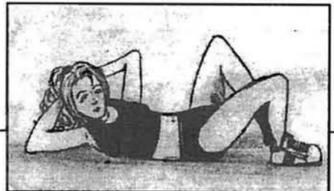




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Hopkins named new UPB director

by David Baugher
staff writer

Sharon Hopkins, a business administration major and member of the African-American leadership council, has been selected as the new director of the University Program Board.

The top post at UPB has been vacant for nearly two months. The last director, Beth White, left office at the end of June.

University Program Board members are responsible for choosing the director. Hopkins' selection was made at a special meeting Monday that included UPB advisor Don McCarty and two other board members.

McCarty said that Hopkins was the only candidate who filed for the position.

Hopkins said his main objective will be to help develop programs which will generate greater student interest.

"The mission is to do good quality programming throughout the school year and to keep students involved," Hopkins said. "Where there is more programming needed, we will beef it up."

Hopkins also hopes to encourage greater diversity in UPB events.

"The main thing," he said, "is to make sure that each entity gets an equal share of the pie."

Hopkins said he would like to make the organization more "student oriented," and pointed to some UPB efforts already underway, such as "Wacky see UPB, page 8



Troy Nash
student curator

Student curator approaches end of term

UM-St. Louis next on list to choose representative to board

by Bill Rolles
staff writer

As the student representative to the University of Missouri Board of Curators nears the end of his two-year term, the students of UM-St. Louis are beginning the process of selecting his successor.

Troy Nash, the student curator, will complete his term Dec. 31, 1997. Nash graduated from law school at UM-Kansas City in the spring and is working toward a doctorate.

Curator Mary Gillespie said Nash does not have a vote, but he is allowed to speak on issues that come up.

"On a regular basis, he has commented on important issues," Gillespie said. "And I think he has made a good representation of the students' views."

Nash is the true student voice for the UM system; he represents all 55,000 students, said Bob Fritchey,

former president of the UM-St. Louis Student Government Association.

"His (Nash's) job is to continually remind the curators of the interests and needs of the students," Fritchey said.

Nash meets and discusses issues with members of the Intercampus Student Council, which was re-established July 12, 1997, and brings ideas and information to the Board of Curators.

UM-Columbia Student Association President Adam Brown said "things have gone generally well" with Nash as the student curator but that it is difficult to say exactly what Nash has accomplished.

"He deals with a lot of intangibles," Brown said. "There are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes that we don't see. We only see the tangibles, so it's hard to say exactly what he has or hasn't

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Evangelist "Brother" Jim Gilles, center, is led away by UM-St. Louis Detective James Huelsing, left, and Chief of Police Robert Roeseler. Police arrested Gilles for trespassing. He was released later that day.

Preaching to the unconverted: Evangelist's sermons on the lawn earn him police escort from campus

by Jerry Weller and Becky Rickard
staff writers

A traveling Independent Pentecostal evangelist was arrested Wednesday for trespassing on the UM-St. Louis campus after his sermons attracted a crowd and incited observers.

"Brother" Jim Gilles preached to a crowd of about 40 students gathered around him in the quadrangle between Clark Hall and SSB. Some students in the crowd became agitated over his remarks about social issues, women, homosexuals and other groups.

After Gilles claimed "people in India drink cow urine for salvation," one woman began crying and yelling as she approached him. More students joined the woman, moving to within about three feet of him.

Campus police arrived shortly thereafter and arrested Gilles, who sang hymns as he was led away.

"You were told to leave because you were threatening the safety of my students," Robert Roeseler, chief of police, told Gilles during the arrest. "You are going to be charged with trespassing."

Gilles was released on his own recognizance

within the hour.

In addition to his message of salvation through Christ, Gilles also preaches that all lesbians and gays are sinners; men are inherently superior to women; and hedonism is responsible for the decline of societal values.

He said he believes that Catholics and Muslims are pagans.

"Catholics are pagans because they worship idols and eat their deity," he preached.

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Accidents kill 2 U students

Fall from tree, alleged 'road rage' claim lives

by Bill Rolles and David Baugher
staff writers

The unrelated deaths of two UM-St. Louis students have shocked the University community in the past month.

Members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity are mourning the death of 23-year-old Doug Garrett, who died Aug. 14.

Garrett, a member of the fraternity, was at the home of fellow fraternity member Bryant Price in Maryland Heights when he fell from a tree and landed on his back, Steve Wood, Garrett's former roommate and another member of the fraternity, said.

Wood said he and Price jokingly bet Garrett that he couldn't climb the tree because Garrett used to cut down trees for a living.

"That's how Doug was; you couldn't tell him that he couldn't do anything," Wood said. "He got to the point where you ought to come down. We told him to

come down, but he said he was going to go all the way to the top. And he made it. He made it to the top."

Wood said Garrett was his best friend. He described Garrett as "genuine" and "honest."

Neal Lewis, vice president of Pi Kappa Alpha, said Garrett's death had several effects on the fraternity.

"It made all the members realize they're not immortal," Lewis said. "He (Doug) was one of the persons everybody liked. All the sororities liked him."

Both Wood and Lewis said Garrett's death, besides bringing pain, brought the members closer together.

"In every big group there's cliques," Lewis said. "It made everybody become better friends and feel closer together."

Just three days prior to Garrett's death, Jennifer Lynn Hywari was killed in an

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Campus computing labs receive upgrades, additions over summer

Mike Kissel
special to The Current

Computer labs all over campus went through improvements during the summer months. The majority of the changes were made in the Social Science 103 lab and should already be completed.

According to campus officials, the IBM PS/2 computers have been replaced with HP Pentium 200 computers. The HP Pentium 200 computers have 16MB of memory, making them nearly six times faster than the old PS/2 computers.

Pentium Pro 200 computers were also added to the lab. The Pentium Pro 200 contains 64MB of memory, the most of any computer on campus. The old computers needed

approximately a minute or longer to run most programs whereas the new Pentium Pro computers will take only four seconds.

The Macintosh computers were replaced by Power Macs which are six to eight times faster than the older machines. This brings the number of Power Macs owned by the campus to 69.

Karl Steger, manager of instructional computing and the man behind the SSB 103 lab improvements, is trying to give the lab a more instructional feel.

"Over the next year, we will try to go from: 'here's a computer go use it,' to more training in the labs," Steger said.

They are also working on a student

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Professor teaches, helps make African history

by Doug Harrison
staff writer

To tell Adell Patton's story is to tell of sharecroppers in Arkansas and diplomatic delegations to West Africa, of jazz music and revolution and, above all, a commitment to his heritage.

That commitment to and interest in African history took Patton, an associate professor of history, to Liberia July as part of a 40-member delegation from the Carter Center-Atlanta's Conflict Resolution Program.

The delegation was led by former President Jimmy Carter, his wife, Rosalyn and former U.S. Senator Paul Simon and his wife, Jean.

The delegation was charged with observing the first democratic election that country has seen since the end of a seven-year civil war, responsible for over 150,000 civilian deaths.

Patton and other delegation members observed

some of the country's 2,000 polling sites during their 11-day stay.

"You must remember that this is a country with 13 different political parties and an illiteracy of over 80 percent," Patton said.

Part of Patton's task was to ensure that the election process was being carried out according to regulations established by the Independent Election Commission of Liberia.

"The ballots had as little writing on them as possible," Patton said. "Each candidate's picture was on the left and the voter placed an X or a thumbprint next to the candidate of choice."

In order to ensure the delegates' safety, Patton said they were given badges, but he also wore a bright red St. Louis Cardinals hat to ensure there was no mistaking him.

"I did go with some trepidation," Patton said.
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Ashley Cook/The Current

Adell Patton with former President Jimmy Carter in Liberia. Patton was part of a delegation to that country in July.

The Current Events Bulletin Board

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3

- **Guaranteed 4.0 Seminar I** sponsored by Multi-Cultural Relations/Academic Affairs in the J.C. Penney Conference Center auditorium from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

- **Programs in Japan**, Study Abroad information meeting in 301 SSB at 3:00 p.m. Contact: Center for International Studies, 6497.

Thursday, Sept. 4

- Photo exhibit, "**Far Away Places: Photographic Collages**," featuring the work of St. Louisan Kay Wood, opens at the Public Policy Research Center. Informal question and answer session at the opening reception from in 362 SSB from 1:30-3:00 p.m. The exhibit will be open through Oct. 31. Contact: Jean Tucker, 5273.

Friday, Sept. 5

- **Korean Student Organization meeting** in 75 J.C. Penney Conference Center at 1:00 p.m. Contact: Ae-Lan Kang, 521-7196.

Monday, Sept. 8

- The weekly **Breakfast Study** at the Newman House begins. Every Monday at 7:30 a.m. Contact: Betty, 385-3455.

