Law school at UM-Columbia, wants to specialize in sports law



The M. Ethel Myers File

age: 30
from: North Carolina
class: Senior
major: Biology
activities: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Students for Change; Biological Society; A&S dean search committee; senate committee for recruitment, admissions, retention and student financial aid
leadership experience: President, LGBSC; owner/operator, landscape business; supervisor, landscape crew;
her future: M.S. in Ecology; will work toward a Ph.D.



The Sarah Welch File

age: 20
from: St. Louis
class: Sophomore
major: English/psychology
activities: Alternative Spring Break (UM-Columbia); tutoring elementary school children (YMCA)
leadership experience: Site leader, Alternative Spring Break
her future: M.A. in either English or psychology

Normandy conflicts first order of business for new public affairs officer

by David Baugher
staff writer

The University's new community relations officer is scheduled to meet with Normandy Mayor Betty Houlihan today to discuss UM-St. Louis' relationship with the municipality.

Frank Days, a Bel-Nor resident and Normandy School Board member, was hired by UM-St. Louis last month to fill the newly-created public affairs position, designed to promote better relations between the campus and surrounding communities.

"My understanding is that there had been some misunderstanding between the municipal officials and what was going on on campus," Days said. "I think if they [the municipal officials] understand what the University is trying to do they will feel more positive about what goes on on campus."

Days said his main objectives were to prevent miscommunication and calm the fears of some neighboring municipalities about the University's growth.

"Apparently the University has been acquiring some lands that are close by, and many municipal offi-

cialists were uncertain of why," Days said. "I think [the new position] is the University's effort to put people's concerns at ease that we're not taking over, we're not trying to push them out or anything like that."

Normandy officials have recently

expressed concerns that University acquisitions may be eroding the city's tax base. Houlihan said she felt that land issues would be discussed at today's meeting.

Days said the meeting would "try to identify what the problems are, if there are any and then we will try to work through those."

He also said he hoped to present firmer numbers to the mayor regarding the tax issue.

Days said he was working with county tax officials to get a clearer assessment of how much the city's



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community relations officer

revenue is being affected by University expansion.

"A lot of the properties that have been purchased here in the neighborhood... they weren't receiving taxes off of anyway so until we put a finite figure on it we really don't know what the impact

is," Days said.

Days said he may also discuss future economic development projects, such as the potential for development around the North Hanley MetroLink station.

Days said he plans on meeting with officials from other municipalities in the future.

The Current NEWSWIRE

The third annual UM-St. Louis Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in the Founder's Circle. Refreshments will be provided.

Former MIT Fellow Sam Darandari has been appointed Associate Director of Engineering and Planning. Darandari will be responsible for planning, engineering and space utilization for the UM-St. Louis campus.

Charles Schmitz, professor and dean of the School of Education, has been appointed to the task force on Reviewing Procedures and Standards for the Continuing Approval of Professional Education Programs in Missouri (PSCAPEP). The committee will make recommendations to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Contact Mary Lindsley at 516-5174 to submit items to Newswire.

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"Everywhere we go, people tell us they drive differently today because of what happened to Jennifer," Lierman said.

In other business, David Ganz, associate dean of the school of business, spoke to encourage greater student participation in next spring's elections to the University Senate.

Ganz said that the 25 student positions available on the Senate often are not completely filled.

"The problem in recent years is that we have had far fewer than 25 [students] even make their interest known," Ganz said.

He noted that participation by students who are elected falls off during the year.

Ganz acknowledged that while school and work responsibilities can leave little time for students' involvement in the Senate, "there's

been a very real concern on the part of many persons... to say 'are students really interested in being part of the University governing process?'"

Senate elections for students will be held in March.

Lawrence Barton, chairperson of the physical facilities and general services committee of the University Senate, fielded students' questions about parking issues and announced that parking spaces will be reduced by 35 percent while the West Drive parking garage is being constructed.

Students also elected Kenneth Strawbridge and Chris Parks as new judges to the student court. Strawbridge, a political science major, will serve as an active member of the court while Parks, a biology major, will serve as an alternate.

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