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Homecoming line up of activities to culminate in Saturday dance

by Joshua Stegeman
staff writer

The 1997 Homecoming Committee has focused on student involvement and event publicity to encourage students to participate in the excitement of the annual celebration.

"I wanted to make sure it was well publicized, so I networked with people I knew to get people to attend," Jim Avery, Student Government Association President, said. "Attendance will be good this year."

The committee of eight began work on homecoming preparations in July and chose to hold the dance at the Regal Riverfront Hotel because it is a central location.

"Pat Rauscher put the most work into coordinating homecoming," Avery said. "If it wasn't for Pat, homecoming probably wouldn't have happened."

Rauscher, a nursing student at the Honors College, has coordinated the event for the past two years and received rave reviews for last year's

Homecoming.

Homecoming week begins today and runs through the night of the dance on Saturday. The dance will be held from 7:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Semiformal attire is suggested for the sit-down dinner and dance. Earlier on Saturday, the women's soccer team will square off against Quincy at noon and the men's soccer team will round out the homecoming week in a contest against Quincy at 2:30 p.m. A bonfire is also scheduled to take place on Friday night at University Meadows from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"We are trying to increase attendance at the games by having the Homecoming Court attend the games," Avery said. The Homecoming Court will be announced at half-time during the men's soccer game. The games are being played at Don Dallas stadium, and attendance is free for students.

Tickets for Homecoming are available in Rooms 267 and 262 of the University Center.



Ashley Cook/The Current

Tim Burgess prepares to start the Optometry Association's 5K Sprint for Sight wheelchair division race. Burgess won the division, finishing with a time of 22 minutes, 9 seconds.

Walk, run or roll — annual UM-St. Louis race raises hundreds for local children's eyecare, testing

by Becky Zagurski
special to The Current

The third annual Sprint for Sight raised approximately \$1200 for eye glasses and exams for low income students in the Normandy School District.

The event, sponsored by The American Optometric Student Organization (AOSO), was held Sept. 29 on the UM-St. Louis campus.

For a \$10 entry fee, participants could go for a 5 K run or a less strenuous 1.5 mile walk.

The Sprint for Sight was part of a larger project with which the Optometry School had been involved over the past few weeks.

Jonathan Schorn, president of AOSO, said optometry students have been performing vision

screenings on Normandy School children.

Children that need further testing were given a letter that encouraged their parents to send their child for further eye exams.

Schorn said money raised during the event will help pay for further testing and eye glasses for low-income Normandy students who had been given referral letters.

In addition to benefiting the Normandy community, the money raised also benefits the Optometry School.

Michael Williams, AOSO member and event coordinator, said the eye exams that will be funded by the event allow the Optometry students to practice

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Betty Houlihan
mayor of Normandy

Normandy mayor: land acquisitions are eroding tax base

City council pressing U to make up lost revenue

by Bill Rolfe
staff writer

What kind of an effect does UM-St. Louis have on Normandy? That's the million-dollar question Normandy officials want to answer.

At a Normandy City Council meeting last month, Alice D. Williams, councilwoman 1st Ward, requested that Normandy ask UM-St. Louis to do an impact study to see if the University is depleting the city's tax funds.

In a telephone interview, Williams said she was concerned about the city's future if UM-St. Louis continues to acquire Normandy property. UM-St. Louis does not pay taxes to the City of Normandy because University land is considered state property.

"We're losing some of the monies and could lose the tax base," Williams said.

She said that without money coming from taxes, Normandy could not afford to pay its police, pick up the trash or make maintenance repairs.

The City Council has instructed Edward Griesedieck, city attorney for Normandy, to compose a letter to Chancellor Blanche Touhill asking the University to conduct and pay for an impact study. Neither Don Driemeier, deputy to the chancellor, nor Betty Houlihan, mayor of Normandy, have seen the letter yet. Griesedieck would not comment on whether he has sent the letter.

Driemeier said he was not sure UM-St. Louis would pay for the study as Normandy may request.

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In the (United) Way

University begins annual fund drive for local organization, looks to raise almost \$50,000

by David Baugher
staff writer

The annual United Way fund-raising drive kicked off last week at UM-St. Louis.

The volunteer effort distributes envelopes to all faculty and staff members on campus, soliciting donations for the United Way of Greater St. Louis. The United Way supports more than 140 organizations and programs around the area, such as the St. Louis Easter Seal Society and the American Red Cross.

"I have done a lot of volunteer work for United Way agencies, so I know how important it is," Kathy Osborn, vice chancellor for University Relations, said.

Osborn is helping to head up this year's effort which will try to reach a goal of \$47,000.

"I think we'll probably exceed that, but I wanted to make a goal that I thought was realistic," Osborn said. "When I look at some of the numbers for other educational institutions, we do very, very well."

Last year's drive collected more than \$50,000, surpassing its goal by nearly \$10,000.

"It was a fabulous year," Osborn said. "We've found that people here are very generous."

Osborn said about 65 to 70 campus employees from secretaries to vice-chancellors had volunteered their free time to contribute to the effort.

Osborn explained that one thing she finds interesting and rewarding about working for the campaign is the way peo-

ple respond when she asks them why they participate.

"You find out there are a lot of stories on campus of people whose own families have been helped by a United Way agency," Osborn said. "I think for those people in particular, being part of the campaign is a way of giving back and doing something positive."

Gloria Schultz, director of auxiliary and management services, certainly considers it positive.

"Everybody has their own charity that they like," Schultz said. "With the United Way, you can designate which charity you contribute to."

Schultz said her husband has been diagnosed with lupus, a chronic, autoimmune disease that often strikes the joints and skin, causing inflammation and pain.

"Through United Way funds, they have made great strides in researching lupus and finding a cure," Schultz said.

Because of the United Way's support for lupus research, Schultz has regarded the annual campaign as a personal matter. Under her leadership, the University Bookstore staff has maintained 100 percent participation in the campaign for the past eight years.

Schultz said this year she received nine donations within 24 hours of the pledge cards being handed out. "We're a team," Schultz said. "Everybody wants to contribute and work together."

The funding drive ends Oct. 31.



Stephanie Ellis/The Current

Student worker Anjanetta McKinney works at the circulation desk in the Thomas Jefferson Library.

Wage hike has little effect on students' cash flow, experts say

Base salaries should regularly exceed minimum rate

by Mary Lindsley
staff writer

While economists and politicians debate the effects of the recent minimum wage increase passed by Congress, it appears the new law will have a minor impact on students.

The last stage of the measure, which went into effect on Sept. 1, raised the minimum wage to \$5.15 per hour. But Karen K. Loeffelman of Career Services said her office has seen no changes for either the students or the employers her office works with.

"Most of the jobs that we see are above minimum wage," Loeffelman said. She noted

that the students here, many of whom have acquired enough skills or experience to demand higher than minimum wage earnings, receive an average salary of \$8.90 an hour.

Susan K. Feigenbaum, professor of Economics, said companies must often set salaries above the minimum wage in order to attract qualified applicants.

"The students I've encountered here demonstrate the ability to meet and surpass the minimum wage," Feigenbaum said. "They have the skills, the motivation, the reading and the writing ability; they can work well in teams; and therefore can take advan-

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The Current Events Bulletin Board

Listings are subject to change; contact the organization for more information. All numbers use 516 prefixes unless specified otherwise.

Monday, Oct. 6

• The Monday Noon Series: "Art Songs by Johannes Brahms - A Performance." Stephen Town, baritone, will sing, accompanied by pianist Richard Bobo in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

• **Nine-man Outdoor Soccer League** begins and will be played Monday afternoons at the Mark Twain Field. Entry deadline is Sept. 30. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• "Creating the 21st Century School of Education," presented by Charles D. Schmitz, dean of the School of Education, in the Marillac Auditorium from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Student-Missouri State Teachers Association and Kappa Delta Pi.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

• Three-week **Whiffleball Mini-League** begins and will be played Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the Mark Twain gym. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

• UM-St. Louis Riverman Film Series: **Like Water for Chocolate**, at the University Meadows Apartment Clubhouse at 8 p.m. Free admission

with UMSL ID Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

• **Sigma Pi barbecue** at 8645 Natural Bridge Rd. from 6 p.m.-? including free barbecue (while supplies last), wiffleball, social gathering. Free admission, all students welcome. Contact: Sigma Pi, 426-0078.

• "Applying to Graduate Programs in Psychology," part of the Psi Chi colloquium series, presented by Dr. D. J. Zerbolio, Jr. in R120 at 3 p.m.

• **Amtrak Ride to Kansas City registration deadline.** Cost is \$100. Register in 267 University Center or 203 Mark Twain Athletic Center. Contact: Student Activities, 5291, or Rec Sports, 5326.

Thursday, Oct. 9

• **Programs for Business Majors, information meeting** for the Study Abroad program in 301 SSB at 3 p.m. Contact: Peggy Dotson, 6497.

• UM-St. Louis Riverman Film Series: **Like Water for Chocolate**, at the University Meadows Apartment Clubhouse at 10 a.m. Free admission with UMSL ID Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

• **National Depression Screening Day** in the University Center lobby,

427 SSB and outside 211 Clark Hall from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and evenings by appointment. Contact: Counseling Services, 5711.