- The Monday Noon Series: "**Alberta Hunter: Grand Old Lady of the Blues**." Fannie Belle presents monologue, with piano accompaniment by Steve Hollis. Event held in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

- **Social Work Chapter Meeting** for the Alumni Association at the Alumni Center at 5:30 p.m. Contact: Robbyn or Linda, 5833.

- **African American Chapter Meeting** for the Alumni Association at the Alumni Center at 6:00 p.m. Contact: Robbyn or Linda, 5833.

- **Student Networking Program** sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Relations division of Academic Affairs and by the Evening College. The program will be held in 324 Lucas Hall from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact: Linda Sharp, 6807.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

- **Nursing Chapter Meeting** for the Alumni Association at the Alumni Center at 5:30 p.m. Contact: Robbyn or Linda, 5833.

- **Homecoming Bonfire planning meeting** in 266 University Center at 3:00 p.m. Cold Pepsi promised. Contact: Annie at the Catholic Students Center, 385-3455.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

- **Expo/Chancellor's Picnic** in Alumni Circle from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact: Robbyn or Linda in Alumni Relations, 5833.

- **Sign-up deadline** for many of the **Recreational Sports** activities. For information about events call the Rec Sports office at 5326.

Thursday, Sept. 11

- "**New Memories in Meiji Japan: Exorcizing Ghosts, Finding Childhood**," presented by Dr. Stefan Tanaka in room 30, January Hall at Washington University from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Joint Center for East Asian Studies of UM-St. Louis and Washington University. Contact: Center for International Studies, 5753.

- **Peer Ministry training session** for the Newman House at 2:00 p.m. Contact: Mary, 544-4011, or Betty, 385-3455.

- **Programs in Ghana, West Africa**, Study Abroad information meeting in 301 SSB at 3:00 p.m. Contact: Center for International Studies, 6497.

- **Artist reception with Kelly Coalier** at the Fine Arts Building Gallery from 4-6 p.m. Coalier's exhibit "Recent Work" will run through Sept. 17. Contact: Department of Fine Art, 6967.

Friday, Sept. 12

- **6th Annual Founders' Dinner/Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony** at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, in Clayton, at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Robbyn or Linda, 5833.

- **World Wide Coffeehouse** at the Newman House from 7:30-9:30 p.m. International and National students invited to get to know one another. Contact: Newman House, 385-3455.

Saturday, Sept. 13

- **Speech and Fun Retreat** for the Forensics and Debate Club at the Pierre Laclède Honors College from 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Contact: Tom Preston, 5498.

- The **Department of Physics and Astronomy** will hold an **open house** at the campus observatory at 7:30 p.m. See the planets, moon and stars for free. In case of rain/clouds, the open house will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14. Contact: Tina Fanetti, 5706.

Monday, Sept. 15

- The Monday Noon Series: "**Asset Building: An Emerging Theme in Public Policy**." Dr. Michael Sherraden will discuss "individual development accounts" in welfare reform and "personal security accounts in social security, from an international perspective. Event held in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

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- ◇ Applications are available in the Office of Student Activities. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., September 26, 1997. Completed applications should be mailed to the Office of Student activities, 267, University Center. Phone number: 516-5291. E-mail address: StuActv@umslvma.umsl.edu

Former president takes post with SGA assembly

by Bill Rolles
staff writer

New Student Government Association president Jim Avery's first order of business at Wednesday's meeting was to welcome his predecessor back to the assembly.

Bob Fritchey completed his year-long term as president in June and Wednesday, the 35 representatives unanimously selected Fritchey as this year's assembly chairman.

The assembly chair in responsible for conducting monthly assembly meetings.

In his report, Avery remind the assembly that the next student representative to the UM Board of Curators will come from UM-St. Louis.

Avery said the process of selecting the student curator is "beginning to take place."

He stressed the significance of

the position, saying, "The student curator represents over 55,000 students."

Avery also announced a new policy. He said at every SGA meeting, all the committees will meet and then report back to the general assembly with any announcements or issues that need to be discussed.

Avery said he will take role at the beginning of the meeting and at the end.

He said he wants people to stay for the entire meeting and not just sign in and leave.

"It's not fair to those people who stay for the whole meeting," Avery said.

Organizations who have representatives that miss more than two meetings will be penalized, Neal Lewis, SGA comptroller, said.

"If you miss three meetings, your funds will be frozen," Lewis



Bob Fritchey

said.

After the meeting, Avery said this rule is not new and has been in the bylaws since at least 1993.

Lewis also announced that Student Activity Budget Committee applications will be available Friday.

Arrest, from page 1



Jim Gilles, right, and two students exchange heated words in the quadrangle Wednesday. Gilles preached on campus Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to whomever would listen on North Campus.

Ashley Cook/The Current

Many of the students who heard Gilles said they were disgusted with his message.

Gina Puglisi, a junior psychology major, confronted him.

"I believe this is taking away our rights as citizens because this is not separation of church and state," Puglisi said. "This campus has many other problems. I don't need to come out here and find this."

Benjamin Bender, a sophomore, also became vocal with Gilles. Bender agrees with the constitutional right of free speech but also disagrees with Gilles' logic.

"The allowance of religious and Bible studies should be encouraged," Bender said. "However, when such an institution becomes utterly offensive on both a moral and intellectual basis, it should be curtailed."

Although many of the students were angry with Gilles' message, some felt his presence was a positive influence.

"I think it is almost a good thing he is here because he is drawing the campus together," Kendall Mines, a senior political science major, said.

Gilles said he did not feel physically threatened by the students and that his arrest was intended to shut him up, not protect him.

"How many rights have gone out the

"I thought his close proximity to the library was likely to disturb people's attempts to study there."

-Karl Beeler

interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs

window in the guise of "for your own good?" he asked.

The day before his arrest, Gilles had a confrontation with Karl Beeler, interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs because of complaints about the volume and content of his speech.

"I thought his close proximity to the library was likely to disturb people's attempts to study there," Beeler said.

According to Gilles, Beeler was upset because Gilles referred to fraternity men as "drunken, horny, little masturbators."

Beeler said his actions were based solely upon the volume of Gilles' speech.

Gilles pointed out that his voice was not electronically amplified and that there was a considerably louder blues band playing near the library the very next day.

"The issue has to do with the timing and when the band was playing," Beeler said. "Were there classes taking place? I do feel that I may have been preemptive,

but he didn't appear to me to be willing to discuss an alternative place to deliver his speech."

Thursday afternoon Gilles returned and preached again. Campus police said that Gilles had a legal right to return.

He said he has lawsuits pending against UM-Columbia and UM-KC. Policies at those campuses require guest speakers to be sponsored by a student. He said those restrictions constitute "prior restraint" and violate his right to free speech.

UM-St. Louis does not have any similar policies on such speeches.

Most of Gilles' financial support comes from the small churches where he preaches while traveling with his family. He denied suggestions that his appearance on campus was a ploy to provoke campus authorities and establish grounds for a lawsuit, but he allowed: "I also would not mind having some university fund my ministry for the rest of my life (through damages awarded from litigation). It would be the irony of ironies."

Patton, from page 1

"But after a while, I relaxed. I went out and about Monrovia at night. But I was told that as little as a few months ago, we would not have been safe."

The delegates also provided "quick counts," or on-site, informal tabulation of the ballots and phoned in the results to the Carter Center headquarters. There, Carter counseled the candidates in accordance with the projected election results.

"President Carter urged the candidates not to campaigns on the radio or in any way broadcast the results," Patton said.

He said Charles Taylor, the eventual presidential victor, had his own FM radio station, but because of Carter's work, the station played only gospel music on election day, July 19.

The Carter Center will maintain a presence in Liberia through next year to ensure a smooth transition in the post governance process.

"President Carter has one of the most active post-presidencies of any man in American history," Patton said.

Patton says his trip to Africa was especially rewarding for him.

"For the first time, an African organization (IBCOM) has been involved in reaching a peaceful resolution to a traumatic conflict and has now helped absorb Liberia into the West African states," Patton said. "While the US will continue to have a leadership role there, Liberia will from now on be more Africa-focused."

Since his return, Patton has continued to work on a book likely to be published next year entitled "Soul Voices: Life and times in a mule-in-hole plow culture in Arkansas 1800-1979," a book he hopes can be made into a movie.

It is a chronicle of Patton's own childhood, the only son of Haynes, Arkansas sharecroppers.

"My mother had a sixth grade education and my father had a first grade education," Patton said. "But they were always determined that I should not linger in poverty. When



Above, the city of Abidjan, Liberia, the first stop in the Carter Center Delegation's trip. At right, Adell Patton, left, with Jean and former US Senator Paul Simon, members of the delegation that observed Liberia's elections.



the school bus came, I was on it." After high school, Patton studied music at Kent State College in Kentucky, graduating in 1959. Having worked summers in St. Louis at the Norwood Hills Country Club, Patton returned here with his music degree.

