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Fire! Fire!



Normandy firefighters extinguish a car fire on South Campus in front of the Schools of Education and Optometry Thursday. No one was in the car at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported.

Applications go out for student curator

One student announces candidacy, SGA president potential candidate

by Bill Rolles
staff writer

The search is on for the next student representative to the UM Board of Curators, and UM-St. Louis will provide that student.

Applications for the student curator position became available Tuesday. Michael Rankins, vice president of the Student Government Association, said one person has taken an application but none have been submitted by press time.

So far, Josh Stegeman, a sophomore chemistry/biology major, is the only student to take an application. He said he decided to run for student curator after Avery announced at the Aug. 27 SGA meeting that UM-St. Louis will lead the search.

"That is something I'd want to do just because I think I could have a lot of influence on the Board," Stegeman said. "It's a position to make a difference if you really want to try."

Members of the Intercampus Student Council have suggested UM-St. Louis SGA President Jim Avery could be a possible candidate, Karl Schmitt, president of the UM-Rolla Student Council, said.

"We were just discussing who might be able to run, and he (Avery) is eligible, so his name was just one that we threw out," Schmitt said.

"We just said, hey, he could run."

Avery said he has not submitted an application for the position. Avery has removed himself from the selection process and has passed his duties to Rankins.

A committee will interview all the candidates and submit three recommendations to Gov. Mel Carnahan, who will appoint the student curator Jan. 1, 1998.

Every two years the governor of Missouri appoints a UM student as a representative to the UM Board of Curators, and the appointment

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Jim Avery

New system head meets with UM student leaders

President stresses University's research mission

by David Baugher
staff writer

Manuel Pacheco, who took over as head of the University of Missouri system Aug. 1, met with the presidents of the four campuses last week to discuss his goals for the university.

He said one of his goals is to involve students more in the system administrative process. He said he would like to meet with students at all four campuses in the near future.

Commenting on tuition increases, Pacheco said tuition had "stabilized" and would likely only rise by the rate of inflation, barring any unforeseen emergencies.

Pacheco emphasized the University's research mission and spoke of the desire to expand UM-St. Louis' degree programs.

Jim Avery, UM-ST. Louis Student Government Association President, attended the meeting as part of the ISC. ISC was reactivated this year as part of a renewed effort among the campus leaders to increase students' participation at the system level. ISC is comprised of the four campus presidents and vice presidents and meets monthly.

Pacheco has also said he will devote much of his time in the near future to selected a chancellor for the Columbia campus. Charles Kiesler left that post last year and it has been filled by interim chancellor Richard Wallace.

Pacheco has come under fire almost from the beginning of his term with the University system for his involvement with Asarco, Inc., a lead smelting operation in southern Missouri that has been



Mauel Pacheco

called one of the states largest polluters by the Sierra Club and other groups.

Pacheco, who sits on the board of directors for Asarco, has defended his membership with the company, saying he feels confident the company is in compliance with state regulations.

Annual EXPO/picnic on schedule for Wednesday

by David Baugher
staff writer

Games, free food and live music will be among the attractions at this year's EXPO and Chancellor's Picnic.

The EXPO, sponsored by the University Program Board, is an annual event designed to provide an opportunity for campus groups and departments to set up booths to educate students about social and academic organizations.

"The booths are the center of what EXPO is about," Don McCarty, Student Services Coordinator, said. "There will be a lot of literature being passed out, and some people will have games or other tests of skill to attract students."

Booths can be rented by campus organizations and depart-

ments for \$25 each, but groups willing to share booths can use them for free. Fifteen booths had been reserved at press time.

Off-campus organizations are also welcome but must pay \$55 to rent space. None have reserved a spot yet, McCarty said.

"We don't seek [outside groups]," McCarty said, "because the real intent of EXPO is for student organizations to promote themselves, to promote their ideas."

But there will also be music and games. Some of the featured attractions will include velcro golf, oversized-glove boxing and karaoke. McCarty said music will be provided by the Afro-Cuban percussion ensemble and a twenty-piece jazz group from the music department.

Expo will be held in the Alumni Circle from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday. Free food from the Chancellor's Picnic will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Underground and The Cove will not be open Wednesday and will resume normal operating hours Thursday

Building a bridge

Construction will link CCB, SSB by walkway

by David Baugher
staff writer

A new connecting bridge is being constructed between the Computer Center Building and the Social Science Building.

The brick and glass structure is expected to be completed by the beginning of 1998, Reinhard Schuster, vice chancellor of Administrative Services, said.

The walkway, expected to cost an estimated \$400,000, was originally supposed to be built with the Computer Center, but the design plans changed.

"When [the computer building] was built, we hit a favorable period in the construction cycle here in St. Louis, so the bids

came back under budget," Schuster said. "There was money left over in the original account."

Other funding came from gifts and bond issue funds, along with cash in restricted accounts already earmarked for the Computer Center.

"The money was there to fund labs and do improvements on the building," Schuster said.

The project, approved about a month ago, will also include the renovation of two case rooms in SSB.

However, Schuster said that the potential noise factor could delay the case room revamp until summer.



Daniel Hazelton/The Current

Hay bails protect a Beta Gamma Sigma monument near the construction under way to connect SSB with CCB. Expected date of completion is around the first of the year.

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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, 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 presents "**Alberta Hunter: Grand Old Lady of the Blues.**" Fannie Belle presents a monologue about this black jazz singer, who flourished in the 1920s and 30s, with piano accompaniment by Steve Hollis. Event held in The J.C. Penney Conference Center auditorium 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.
- Riverettes tryouts** through Sept. 14. Contact: Tawnya, 904-7478.

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** from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact: Student Activities, 5291.
- Sign-up deadline** for many of the **Recreational Sports** activities. For information about events call the Rec Sports office at 5326.

Thursday, Sept. 11

- A colloquium titled "**New Memories in Meiji Japan: Exorcising Ghosts, Finding Childhood**" will be presented by Dr. Stefan Tanaka in room 30, January Hall at Washington University from 4:00-5:30 p.m. The colloquium is 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.
- Student Networking Program** sponsored by Multi-Cultural Relations/Academic Affairs. The program will be held in room 78 J.C. Penney Conference Center from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Contact Linda Sharp, 6807.

Friday, Sept. 12

- 6th Annual Founder's Dinner/Distinguished Alumni Awards** 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 presents "**Asset Building: An Emerging Theme in Public Policy.**" Dr. Michael Sherraden will speak in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.
- "**Conversations with the Authors,**" featuring Mary Troy and John Dalton in room 75 J.C. Penney Conference Center at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Debra Knox Deierman, 432-3575.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

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

Wednesday, Sept. 17

- State of the University Address** at the J.C. Penney Conference Center Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Contact University Relations, 5778.

Thursday, Sept. 18

- Education Chapter Meeting** for the Alumni Association at the Alumni Center at 4:30 p.m. Contact Robbyn or Linda, 5833.

- General Information meeting** for all Study Abroad programs in 301 SSB at 3:00 p.m. Contact: Center for International Studies, 6497.

Saturday, Sept. 20

- Archeological Treasures of St. Louis.** An archeological seminar in the J.C. Penney Conference enter from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22

- The Monday Noon Series presents "**Joe Baker is Dead.**" Mary Troy will read a story from her new book to be published in 1998. Event held in 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at noon. Free admission. Contact: Karen Lucas, 5699.

Put it on the Board . . .

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- Establish and maintain contact with student government leadership of each campus in the University of Missouri System.

General Information:

- Members and Representative to the Board of Curators are not paid for their service. All legitimate expenses related to Board of Curator business are reimbursable.
- 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.umsi.edu

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Go West... and East and North and South

University outreach centers, continuing education programs and a micro computing center located throughout the metro area and into the reaches of western Missouri continue to promote UM-St. Louis' presence in the region, and beyond

Photos by Ashley Cook

Extension centers



by Josh Stegeman
special to The Current

The University Outreach and Extension Program is a service utilizing the Missouri land-grant universities' resources and faculty to meet the needs of the citizens of Missouri.

UM-St. Louis is located in the East Central Region of the Extension's services which is composed of 10 counties. The University Outreach and Extension Center provides unbiased, research-based information from the UM System and Lincoln University in Jefferson City to the surrounding communities.