Friday, Oct. 10

• **Korean Student Organization meeting** in 75 J.C. Penney Conference Center at 1 p.m. Contact: Christina Kang, 521-7196.

Saturday, Oct. 11

• "Dancin' in the Streets," homecoming dance at the Regal Riverfront from 7:30 p.m.-midnight. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Monday, Oct. 13

• The Monday Noon Series: "Gender and the Enactment of Crime," Presented by Jody Miller in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

• **Intramural badminton tournament** Oct. 13-17. Register by Oct. 8 in 203 Mark Twain Athletic Center. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

• **Phi Alpha Theta**, the International History Honors Society, **meeting** at in the Lucas Hall lounge on the fourth floor. Contact: Michele, 5509.

• **Student Social Work Association meeting** in the Lucas Hall Evening

College conference room on the third floor from 4:15-5:15 p.m.

• **Midnight Madness Sock Hop** in the Mark Twain Gym from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Contact: UPB, 5531.

• A one-hour **Racquetball Clinic for Beginners** in the Mark Twain Athletic Center at noon. Registration deadline is Oct. 8. Contact: Rec Sports, 5326.

• Phi Alpha Theta lecture series: "Partners in Pelts," a lecture on the Missouri fur trade, will be presented by Fred Fausz in 200 Lucas Hall at 7 p.m. Contact: Michelle Rutledge, 5509.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

• **SGA meeting** in 222 J.C. Penney Conference Center at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

• **Mizzou Football vs. Texas** bus trip to Columbia. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.

Monday, Oct. 20

• The Monday Noon Series: "Ambition Facing Westward," presented by Steve Woolf and members of the cast in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

Put it on the Board . . .

The Current Events Bulletin Board is a service provided free of charge to all student organizations and University departments and divisions. Deadline for submissions to The Current Events Bulletin Board is 5 p.m. every Thursday before publication. Space consideration

is given to student organizations and is on a first-come, first-served basis. For best results, make all submissions in writing at least two weeks prior to the event. Send submissions to: Managing Editor, The Current, 7940 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121.

Campus Crime Line

A service provided by the Campus Police. Published entries are selections from a larger list.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

At 4 p.m. a person exposed himself to a student on the fourth floor of the Thomas Jefferson Library. University police could not locate the suspect in the building. The identity of the suspect is known.

Thursday, Sept. 18

An unknown male exposed himself from the hallway outside of 215 Clark Hall at 6:25 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19

A staff person reported that a Macintosh computer monitor was stolen from 482 Lucas Hall between Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 17 at 7:30 a.m. The monitor is valued at \$300.

Monday, Sept. 22

At 12:10 p.m. a person was arrested at the UM-St.

Louis South MetroLink station after having stolen 23 pairs of eyeglasses from the Optometry Clinic at Marillac Hall. The suspect was identified by Clinic staff members. The St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office issued warrants charging the suspect with felony stealing.

A suspicious person was arrested at 8:30 p.m. at University Meadows after it was learned that there was a warrant for his arrest from the City of Pine Lawn. After booking and processing the suspect was released to the Pine Lawn Police.

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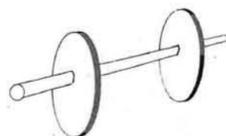
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Candidates line up for spot on board of curators

Current student representative calls for 'cooling off' period for process amid allegations of improper conduct

by Bill Rolfes
staff writer
photos by
Ashley Cook
staff photographer

All candidates for student representative to the UM Board of Curators have submitted their applications, but system officials are already raising questions about how the process is being carried out. A selection committee, consisting of the four UM student body presidents and the student president of UM-Columbia's graduate school, will interview the 14 candidates.

The four student body presidents are the only members required to be on the selection committee, but each may choose additional members, as Adam Brown, UM-Columbia student body president has. Since Jim Avery, UM-St. Louis student body president, is a candidate, Michael Rankins, vice president, will take Avery's place on the committee. The selection committee was scheduled to have given first interviews to all candidates Saturday, but

Troy Nash, current student curator, said Friday that "people close to the selection process" had raised concerns to Nash about "certain individuals exerting undue influence" in the process. "I have spoken with Dr. (Malakai) Home (president of the board of curators) and will speak with Chancellor (Blanche) Touhill today," Nash said Friday. "I think a cooling off period of a week or so may be in order." Rankins was unavailable for comment.

THE COMMITTEE

- Michael Rankins
UM-St. Louis
- Karl Schmitt
UM-Rolla
- Jim Whitteman
UM-Kansas City
- Adam Brown
Jim Crozier
U M-Columbia

THE CURATOR
COUNTDOWN

September 29 through October 10 committee gives first interviews

October 18 committee conducts final interviews, selects three candidates

October 20 through October 24 finalists meet with UM-St. Louis administration

October 29 committee ranks three candidates

November 3 committee sends recommendation to governor

January 1 governor appoints student curator, Mo. Senate confirms appointment

January 12 through February 12 student curator visits four campuses



Joyce Wagner

Major: MS, nursing
Year: graduate
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To continue improving the education students get at UM-St. Louis."



Patricia Grant

Major: MS, nursing
Year: graduate
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To maintain consistency in requirements and to ensure that they meet the requirements of the work force."



Thomas Cole

Major: accounting
Year: junior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To promote communication between the board (of curators) and the student body."



Tracy Carpenter

Major: engineering
Year: senior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"Academics. After all, we are here to get an education. I would like to see better professor-student relations."



Bruce Arokoyo

Major: pre-med-law
Year: sophomore
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"The issues that students feel are most important now. I'll address those first and see where we'll go from there."



Susan Beattie

Major: history
Year: senior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"Accessibility and affordability. After the five-year plan, you have to ask if the product is really improving."



Sarah Welch

Major: English/psych.
Year: senior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To develop a good working relationship with the curators, myself and the students of the University."



Karen Sieve

Major: MA, pub. policy
Year: graduate
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"I will bring a voice for all students, bringing their issues and concerns to the table."



M. Ethel Myers

Major: biology
Year: senior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To make the board aware of all the types of students in the UM-System."



Dan Vasey

Major: crim. justice
Year: senior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To educate the board (of curators) of what the students need from the University."



Josh Stegeman

Major: bio./chem.
Year: sophomore
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To maintain the personal relationship between the students and faculty."



Bob Fritchey

Major: chem/mgmt.
Year: senior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To convey the needs and concerns of the students to the board (of curators) and system administration."



Jim Avery

Major: comm/pol. sci.
Year: junior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To be an effective liaison between the students and board of curators, (but) I don't want to limit myself to one issue."



Kim Hudson

Major: physics
Year: junior
No. 1 priority as student curator:
"To make sure the UM-St. Louis interests are known to the board of curators and the board is known to the students."

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"We will have to see what they ask us to do," Driemeier said. "We will need a good understanding before we go down that route." He suggested that both Normandy and the University could share the cost if a study were to be conducted. Houlihan said an impact study needs to be done because UM-St. Louis officials have not been communicating with her about the University's plans for future growth.

She said when she does speak with University officials she has no say in what will happen. "They say what they are going to do and never ask for my input on anything," Houlihan said. "They've just taken over everything." Houlihan attended meetings with University officials about four years ago to discuss "long range plans and intentions," and she contends the University has not abided by the terms. "They (University officials) said

they would not acquire anything on the north side of Florissant Road, but they have done that," Houlihan said. "My thoughts were to work with the University very closely." Driemeier said the meetings Houlihan attended about four years ago were held to discuss the University's master plan, which outlines future growth into the area surrounding the campus. "Normandy has been aware of the University's master plan since it was

developed in 1992 or 1993," Driemeier said. "Mayor Houlihan was a part of a citizens committee that provided information and insight in reaction to the master plan. So she was aware of our long-range plan." Driemeier said the University is taking steps to increase communication with the St. Louis municipalities. He said the Office of Public Affairs has created a new position, community relations officer, "in order to establish a better dialogue with our neighbors."

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tage of the boom in jobs." Despite the opportunities available for some students, others find themselves working minimum wage jobs by necessity. Lori Boarder, a junior accounting student and single mother of two, left a full-time, higher-salaried job to return to college. "The only job I could get working the hours I needed because I have children, was a minimum-wage paying job," Boarder said. Boarder said the new wage

increase had not had an effect on her. "I don't see that it's changed my situation a lot," Boarder said. "I still live the same way I did before." Feigenbaum said those who will be most affected by the minimum wage increase are "part-timers, the long-term unemployed, young people without skills and those who are geographically isolated from the job boom." While some in the political arena argue that unemployment figures will rise as a result of the wage increase,

Feigenbaum said any increase that may occur will be minimal during a period of employment growth. Loeffelman said she had not

noticed a decline in the number of workers sought by companies working through the Career Services office.

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tice their clinical skills in real-life situations. Neither Williams or Schorn were sure how many Normandy students would benefit from the money raised. Williams did say that he thinks the Sprint is making progress. "Last year's event had only 101

participants compared to the 116 who participated in this year's event," Williams said. Anyone that was unable to participate in the fund raiser but would like to donate money can do so by contacting the Optometry School located on the South campus.