"I came to St. Louis with a trumpet under my arm and hopes of becoming the next Miles Davis," Patton said. "It didn't happen."

Instead, he enrolled at Butler University in Indianapolis where he met professor and mentor Emilou Thornbrough. She helped spark Patton's interest in African history. He graduated from there in 1964 with a master's degree in African history, and he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1975.

Until 1994, Patton taught at Howard University, where he was a Fulbright teaching fellow and senior fellow of the Carter G. Woodson Institute.

Patton is particularly interested

in African history as it relates to what he calls the "invention of tradition" in historical texts and cultural myths perpetuated by ethnic groups and societies.

"Much of what we have been taught as tradition and history has just recently been invented," he said. "That is the baggage that is imposed on the African Diaspora."

After "retiring" from Howard in 1994, Patton accepted his post with the University.

"I love it here," Patton said. "Not only do I save probably \$10,000 a year in commuting costs, but everyone at the University from the chancellor down all work for an environment that is conducive to teaching and research."

Since his arrival here, Patton has published his first book, "Physicians, Colonial Racism and Diaspora in West Africa," and submitted the manuscript of "Soul Voices" to the University of Arkansas Press for consideration.

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OUR OPINION

Will new director signal U-turn for UPB?

THE ISSUE:

UPB has finally selected its new director for the coming year, as the board faces dwindling membership and structural breakdowns.

WE SUGGEST:

The new director needs to focus on managing the organization and let board members assume a more active role in programming that has heretofore been fulfilled by the group's faculty advisor.

So WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

University Program Board Advisor Don McCarty is right; things aren't working the way they should at UPB.

Last year, in response to the drastic reduction in the quality and quantity of UPB's programming, UPB began paying its president in an effort to increase the incentive for that organization's student leader to turn things around.

But that didn't work. And apparently we're not the only ones who think so. Just last week, McCarty said he will have to begin taking a more active role in the board's operation, funded by an \$80,000 allocation of students' money.

Normally, we would oppose such administrative intervention into students' affairs. But frankly, the students of UPB haven't shown us that they're capable of responsibly handling such a large sum of their peers' money.

The board's organizational structure, or lack thereof, may be to blame here.

Ideally, the president is supposed to recruit, direct, counsel and instruct board members.

The board members themselves are charged with planning and implementing programming.

But in recent years, the president has tended to micromanage, generating as well as organizing and executing the programming while the 15-member board has degenerated into a social club for five or six friends.

All the while, McCarty has been keeping the organization afloat. EXPO, one of UPB's flagship events, is less than 10 days away, and Sharone Hopkins was elected director just Thursday. But EXPO will go on largely because McCarty assumed both the managing role of the president and the programming role of the board members throughout the summer.

That begs one inescapable question: if McCarty can do by himself what a president and board cannot, why then do students continually fund UPB to the tune of \$80,000?

Hopefully, Hopkins and this year's board can answer that question and restore the student body's faith in an organization that is dangerously near extinction.

University needs to feed residents

The hours of operation for restaurants in the Underground are anything but accommodating for residents on weekends.

Food Service Consultants closes all the restaurants at 1:30 p.m. Fridays, and students living in the residence halls can't get so much as a bagel until 7:30 Monday morning.

The University already requires residents to purchase \$700 meal plans every semester.

The residents do not get a refund if they don't utilize the entire amount. Plus, they have to spend extra money on the weekends because the Underground only serves food during the week.

The University should have considered the residents' interests and contracted with a food service company that would have kept the Underground restaurants open from at least 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends.

That way, a resident could at least get some lunch or a late breakfast.

Sadly, my neighbors are strangers to me

As I pulled in my driveway one day last week, I saw this sign: Please bring back the book bag. After talking it over with my parents, we decided our neighbors must have put it there. Their children have turned the grassy island near our driveway between the ditch and the sidewalk into a bus stop, and they congregate there every morning with other neighborhood kids.

As kids are often prone to do, one of our neighbor's youngsters must have forgotten to get on the bus with his or her book bag and some ne'er-do-well likely swiped it for whatever reasons such people do such things.

But that's just my guess. I really know very little about our neighbors. We've lived in our house almost five years, and I still don't know any of my neighbor's names. I'm not sure why.

Admittedly, our house is rather oddly situated in the far corner of an enormous lot and is walled off from the two streets that separate us from our neighbors by a very handsome stand of mature trees. That physical inaccessibility may account for some of my unfamiliarity with my neighbors.

That and the imposing church my father pastors that towers over and dwarfs our house further back in the lot. I'm pretty sure most of my neighbors are relatively unreligious folks, so that my family's proximity to so much Christianity may be a little off-putting.

Except for the Lutheran minister and his family directly across the street from us.

Likely our proximity to a Baptist church is what they find most off-putting. There's no open animosity between us; just an understanding that if we each keep our distance and merely exchange pleasantries on trips to the mailbox, we will remain sufficiently unobligated to discuss the one topic that controls both of our lives and could likely cause an all out brawl if it were to be discussed at any length: church doctrine.

As for the other three families that are nearest to us, I know even less of them.

Their houses form the eastern boundary of a mobile home community, though I still slip sometimes and say trailer park. Over the past few years, the trailer pad near the far end of our yard has housed countless families and three different mobile homes; one burned down; one was run down; and the last one was dragged off sometime earlier this summer.

Frankly, I'm not too sad to see the trailer or its tenants go. This last bunch had perpetual yard sales that never seemed to sell anything, but they did leave the, uh, merchandise in the yard all week, in anticipation, I suppose, of the business they hoped and utterly failed to attract on the weekend.

One of my other neighbors delivers the Post-Dispatch to commercial retailers on the East Side. I guess we should have something of a kinship, his work and mine being so closely related. But we don't.

He has to get up way too early in the morning, which may be why I write for newspapers rather than distribute them.

And then there is the family whose child was victimized by the book bag bandit.

I would recognize the children's mother if I saw her. I've seen her around town in her conspicuous Lincoln Town Car with vanity plates: WRKNGWMN, they say.

She does look like a very industrious type.

Industrious, and sincere. So sincere that she's tried asking for her child's property back from the thieves who took it. She even wrapped the sign in plastic, an indication that she intends for it to remain for some time.

Maybe I should go over and compliment her industry and sincerity.

Or maybe not.

I don't really know her that well.

It's my right and I'll speak if I want to

Freedom of speech is a right cherished by most Americans, some more than others. Many people enjoy the idea, but is it the same idea for everybody?

No "freedom of anything" is cut and dry freedom. It seems like they all come with a bunch of fine print.

For instance, does Brother Jim have the right to stand out in the middle of the quad and condemn all Greeks and homosexuals to Hell?

Clearly, he is exercising his right to say whatever he wants, but he has gone too far. If he is trying to spread the word of God, I would judge by the reactions of UM-St. Louis students that Brother Jim's way of teaching is ineffective.

If there is such a thing as freedom of speech, why do people whisper when they tell racial jokes or make fun of others' sexuality (these two seem to be the most sensitive joke topics).

I heard of a judge who once said that you can swing your fists at someone to the point of his nose. Once you cross the line and you hit the guy in the nose, you're violating the law.

When applying the same concept to speech, once somebody assaults another person with words, he has overstepped his right to freedom of speech.

This idea is also a bit complex. I'm sure every religious leader upsets members of his or her congregation because of what he or she says. A priest, for example, may say that a specific type of behavior is sinful, and somebody may not agree. The priest is not at fault because he is not accusing anybody of anything. He is simply describing a situation that is unethical according to his religion.

Brother Jim was making generalizations about people and accusing them of sinful deeds. He said all sorority women are sluts.

Now, I could be wrong, but I'm almost positive that there has got to be at least one member of a sorority who is not a slut. Unless being a slut is a necessary requirement for initiation, Brother Jim is probably wrong on that one.

So, if there is such thing as freedom of speech, I'll exercise my right and say that anyone who agrees with me is intelligent, and anyone who does not agree with me should be shot for the good of the population.