"Originally the intent was to bring university research to the people," Roxanne Miller, an information specialist serving in the St. Louis County area, said.

The Extension program developed

from the national Cooperative Extension Service established by Congress in 1914.

The University Extension program now employs specialists in five primary theme areas: Community Development, Environmental Quality, Economic & Employment Issues, Family Strengths, and Nutrition and Health. There are 44 faculty experts serving the East Central Region.

By phoning or emailing one of the ten county offices, a citizen may obtain information for classes, workshops, seminars, conferences, demonstrations and other various information technologies supplied by the different experts in the individual counties, Miller said.

There are many different areas addressed by each county because the individual counties have different needs to be met for their citizens. Lincoln

County has a livestock specialist, Franklin County employs a agronomy (agriculture) specialist, and St. Louis County contains an urban youth and family specialist.

The program is a three-level operation run by federal, state, and county funds.

Because of this support, in most cases there is no cost to the citizen requiring service except for a nominal fee for cost recoveries (travel, lodging, meals) and publications.

One of the unique features of the Missouri Extension program is that it is the only state coordinating both land-grant universities: the four University of Missouri schools and Lincoln University, a university established in 1890, by the state of Missouri for minority students, particularly African Americans.

Extension Centers

Locations: 10 counties in east central Missouri

Coordinating official:

Regional Director Kay Gasen (on campus)

Operation began: 1914

Serves: Missouri residents and professionals in a number of capacities

Contact: 889-2911 or

<http://outreach.missouri.edu>

Education Centers

Locations: St. Charles, Jefferson counties

Coordinating dept:

Outreach Development

Operation began:

1994

Serves: mostly non-traditional students

Contact: 936-8675 or

<http://www.ums.edu/divisions/conted/outreach/jeff.htm>

Microcomputing Center

Location: I-270 and 40

Coordinating dept:

Continuing Education

Operation began: 1982

(moved to 1715 Deer Tracks Trail in W. County in 1988)

Serves: mostly degreed students seeking specialized computer training

Contact: 984-9000 or

<http://www.micros.ums.edu>

Education Park

Location: 8225 Florissant Road (North Campus)

Coordinating dept:

School of Education

Operation will begin:

Nov. 1, 1997

Serves: Educational agencies (Accelerated Schools, MO Assessment

2000, Principals' Academy etc.)

Contact: 516-5227

Microcomputing center

by David Baugher
staff writer

UM-St. Louis is currently offering non-credit computer skills courses at its West County Computer Center.

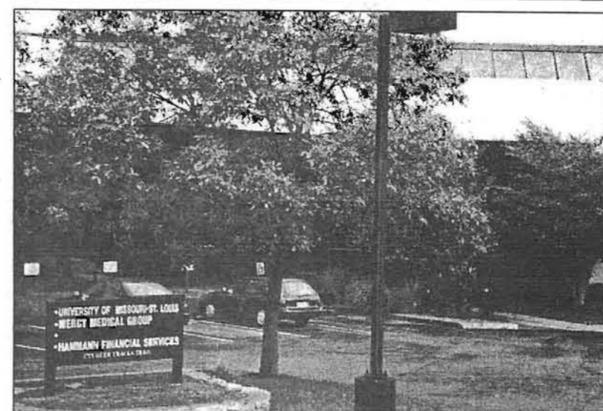
Allen Crean, who directs the program, said the classes, which typically cost between \$119 and \$200, include everything from basic Windows tutorials to more advanced courses in desktop publishing, databases, spreadsheets and programming languages.

The Microcomputer Program, run under the auspices of the University's Continuing Education and Outreach, was launched fifteen years ago with a single on-campus lab catering to a few thousand students, Crean said.

In 1988, it was moved to the present West County facility where it has since expanded to nine labs serving more than 25,000 students a year.

"We wanted a central location so we picked it because it was near 270 and 40," he said. "We could appeal to people driving up from the south, the west or downtown."

He noted that most of the pro-



gram's participants are out of college and already have careers.

"This program is aimed more at students who would already have a degree, and most likely they're out working in a profession," Crean said. "It enables them to keep up with the changes in technology."

Keeping up with those changes often presents a challenge for the center as well as the students.

"The software is constantly

changing," Crean said, "and area businesses, corporations and students want to have the very latest so we have to constantly upgrade our classes."

Crean said the hardware is also upgraded regularly.

He expects the last of the Center's old 486 processors to be replaced with advanced Pentium chips this fall. Most of the labs already feature Pentiums.

SGA and Your Money

The Student Government Association is charged by its constitution "to promote the general welfare of the academic community" and "is designed to work toward full student participation."

SGA is responsible for planning and executing Homecoming each year as well as overseeing student organization representatives in their committee work within the SGA Assembly.

The president earns \$4,700 a year, the vice president \$4,200 a year and the comptroller \$1,500.

The comptroller is responsible for coordinating the Student Allocation Budget Committee each year, which dispurses student activity fee money to student organizations.

Most notably in SGA's financial report, last year's president Bob Fritchey billed SGA for \$1,212.81 for expenses associated with travel to the Board of Curators meetings. That was 2.7 percent of the total budget.

1996-97 allocation from Student Activities Budget Committee: \$45,000

Expense	Outlay	% of Total
Salaries and Wages	\$15,401.22	34.4
Travel	8,349.63	18.6
Homecoming	8,297.40	18.5
Advertising and Reproduction	6,315.26	14.1
Computer	2,425.00	5.4
Food and Catering	1,658.74	3.7
Postage	1,241.16	2.8
Office Supplies	1005.87	2.2
Telephone	107.67	0.2
Total	\$44,802.15*	

*SGA generated \$664 of revenue through ticket sales for Homecoming and other sources.

The Student Government Association

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Education Park

by Bill Roloff
staff writer

UM-St. Louis will be home to the new St. Louis Regional Education Park as soon as the Med North building on Florissant Road becomes available.

Educational organizations, agencies and schools are planning to move their offices into the 22,000 square foot building. The idea is to create a "sense of community" by bringing the groups together on common ground, says Charles Schmitz, dean of the School of Education.

"Once people start occupying the same space — using the same building, the same parking lot, the same dining hall — they start talking together and sharing ideas," Schmitz said.

The Education Park will occupy UM-St. Louis land, but it does not carry the University's logo.

Schmitz said getting partners to join was difficult at first.



"I had to explain that creating the St. Louis Regional Education Park is not about UMSL taking over the world," Schmitz said. "It's physically and symbolically logical."

UM-St. Louis also has the largest school of education in the region, Schmitz added.

Medical offices are still in the Med North building, but construction crews

have already begun renovation.

Tom Schnell, associate dean of the School of Education, said the "projected grand opening" date for the Education Park is Nov. 1.

"They are taking down walls and putting up walls and wiring and painting," Schnell said. "There's a lot to be done, but I think we can make it by Nov. 1 if we don't have too many interruptions."

Education centers

by David Baugher
staff writer

Education centers in St. Charles and Jefferson Counties are bringing the dream of a college education a little closer to home for some UM-St. Louis students.

The centers, run by Outreach Development, offer junior and senior level courses to students for whom travel to the main campus isn't feasible.

The project began in 1994 with the opening of a center on the campus of the St. Charles Community College, offering a variety of credit courses to UM students. A year later the program began offering courses at Fox High School in Arnold and at Jefferson College in Hillsboro. By last fall, the campuses had expanded to offer full degree programs in Business Administration, Elementary Education and Nursing.

One of the things that makes the program so successful, DeGregorio said, is that it makes education accessible to "non-traditional" students. These include older, primarily female students with jobs, families and other responsibilities who wish to complete their education. He



reports that three-quarters of enrollees are women.

"The average age of our students is clearly over thirty years old," DeGregorio said. "They may have gotten married and had children."

Geography is also a factor.

"What the statistics show is that in those outlying counties, the college participation rate is lower than the state aver-

age," DeGregorio said. "We're definitely meeting a demand out there."

DeGregorio estimates that one-fifth of classes at the centers are made possible through the use of new telecommunications equipment that allows students and teachers in different locations to interact with one another.

Plans under consideration include putting additional centers in other counties.