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NEWSWIRE

The 1997 campus United Way Campaign got under way Sept. 29 with a luncheon for department representatives. All employees, faculty and staff, full- and part-time will receive pledge cards. The campaign, which hopes to raise at least \$47,000 will run until Oct. 31. For more information, call 516-6613.

The Fall Faculty Meeting will be held Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. in Rm. 222 of the J.C. Penney Building. Additional details will be included in a memorandum from Chancellor Touhill.

National Depression Screening Day, sponsored by Counseling Services, will be held Thursday. Screenings will take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the University Center Lobby, at the Counseling Services office in Rm. 427 SSB, outside the Women's Center in Rm. 211 of Clark Hall and also by appointment at Counseling Services. Call 516-5711 for more information.

The 1997 Service Awards Program in honor of all full- and part-time staff who have completed 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of continuous service with UM-St. Louis will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 16 in the J.C. Penney Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Summit Lounge. Call 516-5803 for more information.

Gloria Lubowitz, counseling psychologist with University Counseling Services, will present information on the symptoms of depression and advice on how depression sufferers can get help at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Women's Center in Rm. 211 of Clark Hall. Call 516-5380 for more information.

The Office of Student Activities coordinated recruitment of volunteers to participate in the annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes" on Sept. 28 in Forest Park. Students from Delta Zeta Sorority, Sigma Pi Fraternity, the Student Social Work Association and staff from the Office of Student Activities raised \$1,150 for the event.

The Dresden Youth Chamber Orchestra of Dresden, Germany, will perform at noon Wednesday in the Pierre Laclede Honors College Convocation Hall. Call 516-5980 for details.

Contact David Baugher at 516-5174 to submit items for Newswire.

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OUR OPINION

Normandy tests U's friendship, again

THE ISSUE:

Normandy officials have expressed concerns about the University's expansion and the possibility that it may be eroding the city's tax base.

WE SUGGEST:

Officials from Normandy should quit blaming their problems on UM-St. Louis, an institution that could only add to business patronage and increase the value of the area.

So WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

We've been down this road before: the University undertakes an initiative, or implements a proposal or simply begins a new school year, and the city of Normandy complains that its municipal sovereignty is being overrun. City officials' latest gripe is that the University's expansion is eroding Normandy's tax base.

Now, as in the past, the city is way out of line.

In February of 1995, Normandy police tried to ticket University students parked illegally on an overcrowded South Campus. Later that same year, Mayor Betty Houhlan called out Normandy police to prohibit construction of the University Meadows apartment complex.

City leaders would do well to recall that public colleges and universities, like other official buildings and land, are state property, an island, if you will.

This distinction exists primarily to pre-empt the University's involvement in any frivolous, small-time political spat unlike the one Normandy officials are trying to pick with the University and the state of Missouri.

Mayor Houhlan contends that University officials vowed not to purchase property on the north side of Florissant Road and that in so doing, the University is buying up property that would otherwise be taxable in Normandy.

But Normandy officials have known of the University's Master Plan, which clearly articulates the property targeted for University expansion, since its inception in 1993. Mayor Houhlan herself was part of a committee of community leaders that helped focus the plan.

Given city officials' more-than-casual familiarity with the Master Plan, it is indeed remarkable that they have waited almost five years to react to University buyouts rather than plan for and work to offset the miniscule loss of tax revenue through strategic, proactive measures.

What's more, the property that is being purchased is not prime commercial or residential real estate. Some of it is fittingly razed as soon as the University takes possession. The property that is fit for rehabilitation is, in almost every case, maintained better by the University than its private owners.

Normandy officials should take a break from their whining about University expansion and remember the revenue that UM-St. Louis' nearly 20,000 students, faculty and staff generate in and around Normandy.

Given the municipality's apparent inability to attract business and retain its existing tax base, Normandy, through its assaults on the University, is only further distancing the city from one of the last selling points left in near North County.

Resources won't get lost in library shuffle

The 150-year-old Mercantile Collection will no doubt prove a splendid addition to the Thomas Jefferson Library, an addition well worth the minor inconveniences caused by its relocation.

While UM-St. Louis' main library reorganizes itself to accommodate the new materials, everyone on campus should remain patient.

Resources and services traditionally available at the library will not be diminished and, in fact, stand to improve markedly when students and faculty receive access to the Mercantile Collection.

Individuals experiencing difficulties as a result of the reorganization should approach the library staff, which has promised to keep resources accessible during this transition and to ensure that materials needed by faculty remain on campus. Indeed, librarians have promised that only certain copies of books and rarely used materials will be placed in storage.

The campus community should thus look on unfolding changes with optimism rather than frustration as so many pieces of the past guarded for generations by the Mercantile Library become a part of UM-St. Louis.

Opinion Writing 101

I thought it might helpful this week to talk a little about us, *The Current*, the student voice and all that, something I maybe should have done earlier on. It's easy to grow so accustomed to all this newspaper stuff by doing it every week, month after month, that I sometimes forget that everyone else isn't as aware of the process as I am.

One of the most misunderstood components of that process is the formation of *The Current's* editorial opinion.

In any discussion of newspapers, it's helpful to think of two primary types of opinion: commentary and editorial.

Commentary refers to an individual writers' column, like the one you're reading now, or the one below me, or the columns on the left side of the Odd & Ends and Sports pages.

In that space, the writer is pretty well free to say anything he or she likes (as long as it isn't libelous) because that space reflects the individual writer's opinion, not *The Current's*.

The Current, as an organization, also has an opinion, an editorial opinion - the two editorials in the Our Opinion box to the left of this column.

Those editorials reflect the majority opinion of the editorial board as listed at the top left corner of this page.

The editorial board meets once a week, discusses several issues and agrees upon a position that one of the members is then charged with articulating.

The selected member submits his or her first draft to the other members, they make comments and revisions, the original writer revises his or her first copy accordingly and so on and so forth until the board settles upon a draft that fairly and accurately represents Our Opinion.

Admittedly, that's hard to get used to.

As a member of that board, I can be outvoted by the majority on an issue, no matter how strongly I may feel about it. But I think that's good.

We have animated discussions and out and out arguments sometimes, but we always try to listen to one another and provide our readers with the most balanced, thought-out perspective possible.

And therein lies the essence of opinion writing. When you read a commentary, you know up front that what you're reading is one person's opinion. When you read an editorial opinion, you know up front that you're reading is the consensus of a group, an intelligent argument that reflects compromise and reasonability.

That's why editorials are not always as fun or edgy or radical or blatant as commentary.

To me, that's a pretty egalitarian process. The object isn't to agree or disagree with our readers but to offer an insight into something, anything and thereby foster a greater understanding of each other.

A somewhat modest (business) proposal

I like the fact that UM-St. Louis is constantly expanding. Property acquisitions offer opportunities for the University to serve its needs and those of the surrounding communities. The University purchased Mount Providence on the east side of Florissant Road and turned it in to an adult day care center. Just down the road the Med North building, which UM-St. Louis has acquired, will be home to the new St. Louis Regional Education Park.

These are both good for the people of St. Louis, but how do UM-St. Louis students benefit from property acquisitions? It seems like some of the commercial property the University takes over could be used directly for the students by providing more resources for learning.

Sitting in the middle of all that land on Florissant Road the University owns is a vacant, dilapidated building that used to be Uncle Chunky's Restaurant. If at all possible I think the University should renovate the building and reopen it as a small cafe or coffee house. I'd prefer a coffee house.

It could be called the Riverman Coffee House, or some other name that would clearly signify that this is UM-St. Louis property and UM-St. Louis students, faculty and staff should feel at home here.

Only students would run the coffee house. Of course a faculty adviser would monitor the operation, but UM-St. Louis students would be the only people allowed to work. The best kind of education seems to come from actual work experience. Students would have the opportunity to learn all about management, advertising and marketing in the real world - imagine receiving payment for getting an education. Also, the School of Business could offer practicums, which would save the cost of paying some members of the coffee house management who want to complete an internship.

The coffee house could open up opportunities to any student, not just business majors. Students who live on campus and don't have any means of transportation could get part-time jobs could work behind the counter, brewing and serving the coffee.

The University also could profit from the coffee house. All of the money left over, after paying wages and fees to maintain the building, could go back into the University's pocket. I doubt that this would add up to a significant amount of money, but the primary goal would be to provide experience to students, not to start a multi-million dollar franchise.

And what an excellent marketing and recruiting benefit this could be for UM-St. Louis. As long as the business does well, I think University officials would be proud to tell people: "Look at what our students are doing. Look at how we use our resources to foster education outside the classroom."

If nothing else, the coffee house would offer a place for UM-St. Louis students to hang out, especially in the evenings and on weekends, when the Underground and the Cove are closed.

For entertainment purposes, a small section of the floor could remain open and be reserved for poetry readings, small concerts and lectures.

Students could definitely benefit, both educationally and socially, from a University-owned coffee house.