Doug Harrison
editor in chief

GUEST COMMENTARY

Parking presents problems for students

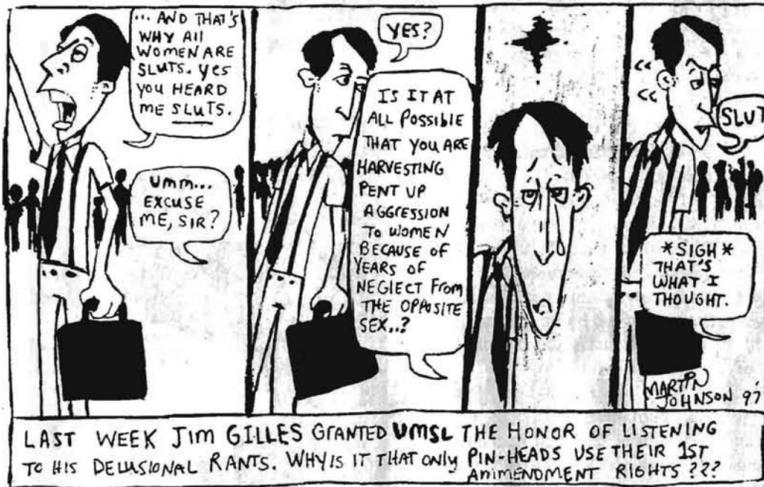
While most analysis of the parking problems at the University focus on isolated episodes or personal experiences with a fine, we must look at larger issues like parking disparities, parking fines and how the parking revenue will facilitate a prospective parking garage for the year 2000.

Faculty and staff have privileged parking at UM-St. Louis, yet students pay their salaries. Students have to walk a country mile to get to their classes no matter where they are on campus. The shuttles are frequent, but no one wants to take the scenic route when they only have ten minutes before class starts. UM-St. Louis contends that it wants to add more buses, but what it needs to do is shorten some of the routes; especially on North Campus. Ideally, some buses would only circle North Campus, and some would only circle South Campus, with a few buses circling both campuses. More students would then use the shuttles without worrying about taking a trip to the Meadows when they want to go to SSB.

This type of customer service is missing at UM-St. Louis. Here, students are not treated like valued customers when it comes to parking, but the faculty and staff are. Instead, UM-St. Louis students are treated like children. To illustrate, it is customary that when adults and children get into a car, the adult usually sits in the front, and the child sits in the back seat. The same is true at UM-St. Louis: faculty and staff are given close parking while the students who pay much higher parking fees have to park far away. Students should be treated with the same adult respect and receive equal parking opportunities.

In addition, the reserved parking for faculty and staff lends itself to parking tickets for students. If you park in a privileged space in order to quickly drop something off, don't be surprised when you see that little yellow envelope on your windshield. The campus police circle both campuses more than the shuttles.

Lastly, privileged parking leads to fines; the fines lead to more money for UM-St. Louis; more money leads to a \$34 million parking garage expected to go up in the year 2000. The average student pays close to \$50 per semester on parking fees and another \$10 to \$50 in parking fines. Therefore, UM-St. Louis can easily make up to \$200 a year in parking fees and fines per student. Approximately 16,000 student register each semester. If they all pay for parking, in a year UM-St. Louis can heap \$6.4 million, which in four to six years is enough money for that new parking garage. But students shouldn't have to pay excessive, punitive fines to increase revenue, especially if they have to put up with parking disparities.



READER RESPONSE

U Meadows residents entitled to computers

The writer of the opinion column headlined "Tenants efforts are misdirected" in the Aug. 25 The Current doesn't have all the facts.

He or she claims that because the University Meadows property is owned but not managed by UM-St. Louis, the residents of U Meadows deserve no computer services provided by the University.

This opinion doesn't consider two facts. First, the 415 residents of U Meadows pay numerous fees to the University, including computing fees that this fall will total approximately \$37,350 (that's \$7.50 per credit hour).

In return for this sum, the University does not provide the residents with a single computer on the grounds of U Meadows.

Secondly, and in contrast, the Residents Hall

houses only 150 students who pay \$13,500 in computing fees, and they have their own on-site computing lab.

The U Meadows Residents Association is simply asking UM-St. Louis to give us the same return on our dollar that the Residence Hall students get.

It is the obligation of Century Property, which manages U Meadows, to provide the residents with clean, affordable housing, not a computer lab.

Likewise, it is the obligation of UM-St. Louis to provide students with the tools necessary to foster learning and academic growth.

Dan Vasey, President
University Meadows Residents Association

Underground hours, at times, inconvenient

I'm sure that I'm in the minority as usual, but I'm just curious to know what those of us (such as myself) who have classes that run through the lunch hour are supposed to do until 4:00 p.m. when the Underground reopens for dinner. Way back when, you could always get Taco Bell, Pizza Hut or Grill Works any time of the day, but nowadays I suppose we're to dry up and blow away while waiting for the dinner hour.

The underground's hours officially suck.

Ray Morgan
junior, biology/computer science

Thanks Dan and Ray for sending us your letters. Anyone else wanna see your opinion in the paper? Just write or e-mail us.



Bill Rolles
managing editor

ODDS & ENDS

Stick it in the

Fridge



Becky Rickard
features editor

I was a tomboy when I was young. I loved to pull the legs off daddy long-legs and watch them wiggle; I played cops and robbers and sported an NFL lunchbox. I was crushed for weeks when my mom wouldn't let me walk around with my shirt off after I turned four.

As I grew older and began attending middle school, or pre-pubescent hell as I prefer to call it, I noticed that other girls in school weren't playing soccer with the boys at recess.

In fact, many of the girls were "going out" with the boys I had slide tackled and scored against during lunch.

I decided to make friends, girl friends. I started wearing make-up, bought my first bra and kissed my first boyfriend behind the church bells.

I was balanced.

This balance soon swayed when I attended an all female high school. I looked around me and saw so many girls more feminine than me.

I tried to act flirty and precocious, but I felt like an impostor.

I cared about the same feminine things as did the "girlie" girls but couldn't get the demeanor quite right. I also still cared about many masculine things like football scores, baseball trades and The MacKenzie brothers, you hoser.

In college, I learned the word androgynous. I love that word.

Androgynous: pertaining to or containing both male and female characteristics. I felt much better about having a higher batting average than many of my old boyfriends.

In one of my many psychology classes, I learned that androgynous people are the most psychologically healthy people.

I was also informed that people who experiment with drugs are also psychologically healthy. Both of these revelations pleased me.

The college that taught me about androgyny was an all female college. The more they taught me about it, the worse I wanted to leave that estrogen infested campus. I began to hate the fact that I was female because I was judged harshly in regard to the masculine aspects of my personality.

So I came back to St. Louis and applied to UM-St. Louis. This was the first time I had classes with males in six and a half years. It was great. I couldn't believe how intelligent and cerebral men could be.

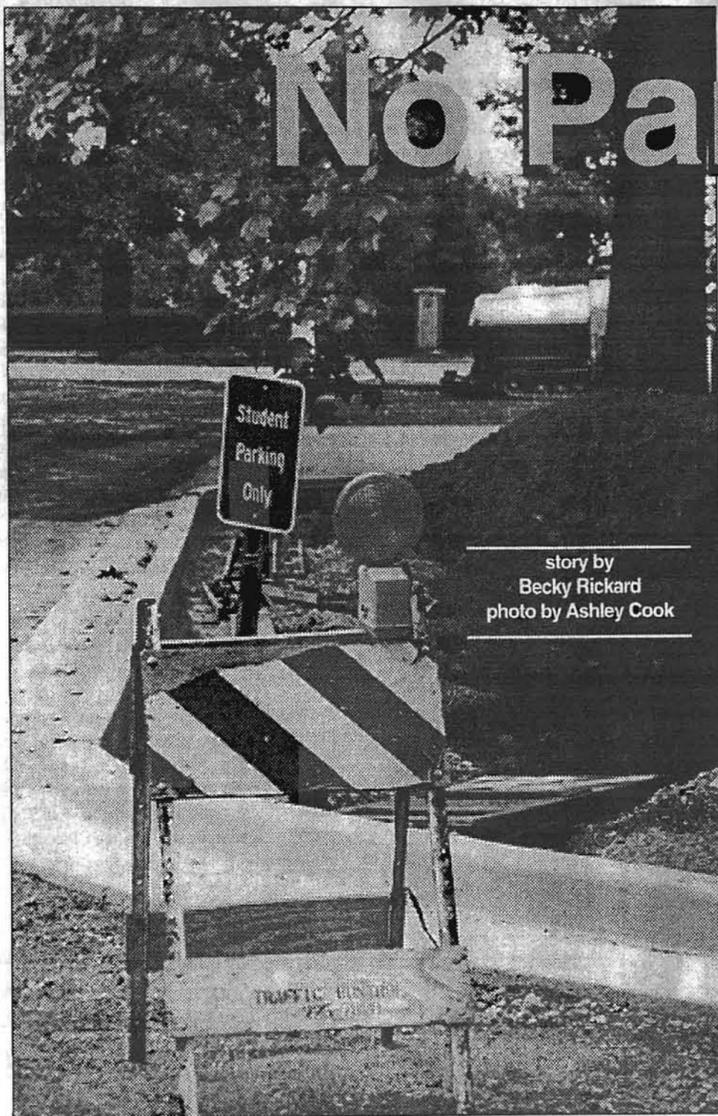
I had cut myself off from man far too long.