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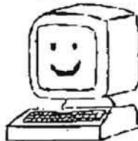
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OUR OPINION

Curator search may raise questions

THE ISSUE:

UM-St. Louis will provide the next student representative to the Board of Curators, but no one has officially applied for the position.

WE SUGGEST:

Since SGA President Jim Avery has removed himself from the selection process, he should officially make himself a candidate or offer some kind of explanation for his removal.

So WHAT Do YOU THINK?

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

We hope that the rest of the campus shares our intense interest in the selection process that has just begun on this campus for the next student representative to the Board of Curators.

While it's far too early to tell who might emerge as leading candidates, Student Government Association President Jim Avery will likely become a strong contender in the race.

No, Avery hasn't officially submitted his application or announced his candidacy. And we haven't divined any secret information from the stars or the Psychic Friends Network.

But we have noticed that Avery, who would normally lead the selection process, has removed himself from it, which suggests to us that he will probably make himself a candidate in the near future.

If this is not the case, Avery should certainly give students some justification for declining to fulfill what would otherwise be his obligation as president.

His potential candidacy raises some provocative questions that will surely surface should Avery enter the race.

First, to what extent might Avery's responsibility to the student body of UM-St. Louis come into conflict with

the official duties of the student curator?

Second, would his obvious, vested interest in his constituency here cause the Board of Curators to doubt the veracity of his input as student representative?

And finally, would UM-St. Louis be best served if the same person filled the two highest posts available to students?

No evidence suggests Avery would make a poor representative. He has experience articulating his ideas in a public forum and has already shown in his short tenure as student body president that he is serious about his commitment to students. Further, he has been involved with the Intercampus Student Council, a body of elected student officials from all four UM campuses, which was re-established in July after languishing in inactivity for several years.

As the selection process moves forward, we hope students and more important, the selection committee, will press each candidate, Avery included, if and when he decides to run, so that students not only at UM-St. Louis but at all UM campuses, may have the best representation possible for the next two years.

Education centers increase accessibility

With the addition of the newest education centers run by Outreach Development, UM-St. Louis will continue in the tradition of its founders, bringing educational opportunities more within the grasp of people who might find them difficult to reach.

Roughly 30 years ago, UM-St. Louis was founded to meet the needs of urban dwellers in the gateway area who would have otherwise been forced to travel as far as Rolla or Columbia to attend college.

Through the education centers in Jefferson and St. Charles Counties which serve non-traditional students, the University continues to make knowledge evermore accessible, to fulfill its purpose and promise.

This purpose, among the most noble and egalitarian imaginable, stands as an affirmation of the dignity and potential of all minds. Its promise seems embodied in each expansion, becoming ever more insistent. "Your old men shall dream dreams; your young men shall see visions."

Student leader's roles can be very confusing

Last week, a group of students led by Sharone Hopkins paid a visit to the chancellor. You may recall that Mr. Hopkins most recently made headlines after his appointment to the directorship of the highest-funded, and some might say, the most affluent, student organization on campus, the University Program Board. But forget that for a moment; we're going to talk about Sharone Hopkins, president of the Associated Black Collegians, the leading student organization for African-American students on campus. Or maybe it's Sharone Hopkins the student activist.

It's so hard to tell these days.

What's not so hard to tell is that Hopkins knows the power of being black and prominent on a university campus. And with that sense of importance, he flatly told the chancellor that he and his friends were unsatisfied with the transition currently under way to merge three programs into the new Office of Multicultural Relations.

Excuse me?

That's a strange message coming from one of the campus' most influential minority leaders. You'd think he'd want to get together a welcoming committee for the office and its director, Gwen DeLoach-Packnett, rather than criticize one of the most forward-thinking initiatives in recent University history.

Under the chancellor's plan currently being implemented, the Student Support Services Program and the African American Scholars Retention Program, until recently part of the Center for Academic Development, will be merged into the new Office of Multicultural Relations. These services, in conjunction with other complimentary programming and service mechanisms, will combine to offer all students and especially minority students, a support structure that is capable of expanding as the University's population grows in magnitude and diversity.

Until the new University Center is built (three years by some estimations; five or six by more realistic projections), the office will call some space on the first floor of Clark Hall home. In order set up shop there, the staff must first wait for some renovation and relocation of materials currently being stored in the Clark Hall office.

Apparently Hopkins' and his pals felt a little too inconvenienced by this temporary confusion (the space formerly occupied by Student Support Services and African American Scholars Retention has been reassigned for other uses).

After Hopkins and his clan of malcontents visited the chancellor, she said Hopkins had "expressed concerns that the programs would not be able to provide the existing level of services" as part of the new Office of Multicultural Relations.

But rather than exercise a modicum of patience for the hyper slow pace at which any change on this campus is implemented and give the office a chance to prove itself, the good president and his friends reached into their bag of tricks and pulled out a trip to the chancellor's office. Which in isolation is, well, pretty unremarkable. The Office of Multicultural Relations is a done deal and thankfully, no half-witted attempts to derail it will ever ultimately succeed.

What is far more troubling than the message is the messenger. Mr. Hopkins' activism wouldn't warrant turning a corner if he were not something of a power broker in student politics on this campus. He effectively holds the purse strings of nearly \$100,000 of students' money and is directly responsible for both representing the campus and all its diversity through UPB as well as African American students and their specific interests in ABC.

I just hope that when he starts spouting off, he doesn't get confused about which hat he's wearing.

It's so hard to tell these days.



Doug Harrison
editor in chief



Bill Rolfes
managing editor

Change your major, but do it soon

When I started college three years ago, I had dreams of becoming some kind of doctor. I was going to be a heart surgeon or an orthopedist, whichever one would allow me to do the most surgery. I wanted to cut people open and save lives.

My plans have changed since then. I started college as a biology major, thinking I would come in and wipe the floor with every test because I had done so well in my high school anatomy and physiology class.

After taking my first college biology test I realized that I wasn't even minutely as smart as I had thought I was (when it comes to biology).

I stayed in biology for three semesters, all the time doubting my aspirations of going to medical school.

My third semester I decided to start a minor in English so my records would show some kind of diversity. People had told me that to get into medical school I needed to make myself look different and special.

Well, that semester the only class I concentrated on was my English class. By the time November rolled around I was absolutely positive that I wasn't cut out for medical school and I would be much happier studying English. I was happy with this revelation, but it did pose somewhat of a problem. The semester was well over halfway finished and I wouldn't get a dime of my money back if I dropped all of my science classes.

Since I didn't care about those classes I came very near to failing them. My grades that semester ended up taking a nice sized chunk out of my GPA. I wish I would have tried to drop my classes and not worried about the money.

A friend of mine took the wise route and dropped his science classes before he hurt his GPA. This also gave him the opportunity to take two or three months off school before starting business administration classes in January.

Now, I don't mean to be giving biology a bad rap or anything. Biology is a tough major, and clearly I couldn't handle it because I just wasn't interested in the subject.

My point is that if anyone decides to change majors, you should get out as soon as possible. The semester will be miserable if you keep taking classes that you don't like or need. And don't be afraid to change majors, you'll be happier in the long run.

Changing my major was the best decision I have made in college, next to deciding to work for *The Current*.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Attendance prizes underrated

Starting this new school year, the St. Louis public school system raffled away free televisions for those who attended the first day of classes. The school system's superintendent decided to proceed with this action. For the past

month, he has been harassed for his idea by those who think the measure "inappropriate" and criticized for "sending the wrong message." I tend to disagree with those who have said these things, and here is why.

Some have claimed that the wonderful invention we call the television is the reason why some students are not making the grade. These observers accuse TV of claiming the intelligence of children and filling their minds with nonsense and fiction. I, for one, agree there is a lot of worthless junk on TV these days — "Beavis & Butthead" round out the list, followed closely by infomercials and evangelists.

However, there are a lot of educational programs that constantly appear on the small screen. For instance, the Discovery Channel, the new History Channel and A&E, as well as many others, broadcast nothing but educational programs intended to educate, as well as to entertain. The amount of knowledge one can accumulate from watching these channels could be astronomical if we just give them a chance. Knowledge is all around us. All we have to do is open our minds and accept it, not as frivolous details of no concern, but as pure knowledge, the kind that makes the grade.