Doug Harrison
editor in chief

GUEST COMMENTARY

Media's invasion of privacy intolerable

Well, it is time to decide what we believe and determine the source of that knowledge. I don't know about you, but I am sick and tired of hearing about other people's problems.

I have problems of my own! I have a bad haircut and a car that needs \$2000 worth of work done on it. The media coverage of Marv Albert was and is a big waste of air time.

The media ate it up! "Oh, another person's bedroom rights, lets report it. Marv Albert? Even better!" It was like a taping of the Ricki Lake show.

The media examined every possible angle of the story, researched it and made it print ready. Marv Albert has been cheaply ridiculed and bastardized for what he does in his bedroom with someone else. If there is anywhere that the media doesn't belong, it is in someone's bedroom. Someone's sex life is their own and has no place in the media's output.

Personally, I believe it is a waste of my time and air time to get a professional "opinion" about someone's sex life, especially when it is not even my own. What does Peter Jennings know about my sex life? Nothing! And I would like to keep it that way.

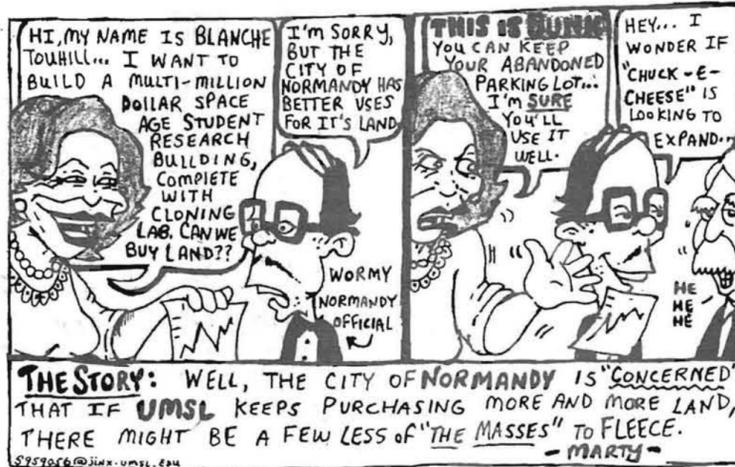
So to the media, lets talk about real issues, issues we actually give a crap about, like why the University is charging visitors with parking meters.

Madame Chancellor, is my tuition going to pay for parking meters? I sure hope not, particularly because I will never use them!

If visitors need to conduct business in Woods Hall, they need to feed the meter. That has to be the most retarded thing I have ever heard.

As for the student that is planning to sue a professor for violating her civil rights - get a life. Out in the "real world," your privacy will be violated, and information about you will be leaked. Just ask Marv Albert, he'll tell you all about it.

Throughout our lives, things will happen to other people that will grab our attention; the ultimate goal is to just ignore them. Like I said, we got our own problems!



READER RESPONSE

Thank you for noticing

My sincerest appreciation for pointing out the obvious to UM-St. Louis students who do not, for whatever reasons, take advantage of the benefits accrued by their Student Activity Fees. Ken Dunkin mentioned twice, in the most recent edition of *The Current*, free activities that remain unfilled after extensive marketing and promotions, including large paid ads in the newspaper.

In addition, the editorial comment about the quality of musical entertainment presented each Wednesday that is attracting only a few spectators is and has been a continuing puzzle to me. Why would 200 people rather loll in an underground viewless dining room on a beautiful fall, resort-like day instead of relaxing on the grass or at a table on the patio while enjoying a free two-hour concert by one of the St. Louis area's finest bands?

As the number of campus residents increases and emphasis shifts from commuter programming to resident-hall programming, there undoubtedly will be a hue and cry from commuter students lamenting the demise of programming for commuters.

Thanks for recognizing the quantity and quality of programs provided through the University Program Board and the Office of Student Activities.

Rick Blanton
interim director
Office of Student Activities

Kendall, lighten up

In response to Kendall (ageless, faceless, colorless), all I have is what you write. I am familiar with both of your writings at this point, and though they float in the right direction, I feel like your constant feelings of being attacked do not necessarily make your argument stronger.

Attacking the cartoonist of *The Current* did nothing but show your lack of a sense of humor. The cartoon was funny. In the past, the same cartoonist has portrayed many times the typical male you assume that he is. And, now when it suits your need to remain in the shadows as some sort of feminist super hero, you attack the wrong people, in the wrong way.

Don't let down women who do feel the same way as you. It is obvious every day that many men on this campus do not understand how tired we are of the daily tired crap they dish out. Next time you write (and I think you will), I hope it is done rationally and will give everyone something solid to reflect on.

Joyce Gorrell

Honors parking understood

I want to thank *The Current* for clearing up my confusion about the Honors College parking situation and for bringing attention to the issue. I am a commuter student at the Honors College, and prior to last week, my only problem with parking on the

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Bill Rolles
managing editor

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campus was the overcrowded lot. Then I found out that the lot is for residential students only, so I parked on the street, for which I received a parking ticket from Bel-Nor. I wouldn't even really have a problem with the situation except that the only way I can get to class on

time from the main campus is to park on the premises of the Honors College.

I agree with *The Current's* suggestion that the University expand the existing lot onto the open land adjacent to it. This action might accommodate both residents and non-residents better than

the present allotted space. If this isn't possible, the Honors College could at least inform commuter students that they can't park in the lot or on the street, so that they don't have to find out the hard way.

Maureen Sullivan

Depiction of men as misogynists is unfair, stereotypical

I've been keeping up with the recent Kendall-vs.-editorial-cartoonist battle taking place on your fourth page, and this most recent issue has driven me to action.

First off, I will deal with Kendall's response as seen in the Sept. 29 issue of *The Current*. Kendall makes quite a few logical fallacies and invalid arguments in this unusually biased letter. The first mistake occurs when Kendall takes certain truths that she has derived from the editorial cartoon and applies them to the male gender in general. One cannot take certain conclusions reached concerning a small percentage of a group and apply them to the entire group. She commits this error throughout her letter.

These generalizations about the male gender are ridiculous and insulting. When she says, "men...ask for the time to distract the women they are about to physically assault," she implies that the occurrence of an attack such as this is a commonplace everyday thing that all women experience often. This couldn't be farther from the truth. Men, by and large, are not animalistic id-driven rapists despite what Kendall's small range of exper-

ience might lead her to believe. She continues with the incredibly biased and fallacious argument when she says, "the list of offenses that men perpetrate against women every minute of every hour of every day in this and every country adds up to a far greater insult to people everywhere than the Spice Girls," clearly showing her completely single-minded point of view on the topic of violence and male-female interaction.

For your information, Ms. Kendall, the list of violent acts perpetrated by men against men is FAR GREATER. This is the way of our world; women can and have committed acts of violence and certainly hate as well as men. And I see no reason to involve the rest of the world in this argument. What concerns us here is the United States at most, and UM-St. Louis campus at least. In these settings, violence against females does occur but not necessarily every minute or even every hour. It is your statements, YOURS, Ms. Kendall, which perpetrate the stereotype of women being victimized and men being victimizers. Men in general are not at fault for rape. Only those who commit it are. If BOTH men

and women become better educated concerning this and all social problems, they will be minimized (unfortunately never eradicated).

Activists take note! Often your beliefs are just as intolerant as those they battle against. (For a nice demonstration of this theory, see the guest commentary by Jerry Weller in the Sept. 29 issue.) So don't be quite so intolerant, Ms. Kendall, and try to focus all that hatred you have on those who truly deserve it, and not on us, the innocent bystanders.

Please don't misinterpret my remarks as being a defense of the editorial cartoonist. An editorial is just an opinion, and we all have a right to that. Ms. Kendall, rage all you will, but I and many of us still have the right to hold an opinion, even if that opinion is sexist, racist or whatever. Try reading John Stuart Mill's "On Liberty" sometime.

I think the '80s-punk-band Reagan Youth most clearly demonstrated the kind of hypocrisy you display, Ms. Kendall, with their song "I Hate Hate."

Of course, that's just my opinion; I could be wrong.

Gene Marshall

David vs. Goliath



Ashley Cook/The Current

Two dump trucks and a car sit in a stand off along East drive. Road construction and resurfacing along East Drive last week reduced traffic near the South Campus MetroLink station to one lane. Campus police later arrived at the scene to direct traffic.

NOTE: Some letters to the editor last week should have appeared on *The Current's* home page, but did not because of a technical error. The letters will run this week. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

—The editor

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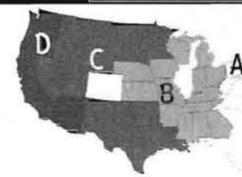
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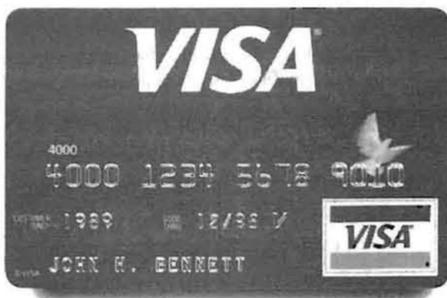
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Jill Barrett
columnist

In the past few weeks, I have been filling out a lot of forms for a variety of different reasons, but all this paperwork has two things in common. First of all, no matter how many mounds of paper I need to forage through to get something done, every single damn sheet of paper needs my signature and the date. I wouldn't be surprised if, one day, I spend so much time filling out these forms that the date actually changes in the midst of me plodding through the forms in question.