Sure, I bumbled around like a prepubescent schoolgirl at first, having crushes on any attractive male in my path and laughing inappropriately at stupid jokes. However, time passed and I felt comfortable again.

I was finally at an institution that not only taught but also displayed the positive effects of androgyny. I was surrounded by people who could talk about Brett Favre and Alicia Silverstone.

I finally feel comfortable enough to say that lizards make great pets; Princess Diana will be missed; the reinstatement of the two point conversion saved football; and I need to get my hair and nails done.

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story by
Becky Rickard
photo by Ashley Cook

The parking lot for Honors Hall residents and Honors College students was barricaded for the first half of the week while crews finished paving its surface. University officials reported that a delay by the contractor accounted for the late start.

No Parking Zone

Most students are excited to start school again. New books, new faces in classes and new instructors. However, the emotions that fuel the excitement can be transferred into anger as the students desperately look for parking spaces.

Parking seems problematic during the first week of the new semester. Some students believe parking is difficult because students actually go to classes the first week of class and those who tend to drop out of school altogether wait until after the first few weeks are over.

Bob Roessler, chief of police at UM-St. Louis, assigned officers to direct traffic and answer questions Monday through Thursday of last week.

"We did not have any problems, better than expected," stated Roessler. "There were 300 open spaces available in a parking lot along West Campus Drive."

John Russell, senior history major, disagrees. Russell has attended UM-St. Louis for seven years and says parking is a huge problem again this year.

"This is the worst I've seen it. It was like driving downtown," Russell said.

The parking problem was amplified at the Honors College when unforeseen delays in the resealing of the parking lot caused contractors to begin work on the first day of classes.

When Lisa Grubbs, director of Residential Life, heard of the students' dissatisfaction, she said she did not feel sorry for them.

"We've been busting our asses. Just because they can't pull up to the door, they'll complain," Grubbs replied.

Freshman, Sam Hand, applauds the new parking lot.

"I think the new lot is great. Before we had to park in the circle drive. It makes it a lot easier to

"I parked illegally today. I got here on time and knew that if I looked for a parking space, I'd be at least 10 minutes late for class, so I parked in a faculty space."

— Julie Wachter
UM-St. Louis student

get to your room," Hand stated.

Tim Layton, senior English major, had no problem finding parking spaces because most of his classes began at 8 a.m. However, he did run into trouble when a UM-St. Louis officer stopped him in garage D Thursday morning. The stop created a traffic jam while Layton, who was not wearing a seat belt at the time, was informed of the new seat belt laws by the officer.

"It just seemed like a waste of time. People don't have time to be lectured by an UM-St. Louis cop, a glorified security guard," Layton said.

There are 5000 parking spaces at UM-St. Louis. There are close to 16,000 students who attend the university.

Julie Wachter, a senior communications major, feels that there is too much faculty parking, especially surrounding the heart of North campus.

"I parked illegally today. I got here on time and knew that if I looked for a parking space, I'd be at least 10 minutes late for class, so I parked in a faculty space," Wachter said.

Police officers will no longer be directing traffic and students may resume fighting for one of the 5000 parking spaces that are closer to their classes this week.

Campus fitness guru puts students through their aerobic paces

by John Jones
staff writer

Pull on your sweats and strap on the spandex because you are about to break a sweat: that is, if fitness coordinator Diane Blanchard has anything to do with it.

Walking into one of her classes, a student is met by a booming beat and an even louder voice pushing students to new heights of cardiovascular bliss.

You can almost smell the fat burning.

Blanchard has been coordinating several classes in aerobics. The formats are different for each of them.

The one described above was called "Aerobic Jam" because the exercises were set to the beat of dance/techno music.

Walking in on the class, you notice immediately that the exercises involved aren't very difficult -- almost anyone can do them.

On this particular day, Blanchard was leading a diverse but largely female group.

The 17 people ranged in age from approximately 18 to 50.

"Aerobic Jam" was the first fitness class for freshman Angela Gohl.

"I really liked it a lot. It's a great workout, and you don't even have to be good; it's not hard," Gohl said.

The students paused to take their pulses while Blanchard advised them that if they didn't have the breath to talk then they were not getting the proper workout.

It didn't appear that the students and faculty in the class were overexerting, but there was a fine sheen of sweat on each body.

"These classes should really be the kind of thing that people feel like they can come to," Blanchard explained. "They don't really need any special skill, talent or ability. What they need is to have the desire to move, get healthier and just enjoy themselves."

"Self-esteem is improved as well as a general sense of well-being."

— Diane Blanchard
fitness coordinator

The instructor said that, for many college students, it is the first time away from home and that many of their routines from home are upset. It is Blanchard's aim to help students establish a new rhythm and keep healthy.

"Self-esteem is improved as well as a general sense of well being," she said.

Blanchard explained about keeping a healthful diet and establishing a routine involving exercise.

She and her associates charge a fee for the classes. However, she describes herself and the other instructors as professionals, explaining that to take these classes elsewhere would cost more.

"We're not here to skin the cat; we're really just here to cover the cost of the program, so we offer really, really reasonably priced classes," Blanchard said.

The program will run all semester.

Classes range from those that anyone can comfortably attend, such as

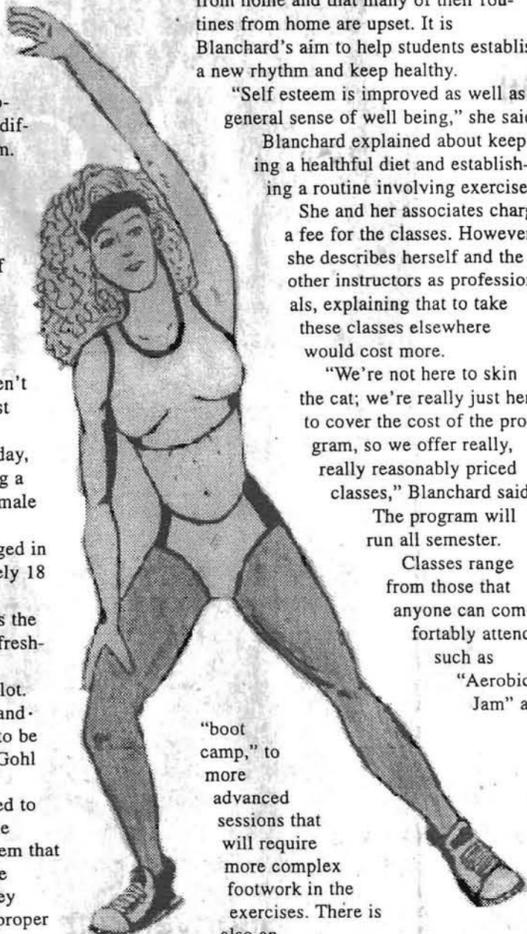
"Aerobic Jam" and

"boot camp," to more advanced sessions that will require more complex footwork in the exercises. There is also an

aquatic-based aerobics class called W.E.T. geared toward more physically challenged people.

The cost for students is \$35 and \$50 for staff and alumni. It is a one-time fee that allows participants to attend any class for the entire fall.

"Anybody should be able to come and get a good sweat, have some fun and try to maintain a balance in life," Blanchard said.



UNDER CURRENT

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question by Becky Rickard
of The Current staff

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT STARTING THE FALL SEMESTER

"It's my last semester."

— Brian Preslopsky
senior•economics



"Meeting new people from around the world."

— Terrie Greene
freshman•undecided



"Living on campus and being independent."

— Wendy Wright
freshman•psychology



"The teachers."

— Melinda Haynes
freshman•undecided



"It's a whole new start. Everything's new."

— Angela Gohl
freshman•social work



CONCERT REVIEW



The rock band Live played to a packed house at Riverport last Tuesday and blew me away. When band members took the stage that night, they took it for keeps. Live didn't play coy, or try to fool everyone in attendance into thinking it's a great band; Live proved it. Touring in support of their latest release, *Secret Samadhi*, Tuesday was the second stop in St. Louis for members of the group this year. Early in March they played at the American Theater.

They played songs off their three CD's though most of the songs were from *Secret Samadhi*. The tunes from the hugely successful *Throwing Copper* were openly accepted by the crowd, especially the hits "Selling the Drama" and "Lightning Crashes." However, the tracks that were not released, such as "Iris" and

"Waitress" were greeted just as enthusiastically. The songs from the new album were played hard and furiously, except the slower "Ghost." With "Operation Spirit," the place erupted, especially when Edward Kowalczyk wanted everyone to do "rock-n-roll's favorite pastime" and sing along with him.