I can only hope that the raffle winners will have the good sense to stop on the Discovery Channel while channel surfing on the day they decide to skip school.



READER RESPONSE

Right to challenge when others speak

We cannot take away a citizen's basic right of freedom of expression, but we do have a right to challenge any individual who makes statements that are so offensive they must be confronted.

I am referring to the comments that Mr. Jim Gilles has made in his addresses. His comments are nothing more than narrow-minded, self-righteous and hateful pieces of propaganda that originate from an overly hostile little Christian sect that has forgotten the true meaning of Christ's teachings. Christ preached charity, mercy and compassion, not hate for those that differ in sex, sexual orientation or religious

beliefs.

The American society of the 1990s has, for the most part, established that intolerance such as this will not be accepted; all groups, regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation and religious beliefs are equal and have an equal opportunity to basic human rights.

While he has the right to speak, no matter how offensive his views are, we have a right either to not listen or to challenge him for spreading such hate.

Robert I. Rath

Grow up, don't take down our fliers

I am a member of the UM-St. Louis Riverettes Pom Squad.

Each semester we hang fliers to advertise our try-outs. This time we each hung 20-30. I understand that some will fall and others will be pulled down, but within two days, all of mine had disappeared. This is a strange phenomenon that occurs each semester.

There's a rumor that another organization has been pulling our fliers down. I refer to it as a rumor because I personally have not witnessed it, but other members and friends have.

My response: We are not competing with you for members. When you have try-outs, hang fliers.

If you spent half as much time recruiting as

you do trying to sabotage our recruitment, you'd probably have a lot more interest in your organization.

Hang your fliers right next to each of ours. But please don't pull them down (or cover them like last fall semester).

I'm tired of this childish behavior. This is a university. Let's not play catty high school games.

For those of you who missed the brief appearance of our fliers, call Tawnya at 904-7478 for try-out information.

Julie George
Riverettes vice president

see page 7 for more letters

ODDS & ENDS

column a generic offering

Jill Barrett
columnist

During school, when I work one or two jobs and try to get all my homework done, I keep moaning about how there are never enough hours in the day. In truly desperate times, I have taken to bargaining with the powers that be: "One more day! Just toss in a thirty-six hour Wednesday and I'll be fine! Really! That's all I need!" Of course, this never happened when I needed it most, but my pleading must have been heard by someone, because this past August, I got more extra time than I ever bargained for.

During the second week of August, right before I was due to leave for a camping trip in Colorado, I came down with a horrible case of insomnia. I've always had trouble sleeping and didn't think anything about my first sleepless night. Hey, I love to camp; I was blowin' town- no wonder I was too excited to sleep.

But over the next few days, I realized something much more sinister was at work. I couldn't sleep at all. I was caught in the middle of a never-ending cycle of consciousness. Needless to say, I was not very happy about this turn of events. First of all, I like to sleep when I can. Secondly, I just had too much time on my hands. There are only so many nights a person can watch Nick At Night and TV Land without going over the edge. Oh, sure, I tried to expand my hobbies, do things I was always wishing I had time to do. But my roommates just did not appreciate my efforts to improve my rollerblading skills at three in the morning. (I had to practice in the dining room. Did they expect me to practice in the park at this ungodly hour?)

Just as my roommates were formalizing their plans to kill me, I left for New Mexico, from where I would continue on to Colorado. By this time, I hadn't had any sleep for two days, and by this time, I couldn't seem to shut up. I was feeling no pain, but the people who were driving with me to New Mexico were. The biggest danger, besides being tossed from a moving vehicle somewhere in Oklahoma, was that I was becoming bored with so much extra time on my hands.

This is never a good thing. In the past, boredom has led me down a wayward path. For example, I begin planning things (I like to call them "conceptual art pieces") that involve lingerie, Krazy Glue, a mannequin and a statue of The Patron Saint of Obscurity. Not only was I bored, but also insane. I had been up for three days-not by choice-and I was riding through the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles.

By the time I got to New Mexico, I wanted sleep- NOW!-and I was willing to do anything to get it. (Damn it, why didn't I bring articles on the economic structure of 18th-century Peru? It always worked when I had to read it for class.) On my third night of full consciousness, I was watching TV in the wee hours of the morning (my friends having convinced me that if I said "ONE WORD" to them between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., I could go not-sleep on a park bench somewhere, preferably in another time zone). By about 5 a.m., I was really desperate for sleep, but the end was not in sight, and I was wondering if I would ever sleep again. Right at that time, through some little-understood force called TV programming, I thought I found my answer-or at least someone who would give me my answer. Yes, the Psychic Hotline was offering "answers to all of life's questions." I called the number to see if any one of their "qualified psychics" could tell me when I was going to sleep next. I had trouble convincing the psychic that I could care less about romance, finances or career advancements.

"Just tell me: am I, or am I not - going to get some sleep within the next 24 hours?"

"Well, Joan, I sense that you are having difficulties choosing your career path, and..."

"Like it takes a psychic to figure that one out. And besides, I told you my name is Jill. You didn't have to guess at that one, and you still got it wrong. What the hell kind of psychic are you, anyway?"

Judging by the amount of spare bill, a pretty damn smart one.

3 in 1: New Center combines minority services; its director receives local award for her work

by Becky Rickard
staff writer

Three in one. That's one way to look at the new Office of Multicultural Relations, which will merge three minority resource programs.

The African American Scholars Retention Program, Student Support Services Program, formerly part of the Center for Academic Development, and African American Student Relations, of Academic Affairs, have combined efforts to form the Multi-Cultural Relations/Academic Affairs office.

The office will be located in 110 Clark Hall after the asbestos is removed and construction is finished.

The Multi-Cultural Relations Office offers a variety of different services geared toward, but not limited to, minority students, including one-on-one interviews, seminars and workshops.

The goal of the center is to enhance academic success of students and to provide academic support.

Gwendolyn DeLoach-Packnett, director of Multi-Cultural

Relations at UM-St. Louis and recent recipient of the Stellar Performance Award from the St. Louis American newspaper, believes in variety and diversity.

"Everybody deserves to receive the services of the University that they attend," Packnett stated. "There is a need to combine our forces so that we can service even more of the population of African American students and other diverse groups."

The Multi-Cultural Relations Office has released a calendar of upcoming events open to any UM-St. Louis student, including Student Networking Programs, a Mid-term Academic Success Workshop and three Student Dialogue Brown Bag series dialogues. The dialogues will concern race relations and minorities and how these groups interact with the UM-St. Louis Police, administration and faculty.

The Guaranteed 4.0 Seminar that occurred last Wednesday proved to be a well planned and highly attended seminar. The follow-up seminar will be held on Oct. 3.

According to UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill, the

money allotted to the three groups has been pooled into the new Multi-Cultural Relations Office. In fact, the new program has received even more money.

One reason more money has been given to the newly formed office is that Packnett intends to formally begin an organized system of records. When a student makes an appointment to meet with one of the five staff members, they will be asked to fill out an academic evaluation form. The staff member will conduct an interview with the student. After the interview, the staff member will combine the evaluation and interview to help the student create a plan of action. Follow-up interviews are also encouraged.

Some minority students have expressed grave concern regarding the merger of the three cultural programs. Touhill has met with a few students to explain and defend the action.

"I think it is a period of change, and change is very difficult," Touhill said.

To receive services from the Multi-Cultural Relations Office, call 516-6807 or visit 440 Woods Hall until the office moves to its new location.



The Gwen D. Packnett File

position: director, Office of Multicultural Relations
education: B.A. Education and Social Work (William Jewell), M.A. Social Work (Wash. U.)
family: recently widowed, son, 12, daughter, 8
office: first floor Clark Hall
phone: 516-6807

Ms. Packnett was the 1997 St. Louis American Salute to Excellence Stellar Achiever Award Winner, honored Friday at America's Center.



Top: a copy of The St. Louis American heralding Packnett's award and the banquet program. In her speech, Packnett remembered her husband, the late Ronald B. Packnett and dedicated her award to her children.

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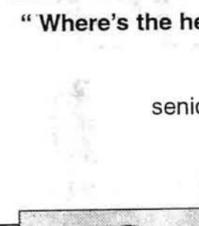
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IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?