Although this aspect of paperwork has caused me some amount of grief, nothing can compare with the dreaded "What is your occupation?" Quite frankly, I just don't know. I've worked in social services since college, but I am right in the middle of a burn-out period. (Several of my friends who work in social services plan time to work away from the field for a while, and two months ago it sounded like a good idea to me.) So what is my occupation?

Good question. I usually put down "writer," but I wish I had a more catchy job title. To do that, I suppose I would have to have a really catchy job. I've come up with a few job titles that would make the form-readers sit up and take notice. Feel free to vote on your favorite.

It has always been a dream of mine to have a very small walk-on role in several different movies. If you've ever stayed in a movie theater until the bitter end, you've seen credits for people you don't even remember seeing in the film. Every movie always seems to have a "Nasty Neighbor" or "Woman #2" on their credit list. I see nothing wrong with having an entire career based on roles like this. Then when I'm asked for my occupation, I can write: "Pregnant Woman Smoking Crack" or "Screaming Woman in Curlers." These designations might gain a little more notice than actress, or even worse-writer. Even if my role for that month was "Crazy Woman with a Handgun," I'd probably get speedier service.

My second choice of job title is: "Gnome Fanatic." I am the first to admit that I haven't got a clue in hell what a gnome fanatic is or does. All I know is that there is such a thing out there. One night, I couldn't sleep and was watching some all-night news station. The anchor was doing a piece on the president of the International Association for the Preservation of Lawn Gnomes. Apparently, this guy's goal was to protect lawn gnomes from extinction. His position probably carries way too much responsibility for me. I would not be able to handle the pressure of being a savior to these little ceramic people.

However, the news anchor did interview a woman, and underneath her name was the phrase "Gnome Fanatic." From what I could gather, this woman's only responsibility was to feel for the blight of the lawn ornaments and talk to the media. I think I can handle the last part with no problem, but I might have to fake any actual emotion I felt towards these little plaster blobs. But I could work with that.

The final nomination for job occupation is "Media Whore." In fact, it is far more accurate than writer in some instances. I just sold an excerpt out of my journal for a couple hundred bucks. My theory is: "If I have to suffer it, I might as well get paid for it." Hey, actually, I'll write just about anything if there's something in it for me.

Your career could begin behind these doors

by Becky Rickard
staff writer

Almost every student has had a class in the Social Science and Business building at some point in his or her academic career. Almost every student has also wondered where the class they are attending in SSB will take them in the future. Believe it or not, there is a room in SSB that can help every student plan the career that UM-St. Louis is helping to achieve. In fact, the Career Resource Center advised 918 students in the 1996-97 school year.

The CRC is located in 427 SSB. The center is a division of UM-St. Louis Counseling Services. CRC is exactly what the name states: a center filled with resources that can help students choose a career and strategize for it.

The resources are endless. When students walk into the center, they are greeted by a friendly: "Hi! Can I help you with something?" That person will then ask a few questions to ascertain the students' needs. The student will then be guided to the areas of interest and necessity.

If you are not sure which major is right for you, the counselor will direct you to a vat of file folders that contain information regarding every major offered at UM-St. Louis. In fact, this vat of files contains documents dealing not only with majors, but possible jobs within each major, graduate school, technical occupations and disabled student resources. This filing system may sound confusing, but it is very well organized, user friendly and color-coded.

The CRC has literature available to those who need to research career decisions, specific careers, graduate schools and the job market for college students.

Another highlight of the CRC is its computer programs. The SIGI-Plus program matches work ethics and values to possible careers while providing information about these careers and decision-making. The CASSI (Computer Assisted Study Skills Instrument) is an inventory of study behaviors that shows strengths and weakness in study skills and how to develop a more effective studying strategy. These programs are considered career exploration. They are instruments that assess interests, values, personality, skills and reality constraints, such as mobility and financial stresses.

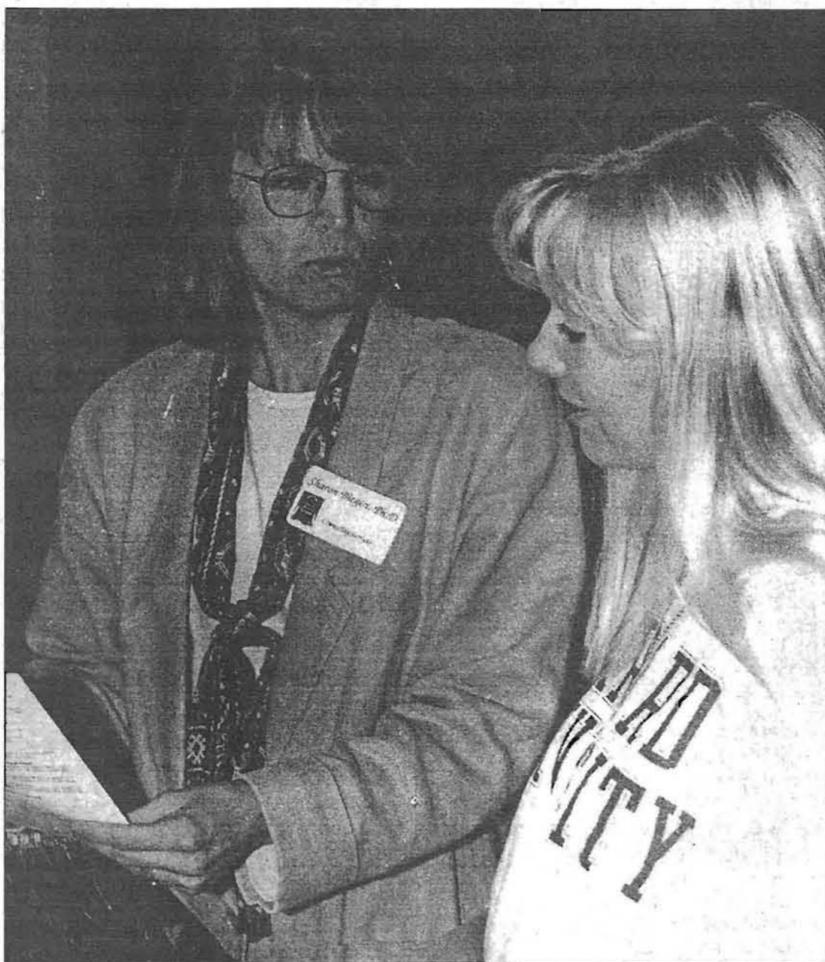
Sharon Biegen has been the director of Counseling Services for over eight years. Biegen is an integral part of the Counseling Services staff that includes four professional counselors, three graduate interns and six peer educators.

"Making career decisions means finding things out about yourself and finding things out about careers," Biegen said.

Biegen recommends that students make an appointment with a counselor to help them utilize the facility to its fullest. The first consultation is free. However, if more time and testing are necessary, additional sessions cost \$10.

"We don't use a sliding scale because the smallest amount is \$10, and since we focus on college students, it makes sense," Biegen added.

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Sharon Biegen, left, advises student Tracey Creech in the Career Resource Center.

Rec Sports department teaming with activities

by Stephani Crawford
staff writer

Ever get that desire to just go out and play? You know, the whole sunshine-fresh-air-camaraderie-of-team-sports bit?

At the Mark Twain Building, an organization exists to help you work out your jones for games: Recreational Sports.

Last Tuesday, the organization sponsored a "Punt, Pass and Kick" competition on the Rec Sports field down at Mark Twain. Although the competition got off to a slow start, James Sarino, Intramural Assistant, said this is a common occurrence.

"We run the competition from one to five in the afternoon because a lot of people are in class and can't always make it down until later in

the day," Sarino said. "Things usually pick up a lot past two or so."

One of the participants, Al Carlson, said: "This is my first time to do the Punt Pass and Kick competition, but I'm active in the Rec Sports program. As an exercise science major, it fits my interests."

Beth Hachegechog, a junior communications major, was helping at the competition.

"I'm a lifeguard at the pool here at Mark Twain, but I help Rec Sports out whenever they need me," Hachegechog said.

Rec Sports also sponsored a 5K Fun Run last Tuesday. Al Carlson described the day.

"Around 35 people participated in the run, including Bruce Clark's Exercise Physiology class," he said.

"They participate in it every year, and they add a lot to the run."

Pam Steinmetz, former women's tennis coach, heads the Rec Sports organization.

"I started here at the University in 1979 as women's tennis coach, but it was only a part-time position. When the Rec Sports position opened up, I jumped on it, and I've been doing it ever since," Steinmetz said. "It's a great job. It fits my qualifications perfectly, and it provides a lot of fun. I've been doing this since 1982."

Steinmetz also offered some interesting facts about participation in the various programs.