At the end of the set, the place went crazy, vowing not to leave until they came back the stage. With the encore, Live played "Mirror Song," "I Alone," the wild "Heropsychodreamer" and "White Discussion." With everything finished, the band stood there on stage accepting all the cheers and applause. Kowalczyk, who asked throughout the performance, asked again: "How are you feeling?"

Perhaps the most intriguing

aspect of the night was not what songs Live would play or if band members would be the powerful performers they were, it was why Patrick Dahlheimer was wearing a full-length skirt. He even had flowers in his hair when he took the stage. Was it a tribute to the woman-led opening bands Radio Iodine and Luscious Jackson, or was it a symbolic gesture of freedom to do what one wants to do? I am not really sure what the reason was, but it was interesting to say the least.

This show proved once again why Live is one of the top draws in and around music today. The band showcased its talents and its crowd appeal. Live loves to play in front of audience and does it awfully well.

-Matthew Regensburger

MUSIC REVIEWS

Radio Waves:

Local band one of 'most exciting' groups

Radio Iodine
Tiny Warnings

I am proud to say that St. Louis has one of the most exciting and growing music scenes in the country. I am also ecstatic to say that Radio Iodine is one of those St. Louis bands that is getting big. With its new Universal records release, *Tiny Warnings*, the group has exploded onto the modern rock scene.

In the ringing chorus of the first

track, "Go Ahead," you receive an immediate sense of intensity about the album. The song urges: "I'd like to snap your head off your shoulders/ pinch your brain till it smolders/ etch my pain deep into your skin."

Track after track, the songs seem to get better, and I find myself cranking the volume up another notch. From radio hits such as "Things I Do," "Never Meant To" and



"Human Nature," as well as other sizzling music explosions like "Manic Girl" and "I Am," this compact disc is loaded with canciones buenos.

-Travis Regensburger

New facility enhances mission of Center for Trauma Recovery

Becky Rickard
staff writer

The Center for Trauma Recovery has moved to a new location in the lower level of the Kathy J. Weinman Children's Advocacy Center and Institute for Trauma Recovery.

The center began as a research and educational facility dedicated to furthering solutions for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other symptoms of trauma survivors.

In 1996, the Center for Trauma Recovery began clinical services. Like most clinics, it operates on a sliding scale and uses up-to-date counseling and therapy techniques designed for trauma survivors. The types of trauma handled by the center are sexual assault, intimate partner violence, accidents, disasters, robberies and physical assault. Other types of trauma include violence based on sexual orientation or race and surviving the homicide or suicide of a loved one.

The Center for Trauma Recovery is involved with on-going research. One program offers free recovery sessions for victims of sexual

assault. The center is also participating in a national research assessment study mapping the natural recovery of sexual assault survivors.

Another service performed by the Center for Trauma Recovery is debriefings, or meetings with trauma survivors that allow the incident to be discussed emotionally and factually while providing education about the effects of trauma on survivors. The center offered to conduct debriefings with employees, children and parents involved with the University Child Development Center at UM-St. Louis after the tragic death of teacher Christina Green in the Bi-State accident on June 12.

"It was important for the staff members to realize their own feelings so that the children could get in touch with their feelings," Lynn Navin, director of the University Child Development Center, said.

"You don't want to cry in front of the children without an explanation," she added.

The difference between the Center for Trauma Recovery and the stereotypical counselor is that all of the staff are trauma specialists whereas the average counselor may



Patricia Resick

have training in the area but may not be considered a specialist.

"Some counselors tend to take the patient's lead, avoiding the incident, which is exactly the wrong thing to do to get over trauma," stated Millie C. Astin, staff psychologist and project director for research and grants.

The director of the Center for Trauma Recovery, Patricia A. Resick, has developed a type of treatment for PTSD, named Cognitive Processing Therapy, that is often used to treat trauma survivors with an astounding 85% success rate.

The Center offers education and training programs in Cognitive Process Therapy and traumatization management. Mini conferences and free lectures are also available throughout the year.

MUSIC REVIEWS

Foo Fighters
The Colour and the Shape
(Capitol)

Most sophomore albums are weak and disappointing, the Foo Fighters second release is one of the best to come out in a long time.

The opening track "Doll" is a short, creepy, lullaby from the dark-side. It starts the disc perfectly. You never know what new take

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl is going to come up with next. The man has gone from being known as Kurt Cobain's flunky to leader of one of the biggest rock bands in America. Not bad for a guy that just wants to play good music.

On the second track, he follows up with the up-beat, jumpy "Monkey Wrench". If this song and it's hook doesn't stick in your mind then nothing can.

Don't think that this disc only has one big song. Not close by a long shot. "Everlong" and "New Way Home" are two other hard rocking, great songs spun by Mr. Grohl. "My Poor Brain" and "Enough Space" are two others that spin killer takes to get with wild great music.

If this disc was jewelry, it would be the crown jewels. Check it out for a wild blast of musical excitement.

-Ken Dunkin

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SPORTS

Hudson says goodbye after 20 years with University

Job transfer forces coach to leave program he founded and built

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

When his job at ATCOM was transferred to Huntsville, Ala., Kenny Hudson went with it, leaving behind 20 years of coaching at UM-St. Louis.

Hudson, head coach of the women's soccer team for 17 years, resigned in late July.

Despite his wanting to stay, he couldn't find a job that would even pay his bills. He had to leave.

"It was tough," he said. "I always thought I would leave on my terms."

It will be tough on the team also. Hudson was Riverwomen soccer. He created the program in 1980 as a club sport. In 1981, it became a varsity sport. Success came early for the program. After several years, the team was within a goal of going to the national finals.

Being such a part of the program's history made it even tougher for the UM-St. Louis graduate to leave.

"I've been here longer than everybody if you include my time as a player," Hudson said. "It makes it more difficult to stomach."

As a player, he was just as good. He was captain on the National Championship 1974 men's soccer team.

"I had always wanted to take a team back to the nationals to bring back that recognition to UM-St. Louis," Hudson said. "I was hoping that this would be the year." It is hard to tell what this team might accomplish if Hudson could stay. His former assistant Beth Goetz is a very Kenny-like coach. She will have the tough task of filling Hudson's huge shoes, but she maintains that she isn't going to try.

"I can't be Kenny; no one can," Goetz said. "He had to leave, and there is very little we can do about that. He is still a part of this team though, and I want to perform up to his expectations."

Hudson's expectations of Goetz were so high that most of his resignation letter is a recommendation of her.

"I have all the confidence in the world in Beth," he said. "And it's not like she doesn't know the team; she was around all of last season."

The Riverwomen have will no doubt remain fond of their former coach. Twelve of the team's thirteen players were either recruited by Hudson or coached by him.

"There is a spot in my heart for this team," Hudson said. "They are a great bunch of girls."



Ken Dunkin/The Current

Kenny Hudson, right, with Jenni Burton, left, and Cathy Guinner after a game last year. Hudson, who helped start the women's soccer program, resigned from his position as head coach last month.

New soccer players may heighten Riverwomen's chances for success this year

Recruits will 'take pressure off' returning, more experienced players

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

With the addition of several new scorers, the Riverwomen soccer team is hoping for a balanced attack when the season starts.

With several new players in the forward position, the team has changed.

Six new players have helped to change the offense on the team.

"I think this team has a new look with all the new players," said Beth Goetz, interim head coach. "There are a lot more play-makers. Plus the scoring responsibility should be spread more evenly around the field. Before, it was on the shoulders of a few people."

The load fell on goal scorers Beth Ernst and Carrie Marino last season.

Both return as two definite goal-scorers for the Riverwomen. Ernst scored 20 goals last season.

Marino had 17. Both were All-Region selections last season.

"Without a doubt any ball that goes through our midfield goes through Beth," Goetz said. "She distributes the ball so well. We can't do without her. She is in the right position all the time."

Though she did lead the team in every offensive category, Ernst is happy that the new players are ready to play.

"Hopefully we will have a wide range of scorers," Ernst said. "The newcomers will definitely take the pressure off of us."

One key to helping change the Riverwomen has been transfer Diane Pullman.

She attended UM-Columbia last season before transferring to UM-St. Louis.

"Hopefully we will have a wide range of scorers. The newcomers will definitely take the pressure off of us."

-Beth Ernst
soccer player

She should see a lot of playing time.

"She has such a tremendous work rate," Goetz said. "She works so hard that she makes the other players work even harder because they have to. They have to play harder to keep up with her."

The team has also experimented with players to play beside Marino at forward. The leading candidate appears to be Jenny Terbrock.

"She seems to find that little gap to get the ball through," Goetz said. "Julie Reiter will play up front also. By sharing the responsibility up front, they will help ease the load on everybody."