"What about the national health care plan?"

- Marnie Rhae
senior/political science and English



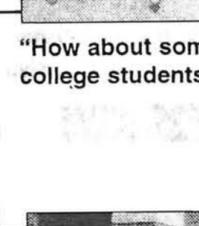
"Where's the health care plan?"

- James M. Laird
senior/biology and chemistry



"Do you really think abortion should be legal?"

- Dawn Boyer
freshman/biology



"How about some financial help for college students."

- Sarah Pogue
freshman/education



"Why Hillary?"

-Zachary Haley
junior/business



"How can you stand to be so immoral?"

-Tom Cole
junior/accounting

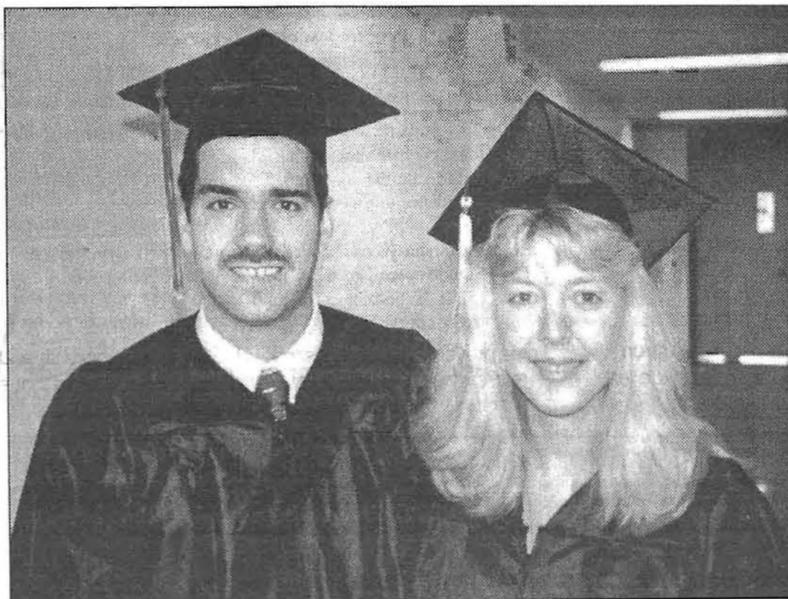


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Michael and Lisa Romay at recent commencement exercises at which time they both graduated with accounting degrees.

Couple among first to receive degree with new title

by Stephani Crawford
special to The Current

This summer, while many of us were relaxing by the pool or hard at work at a summer job, students here at UM-St. Louis were earning an old degree with a new face.

Michael and Lisa Romay of Affton recently graduated with honors in a group of twenty-one undergraduates, receiving the University's first Bachelor of Science in Accounting degrees. Michael, who graduated summa cum laude, and Lisa, who graduated with cum laude laurels, were the first students to graduate with honors under the new naming system. When asked if there was any joking rivalry between the two for the higher grade, Lisa

laughed, "Oh no, but I did ask him for help with my homework on occasion."

UM-St. Louis is one of only three universities in the state to achieve separate accreditation for its accounting program from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. During the accreditation process, the Assembly recommended the school establish a new, more uniquely identifiable degree. This resulted in the name change, from Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Accounting emphasis (BSBA) to Bachelor of Science in Accounting (BSA).

According to Silvia Madeo, business school professor and Accounting Area Coordinator:

"The BS in Accounting offers the same broad business core and specialized course requirements as the BSBA accounting emphasis did. The Area believes that the name change was necessary to give our students a more formal recognition of their specific knowledge of accounting."

Romay also feels the name change to be a good idea.

"I feel that it brings accounting knowledge to the forefront and makes it not seem so general. I feel that it's a welcome change and good for the program."

If your interest lies in Accounting, stop by the School of Business at 484 SSB and investigate your options. There may be honors laurels waiting for you!

Former Lt. Governor lectures here on women, politics, the White House

by John Jones
staff writer

Can you imagine a female senator? Probably, you can. How about a madam president? It can happen. Fighter pilots? Soldiers? Corporate executives? All of these roles are being filled by women in increasing numbers. Times are changing and have been changing. It is no accident, and

one of the people who has done a great deal to further the cause of women's rights lives right in our own back yard.

If it involves furthering the cause of feminism, former Missouri Lt. Governor Harriet Woods has probably done it. Among Woods' accomplishments is an eight-year term as state senator. She has been president of the National

Women's Caucus, helped the Clinton administration choose female cabinet positions and founded the Institute for Policy Leadership here at UM-St. Louis. Woods has also been a councilwoman for University city.

Most recently, she has come to the University to teach a

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MOVIE REVIEW

Copland flash back to 1970s

Copland Returns Movies to the 70s genre.

Copland is one of those movies that might be bigger than it first appears because of the influence it may have on future films. It strays away from the current trend of no plot but great special effects. It does have a plot and also some of the best acting

around today.

This movie bucks the trend of bad acting, big-budget movies and showcases the talents of Robert DeNiro, Harvey Keitel, Ray Liotta and also, surprisingly, Sylvester Stallone.

Copland is based on the dark, Mafia movies from the 1970's, but the Mafia isn't as prevalent as

it is in such movies as The Godfather. It reminded me of that type of movie.

Although it had a snail's pace and left a few of the side plots dangling, it was a good movie. The acting was the best feature of this movie. Stallone was quite good in his role of the good guy.

-Matthew Regensburger

CONCERT REVIEW

The Nixons
Mississippi Nights
August 30

The Nixons played to a fairly full house at Mississippi Nights on Saturday, Aug. 30. The post-grunge alternative quartet is touring the country in support of its second major label recording self-titled The Nixons. It was a decent show.

If you recall, almost two years ago

The Nixons were one of the bands playing at Mirthday. They played a seven song set that day to too few people.

The crowd was made up of the usual over 21 mix, and the under 21 crowd was made up of an unusually large percentage of teenage boys. The Nixons started out slowly but turned the heat on with radio hits "Wire" and "Baton Rouge." Lead singer Zac Maloy even played the trumpet for us. He was

surprisingly decent. The band played an even mixture of tunes from Foma and also its latest CD. The encore included the mega-huge hit "Sister" and the "Happy Song."

Overall, the quality of the music was not up to the standards that had been set earlier in the week by Live, but it was entertaining. And that is what it is all about.

-Matthew Regensburger

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course on the feminist movement. The course is titled Risk Takers Who changed History: The Modern Women's Movement- a view from the inside.

Woods deals with some complicated issues, such as giving women the tools to break into the political and corporate arenas.

"One of the problems we have in getting women into power positions whether it's corporations or in the political sector is that very often men say: 'I don't know any women, I don't know any woman that can be on the board of directors.' They don't have any connections; they aren't aware of women who are competent. Getting women into an inner circle is very important," she explained.

Woods says that she choose to work with UM-St. Louis because she appreciated the campus for it's diversity.

"The course is designed to inspire leadership for the future by talking about the past," she said.

Woods has made some tough

choices in her careers. When Woods was fresh out of college, she had the ambition to become a newspaper reporter. She ended up in St. Louis with a job at the Morning Paper.

"The St. Louis Post Dispatch said they would never hire a woman in the newsroom," Woods explained. Then a grin slid across her face. "Shows you how mistaken some chauvinist males can be."

Woods explained that barriers against women gaining more power in our society are less externalized than they are internalized. Woods wishes to discuss this issue in her course.

"I hope the course will energize some women into taking chances and to gain the competence and the confidence to become leaders," she said.

Harriet Woods' course will run from September 8 to December 15. It is both a credit and non-credit course.

At this point, Woods is working to ensure that women have a voice and that the future genera-



Harriet Woods

tion has the tools and the attitude to lead.

"I think that women are indeed going to accept an equal responsibility in the twentieth century, and if they are going to accept a full share of power, then they are going to have to take risks. If you are willing to be a leader, then you have to take a stand, and that involves taking a risk," she said.

The Current NEWSWIRE

National pollster George Gallup will speak at the 1997 Founders' Dinner scheduled for Sept. 12. The event, to be held at the Ritz-Carlton St. Louis, will honor distinguished alumni, faculty and staff, along with selected friends and benefactors of the University. The reception starts at 6:30 p.m. Attendance is \$35, and reservations are required. Call 516-5442.