"We see about 2500 students par-

see REC SPORTS, page 8

HISLA offers student latin spice this month

by Stephani Crawford
staff writer

Do you know what's so unusual about preparing "ceviche?" Do you know which Latin American country has two capitals?

The members of HISLA do.

HISLA is the acronym for the Hispanic-Latino Association here at UM-St. Louis. Its purpose is to provide



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UM students, faculty and staff with an opportunity to broaden their awareness, knowledge and experience of the Hispanic culture.

One of the ways the club brings this culture to the University venue is by celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. To celebrate, the club sponsored several cultural activities last week on the J.C. Penney patio. Hispanic cultural dancers, Mariachis and other cultural attractions performed on the patio during the noon hour for the student body.

The association maintains close ties with other Hispanic cultural organizations around the city of St. Louis and the rest of the nation. By doing so, it keeps the UM-St. Louis community informed about upcoming Hispanic events on our campus and in the area. The club also participates in many of the multi-cultural events held on campus during the school year.

HISLA also furnishes its members with various career and academic opportunities, most importantly the BECA scholarship, which is worth at least \$500 to a deserving student.

The club seeks and encourages the involvement of both Hispanic and non-Hispanic students because together we can celebrate our heritage while accepting and contributing to our nation's vast and diverse cultural array.

Oh, and in answer to those trivia questions, ceviche isn't cooked with heat, it's cooked with the chemical action of the lemon juice in which it's marinated. The Latin American country with two capitals is Bolivia.

For a little more enrichment than this, or if you're interested in joining HISLA, contact Susan Walters at extension 6861, and get a little Latin spice into your life!

UNDER CURRENT

by Daniel Hazelton
photography associate

WHAT DOES UMSL MEAN TO YOU?



"I'm still trying to figure that out."

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- Tracey Creech
sophomore/education



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- Tonya Hutchinson
junior/social work

"A chance, an opportunity."

- Michele Gullede
senior/business finance



"An acronym for University of Missouri-St. Louis."

- Bill Waldheuser
senior/finance

CONCERT REVIEW

Freddy Jones Band rocks Wash U promoting latest release



From l-r, Simon Horrocks, Jim Bonaccorsi, Wayne Healey, Rob Bonaccorsi and Marty Lloyd.

**Freddy Jones Band
Lucid
Capricorn**

Originally formed in South Bend, Indiana, by Marty Lloyd and Wayne Healy, both guitarists and vocalists, the Freddy Jones Band moved to the bustling city of Chicago in the early 1990s.

In Chicago, the pair recruited brothers Jim and Rob Bonaccorsi, bassist and guitarist respectively, and drummer Simon Horrocks. Thus, the Freddy Jones Band was created.

With three albums already under its belt, along with years of relentless touring, the quintet has released its fourth record titled *Lucid*.

This wonderful and innovative musical set shocked me with its quiet intensity.

After hearing the first track, "Wonder," all I had to do was let the CD keep playing for an hour of grooving tunes. *Lucid* is one of the best recordings I have heard all year.

Two weekends past, the FJB appeared at the Washington University Athletic Complex with special guest Sarah Cloud.

The group put on a superb show. Song after song, alternating from the quiet and reserved voice of Marty to the more upbeat Wayne, the field house rocked for almost three full hours.

It really felt like I had heard or seen these five guys on stage somewhere before.

They had a down-home feeling and connected with the crowd, electrifying them time and again.

Featuring an elegant blend of folk and blues-

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based rock, the band put on a vibrant performance for the surprisingly and disappointingly small turnout.

With Marty's acoustic strumming and the interwoven electric leads of Wayne and Rob, melody has become a large part of the band's song writing.

With their melody, many styles of music are transcended and created, giving them diversified appeal.

You may have never even heard of the Freddy Jones Band; I hadn't.

You may be one of their loyal, nearly cult-like fans.

Either way, this is an underground group that you cannot ignore.

-Travis Regensburger

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MUSIC REVIEWS

Dance, dance, I said dance

**Chumbawamba
Tubthumping
Universal Records**

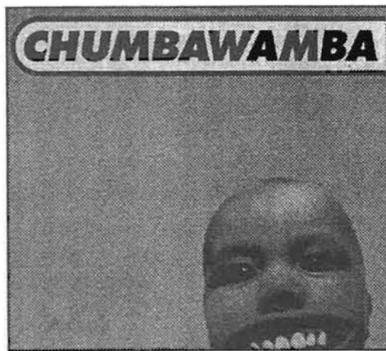
Who knew *Tubthumping* could be so much fun? I mean, *Tubthumping*. Give me a break. But this album does make you want to dance. I was extremely surprised at how many times I caught myself tapping a foot to the beat. But, the most surprising thing is how many times I found myself dancing around the living room, hoping no one would walk in on me.

Chumbawamba is a British band that formed in the early '80s. This band always runs against the grain. It started out as a punk rock band with a political message. Then Chumbawamba released an a cappella folk album. The band

moved on to yet another music genre: dance.

In 1990, Chumbawamba released *Slap*, a political dance album. Next on the discography is an album full of stolen chords. The record company did not release *Jesus H. Christ*, citing the offensive nature of the album. *Shhh* was released next. The message: censorship. As you can tell, Chumbawamba is not a group that likes to stand still.

Tubthumping is the latest release by Chumbawamba. The single, "Tubthumper," is a unique blend of dance and pop. It is definitely a dance song. You can't help yourself. You get trapped in the melodic beats. The rest of the album does the same thing. With some songs, however, you feel you have heard it before. And



most likely, you have. Chumbawamba makes no apologies for stealing others' chords. A most rebellious band with a great sound makes for unbelievable music. I highly recommend it.

-Matthew Regensburger

REC SPORTS, from page 7

ticipate on a yearly basis, but we also have faculty and staff participants, which bring the numbers up to about 3000," she said.

Several upcoming events being sponsored by Rec Sports are a badminton tournament and a one-night volleyball tournament. "The badminton tournament takes place Oct. 13 through 17. Interested parties can call and tell us when they're available to play, and we can be really flexible with times," Steinmetz said. "The volleyball tournament is actually two tournaments, a men's and a women's,

in one night. It takes place Oct. 22. In the past, a lot of the fraternities and sororities have entered teams, but we want to welcome everyone, even those individuals without team affiliations, to come out and play, and we'll find you a team."

Because of its nature, the Rec Sports organization thrives on participation, because what's a team without its players? The program can only improve with participation, so the next time you get the urge to go out and play, go see what's going on over at Rec Sports.

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SPORTS

in overtime



Brian Folsom
sports associate

I have said before that I am a huge sports fan. When I was younger, I had my favorites, including baseball, football and basketball. As I grew older, I developed a broader range of interests in sports, including volleyball, golf, tennis, college basketball and soccer. I have played all of these sports at one time or another during my youth, and I am thankful that I did because it gave me a great appreciation for the different sports.

I will admit, like many people, that I still have my preferences. There will always be a few sports that I enjoy more than others, but that is not to say that I am right and someone else is wrong. The main reason I write for *The Current* is to be around college sports and gain greater knowledge and interest in them as well. They may not be as glamorous as professional sports, but they are interesting to watch.

My "goal" is to eventually become a complete, well-rounded person who knows the particulars and the "ins and outs" of every sport. I say this because I lack knowledge in many sports, even though I may enjoy watching them. For instance, even though this may disappoint many people, I did not grow up around hockey.