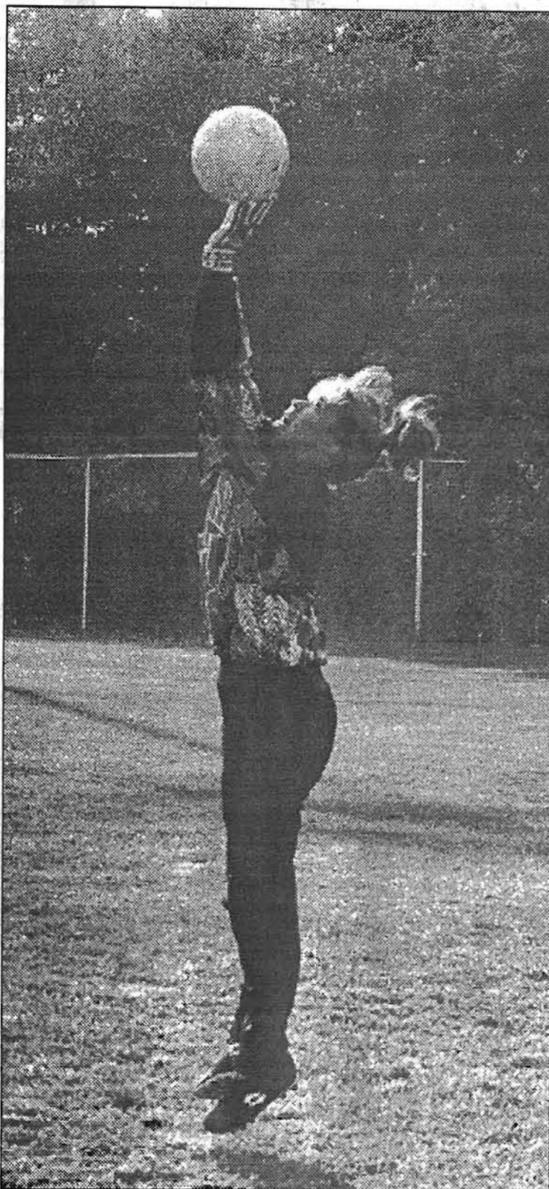
The newcomers could help Marino the most of all.

"They will help her by easing the load," Goetz said. "She won't have to create miracles all the time."

As with all situations, it will take time for these players to gel into the program.

But, Goetz said that these players have stepped up and are ready now.

"A lot of times, it takes a few games to fit in, but these players are ready now," Goetz said.



Ashley Cook/The Current

Samantha Grashoff blocks a shot during Riverwomen soccer practice Thursday afternoon.

Volleyball team looks to new players

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

With only one player returning from its NCAA Tournament qualifying team of two years ago, the Riverwomen Volleyball team is in a rebuilding mode.

But, it still has quality players returning and coming into the program.

Setters

Laura Gray-The only player left from the Tournament team, Gray is out for part of the season with knee and quad injuries, this after finishing second in the conference with 11.4 assists per game.

Leslie Armstrong-Armstrong will be expected to fill the void after Gray's injuries. She was a competent back-up last season. She played in 41 games last season and had 241 assists. She could also slide over to a hitter position.

Angie McCubbins-A great defender that relies on her great quickness to get her playing time, she was second on the team in digs as a freshman last season. She also tied for second in total service aces.

Kristen Brugnara-A good player who transferred from Southwest Missouri State, she played in most of the games last season while playing in a quick offense.

Outside Hitter

Nicole Wall-After a year of watching and learning, Wall is

going to start on the outside for the Riverwomen. She played in 56 games last season, averaging barely over a kill per game. She should improve with a year under her belt.

Susan Claggett-An impressive player in her freshman season, she will start at the outside hitter position. She played in a team high 92 games last season and recorded a team high 311 kills.

Kim Abramczyk-A player who brings depth to the program, she played last season at Florissant Valley Community College.

Michelle Pasioka-A freshman that could challenge for playing time, she was a two-year starter in high school and an All-Area player.

Middle Hitter

Anne McCord-McCord is a younger player that is attempting to take a leadership role on the team. She had plenty of playing time last season and made 188 kills. She finished highly in all offensive and defensive categories, and the trend should continue this season.

Susan Kleinschnitz-Highly regarded out of high school and a big factor on the team, Kleinschnitz will play a key role this season. She was a three-year starter in high school and the pre-season pick to start at middle hitter.

Michelle Hochstatter-The tallest player on the team at six-foot, Hochstatter will attempt to get playing time in a crowded field in the middle.

Fresh start may mean big wins for volleyball team this year

by Dave Kinworthy
special to The Current

As the women's volleyball team enters the season, its youth will determine a major part of this year's outcome.

With only 12 years of combined college playing experience, coach Denise Silvester has her concerns while she remains optimistic about the year.

"We will make young team mistakes with that much youth on the floor. We will suffer some growing

pains, but once conference time comes, we will surprise a lot of people on how competitive we will be," she said.

The team features a starting lineup of underclassmen. Sophomores Anne McCord, Nicole Wall and Susan Claggett will start at outside hitter while freshmen Michelle Hochstatter and Susan Kleinschnitz will start at middle hitter. The setter position is uncertain due to the knee and quad

see Wins, page 8

This Week In Sports

Contact the Athletic Department for information about these and other events.

| | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Women | | vs Rockhurst College UMSL Tournament 4 p.m. | vs Drury College UMSL Tournament 4 p.m. |
| Men | | at Rockhurst College 3:30p.m. | at Truman State 1 p.m. |
| Women | IUPU-Fort Wayne Tournament TBA | IUPU-Fort Wayne Tournament TBA | |

Tennis team begins recruitment process

Mike Kissel
special to The Current

University of Missouri-St. Louis has lacked a women's tennis program for four seasons, but that will change this year.

The athletic department has made strides not only in the creation of a women's team, but also in setting the way to make it a top notch program.

The first task was to hire a coach who had a good tennis background. The person who met the athletic department's expectations was Lisa Schuito.

Schuito is a 1987 graduate of SIU-Edwardsville. She was the team captain during the 1986 and 1987 campaigns in which her team was the national champion.

Schuito also has a good background in coaching. She coached several nationally ranked junior

players throughout the Missouri Valley Conference.

The most important part is that she has built a good network with local high school coaches.

"Lisa is familiar with the local junior players and the coaches throughout the area," said Pat Dolan, UM-St. Louis athletic director. "So, the hope is we can bring top notch high school players who would be interested in scholarships and earning a degree."

This is going to be a process that is not going to happen overnight. Lisa was hired in July, so recruiting has been limited for the most part to campus.

"The program needs to get a foundation. The girls who are playing now are enthusiastic and will help get things started," Dolan said of this year's squad.

The timetable set for the

"The program needs to get a foundation... We felt that our men's tennis program has made major strides in the last couple years, and it should be a priority to have gender equity in athletic programs."

- Pat Dolan
Athletic Director

Riverwomen team to be highly competitive and a top-notch program is three to five years.

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UPB and Your Money

The University Program is the highest funded student organization, allocated \$80,000 for the 1997-98 fiscal year from the Student Activities Budget Committee.

Under its constitution, the board is charged with presenting "a varied series of educational, social, cultural, recreational and entertainment programs which attempt to meet the diverse needs and interests of the UM-St. Louis community."

UPB sponsors two annual events, EXPO in early September and Mirthday in late April.

In addition, the board plans various programming throughout year. Last year's activities included but were not limited to movie nights, St. Louis Symphony special ticket purchases, a pajama party, Midnite Madness and a comedy showcase.

At capacity, the board seats 15 members, all of whom must be active students with a minimum grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale.

Last year, the board began paying its director \$2,000 a semester. The director is the direct overseer of all activities and programming sponsored by the board.

Applicants should call director Sharone Hopkins for more information.

The University Program Board:

- Sharone Hopkins, director
- Rod Harron, member
- Barb Nelson, member
- Jamilla Owens, member
- Angela Hornaday, member
- Keith Harris, member
- Don McCarty, advisor

UPB, from page 1

Wednesdays," in which UPB sponsors music, games and other activities on campus every Wednesday.

"A lot of my time is going to be spent on trying to get personal feedback from students," Hopkins said.

Calling the UPB's job "a collective effort," Hopkins also stressed the importance of recruitment and teamwork.

"We have got to get more board members because if we don't, I can guarantee you that there is not going to be a lot of programming," he said. "No organization that is effective can be run by one person."

In addition to heading UPB, Hopkins is also president of Associated Black Collegians. While he admits that leading two major campus organizations is "a large task," Hopkins said he sees no conflict in his dual role.