The annual "What is a City?" conference, sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, will be held Sept. 25 to 26 in Room 222 of the J.C. Penney Building. The theme will be "Culture, Tourism and the Marketing of Memory." Call 516-5974 for more information.

Local writers Mary Troy and John Dalton will be the featured guests at the annual "Conversations with the Authors" program. The event, sponsored by the Ferguson-Florissant Branch of the American

Association of University Women, will be in Room 75 of the J.C. Penney Building at 7 p.m. Sept. 15. For more information, call Debra Knox Deierman at 432-3575.

The International Center for Tropical Ecology, Conservation International and The Nature Conservancy of Missouri will co-host a Conservation Forum and Reception at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at Powder Valley Nature Center, 11715 Cragwood Road in Kirkwood. Cost is \$5 per person. Call JoAnn Rivinus at 968-1105 for more information.

The Active Adults Program will hold an open house from 9:30 to

10:30 a.m. Sept. 23 in Room 104 of the Mark Twain Building. For more information, contact Bruce Clark at 516-5226.

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rotates among the four campuses. The current student curator, Troy Nash, is from UM-Kansas City.

Avery said the student curator must be the single voice of 50,000 UM students.

"The student curator is the most

important student in the UM system," he said.

The student curator serves a two-year term and must attend every curator meeting. The student curator also meets with the Intercampus Student Council to dis-

cuss students' issues and report their views to the Board of Curators. However, the student is not allowed to vote on any issue.

Applications for the position are due Sept. 26.

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You could be the lucky winner of \$1000 in a contest to celebrate United Nations Day as an international holiday.

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A \$1000 prize will be awarded in each contest. All UM-St. Louis students are eligible to enter. Entries must be received by October 3, 1997.

Art Contest

Let your imagination run free. Artwork can take almost any form including posters, photography, bumper stickers, collages, paintings or drawings. Be sure to include a 3 x 5 card with your name, address, phone and student number. Submit artwork to the Marketing Dept., Room 1207 SSB, Tower Building.

Essay Contest

Essays should focus on United Nations Day and suggest how it could be celebrated as a world holiday. Essays must be 2-3 pages long, typed and double spaced on standard 8 1/2 x 11 white paper. Please attach a cover page with name, address, phone and student number. Entries should be submitted to the English Dept., Room 494, Lucas Hall.

Web Page

Design a Web page to promote United Nations Day as a world holiday. Call 516-6495 for details.

Music Contest

This forum is open to any style of musical composition including but not limited to classical, popular, country or rap, and may be written for voice and any instrument(s). The words should be written in standard English. The work shall be recorded on a cassette tape and shall be submitted accompanied by the written composition. Submit your entry to the Music Dept., Room 211, Music Building.

Winners will be announced on or before United Nations Day, October 24, 1997.

All entries become the property of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. All works must avoid plagiarism and partisan politics. Fliers providing more information and the U.N. Resolution may be obtained in Room 366 SSB.

The contests are endorsed by Dorothy Schneider, former Red Cross overseas worker, college faculty member (English Department) in San Diego, California, and St. Charles, Missouri, and author of the UN resolution to create United Nations Day as an international holiday.

READER RESPONSE CONTINUED

Don't complain about food, attend

I must say that while I have been greeted by other University publications, the commercial press, radio and yes, even television news broadcasts whenever I have been fortunate enough to be chosen to operate a "new facility," *The Current* has set a new standard for "welcome to the neighborhood" if you will.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis recently decided that it would be in the best interest of the "entire University community," residents, commuters, faculty, staff and guests, to provide a change in dining options and services.

The mechanics of a large scale change are complex and, above all, driven greatly by past community input.

We, at FSC, were chosen and charged with the weighty responsibility of reconfiguring the existing dining options to start and then remaining completely flexible, to attain total guest satisfaction. Kind of like seeking the "Holy Grail," a

"While I have been greeted by other University publications . . . *The Current* has set a new standard for "welcome to the neighborhood" if you will."

-Ron Medley
director of dining services

lofty goal, for people passionate about their work but maybe just out of reach. Or maybe not.

I must admit that Mr. Harrison's article (front page) August 18, 1997, on the "Food Feud" caught me a little off guard, but gratefully, Mr. Harrison clarified his direction in the Sept. 2, 1997, issue with his "Sadly, my neighbors are strangers to me" revelation.

Mr. Harrison and I have not had the opportunity to meet formally and "get to know" one another. For example, I would never have known that Mr. Harrison and Mr. Rolfes were on different sides of the "free speech issue" as it pertains to generalizations of groups or individuals. I mean, while Mr. Rolfes takes the position that freedom of speech may

reach a limit when the speaker (or writer) degrades them as a whole populous, I heartily agree. But to my surprise, Mr. Harrison makes a generalization in his article stating, "I'm pretty sure most of my neighbors are relatively unreligious folks," while admitting to not "knowing them." This published statement might give me some insight into Mr. Harrison's personal inventory.

Thankfully, I wouldn't dare make any assumptions about Mr. Harrison or anyone else, without first meeting them and then taking the long and quite enjoyable process of getting to know them.

I would hope that all members of the University community take the time and effort to get to know all of our FSC staff, and we them, so that

we may be better equipped to fill each other's needs in the coming years.

Also to Ray Morgan, about the Underground hours, we adapted to the needs of students like yourself after three days, and now all points of sale are open in the Underground from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays.

In response to the editorial on weekend feeding.

The University made FSC aware that there might be a need for some weekend services, and we in turn have committed to providing whatever is "best" for the University community. Residential Life is currently appraising the "need," and if indeed it is there, then we will adjust accordingly.

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Ron Medley
director of dining services

Coach bids farewell

Thanks for the nice article you wrote about myself and the women's soccer program. It was very nice. I want to thank you and *The Current* for the coverage you have given my teams over the years. We always got objective articles and coverage from *The Current* staff. Thanks again.

Good luck this year and . . . Keep Kicking.

Ken Hudson
former Riverwomen soccer coach

Now let's hear from you. Submit a letter to the editor. See page 4 for information.

Corrections:

• In issue 891, a flow chart on page 1 failed to include the School of Optometry.

• In issue 893, the photo of Adell Patton on the front page should not have been attributed to Ashley Cook. Patton provided it.

• In issue 893 the article titled "No Parking Zone," should have stated that construction on the Honors College parking lot began the day the residence halls opened.

The Current apologizes for these errors and any confusion they might have caused.

The editor

In search of clarification

I must correct *The Current* regarding comments attributed to me in the September 2 campus parking article. Becky Rikard contacted me seeking "fault" for the delay in the Honors Hall lot paving. After referring her to the project manager for more complete information than I could provide, we briefly discussed general parking issues. Ms. Rikard's presentation of my comments in no way resembles the nature and tone of our conversation.

I endeavored for three years to get Honors paved. The paving began on Halls Opening Day (not the first day of classes, as Ms. Rikard reported), and while it created some inconvenience, the student orientation leaders effectively managed the situation. My general comment to Ms. Rikard was that, as is the case at most universities, no one could realistically expect to always be able to park immediately by every classroom. The quote attributed to me was never made in response to questions regarding students' dissatisfaction. To characterize me as unsympathetic to the residents' parking dissatisfaction after years of consistent advocacy on their behalf is inaccurate and unjustified.

Editor Harrison stated to me it would have been more accurate to present more of my comments and in their proper context, and he indicated he has responded to my complaint internally with no external acknowledgment of incomplete reporting planned. Regretfully, it is my experience from the past few years that in lieu of an interest in accurate presentation of information, *The Current* seems more interested in casting an administrator as an adversary to students, even it means creating that appearance by misrepresenting and removing from meaningful context that person's remarks. I always try to be accessible to, cooperative, and accurate with media. Inasmuch as *The Current* has again presented me in an incomplete, misleading, and false manner, I feel I have no choice but to decline any future requests.