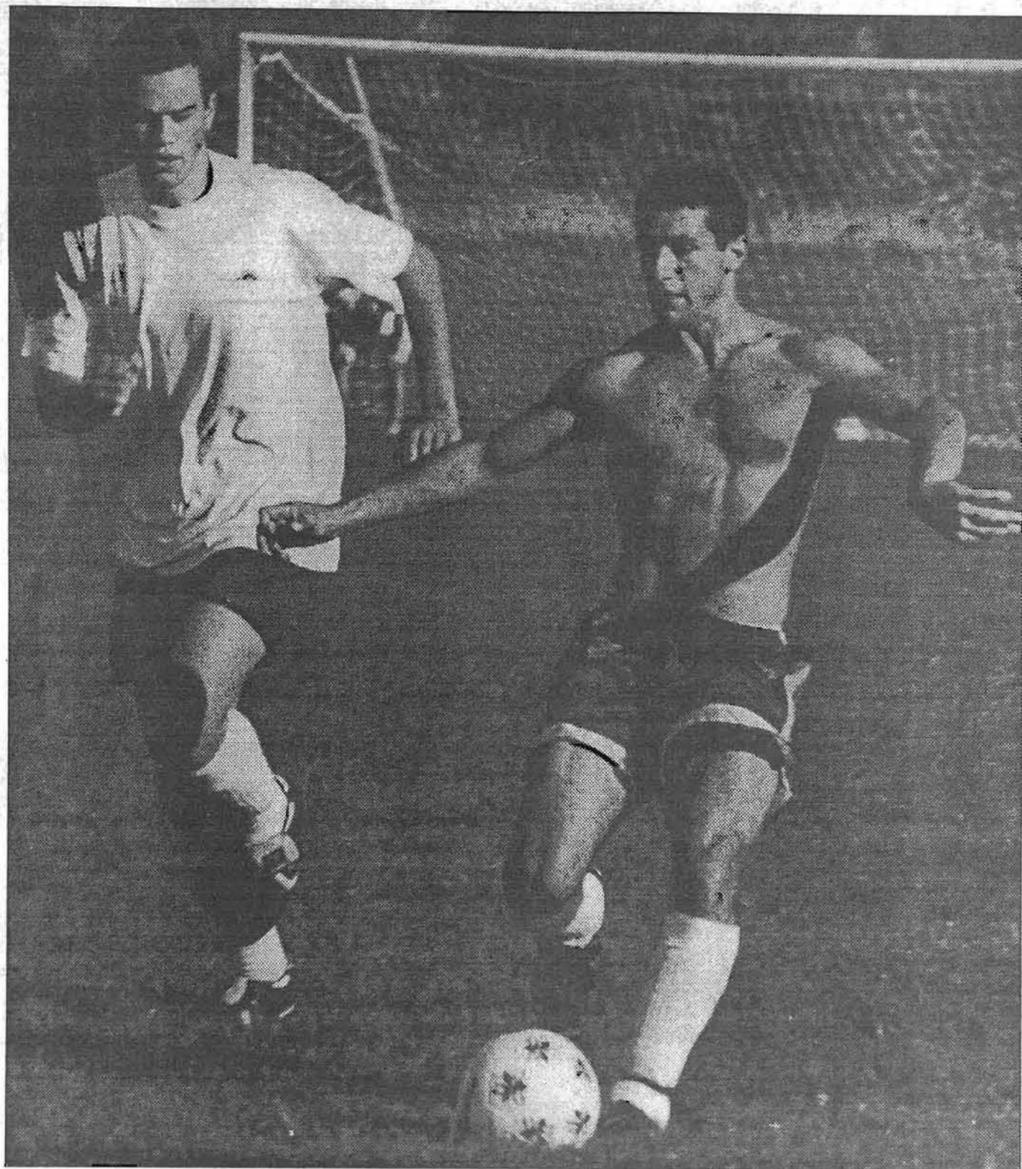
My parents never watched it, and my friends were never that interested in it. I was not exposed to it, so I never had any interest in it. However I do appreciate the game because those guys can do something that I can't, ice skate gracefully. Another example is soccer. I played soccer in grade school, but I did not continue because I just did not have the interest. I played volleyball in grade school and for a Junior Olympic team in high school, so I know a lot about that sport. I just have forgotten many of the rules and regulations. Following UM-St. Louis sports has helped to "refresh" my memory on the different rules and aspects of each sport that had otherwise slipped my mind.

I know that if I am to have a future in writing or reporting on sports, I am going to have to know just about every sport in depth so that I won't look or sound like a fool. I do have much knowledge and can talk sports with anyone, but I want to learn more. I want to learn more about the sports that I don't watch as much, including hockey, soccer, etc.

I am doing an internship at Channel 5 Sports, and I feel that I have the perfect models to follow if I want to reach my

Trey Wingo, Malcolm Briggs and Frank Cusumano. These four men seem to know every sport, every aspect about each sport, and what they are talking about when they give their opinions about any sport. My job there has me watching sporting events and games on television and recording different highlights which might be useful on the upcoming sports-cast. The more I watch these games, which include Blues hockey, baseball, football, basketball, golf and many others, the more knowledgeable I will become.

Only then will I finally be comfortable and confident discussing any aspect of the sports that I may not have otherwise understood as well.



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Midfielder Derick Kasper, right, prepares to kick the ball downfield during practise last week.

Rivermen ready for Homecoming action

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

Many players have high hopes for the homecoming game this Friday despite a history of struggling on the campus holiday.

The Rivermen will battle regional rival Quincy this Saturday at 3 p.m.

"This is going to be a very good game," Rivermen head coach Tom Redmond said. "I don't think you could have a better game for homecoming."

The rivalry with Quincy goes back

many years. Quincy is located 100 miles north of St. Louis, and many former St. Louis area players attend school there. Many were former teammates and opponents.

"There is a real good rivalry there because they always have a few St. Louis players on the squad," Redmond said. "Also their head coach, coach MacKenzie, graduated from Augustina High School."

Once a very strong soccer powerhouse, Quincy is in the midst of an average sea-

son. Several years ago the team was a Division-I school. Now it must battle to keep winning at the Division-II level.

"Quincy's tradition goes back a long way," Redmond said. "They have won several NAAIA titles, and they were a Division-I school for a while."

The Rivermen are optimistic about winning the homecoming game again this season.

"Quincy doesn't seem too strong this year," forward Jason Aft said. "We can't take them lightly though."

Women's soccer gets out of recent funk

by Dave Kinworthy
staff writer

The women's soccer team won two games in a row over the previous weekend and improved its record to 5-6 overall and 3-3 in conference play.

The first game featured UM-St. Louis against conference opponent Bellarmine. The Riverwomen came from behind and won on a Julie Rieter far-post shot with just under nine minutes remaining in the contest.

"Julie Reiter's goal was a complete individual effort. It was one of the best games she has played all year long," head coach Beth Goetz said. "She has really stepped up and become a leader with a high work

rate."

Next up for the Riverwomen was Kentucky Wesleyan, and UM-St. Louis won that game 2-0. Dana Thompson and Jenny Terbrock both scored goals for UM-St. Louis.

"We picked things up a notch, especially in the dominance of our passing," Goetz said. "We knocked and possessed the ball very well."

According to Goetz, a plague of injuries has hampered the Riverwomen.

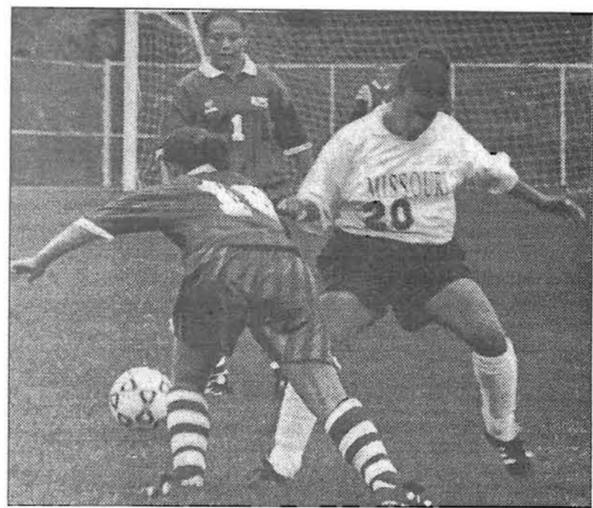
"Beth Ernst is not 100% and will not be for two weeks, along with Tammy Madden who is suffering from shin splints. Also, Jenny Terbrock and Diane Pohlman sat out most of the game against Kentucky Wesleyan."

The Riverwomen will face arch-rival SIU-Edwardsville Oct. 4 and Quincy on Oct. 11.

Looking ahead to the SIU-Edwardsville contest, Goetz believes it will be a tough match.

"It is always a grunge match when we play them. Last year we split our series. They went to the national tournament while we stayed home," Goetz said. "Everyone is excited about the rivalry. The rivalry is due the competition between the two schools recruiting players in St. Louis and in Illinois."

SIU-Edwardsville features forward Janece Friederich who already has 9 goals and center midfielder



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Carrie Marino, right, fights off two Kentucky Wesleyan opponents.

Rivermen looking for wins in upcoming matches

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

After a weekend where it rolled over two conference teams, the Rivermen soccer squad has hopes of knocking over several tough teams in the next week.

The Rivermen made quick work of Bellarmine and Kentucky Wesleyan last weekend. They defeated Bellarmine 2-1 and Kentucky Wesleyan 6-2.

"I have to say that we weren't expecting those teams to be tough games like Truman or SIU-Edwardsville," head coach Tom Redmond said. "I knew they were going to be good ball games. I knew if we scored against them, there would be good results."

Scoring was the key word for the

Rivermen. They had been out scored 12-7 before the weekend. This weekend they turned that around by scoring 8 goals as compared to the opposition's 3.

"The team finally took the advantage of its scoring opportunities," assistant coach Greg Crawford said.

During the two games, seven players scored their first goals of the season. Last year's top scorers Scott Luczak and Jason Aft were two that had struggled early. Redmond said their goals against Kentucky Wesleyan have given them much confidence.

"I'm already seeing Jason moving much more in practice," Redmond said. "He is also scoring

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS				
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Women			vs. Quincy 12:00 p.m.	at Southern Indiana 1:15 p.m.
Men	vs. Drury 7:00 p.m.		vs. Quincy 3:00 p.m.	at Southern Indiana 3:30 p.m.
Women		vs. Southern Indiana 7:00 p.m.	vs. Kentucky Wesleyan 1:00 p.m.	

The Flying Riverettes



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Riverettes Tawnya Reed, left, and Angie Miskov perform at a soccer game last week.

Riverwomen problems continue

by Brian Folsom
staff writer

Last weekend, the UM-St. Louis Riverwomen volleyball team returned home from an unsuccessful road trip to meet Great Lakes Valley Conference foes Northern Kentucky and Bellarmine.