1996-97 allocation from Student Activities Budget Committee: \$75,000

| Expense | Outlay | % of Total |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Professional/ Consulting Fees | \$26,497.00 | 34.8 |
| Mirthday | 14,057.13 | 18.4 |
| EXPO | 9,707.20 | 12.7 |
| Board Travel Expenses | 8,298.25 | 10.9 |
| Office Supplies | 5,999.46 | 7.9 |
| Advertising and Reproduction | 5,638.91 | 7.4 |
| Salary and Wages | 2,935.88 | 3.9 |
| Food/Catering | 1,400.37 | 1.8 |
| Telephone | 276.33 | 0.4 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,387.84 | 1.8 |
| Total | \$76,198.37* | |

*the board generated \$2,146.01 of revenue through ticket sales, booth rentals and other fees.

in his dual role.

"I can separate the two," he said. "This is totally different from ABC in that I am representing a chair for all students."

Hopkins has been on the board since 1995. In addition to being the recipient of various awards and honors, he currently holds a GPA of 3.3 and has studied and traveled extensively in Africa and Europe.

Tennis, from page 7

The major task for Schuito during the off season is to make high school women aware that the tennis program at UM-St. Louis is up and running.

"We felt that our men's tennis program has made major strides in the last couple years, and it should be a priority to have gender equity in athletic programs," Dolan said.

Dolan stressed it was the

department's goal to do what is right for the student athletes.

"The girls can be competitive. The athletics help the students feel integrated and involved in college life. We just have to achieve the task of getting eight to ten girls who are competitive and want to play for UM-St. Louis," Dolan said.

Wins, from page 7

injury of senior Laura Gray. If unable to play, junior Leslie Armstrong will fill the void.

Coach Silvester is satisfied with the leadership taken by the underclassmen.

"Anne McCord is trying to be the leader on the floor and be the team motivator," Silvester said. "She has done a nice job in practice with a lot of expectations for her to have a breakout sophomore year."

With junior Kristen Brugnara out a few weeks with foot surgery, sophomore Angie McCubbins and freshman Michelle Pasioka will both see time as defensive specialists and outside hitters.

With the team trying to equal or better last year's mark of 22-8 and third in the conference, this youth will play a major factor.

Got you in my sight:

Annual clinic helpful to students and patients

by Jerry Weller
staff writer

UM-St. Louis optometry students, in conjunction with the Bi-State Development Agency, offered free vision screenings to the public Aug. 23.

The screenings were held at the UM-St. Louis Center for Eye Care and the East St. Louis Eye Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bi-State Development Agency assisted by providing free publicity.

Students checked the patients for visual clarity and acuity, color vision, eye coordination and eye health. People who needed follow-up examinations were offered a 20 percent discount on exams, glasses, frames and contact lenses.

Both patients and students described the free screenings as a beneficial experience.

Terri McDevitt brought her young daughter Megan to the free screening as a result of the experi-

ence she had with her son. McDevitt's son was having trouble at school.

"We found our son needed glasses when we brought him to the clinic a couple of years ago. He was having headaches. He couldn't see up close, and his eyes were hurting him," McDevitt said.

Second year optometry students, Cheryl Davidson and Jenna Dulas got the experience of coordinating the program.

"The biggest thing is the patient interaction, learning the people skills," Dulas said.

First year optometry student Melissa Hau came all the way from Los Angeles to join the UM-St. Louis optometry program.

"I graduated from UCLA, and it's really big. I came here because

there are only 44 students per class, and you get to know your classmates and the professors."

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Management consultant Peter F. Drucker will be the featured participant in "The Nonprofit Leader of the Future: A Seminar in Social Sector Leadership." The teleconference, sponsored by the Peter F. Drucker Foundation and the UM-St. Louis Nonprofit Management & Leadership Program, will be downlinked by satellite. The seminar will take place from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 25 in the J.C. Penney Conference Center. The cost is \$59 per person with group discounts available. To register or for more information, call (800) 257-2578.

The Physical Education Program will offer exercises for adults 50 and older on campus this fall. Classes in dance, aerobics, yoga, tai chi and other physical activities will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 25 to Dec. 5 in the Mark Twain Athletic & Fitness Center. Prices vary depending on the number of courses taken. For more information, call 516-5226.

"The Spelling Connection," an educational seminar on how to teach spelling will be held Sept. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Conference Center. The event is sponsored by the Gateway Writing Project. The fee for attending is \$100. Lunch is included. For more information, call 516-6910.

The archaeological past of St. Louis will be the topic of a one-day seminar sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and Continuing Education & Outreach. The seminar, which runs from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 20 in the J.C. Penney Conference Center, will include an optional afternoon field trip to the home of Gen. George Bissell and an archaeological dig at Fort Bellefontaine in north St. Louis County. The seminar costs \$25 per person and \$40 per couple. The field trip is an additional \$15 per person. For more information, call 516-6911.

Accident, from page 1

automobile accident that authorities are ruling a homicide. According to police, early on the morning of Monday, Aug. 11, Hywari, 22, was driving to work on Interstate 64 through Chesterfield, when a pickup truck pulled in front of her and braked sharply, causing her to swerve into opposing traffic. Hywari was thrown from her vehicle and killed.

The widely publicized accident, allegedly a case of "road rage," has provoked a firestorm of controversy in the local media.

Authorities have charged John W. Devanny, 27, the driver of the pickup, with involuntary manslaughter and leaving the scene of an accident.

According to press reports,

authorities reported that Devanny said he had become angry at Hywari, prior to the incident, when she drove slowly in front of him causing him to spill coffee on himself.

Devanny was released on bond Aug. 15. A court hearing is scheduled for early September.

Richard Resh, who taught Hywari's senior level history class during the winter semester of 1996, remembers her as a shy but well-adjusted student.

"She was a very diligent, hard-working student, very quiet, very considerate," he said.

Hywari completed Resh's class and went on to receive a history degree from UM-St. Louis in January. She was due to return to

"I just can't conceive of something like this happening to someone. I'm just dismayed to think of a young life snuffed out at that age."

**-Richard Resh
associate professor of history**

school this fall to continue her education.

Resh said he didn't recall Hywari's name immediately but was stunned when he remembered it was that of a former student.

"When I found out about the incident, I was profoundly shocked," Resh said. "It's happened once before in my life that a student was

killed, and it is a very, very upsetting experience."

Resh called Hywari an intelligent and "thorough" student with an unassuming nature.

"I just can't conceive of something like this happening to someone," Resh said. "I'm just dismayed to think of a young life snuffed out at that age."

Computers, from page 1

resource center in the SSB lab. The resource center will have scanning, color printing and computers with projection screens so students can practice presentations.

"We do not have all the ideas yet, but the resource center will be available for special large scale projects," Steger explained. "It probably will also require reservations, so students will be assured of a work station."

The schedule classroom in SSB 103 went from eighteen to thirty five computers. This is an area

where professors can bring their students to the lab for a day when computers are needed for that class. A projector is made available to the instructor so the class will be able to see the instructor's notes. When class is not in progress, the room will be available for lab use.

There will be an additional teacher's assistant area located directly behind the lab consultant's desk.

"This area will make it easy for the students to work with the assistants from class, and the schedule

of the teacher's assistants will be posted in the area," Steger said.

A new lab in SSB 452 will be completed by mid to late September. It will contain 35 Pentium Pro computers. The lab will be run by graduate students who have knowledge in statistic analysis, social science and economics. Students can go there for help with assignments when things are unclear.

"This will give students access to personnel who are there specifically to help you with homework,

rather than the other labs where the consultants are there to guide you through computer related problems," Steger explained.

The improvements made on the SSB lab are the culmination of two years of planning. The lab will have 156 computers upon completion, as well as wheelchair accessible computers and a facelift which gives the aisles a wider look.

The changes bring the number of campus computer labs from five to six.

Curator, from page 1

done." Nash has managed to gain the respect of the other nine curators, Brown said.

"He has established a wonderful relationship with the other curators, and they all respect him," Brown said.

"I've heard nothing but good things about him. He has helped us in the legislature. It's helpful having someone so well respected by the curators."

However, Brown added that because the student curator does not have a vote, Nash had limitations and was "mildly successful."

"It's not really his fault," Brown

explained. "He has no vote, and without a vote there's not a lot he can do."

UM-Kansas City chose Nash about two years ago to represent the entire student body of the UM system.

Each campus in the system gets a chance to select a student curator every eight years.

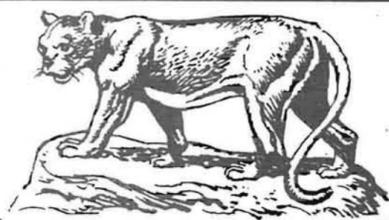
This year UM-St. Louis will choose the student curator, who will take over the position Jan. 1, 1998.

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