Lisa L. Grubbs, Ed.D.
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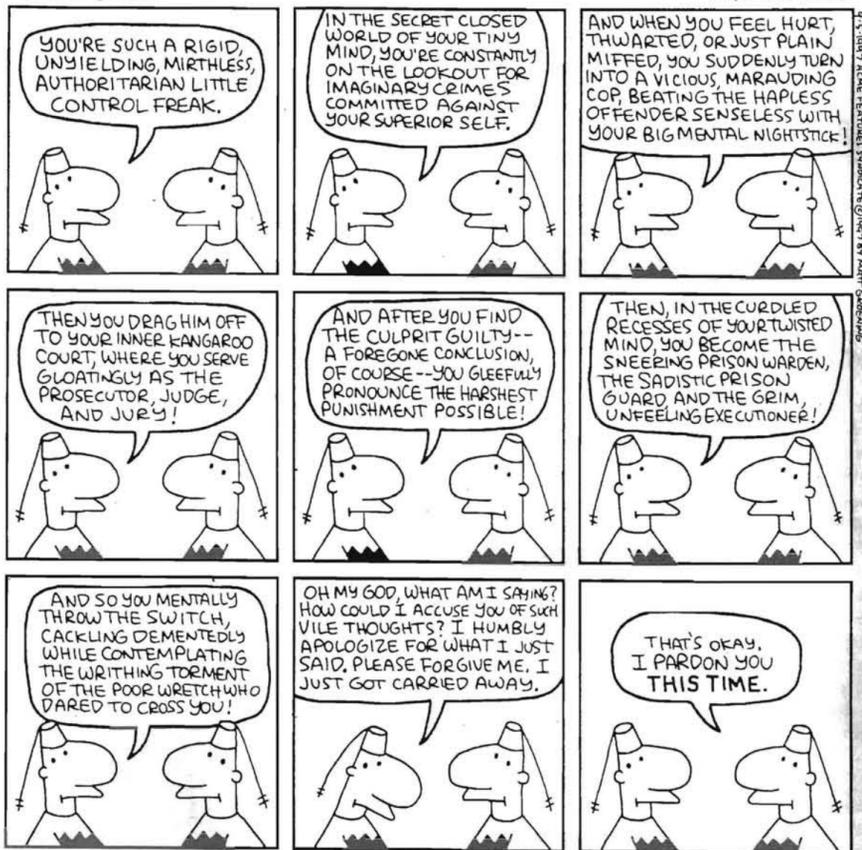
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Brian Folsom
sports associate

I have successfully returned from my "mini" vacation that I have been looking forward to for 12 years.

Actually, I have only been planning this weekend trip to Kansas City for four months, but when I walked into Kauffman Stadium where the Kansas City Royals play, I was haunted by that memorable World Series in 1985.

When I heard that the Cardinals and Royals were going to play each other over Labor Day weekend, in this the first season of interleague play, I didn't think that there would be much of a chance to get tickets. Surprisingly, there were several tickets remaining, and even though the seats were up pretty high, I was still very excited.

This was only my second trip to Kansas City, and I have actually been in Kauffman Stadium before, when I went with The Current in April. However, the atmosphere during a baseball game is completely different.

I must say, I was impressed with the stadium. Anyone who is a baseball fan should visit this park because it is beautiful. But anyone who is as big of a Cardinals fan as I am will agree that a visit there would not be possible without feelings of harsh and bitter resentment stemming from that World Series loss.

That World Series controversy has been discussed millions of times in the past 12 years, but I still think the Cards had that series won.

I remember the bad call in Game 6 like it was yesterday, and although I was only ten years old, it still hit me pretty hard. Before Game 7, I vowed that if the Cards didn't win, I would never sleep again. Game 6 was devastating, but the 11-0 loss in Game 7 made me despise umpire Don Denkinger even more.

In 1987, the Cardinals' only other World Series appearance since then, they were fairly beaten by the Twins. 1985 was their year until Denkinger and the Royals stood in the way.

I enjoyed the game this weekend without a doubt, even though the Cards lost 16-5. However, memories of the events that unfolded there 12 seasons ago flashed through my mind as I sat there and tried to ignore the 1985 World Series highlights which were displayed on the giant video screen in center field.

The baseball game itself was special, not to mention a lot of fun with plenty of action. The first 30,000 fans in the park were given commemorative mugs featuring the I-70 series. The weather was near perfect, and there was plenty of hitting. I had never been to a Cardinals game on the road, so it was weird to see fireworks exploding every time the Royals hit a home run, which was so often I lost count.

The Cardinals sprayed the ball around the field pretty well also. Although as my luck would have it, Mark McGwire was not in the starting lineup. I haven't had a chance to see him play yet, and I thought this would be a perfect opportunity, but he didn't play because of a leg injury.

I think that this series was good, not just for the Cards and Royals, but for all of baseball. This renewed a rivalry that started 12 years ago and could continue for many years if interleague play continues. It was obvious how intense this rivalry was when, in the fourth inning, Mark Petkovsek hit Johnny Damon and Damon charged the mound. I had not seen a brawl on the baseball field in a long time.

I really hope that these two teams play each other again next year. Oh, I wish that there would be two three-game series, one at Busch and the other in Kansas City. I would love to make it an annual trip. If this series was any indication, it would be well worth it.



Derrick Kasper, left, prepares to pass the ball before a fellow teammate takes it from him during practice last week.

Rivermen soccer team kicks off season on right foot

by **Brian Folsom**
staff writer

The UM-St. Louis Rivermen soccer team opened its regular season Aug. 29 against Southern Colorado with a 2-1 overtime victory.

The Rivermen won on a goal by Matt Daly in the second overtime period. Daly also scored the first goal for the team during regulation.

According to head coach Tom Redmond, he is thrilled that his team won, but he said that the game could have gone either way.

"Southern Colorado had some dangerous players, and they played real tough," he said.

"We were fortunate to come away victorious."

Considering that this was the first game of the season and the Rivermen have 15 new faces, Redmond said that he was pleased with the team's effort.

"Coming in, we didn't really know what to expect," he said. "We started the game well, and we played better in overtime, but I am extremely pleased and excited about this victory," he said.

Redmond said he was pleased with the defense the team displayed, and he cited such players as Josh Eckrich, Joe Stdko, Joe Becker and Kevin Pierce as being major

forces in the victory. He also gave high praises to goalkeeper Brad Beeler.

"Brad was solid in goal and had some key saves," Redmond said.

Redmond also gave credit to Daly, who gave the team a spark off the bench; Dan Hugge, who created many scoring chances; and sophomore Scott Luczak.

"Scott played real hard, but that is typical of him," Redmond said.

The Rivermen now prepare for a five game road stretch against some top-rated teams, and they will begin conference play before they return home on Sept. 27.

According to Redmond, this road stretch

will be a good test. The road games were kind to the Rivermen last season as they lost just once, but Redmond said that it doesn't matter where the games are played because they will all be tough.

The team begins its trip at Rockhurst College on Sept. 6. Then it travels to Truman State Sept. 7 and UM-Rolla Sept. 16. The Rivermen then open conference play at Lewis University Sept. 20 and play at Wisconsin-Parkside Sept. 21.

"We will learn a lot about our team during this time," Redmond said. "If we can return home with a winning record, then we can

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Women's soccer off to 'average' start

Team wins one, loses one in recent tournament

by **Ken Dunkin**
staff writer

The season has been an average one so far for the UM-St. Louis Riverwomen.

Ranked 17th in the nation and expected by many to do well the Riverwomen split two games in the Truman Classic.

The season began on a good note as the Riverwomen soundly defeated New Mexico 6-2. Newcomer Jenny Terbrock led the Riverwomen with two goals giving a reason to hope that it won't just be a varied offense this season.

"We should have a wide range of scorers this season," senior Beth Ernst said.

The team also got help from their two offensive mainstays. Ernst banged in her first of the season on a penalty kick. Fellow returning player Carrie Marino scored a goal and dished off two assists.

Adding to the offensive outburst was mid-fielder Tricia Niederer. Niederer has been battling a nagging ankle injury for most of the pre-season. She had an assist and a goal.

But against the 20th ranked Truman Bulldogs the

Ranked 17th in the nation and expected by many to do well the Rivewomen split two games in the Truman Classic.

Riverwomen faulted. They lost 2-0.