The Riverwomen were swept 3-0 by Northern Kentucky on Sept. 27, and according to Head Coach Denise Silvester, even though this was one of the top teams in the conference, UM-St. Louis did not help itself with its subpar play.

"We didn't establish a rhythm at all in this game," Silvester said. "They outplayed us in every aspect of the game."

The Riverwomen lost 15-4, 15-6 and 15-11. Sophomore Nicole Wall led the team with 5 kills and a .333 hitting percentage. Junior Leslie Armstrong led the team with 9 digs, and she also had a .333 hitting percentage. As a team, the Riverwomen hit .053, and this is a major concern for Silvester.

"We are working hard to improve

our offense and our hitting attack," she said.

Although the team lost decisively in the first two games of the Northern Kentucky match, Silvester said it showed signs of improvement in the third game but couldn't catch up.

"We just need to focus on being more consistent at the end of our games because we tend to crack under pressure," she said.

In the second match against Bellarmine, the Riverwomen fell short again 3-1, but Silvester said that it was a huge moral victory for the team.

"The fact that we could come back the next day after a tough loss and play as tough as we did shows a lot," she said. "I feel that as a team, the girls really stayed together, and their spirits were high."

Silvester added that the Riverwomen came out intense and focused to battle Bellarmine, and although they won the first game, Bellarmine's age and experience proved too much for the younger Riverwomen.

"We didn't execute when we needed to, and we did not capitalize on our numerous chances," Silvester said. "We need to go from a moral victory to a win."

The Riverwomen missed 22 serves in the match.

Despite the losses, which dropped the Riverwomen's record to 7-7 overall, 2-4 GLVC, Silvester said she saw many positive points in her team's play.

"The defense is really coming around," she said. "The hitting percentage is dropping, and we are still struggling in that aspect, but we are working hard in practice to improve."

The Riverwomen were scheduled to travel to Quincy on Thursday, a game which Silvester said would be tough, especially on the road.

Quincy has been struggling, but it will likely be a big match because both teams are fighting to stay in the conference race.

The Riverwomen will then return home for matches against Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan on Oct. 10 and 11.

WOMEN, from page 9

Linda Bowes, the MVP of the UM-St. Louis Classic.

"Friederich is a huge goal scorer and a real threat with the ball at her foot while Bowes distributes the ball very nicely," Goetz said.

Battling injuries, the team will be forced to play without one or both captains, Beth Ernst and an uncertain Tammy Madden, but Goetz still remains optimistic about the weekend.

"We are hoping the last weekend gave the girls confidence," Goetz said. "It is a huge adjustment playing without two captains. Battling injuries, we have stepped it up and hope to have a good weekend."

LOOKING, from page 9

in practice. Scorers need to score in practice, in drills and in games. He wasn't finishing anywhere."

History shows that when Aft is playing well, the team wins. In two years, the Rivermen are 8-0 when Aft scores a goal.

"I just needed to get on the board one way or another," Aft said. "Now hopefully more goals will follow for the entire team."

The team also had a problem with getting red cards. In both of the

weekend games, the team finished with 10 players on the field. Dan Hugge received a red card with 35 minutes left in the game against Bellarmine.

"This can be a real dangerous team," Redmond said. "When everyone gets the job done, they play very well."

The goaltender position has been getting back in shape in the past week. Brad Beeler recovering from a shoulder injury played in the two

games. Third string goalie Olegusun "Shaggy" Fabyi also saw time during the weekend battles. Backup Kevin McCarthy was still injured due to an injury he had suffered the previous week.

"Brad and Kevin are the No. 1 and No. 2 goalies," Redmond said. "But even in a winning game, I felt it was important to get 'Shaggy' in some more game situations. So if we get in more trouble with our top guys, he is ready."

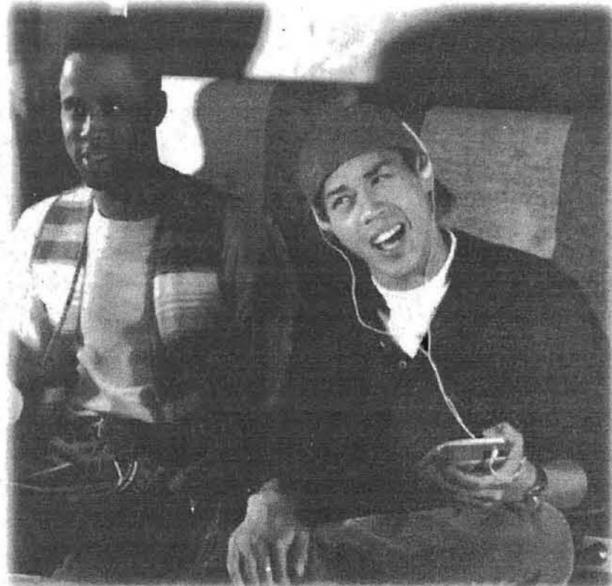
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Women's Volleyball	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer
Sept. 27 Northern Kentucky U. def. UM-St. Louis 15-4, 15-6, 15-11	Sept. 27 UM-St. Louis 2, Bellarmine 1	Sept. 27 UM-St. Louis 2, Bellarmine 1
Oct. 2 Quincy def. UM-St. Louis 7-15, 15-10, 10-15, 15-2, 15-13	Sept. 28 UM-St. Louis 6, Kentucky Wesleyan 2	Sept. 28 UM-St. Louis 2, Kentucky Wesleyan 0

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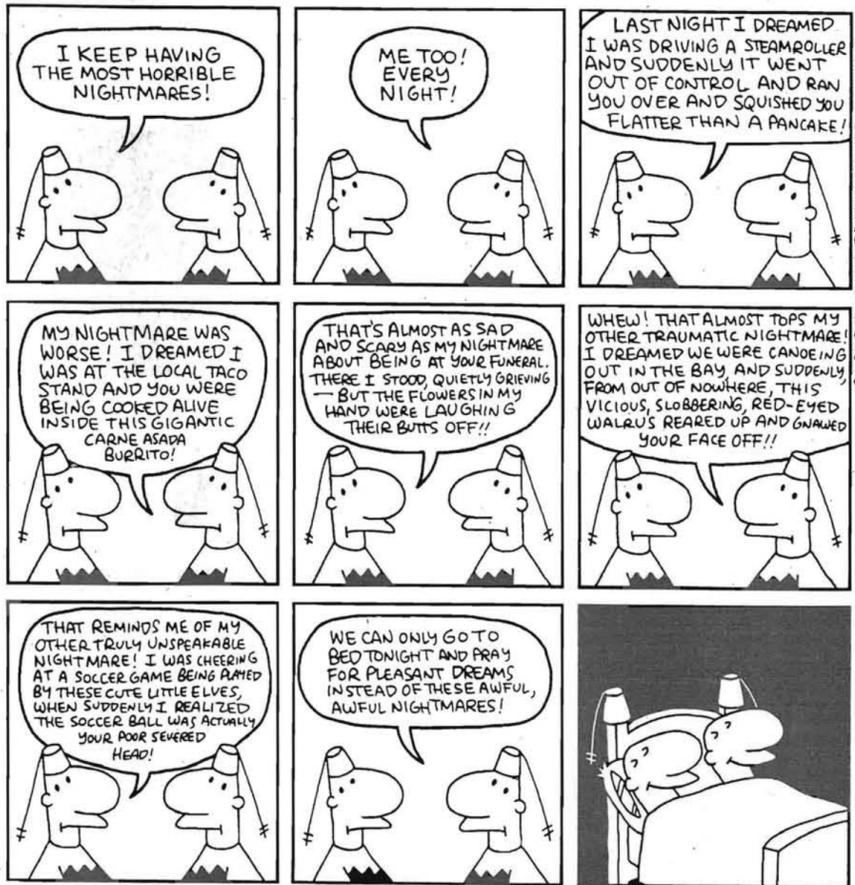
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October 11, 1997

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Dinner Starts at 8:00pm

Semi-Formal Attire

Cost: \$12.50/one

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\$90/table of 10

Ticket Booths: University Center --> Oct. 6th - Oct 10th 10:00am - 1:00pm
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The Games

Saturday Oct. 11, 1997

Women's Soccer
Riverwomen vs. Quincy
Game Time - Noon

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Both Games are at
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The Court

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Elections for Homecoming Court
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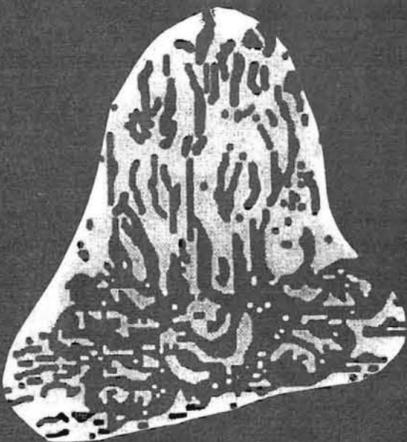
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announced at half-time of the
Men's Soccer game on the 11th.

The King and Queen will be announced
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Friday Oct 10

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