Despite out shooting the Bulldogs the Riverwomen were shut-out in the championship game against the Bulldogs. UM-St. Louis couldn't hold mid-fielder Jenny O'Brien toward the end of the first half. She banged in the goal. Then with seven minutes remaining back Stephanie Towzyloski ended the game with a penalty kick the first goal allowed by Samantha Grashoff via penalty kick.

The team had its moments as three players were selected to the All-Tournament Team. Ernst, Terbrock and mid-fielder Tammie Madden were selected to the team.

The Riverwomen will open their conference season on Sept. 13 against Indianapolis. They will then play St. Joseph's on Sept. 14. Both games are at the Don Dallas Soccer field. Game times are 1 p.m.



Ken Dunkin/The Current

Midfielder Tricia Niederer prepares to pounce on a ball in a recent women's soccer practice.

'Cautious optimism' guides golf coach, team through fall

by **Mike Kissel**
special to The Current

The UM-St. Louis golf team heads into the fall season with cautious optimism.

James Niederkorn, the golf team's head coach, has two incoming freshmen that will play major roles in the outcome of this season's matches. The two new players are Andy Scwob, a St. Louis University High School graduate, and John Marecek, a Webster Groves High School graduate.

Coach Niederkorn is hoping they will be able to make the transition from high school golf to the college level.

"I'm cautiously optimistic about this year's season," he said. "The reason is that two of the players have never played college golf. It is

my hope that the transition to this level will be made easier because both Andy and John come from good high school programs."

Brandon Ald and Nick Jacobs are the two returning players from last year's squad. The team lost a key player, Mike Block, who went to California to pursue a career in the golf field. This will put added pressure on Brandon and Nick.

"I have very high hopes for Nick. He had a very good fall season last year, and we need the same type of production this year for the team to be successful," Niederkorn said.

Niederkorn has added an assistant coach to help out with the squad. Dustin Ashby, a former standout at UM-St. Louis, will be

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This Week In Sports

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

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	12	13	14
Women		vs University of Indianapolis 1:00 p.m.	vs. St. Joseph's College 1:00 p.m.
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Women	at Wisconsin-Parkside 7:00 p.m.	at Lewis University 1:00 p.m.	

Volleyball team returns from competitive matches in Wisconsin tourney

by Dave Kinworthy
special to The Current

The women's volleyball team had several tough matches while playing at the Wisconsin-Parkside team meet.

The team played against teams from the Great Lakes International American Conference. The first non-conference opponent was Rollins University from Florida. The Riverwomen decisively won 3-0.

The next opponent was Wayne State, a team from Michigan who are ranked #2 in the region. Wayne State soundly defeated the Riverwomen 3-0.

Later on Saturday, UM-St. Louis played rival Ashland from

Ohio. UM-St. Louis lost in five games 3-2 with the tie breaker ending in a close 15-13 game.

"It was a very even match. It was definitely a match though that we could have and should have won," said Erik Kaseorg assistant volleyball coach.

The following match was against Saginaw State College from Michigan in which the Riverwomen easily won 3-1.

"If we played Ashland with the same intensity as Saginaw, we would have won that match," added Kaseorg.

Some of the intensity may be a result of the return of senior setter Laura Gray.

"Laura is healthy and did the

majority of the setting last week-end. Leslie Armstrong stepped in and did a nice job. The offense just flows a little more smoothly when Laura is in the game as she returns for her third year of play," Kaseorg said.

The team will travel to play their first conference game of the season against Wisconsin-Parkside on Sept. 12. They then play Lewis University Sept. 13 completing the team's first conference road trip. The team will have to wait several weeks before playing their first home game. Indiana Purdue-Fort Wayne will visit on Sept. 19 to begin the home season for the Riverwomen.

New players should strengthen volleyball team

by Ken Dunkin
staff writer

With six newcomers and a squad that is hungry for victories the Riverwomen soccer team will look to add on last season's great record.

While the Riverwomen lack depth at many positions they will have quality players all around the field.

Forwards

Carrie Marino-Marino will be a huge key to the offensive attack as she was last season. She was an All-Region selection after scoring 17 goals and 10 assist for a 44 point season. She will be expected to be an offensive force once again.

Jenny Terbrock-A talented player that should step into a starting role in her freshman season.

Julie Reiter-A sophomore transfer who will get a lot of time at the forward position. She will combine with Marino and Terbrock as a tough three up front.

Midfielders

Beth Ernst-Ernst is one of the best players in the country. After sitting out several years after leaving Michigan State Ernst led the Riverwomen to one of their best seasons ever. She became only the second player in school history to score over 20 goals and amassed 51 points. She was also an All-America

selection.

Tammi Madden-Madden enters her fourth season with the Riverwomen looking to make it her best. She is expected to be a leader and play a key role in helping maintain the defensive prowess that has been with the team in recent seasons.

Tricia Niederer-No one works harder or wants to play more than Niederer. She is coming off of ankle surgery and still goes all-out. Even with the injury she is one of the quickest players on the team.

Lynn Lueddecke-One of the hard working players on the team Lueddecke will play spot time in the midfield. In her two seasons with the program she has two assists.

Laurie Casso-A hard worker that has been with the program for three seasons, she is entering her fourth. She has good ball skills and at times can be a very dominating player.

Diane Pohlman-A transfer from UM-Columbia who has gained a starting role with the Riverwomen. She is expected to play a big role with the team.

Defender

Diane Ermeling-After a tiring season last year Ermeling should come back this year replenished. She is a solid defender that isn't afraid to scrap it up and throw some dirt in the air.

Michelle Hogan-After learning

the program quickly last season Hogan returns with more seasoning and more experience. With her tough and aggressive play Hogan could play a more key role in the defensive game.

Shannon Humphrey-A hard working quality player Humphrey should start in the backfield. When a good opposing player is on the field Humphrey is the player that marks her.

Windy Hollon-A solid player that will get plenty of time in the backfield. She had an assist last season.

Karla Linder-A solid defender who could get time in the crowded backfield. She played in 15 games last season getting an assist.

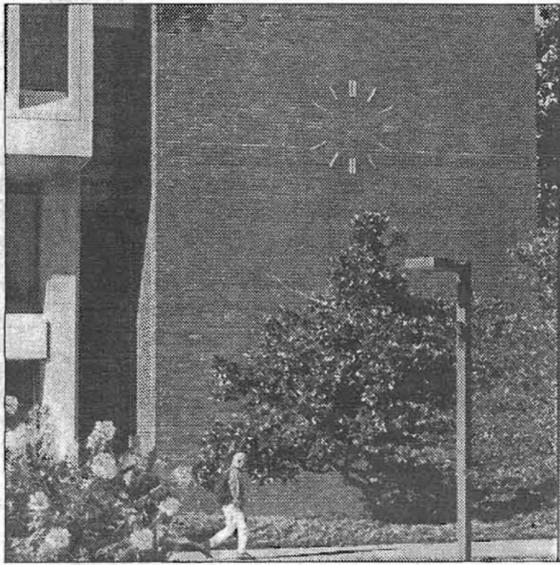
Beth Ostermeyer-Ostermeyer has made a name quickly in her freshman season for her strong defensive abilities.

Dana Thompson-Another strong defender that came to UM-St. Louis after a year at University of Kansas. In time she could see more time on the field.

Goalie

Samantha Grashoff-The only goalie this season Grashoff will be expected to do lot of things for the team. In her freshman season she had a .78 goals against average and registered four shut-outs. The job is hers this season and for the team to win she must play well.

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consider it successful."

If the Rivermen are going to play quality soccer and return with a winning record, Redmond said the team's attack and overall midfield play will have to improve.

"With our attack, we are creating

shots but not finishing," Redmond said. "With our midfield play, we need more leadership there, but we are working hard to improve."

Redmond added that the team works on its strengths and weaknesses continuously in practice.

Michelle Hogan-After learning

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along side Niederkorn to assist the players during the fall season.

"We have four quality players,"

Niederkorn said. "I am a little apprehensive about the freshmen's transition into the college game. It

and he said he is excited about his team.

"This team will raise expectations each week, and since we accomplished a lot in our first game, I am real anxious to see how this team responds," he said.

is my hope that we will get beyond that and have another good season."



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